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**POPE FRANCIS PLEDGES TO
PROTECT CHURCH, HUMAN DIGNITY**

The Editor's Notebook

Of Popes and Saints

By David Garick, Editor



As we head into Holy Week, the Church looks with great anticipation to Rome to embrace its new shepherd, Pope Francis. The events of Holy Week always draw us close to the pivotal events that lead up to Christ's ultimate sacrifice for us and his glorious resurrection. It is the Church that stands as Christ's continuing body on earth. Our Lord chose St. Peter as leader of the Church, and now his 266th successor takes on the awesome responsibility of shepherding more than one billion believers around the globe.

Jorge Mario Bergoglio is a very intriguing choice to lead the Church. We do not know at this point whether he may someday be regarded as a saint of the Church. We do know that his life has been strongly influenced by many saints. The most obvious, of course, is St. Peter. Pope Francis now sits in the Chair of Peter as Vicar of Christ. He understands, in a way that no one else can, the call of Christ to "feed my sheep." This is a far-flung and, at times, obstreperous flock. Like Peter, the pope will now dedicate his life to lovingly gather us, as unruly as we are, into the safety of Christ's Church.

Our new pope is a Jesuit, the first member of the Society of Jesus to hold that post. Like the order's founder, St. Ignatius Loyola, Francis has lived a life dedicated to evangelization and apostolic ministry and a commitment to "strive especially for the propagation and defense of the faith and progress of souls in Christian life and doctrine." A teacher and an evangelist ... very important qualities to have in our pope.



In choosing to serve as pope using the name Francis, he demonstrates his desire to serve in the mold of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis continues to be

greatly revered in the Church because of the way he demonstrated that great things can be accomplished not through the raw exercise of power, but through emulating Christ, living a life of simple humility, love, and charity. That has been a hallmark of the entire life ministry of our new pope. It should be no surprise that he will continue that simple, humble character, even as he assumes one of the most highly visible positions on earth.

Pope Francis was installed in his new responsibilities this past week on St. Joseph's Day. That is also a very significant connection. St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church. Our new pope has always had a deep devotion to St. Joseph, whose love and care guided and protected Our Lady and Jesus in his childhood. No better example of a shepherd could be found. In fact, St. Joseph is remembered in the heraldry that Pope Francis used as his episcopal, and now papal, coat of arms.

So we in the Diocese of Columbus welcome our new Holy Father with this simple prayer, "Lord, source of eternal life and truth, you have called your servant Pope Francis to guide and shepherd your Church in difficult times. Grant him the wisdom and courage to govern with fidelity, right judgment, and a spirit of knowledge and love. May he be a witness to the Gospel, and as the successor to Peter, lead your Church courageously amid a troubled world to become a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

"Now let's begin this journey, bishop and people ... a journey of brotherhood, love, and trust among us."

Dec. 17, 1936 Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Italian immigrant parents	1957 At age 21, falls gravely ill; eventually severe pneumonia is diagnosed, right lung partially removed	March 11, 1958 Enters novitiate of the Society of Jesus
March 12, 1960 Takes first vows as Jesuit	1960 Studies humanities in Padre Hurtado, Chile	1961-1963 Studies philosophy at San Miguel Seminary, Buenos Aires
1964-1965 Teaches high school literature and psychology at Jesuit secondary school in Santa Fe	1966 Teaches at prestigious Colegio del Salvador secondary school in Buenos Aires	1967-1970 Studies theology at San Miguel seminary
	Dec. 13, 1969 Is ordained priest	1970-1971 Spends "tertianship," or Third Probation period of Jesuit formation in Spain
1971-1973 Serves as master of novices and vice chancellor, San Miguel seminary	1973 Takes perpetual profession as Jesuit	
1973-1979 Serves as superior of Jesuit province of Argentina and Uruguay	1979-1985 Serves as rector of Colegio Maximo and theology teacher	1986 Goes to Germany to finish doctoral thesis
June 27, 1992 Is ordained auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires	June 3, 1997 Is named coadjutor archbishop	Feb. 28, 1998 Is installed as archbishop of Buenos Aires
2001 Co-presides over Synod of Bishops	Feb. 21, 2001 Is elevated to cardinal	2005 Receives second-highest number of votes in conclave that elected Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as pope
2005-2011 Serves as president, Argentine Bishops Conference		March 13, 2013 Is elected pope by conclave of 115 cardinals

Sources: Catholic News Service, Vatican Radio, Jesuit Conference of Argentina and Uruguay, Archdiocese of Buenos Aires



WALKING THE VIA DOLOROSA

By Diana Marie Winkler

"In the end Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified." JOHN 19:16

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day,
As one in the crowd I move along with the other. I feel a sadness, but yet a strange feeling of hope.

The soldiers tried to clear the narrow streets,
They are poking and prodding to keep us back. What do they think we are, animals?

But the crowd pressed in to see,
The air and the crowd is thick. I look for an opening to find my way to the front.

The man condemned to die on Calvary,
I have seen this man, I have heard him in the temple. He is not a criminal!

He was bleeding from a beating,
I look at the ground, his feet leave bloodied footprints behind him. I gasp as he falls.

There were stripes upon his back,
His robe slips from his shoulder. In horror, I see the extent of the earlier whipping and flogging.

And he wore a crown of thorns upon his head,
I see his pain and suffering as his blood trickles into his eyes and onto his face.

And he bore with every step,
The heaviness of the cross slows his walk. I hear his labored breathing. He stumbles again. Who is that helping him?

The scorn of those who cried out for his death,
"Crucify him, Crucify him!" yells the crowd. I keep silent.

Down the Via Dolorosa, called the way of suffering,
He was walked 300 meters, 300 more to go. He looks my way. I hear myself say "Shalom." He gives a tacit nod.

Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King,
Like an unblemished lamb, they are using him as a sacrifice for another's crime.

But he chose to walk that road,
He stumbles a third time. There is an unbelievable silence as the crowd watches him get up once again.

Out of love for you and me,
What determination! His eyes fixed ahead as through there is something special awaiting him.

Down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary,
There are many who have already run ahead to Calvary. I choose to walk with him.

The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men,
He is bathed in his own blood and sweat, but he continues on to reach his destiny.

Made his way through the heart of Jerusalem,
Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him may not die, but have eternal life.

Diana Marie Winkler is a member of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church.



HOLY WEEK

Several parishes in the Diocese of Columbus are planning special Holy Week activities in addition to the traditional blessing of palms on Palm Sunday, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, along with Stations of the Cross in many cases, and the Easter Vigil service. These special events include the following:

CIRCLEVILLE ST. JOSEPH – Stations of the Cross at parish cemetery, Sunday, March 24, 1:15 p.m.; Good Friday youth program, Friday, March 29, 7 p.m.

COLUMBUS HOLY FAMILY – Showing of 1927 silent movie classic, "King of Kings," with organist Shawn Kenney playing the original score which accompanied it, Sunday, March 24, 7 p.m. Free-will donations for Holy Family Soup Kitchen will be collected.

COLUMBUS OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL – "The Heart of the Passion: the Way to Calvary," a dramatic presentation of the Passion story as told by its participants, Sunday, March 24, 7 p.m.

COLUMBUS ST. CECILIA – Tenebrae service, Monday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.; pathological analysis by parishioner Tony Stout of the physical aspects of the crucifixion, Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m. Program's graphic nature makes it appropriate for adults and older teens.

COLUMBUS ST. CHRISTOPHER – Tenebrae service, Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.

COLUMBUS ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL – Diocesan Chrism Mass, with Bishop Frederick Campbell blessing holy oils to be used in parishes throughout the diocese and diocesan priests renewing their commitment of service, Tuesday, March 26, 6 p.m.; Walking Stations of the Cross, an annual four-mile Good Friday walk, stopping at 14 sites around downtown to commemorate Jesus' crucifixion and reflect on various social issues, Friday, March 29, 8 to 11 a.m., starting at cathed-

ral; Tenebrae service, designed to recreate the sense of betrayal, abandonment, and agony related to Good Friday, featuring the Cathedral Schola and including Thomas Tallis' "Lamentations of Jeremiah," Friday, March 29, 8 p.m.

COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK – Solemn Holy Week Vespers and Benediction, followed by confession, Monday, March 25 to Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m.; preaching of the seven last words of Jesus, Friday, March 29, noon to 3 p.m.; Tenebrae service, Friday, March 29, 7 p.m.

DELAWARE ST. MARY – Living Stations of the Cross with St. Mary School children, Thursday, March 21, 12:30 p.m. and Friday, March 22, 7 p.m.; Seder meal, Thursday, March 28, after 7 p.m. Mass; Walking Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 29, 11 a.m., followed by ecumenical prayer service at noon; blessing of Easter baskets, Saturday, March 30, 8:30 a.m.

GAHANNA ST. MATTHEW – Living Stations, Tuesday, March 26, 10:30 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m. at school.

GRANVILLE ST. EDWARD – Community Cross Walk, a 1.3-mile silent procession from the church to Denison University's Swasey Chapel, with students carrying a wooden cross, led by a drummer. Five Scripture passages will be read at stops along the way. Friday, March 29, 10:45 a.m.

LANCASTER ST. MARK – Easter cantata "Once Upon a Tree," Sunday, March 24, 7 p.m.; outdoor Stations of the Cross (weather permitting), Friday, March 29, following 1 p.m. Passion service, and again at 7 p.m.

PORTSMOUTH ST. MARY – Tenebrae service, Wednesday, March 27, 8 p.m.

REYNOLDSBURG ST. PIUS X – Living Stations of the Cross, Sunday, March 24, 5:45 p.m.; Tenebrae service, Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.; blessing of Easter food baskets, Saturday, March 30, 1 p.m.

SUNBURY ST. JOHN NEUMANN – Tenebrae service, Sunday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.



Front Page photo:

Pope Francis greets people in St. Peter's Square before his inaugural Mass at the Vatican on March 19.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Renewal

Did you pray last week for the grace of giving and serving that comes with the Spirituality of Stewardship and the New Evangelization? The contagious spirit of Buhay-Katiwala resonates throughout the Philippines, and the rest of us throughout the world are a part of this challenge, too. The hunger and desire to mature spiritually is a very real part of our baptism. Regular and frequent participation in the Sacrament of Penance, along with the reception of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, keeps us strong throughout our journey. And the fire, motivation, and many gifts of the Holy Spirit give us courage to evangelize, especially among our own Catholic brothers and sisters. As good and faithful stewards, we keep our basic morals and values of Christianity very dear and close to us. Last week, we prayed for the courage to live and work in this way. We know that the stakes are very high when it comes to our faith. Jesus could have made things a lot easier on Himself if He would have just given in a little and forged some sort of compromise with a way of life that included the best of many worlds at the time. The Romans, the Greeks, the Jews, and even the Pharisees and Samaritans might have all learned to have a good time together. We face a similar challenge today. Why don't our Catholic Church leaders and our new pope just give in a little and make things easier on all of us? Is that what we really want? The Passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ hold the answer for us.

The members of the hierarchy of our Catholic Church have been the focus of much media attention for a long time. Their conservative, traditional, and unwavering adherence to morals and values that can never change make them an easy target. The unexpected and unique way in which Pope Benedict XVI humbly stepped down drew immediate attention and mostly ridiculous speculation. Our new Pope Francis is already under the microscope. Our priests are questioned constantly about their opinions and feelings on many issues. Unfortunately, the ongoing and seemingly never-ending saga of a very few members of the clergy who choose to violate their sacred trust by engaging in unspeakable acts is in the news as much and as often as the media wills it. There is certainly no excuse or rational explanation of these things, only forgiveness. This week is Holy Week, and I like to focus on two very special parts each year. Both involve our beloved priests. The first one is the annual gathering of our diocesan clergy—priests and deacons—at the Chrism Mass. Bishop Frederick Campbell gathers his fellow recipients of Holy Orders around him and blesses and distributes the sacred oils for use in our parishes throughout the year. The second is the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood at the Last Supper. Our priests also renew their vows and promise to remain as our good shepherds. I want us all to be aware that our priests in the Diocese of Columbus need our help and we must be concerned and sensitive to their needs. I cannot speak for them, but they are stretched to their limits. Our diocese continues to grow, but the number of priests declines. Our good number of seminarians is encouraging, but our current priests need our prayers, support, love, friendship, good stewardship, and parish engagement right now. We need to be there for them.

Our practical challenge this Holy Week is to do three things for our priests. They are always there for us. Stop and pray for them on Tuesday evening between 6 and 8 p.m. They will be at the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. Pray a rosary for them. On Holy Thursday evening, go to Mass with your family. Pray in a special way for your parish priests as we acknowledge and support the renewal of their vows and commitment to service. Finally, send a note or a card to your pastor and any other parish priests, thanking them for their dedication to their vocation and ministry. Also, tell them in person after Mass on Easter. Make them a part of your Easter joy and "Alleluia," and tell them so. Thank you to all our priests for your leadership, love, and service to us.

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



Governor Kasich meets Bishop Flaget students



The Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School fifth-grade class met Gov. John Kasich on its recent field trip to the Statehouse in Columbus. Fifth-grade teacher Carrie Hill arranged the trip, but was unsure if the students would get the opportunity to meet with the governor or see his office because of his schedule. But he made time to meet with the students and talk with them about his role in state government. Pictured are (from left): first row, Grace Anderson, Sara Harness, Jenna Lapurga, Audrey Warner, and Michael Herlihy; second row, Gov. Kasich, Dominic Nunziator, Daniel Haller, Cole Maxson, Matthew Putnam, Wesley Dicken, Ben Corcoran, teacher Carrie Hill, and student teacher Tabitha Garner.

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

Digital photography class for adults

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, will offer a digital photography class for adults this summer. Learn how to use your digital camera properly, along with uploading your images into the computer, and camera basics such as aperture, shutter

speed, focus, and use of meter.

Classes will take place Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. from June 3 to 19. The cost is \$100. To receive a registration form, email Andrea Bertolo at bertolo@desales.co or call (614) 208-9077.

President and CEO

The Board of Trustees of Catholic Social Services (CSS) announces its search for the next president and chief executive officer. This leader will provide overall executive leadership and direction for CSS, oversee the day-to-day operating issues, be actively involved in fund development and have fiduciary oversight. The President and CEO will develop a greater awareness of CSS, to expand its core services into areas of the Diocese not previously served by the agency and the broader community, by promoting the vision and mission of the agency. The President and CEO will be committed to the mission and work of CSS of the Diocese of Columbus and will partner with the Board of Directors to guide the vision and strategic direction of the agency.

Applications, inquiries and nominations should be directed to:

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CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will feature Dan DeMatte, who is St. Patrick's director of religious education and youth ministry and also is a nationally known writer and speaker.

He will speak on "The Mission of the Domestic Church" following the church's 11:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, April 5. No reservations are necessary, but a \$10 donation is requested to cover expenses. The luncheon will conclude by 1 p.m.

In his recently published book "Holiness Revolution," available at www.holinessrevolution.com, DeMatte challenges young men and women to live lives of radical holiness—a holiness that produces saints, not merely mediocre Catholics.



DeMatte also is program director for Catholic Youth Summer Camp. He was one of four young men considering the priesthood who was featured on the A&E television series "God or the Girl" in 2006. He has defended the Catholic Church on "Larry King Live" and "The View," and has shared his testimony on the "Today" show.

He holds undergraduate degrees in theology and philosophy and has nearly completed his master's degree in evangelization from the Pontifical College Josephinum. He and his wife, Amber Marie, are parents of three children.

For more information on the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club or other activities of Columbus Catholic Men, go to www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com.



Pete Beirne



Dr. Richard Menke



Andy Sonderman

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES HAS ELECTED THREE NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD FOR 2013

They are Pete Beirne, life trustee, president of Winguard/Allied; Andy Sonderman, an attorney with the firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter; and Dr. Richard Menke of YourQuest.

Continuing as board members are Bishop Frederick Campbell; Don Wisler, CSS president and chief executive officer; Kathy McGinnis, board chair; Jim Negron, first vice chair; Roger St. Cyr, secretary; Jim Foley, immediate past chair; Cynthia Duncan Joseph, Mike Lisi, Hutch Schafer, John Mackessy, Andrew Sonderman, Tom Reis, Daren Garcia, Dr. Richard Menke, Deacon Roger Minner, Tom Winters, Pete Roche, Mark Huddy, Jill Kirila, Tony Ruscilli, Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, Marian Hutson, and Chad Wilson.

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Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday:	5:00 PM	Latin Low Mass
	7:00 PM	English Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>*Adoration until Midnight*</i>
Good Friday:	12:00 Noon	Latin Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church
	12:00 Noon	Stations of the Cross
	12:30 PM	"Seven Last Words"
	2:00 PM	English Liturgy of Good Friday
	8:00 PM	Tenenbrae Service
Holy Saturday:	10:00 AM	Blessing of the Baskets
	8:30 PM	Solemn Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday:	9:00 AM	Latin Mass
	11:00 AM	English Mass
	5:00 PM	English

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

MARCH 23, PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

5:15 p.m. Mass

MARCH 24, PALM SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Solemn Mass ~ Procession with palms into the Cathedral

12:30 & 5:15 p.m. Mass

HOLY WEEK MASSES

Chrism Mass, TUESDAY, MARCH 26 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, MARCH 28 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, MARCH 29 ~ Noon

Easter Vigil, MARCH 30 ~ 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, MARCH 31 ~ 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 5:15 p.m.

IN ADDITION WE HAVE OUR NORMAL DAILY MASSES

Monday, MARCH 25 ~ 7:30 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Tuesday, MARCH 26 ~ 7:30 a.m. and

12:05 p.m. with Reconciliation from 11:00-11:50 am (3 confessors)

Wednesday, MARCH 27 ~ 7:30 a.m., 12:05 and 5:15 p.m.



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HOLY THURSDAY CUSTOMS; WHY IS CONFESSION NECESSARY?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

When I was growing up on the South Side of Chicago in the 1940s, my mother would take us to six or seven different churches on Holy Thursday evening to say some prayers. The Blessed Sacrament was often displayed on the altar all night. I've lived several different places since then, and people seem to be unfamiliar with this custom. Was it just a "Chicago thing" or did it take place elsewhere? (Poynette, Wis.)

In churches throughout the Catholic world, Mass is celebrated on Holy Thursday evening to commemorate Christ's institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Following the Mass, the altar is stripped of its sacred linens. The Eucharist is removed from the tabernacle and placed on an "altar of repose" where parishioners can kneel in adoration.

Many parishes now end this period at about 10 p.m. with night prayer, after which the church is locked. It is during this period of adoration that a considerable number of Catholics still do visit neighboring churches. (I know it's not just a "Chicago thing" because I did it with my parents in upstate New York when my sisters and I were little.)

The custom of visiting seven churches on Holy Thursday evening seems to have developed in Rome during the 16th century and is often credited to St. Philip Neri, who was the pastor of a Rome city parish. People would visit the

seven basilicas in Rome, saying prayers and watching in some moments of adoration at each one.

Gradually the custom spread throughout the Catholic world. It has been particularly strong in Italy, Poland, Mexico and the Philippines.

My son, who is 20 years old, has left the Catholic religion for a Bible-based faith. We have had many lively discussions which we both enjoy, and it has actually helped to reinvigorate my own Catholic beliefs. There is one of his questions, though, which I'm not sure how to answer. He wants to know why, if the death of Jesus paid in full for the sins of all believers past, present and future, God would punish someone who failed to go to confession? (Chesapeake, Va.)

I was caught short by your first sentence. You seem to concede that your own Catholic religion is not a "Bible-based faith." There's no need to do that. Instead, explain to your son that Catholicism is built on twin pillars (called, technically, "sources of revelation"); namely, Scripture and tradition.

Catholics do believe in the Bible and are guided by the teachings of Jesus found therein. But Catholics also believe that authentic teaching from God did not end with the death of Jesus. It continued through the apostles and even

now through their successors, in whom the Spirit works to preserve, expound upon, and spread the message of Christ.

As to your specific question about confession, Catholics believe, in reliance on John's Gospel (20:22-23), that on the first Easter Sunday evening, the risen Jesus appeared to the apostles and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them; whose sins you retain are retained." That is the biblical foundation for the confession of sins to a priest, a practice that took root early in the history of the church.

So, while it is true that the pardon for our sins is based on the merits of Christ's death and resurrection, that pardon is transmitted to individual Catholics through the sacrament of penance, or reconciliation.

The church holds that one must seek absolution from a priest for any mortal sins (i.e., grievous actions or omissions done with knowledge and full consent) and encourages us to go to confession for lesser offenses also, as a means of making steady progress on the way to holiness.

For a non-Catholic who does not have the sacrament of penance available, I would be quite certain that God has figured out a way to forgive that person, too, presuming the proper dispositions of sorrow and purpose of amendment.

But I sure think that it's a real plus to be a Catholic and to have the comfort of hearing the priest say on behalf of Christ, "It's OK, you're forgiven. That's all behind you, and now you can start over."

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

Deacon Martin Davies retires

Deacon Martin Davies will end nearly 14 years of service with the Diocese of Columbus when he retires from the diocesan Office for Divine Worship on Tuesday, April 2.

Deacon Davies joined what was then known as the diocesan Office of Liturgy in September 1999 as a consultant assisting Sister Rene Simonelic, OSF, who was its director at the time. He was selected as acting director of the office in July 2004, when Sister Rene was appointed to a position in the liturgy office of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He became permanent director in October of that year, shortly before Bishop Frederick Campbell was appointed bishop of Columbus.

As director, he has supported Bishop Campbell in the bishop's role as chief liturgist of the diocese. Deacon Davies' office has been involved in planning and coordinating a number of special liturgical events, both at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral and other churches around the diocese and at larger venues, such as convention centers and hotel ballrooms, which are

not usually sites for worship.

Those events included the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership meeting and the convention of the National Conference of Catholic Women, both in 2007, and the All-Ohio Priests Convocation in 2009, all at outside locations, as well as the installation of Bishop Campbell in 2005 and the celebration of Bishop James Griffin's 25th anniversary as a bishop in 2004, which took place at the cathedral.

"The off-site events were both the most challenging and the most rewarding programs I've been involved with," Deacon Davies said. "We had to establish an appropriate liturgical environment for hundreds and sometimes thousands of people and make sure the bishops attending the national conferences were well taken care of."

"I've always had a very good team working with me, and those events couldn't have been successful without them," he said. Currently assisting with the work of the office are Kim Kowal, administrative assistant; Paul Davis, program coordinator; and Paul Thor-

nock, music consultant.

Deacon Davies also said the various members of his office's subcommittees on liturgy and environment, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, and music have been greatly helpful through their assistance in a consulting role and their physical presence, and will continue to be of significant aid to the new director, Michelle Lemiesz.

Deacon Davies came to Columbus in response to an advertisement he saw while working on his dissertation for a doctor of ministry degree from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He also attended Kent State University and received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas. He holds master's degrees in theological studies and pastoral studies from St. Thomas School of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston.

The Louisville, Ky., native has been a deacon for more than 31 years. He and his wife, Joanne, will celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary later this year. They have two sons and a daughter and three grandchildren.

He was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Youngstown on Aug. 22, 1981,



and served in that capacity at parishes in Kent, Humble, Texas; Chicago; and Euclid before coming to Columbus. He was a deacon at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish from 2000 to 2003.

Before assuming his full-time role as a liturgist, Deacon Davies was a data processing specialist in the chemical, rubber, and oil

and gas industries in Ohio and in Texas for nearly 30 years. He worked for several large companies and also had his own business as a consultant.

He has remained a deacon of the Diocese of Youngstown in all those locations and plans to return to the Youngstown area in retirement. "I've always enjoyed putting around with wood, and now I'll be able to do that as much as I want," he said. "I've bought a 'fixer-upper' house where I'll have plenty of opportunities to keep busy."

His woodworking hobby also has benefited the diocese. During his time in Columbus, he crafted a portable altar and ambo and a cabinet, which doubles as a credence table. Those liturgical furnishings have been used for several Masses at non-traditional worship sites and are in storage at the Office for Divine Worship for continued use whenever needed.

Ready senior leads youth hockey team to national tournament

Marisa Keels, a senior at Columbus Bishop Ready High School, and her hockey team, the CCYHA Columbus Blue Jackets (CBJ) under-19 girls, played in the Tier II national championships in San Jose, Calif., during spring break after winning the Mid-American district tournament in Cleveland.

The CBJ Girls hockey program is the

only all-girl hockey program in central Ohio. This year, the team traveled to play teams in Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, and Pittsburgh.

Keels started playing with the program six years ago, shortly after it was founded. She has played for nine years altogether. She currently plays right defense.

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A CATHOLIC CRITIQUE OF MORAL RELATIVISM

“Is everything up for grabs in our society’s move toward moral relativism?” That’s the question that will be up for discussion at The Catholic Foundation as noted Catholic apologist, author, and radio personality Patrick Madrid hosts the next event in the Foundation’s Conversation series. The program will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at the Foundation’s offices, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus.

This presentation will provide a practical, down-to-earth explanation of moral relativism – the notion that all beliefs are relative and there is no such thing as “objective” truth – and how to recognize its more subtle forms. Madrid will expose the seven fatal flaws of moral relativism, offer sample dialogues for speaking with moral relativists, and explain how Catholics can respond to moral relativist arguments in a friendly, yet ef-

fective way.

He has written and edited 18 books on Catholic themes including, “Pope Fiction,” “Search and Rescue,” “Does the Bible Really Say That?” and “Envoy for Christ: 25 Years as a Catholic Apologist.”

For the past 25 years, Madrid has published many stories on Scripture, church history, patristics, apologetics, and evangelization in various Catholic and Protestant periodicals, and has contributed scholarly articles on apologetics in the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. He also hosts the “Right Here, Right Now” radio show from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday on St. Gabriel Radio 820 AM locally and EWTN Radio nationally.

This event is free and light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. RSVP to Julie Naporano at jnaporano@catholic-foundation.org or (614) 443-8893.

PRO-LIFE WAY OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, March 29, pro-life citizens in Columbus will participate in a “Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion,” along with pro-lifers throughout the nation conducting similar prayer vigils on that day. The Columbus event will take place on the sidewalk in front of the Complete Healthcare for Women abortion facility, 5888 Cleveland Ave., at 10:30 a.m.

“On Good Friday, we remember the suffering and death of Jesus Christ at Golgotha, which means ‘the place of the skull,’” said Beth Vanderkooi, executive director of Greater Columbus Right to Life, which is sponsoring the event to close its 40 Days for Life campaign of daily prayer vigils in front of the facility from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. “We have our own ‘Golgotha’ right here, where innocent unborn children, created in the image of God, also suffer violent

deaths by abortion.”

Christians of all denominations have been invited to participate in this solemn ecumenical prayer service. Prayers will be offered for all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—as well as for those responsible for perpetuating the injustice of abortion, from elected officials to those working in the abortion industry.

“Through his holy Passion, Our Lord united himself with all the victims of suffering in this life,” Vanderkooi said. “None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, carrying a heavy burden of guilt and shame.”

For more information, contact Greater Columbus Right to Life at (614) 445-8508 or www.gcrtl.org.

WOMEN’S SILENT RETREAT

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will sponsor its annual silent retreat from Friday to Sunday, April 26 to 28, at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

This year’s retreat director will be Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John and St. Dominic churches. The theme will be: “Journey in God’s Garden ... Culti-

vating the Fruits of the Spirit.”

The cost of the retreat will be \$100, with a down payment of \$50. Registrations are due no later than Friday, April 19. Registration forms are available on the DCCW website and from deanery DCCW presidents or parish offices.

For more information, call the DCCW office at (614) 228-8601 or email www.dccw.coldsdioc.org.



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LIVING Faith

THE SPIT OF THE SOLDIERS ON CHRIST REPRESENTED THE FILTH IN OUR HEARTS

By Leandro M. Tapay

The Apostle Paul – formerly the gleeful persecutor of Christians known as Saul – said that he regularly omitted to do those things he desired to do, while carrying out without fail all those things he hated doing and which he heartily desired to commit no more (cf. Romans 7:15). Have you ever acted in the same way and felt like saying those words? If you did, you are in good company. King Saul chased young David around with a spear, while Herod ruthlessly murdered children in Bethlehem in order to satisfy his fragile ego. Yet another Herod ordered John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus Christ, to be beheaded for the sake of two angry women. If the Holy Bible is considered a good library of books, it is not because of the actions of some of the people present in its narratives. Blood and gore run freely through the Bible. Consider what the soldiers made Christ experience before He died on the Cross.

What the soldiers did throughout the sacred Passion of the only-begotten Son of God was abominable. They were literally out for blood; hence, that day, more than 2,000 years ago, they scourged Jesus with the legionnaire’s whip. This consisted of leather straps with lead balls on its end, and its specific purpose was to beat the accused almost to the point of death, then stop short. Thirty lashes were usually allowed but seldom needed, as a centurion monitored the status of the prisoner. Christ was already close to death when the soldiers finally untied His hands and slammed Him to the ground. But none of the above was sufficient for them.

The first thing the soldiers did that day was to mercilessly beat the Son of God. The third thing they did was to crucify Him. But what they did between the whipping and the crucifixion was hateful. Although the back of Christ was already fully ribboned with wounds of unparalleled severity, to the extent skin had been ripped off His body, and the



soldiers unhesitatingly loaded the cross onto His shoulders to march Him up to Golgotha, the place of the skull, for His execution, the soldiers went one step further. They spit on Him.

In relation to the whipping and crucifixion, the soldiers were following orders, but the actions they committed in between are hard to comprehend. The assignment of the soldiers was simple: “Take the Nazarene to the hill and kill Him.” But prompted by nothing more than demoniacal hatred, the soldiers had a different idea. They decided to first have some fun at the expense of the Son of God. The strong, well-rested, fully armed soldiers encircled the Galilean carpenter and beat Him almost to a pulp. In the meantime, they also spit on Him throughout and publicly mocked Him without mercy. Given that the scourging was commanded and the crucifixion was ordered, who other than Satan and his minions, acting through their human agents on earth, could have attained pleasure from spitting on a Man Who was already half-dead?

Spitting does not wound the body. It wounds the spirit and the soul profoundly. What the soldiers

implemented that day was an intentional process of exploitation, designed to elevate and congratulate themselves at the expense of a defenseless Other. The soldiers attempted to make themselves feel and look big by making Christ look small.

Have you ever done that? Have you ever spit on someone, figuratively or literally, to elevate yourself? I have. Maybe you have not spit on anyone, but, instead, you have gossiped. Have you ever slandered or libeled anyone, especially given the great ease with which this can be done today using social media? Have you ever raised your hand in anger or rolled your eyes in arrogance?

That is what the soldiers did to Jesus Christ. When you and I act in the same manner toward others, whether we rationalize our behavior or not, in reality we, too, do it to Christ and become no different than those soldiers in our hearts and minds: “I assure you, when you did it to the least of these, My brothers and sisters, you were doing to me” (Matthew 25:40). How we treat others is how we treat the Son of God – God Himself in His own right.

Have you ever done something, then reflected on it and wondered what got into you? We live in our nature, and when we listen to that voice which tempts us to make us fall, our deeds can become ugly indeed. Like Paul, we omit to do that which we may desire to do and regularly do that which we may not originally intend to do. Furthermore, we cannot change either our behavior, or the sentiments in our hearts and minds, solely by the power of our own volition or ability, for only grace can help. So what should we do? We can let that spit of the soldiers represent all the filth we have in our hearts and consent that Jesus Christ carries it all to the cross, nails it there forever and washes it all away through His precious blood.

In accordance with the Father’s divine plan, Christ was offered wine (with gall) for His throat, but He was not given a towel for His face. Veronica had to do that on the way, and she was almost stopped. Simon the Cyrenean helped Jesus unwillingly to carry the Cross; he did not mop His sacred face. All the angels of heaven were just a prayer away. Could they not have removed all that spit from His face? They did not do so because Christ never asked them to; He did not want them to do so, and the reason for this was so He could finally crush all the filth in our hearts.

On the cross, Jesus Christ exchanged places with us. Adam placed himself under the curse of the Almighty Father by sinning and, by extension, so did we as his descendants. But Christ exchanged the place of each one of us with Himself and placed Himself under the curse (Galatians 3:13), in order to lift it for the many who would accept His sacrifice. The sinless One took for Himself the face of the most deplorable sinner so we sinners could forever grow into the full likeness of God, in Whose image we have been made.

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

Pope begins ministry with biblical symbols, signs of universal ministry

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

Although attempts were made to simplify the ceremony, Pope Francis officially inaugurated his ministry as pope and bishop of Rome in a liturgy filled with biblical symbolism and signs of the universality of his mission.

But before the solemn rites began on March 19, Pope Francis -- known for choosing public transport over chauffeur-driven limousines -- took his first spin in the popemobile, blessing the tens of thousands of people who arrived in St. Peter's Square as early as 4 a.m. to pray with him. He waved and, at one point, gave a thumbs-up to the faithful. He also kissed three babies held up to him by the chief of Vatican security, Domenico Gianni, and other officers.

But he climbed out of the open jeep used as a popemobile to kiss a severely disabled man.

Before entering St. Peter's Square, he addressed by satellite thousands of his fellow Argentines gathered in Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires, where he had been archbishop before his election as pope. He thanked the people for their prayers and told them, "I have a favor to ask. I want to ask that we all walk together, caring for one another ... caring for life. Care for the family, care for nature, care for children, care for the aged. Let there be no hatred, no fighting, put aside envy and don't gossip about anyone."

As the Mass began, tens of thousands of pilgrims, faithful, and tourists continued to arrive, filling St. Peter's Square and crowding around the large video screens placed along the boulevard leading to the square. By the time of Communion, the Vatican said, there were between 150,000 and 200,000 people present.

Although according to church law, he officially became pope the minute he accepted his election in the Sistine Chapel on March 13, Pope Francis received important symbols of his office just before the inauguration Mass -- the Book of the Gospels, the ring of the fisherman, St. Peter, and the pallium, a woolen band worn around the shoulders to evoke a shepherd carrying a sheep.

With members of the College of Cardinals dressed in gold gathered before the main altar



in St. Peter's Basilica and brass players sounding a fanfare, the rites began at the tomb of St. Peter. Pope Francis venerated the mortal remains of his predecessor as head of the church and was joined there by the heads of the Eastern Catholic Churches.

Processing behind the Eastern church leaders and the cardinals, Pope Francis -- wearing a simple, mostly white chasuble and his black shoes -- came out into St. Peter's Square while the choir chanted a special litany to Christ the King.

French Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, who had announced Pope Francis' election to the world six days earlier, placed the pallium, which had been worn by Pope Benedict XVI, around the new pope's neck. The retired pope did not attend the Mass.

"The Good Shepherd charged Peter to feed his lambs and his sheep. Today you succeed him as the bishop of this church to which he and the Apostle Paul were fathers in faith," Cardinal Tauran said.

Italian Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals, presented Pope Francis with the fisherman's ring, a gold-plated silver band featuring St. Peter holding keys, a reminder that Jesus told St. Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Giving the pope "the ring, the seal of Peter the fisherman," Cardinal Sodano told the pope he was called, as bishop of Rome, to preside over the church with charity. He prayed the pope would have "the gentleness and strength to preserve, through your ministry, all those who believe in Christ in unity and fellowship."

Six cardinals, representing the entire College

of Cardinals, publicly pledged obedience to the pope.

While many Christians acknowledge the special role of the bishop of Rome as the one who presides over the entire Christian community in love, the way the papacy has been exercised over the centuries is one of the key factors in the ongoing division of Christians.

For the first time since the Great Schism of 1054 split the main Christian community into East and West, the ecumenical patriarch attended the installation Mass. Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, first among equals of the Eastern Orthodox, sat in a place of honor near the papal altar.

Catholicos Karekin II of Etchmiadzin, patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church, also attended the Mass, along with delegations from 12 other Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox churches, 10 Anglican and Protestant communities, and three international Christian organizations, including the World Council of Churches.

After the Lord's Prayer, Pope Francis exchanged a sign of peace with Patriarch Bartholomew and with Catholicos Karekin.

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel, the Jewish community of Rome, and several international Jewish organizations sent representatives to the ceremony, as did Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Jain, and Hindu communities and organizations.

Also present were representatives of 132 governments, led by the presidents of Italy and Argentina, the reigning royals of six nations -- including Belgium's king and queen -- and 31 heads of state. Vice President Joe Biden led the U.S. delegation, while David Lloyd Johnston, governor general, led the Canadian delegation.

Pope Francis begins papacy pledging to protect church, human dignity

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

Pope Francis formally began his ministry as bishop of Rome and as pope by pledging to protect the Catholic Church, the dignity of each person and the beauty of creation, just as St. Joseph protected Mary and Jesus.

"To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love is to open up a horizon of hope," he told between 150,000 and 200,000 people gathered under sunny skies in St. Peter's Square and the nearby streets.

With representatives of other Christian churches and communities, delegations from 132 nations, Jewish and Muslim leaders, as well as Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains present, Pope Francis preached the Gospel, but insisted that the values it espouses are essentially human, "involving everyone."

While the rites and rituals of the inauguration of his ministry as pope took place immediately before the Mass, the liturgy itself was a celebration of the feast of St. Joseph, patron of the universal church, and "also the name day of my venerable predecessor," Pope Benedict XVI, the former Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Francis noted.

The retired pope was not present at the liturgy, but the crowds applauded enthusiastically when Pope Francis said, "We are close to him with our prayers, full of affection and gratitude."

The new pope stood at a lectern to read his homily, sticking to the text he had prepared in advance. At times his voice was extremely soft and at other times it was quite loud. He punctuated with clenched fists his remarks about the strength required to be tender and compassionate to others.

"In the Gospels," he said, "St. Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak, but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness



to others, for love."

"We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness," Pope Francis said.

The new pope said exercising the role of protector as St. Joseph did means doing so "discreetly, humbly, and silently, but with an un-failing presence and utter fidelity, even when he finds it hard to understand."

The Gospels present St. Joseph as a husband to Mary, "at her side in good times and bad," and as a father who watched over Jesus, worried about him, and taught him a trade, the pope said.

St. Joseph responded to his calling to be a protector "by being constantly attentive to God, open to the signs of God's presence and receptive to God's plans, and not simply his own," the pope said.

Fidelity to God's word and to God's plan for individuals and for all of creation makes the difference, he said, calling on everyone to be sensitive and loving toward those in their care, especially toward children, the aged, the poor, and the sick.

"In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it," he said. "Be protectors of God's gifts."

When people fail to respect creation, when they ignore "God's plan inscribed in nature," or when they treat each other with disrespect, he said, "the way is opened to destruction and hearts are hardened."

Pope Francis, left, receives his ring from Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals
CNS photos by Paul Haring

field of economics, politics, and social life to stand firm when destruction and death threaten human dignity, human life, and the environment. He met with the heads of the government delegations after the Mass.

Caring for others, he said in his homily, must begin with watching over one's own heart, mind, and actions, resisting "hatred, envy, and pride" and emotions that can tear others down.

Pope Francis told the people that he realized his new ministry included "a certain power," but it is the same power Jesus conferred on St. Peter, which was the "power of service" seen in Jesus' charge to St. Peter: "Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep."

"Let us never forget that authentic power is service and that the pope, too, when exercising power, must enter ever more fully into that service which has its radiant culmination on the cross," he said.

"He must be inspired by the lowly, concrete, and faithful service which marked St. Joseph, and, like him, he must open his arms to protect all of God's people and embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important," Pope Francis said.

"Only those who serve with love are able to protect," he said.

PAPAL COAT OF ARMS

The coat of arms of Pope Francis is the same that he used as bishop. The shield has a bright blue background, at the center top of which is a yellow radiant sun with the "IHS" christogram on it representing Jesus (it is also the Jesuit logo). The "IHS" monogram and a cross that pierces the "H" are in red, with three black nails directly under them. Under that, to the left, is



a star representing Mary, Mother of Christ and the Church. To the right of the star is a spikenard flower representing Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. With these symbols, the pope demonstrates his love for the Holy Family.

What distinguishes his coat of arms as pontiff is that, instead of the wide-brimmed red cardinal's hat atop the shield, it is crowned by the papal tiara and crossed keys.

His motto—"miserando atque eligendo" (because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him)—is taken from the Venerable Bede's homily on the Gospel account of the call of Matthew. It

holds special meaning for the Pope because, when he was only 17, after going to confession on the Feast of St. Matthew in 1953, he perceived God's mercy in his life and felt the call to the priesthood, following the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola.



Left: Pope Francis waves to the crowd as he appears for the first time on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on March 13. Right: The pope greets people after celebrating Mass at St. Anne's Parish within the Vatican on March 17. The new pope greeted everyone leaving the church, then walked to St. Anne's Gate. CNS photos/L'Osservatore Romano (left), Paul Haring (right)



Left: Pope Francis gestures as he leads his first Angelus from the window of his private apartment in St. Peter's Square on March 17. CNS photo/Max Rossi, Reuters

Right: Pope Francis greets a boy after celebrating Mass at St. Anne's Parish within the Vatican on March 17. The new pope greeted every person leaving the small church and then walked over to meet people waiting around St. Anne's Gate. CNS photo/Paul Haring

Below: Pope Francis addresses an audience of journalists in Paul VI Hall at the Vatican on March 16. CNS photo/Marcin Mazur, Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

PAPAL SELECTION BRINGS SURPRISE, DELIGHT

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus, especially those in the Latino community, responded with surprise and delight to the announcement that the College of Cardinals had chosen Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina to become pope.

"We got it! We have a Latino pope! I'm so amazed it's still hard to believe!" said Dinorah Jimenez, secretary of the Parroquia Santa Cruz in Columbus, which serves Latinos from the former Holy Name School building and has three weekend Masses in Spanish at

Holy Name Church.

She learned of the election of the new pope, who took the papal name Francis, from the parish's administrator pro-tem, Father Anotnio Carvalho, who was just as excited as her. "He was saying 'Dinorah! Dinorah! We've got a papa!'" she said.

Pope Francis "looks so humble, and what we've learned about his work with the poor makes him seem like a wonderful choice," Jimenez said. "Now it's up to us to pray very hard for him."

At Columbus St. Stephen Church, which also has a large Latino population, bunting in the yellow shade of the

papal flag was draped over the main entrance soon after the cardinals' decision was announced on Wednesday afternoon, March 13.

"Forty percent of the world's Catholics are from Latin America, and I think the cardinals recognized this in their choice," said Adriana Johnson, the parish's Latino ministry coordinator. "Pope Francis comes from Argentina, but he belongs to everyone now."

"What a wonderful thing to have the father of the Church be part of the Latino community," said Yvette Reategui, parish secretary. "We feel he is part of us." She said the parish's regularly scheduled 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Mass in Spanish featured prayers for the new pope, and that similar prayers were part of a family retreat conducted on Sunday, March 17, by the sisters of the Missionary Servants of the Word.

"Thanks be to God for the new pope! It's hard to find words to describe our feelings," said Sister Maria Garcia, HMSP, one of four sisters from the Mexican-based order who live at St. Stephen's and have been evangelizing among the Latinos of the diocese since the fall of 2009. "He seems so full of humility, as you could see when he asked the people (gathered at St. Peter's Square for his first papal appearance) to pray for him."

"The website of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires said it well: 'We have a pope who is our archbishop and we give him as a gift to the whole world as Francisco,'" said Angela Johnston, Latino ministry director for the Columbus diocese.

"One of the things that Pope Francis will bring to the papacy is the unique relationship among the bishops of Latin America, who have their own bishops' conferences but speak with a united voice in the Latin American Episcopal Council, also known as CELAM. The council is a strong regional group that's unlike any other organization of bishops because it brings together so many nations. That kind of unity and understanding of the challenges is something I'm sure that will strengthen the new pope and that he can use as an example for the whole Church."

The second reading before the Gospel was in Spanish as Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for the pope's election on Monday, March 18, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. "One must deeply admire the willingness of Pope Francis to assume the Petrine office at 76 years of age," Bishop Campbell said in his homily.

"Following the example of the prophet Isaiah, the pope heard the call of God, and in obedience he took on the task, not considering his own wishes or de-



Pope Francis prays in front of a Marian icon in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome on March 14. CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano

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sires, but out of the love and for the good of the body of Christ—the Church. I think he is a model for all the faithful, particularly for all the men in holy orders."

The new pope is the first member of the Jesuit order to be chosen as the Vicar of Christ. "I think that all of us were a little surprised by his choice of a name," the bishop said. "When I first heard the pope's new name, I thought that he was referring to the great Jesuit missionary Francis Xavier. But I soon realized that Pope Francis was surprisingly reaching into the Franciscan tradition, to a beloved figure who is known in church documents as a man both evangelical and apostolic."

Coincidentally, the first Mass at the cathedral after Pope Francis' election was celebrated by one of the few Jesuits stationed in the Diocese of Columbus—Father Richard Gross, SJ, campus ministry director at Ohio Dominican University.

"When I tell people I'm a Jesuit, people often respond 'I thought you were Catholic,'" Father Gross said jokingly. "Now I won't have that problem."

"The news is a tremendous mark of honor for our order, and it was a singular honor for me to be able to be the first priest to proclaim Pope Francis'

name as part of Mass prayers at the cathedral," he said.

"Members of other priestly orders have been popes, but this is a first for the Jesuits. I think part of that is because our founder, St. Ignatius Loyola, wanted us to be missionaries first and didn't want us to take Church offices. Today, we are stationed all over the world. We see ourselves in the service of the universal Church and will respond to whatever mission we are asked to fulfill. The other cardinals asked Cardinal Bergoglio to fulfill the mission of leading the Church, and he responded."

The choice of a new pope also was a topic of immense interest at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, the only seminary outside of Italy to be directly governed by the Vatican congregation for seminaries.

"The Pontifical College Josephinum rejoices in the cardinals' choice of Pope Francis as bishop of Rome and supreme pastor of the universal Church," said a statement from Msgr. Christopher Schreck, the college's rector-president.

"We unite our joyful prayers with those of all people of good will, asking Our Savior to bless the successor of St. Peter with heavenly grace and divine wisdom, that he may joyfully and faith-

fully lead the whole world in the way of salvation and peace."

"My first response to the news was 'Oh my goodness! This is a big sign. This is unbelievable. He's from my continent, my part of the world,'" said Leonardo Sabogal Barbosa, a Colombian native who is the only student from South America at the college.

"I know a few things about him—that he was said to be very demanding with his clergy, but also very pastoral, yet very strict about issues regarding defense of the faith, life, and the family," said Sabogal, a third-year theology student who anticipates being ordained a transitional deacon in the spring of 2014 and a priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta the following year. "His election is a great sign for the future of the Church. I am grateful for this beautiful and gracious moment in the life of the Church."

"There was a spirit of great jubilation among all the seminarians as they gathered in front of televisions set up throughout the college," said Father John Allen, the college's vice president for advancement. "I was impressed by his obvious gentleness and his personal humility. I am aware of his remarkable service to the Church in Argentina as a pastor and a cardinal, the care he has for all people, especially the poor, and the personal engagement he had with people who continued to refer him as 'Father Jorge,' even after he became a cardinal. Now the whole world will get to know these qualities."

Special prayers for the pope were said at the seminary's Evening Prayer a few hours after his election. Msgr. Schreck offered Mass for him the next morning, and other special prayers were said at Mass on the date of the pope's installation, Tuesday, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, patron of

the universal Church.

A former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican who now is stationed in Ohio described the choice of Pope Francis as a watershed moment for the Church.

"I couldn't help think as I watched that I was the first Latino American U.S. ambassador to the Holy See watching the first Latin American pope. This is significant, as almost half of the church worldwide is Latin American and almost half of the church in the U.S. is Latino," said Miguel Diaz, professor of faith and culture at the University of Dayton.

"There's a saying in Spanish that, who we walk with in life matters. This man has walked with the poor, lived among immigrants, and he has a personal story of migration. This will undoubtedly shape the way he serves," said Diaz, who was the United States' diplomatic representative to the Vatican from 2009 to 2012.



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Cycle C)

Meditations on the Passion



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 50:4-7 • Philippians 2:6-11 • Luke 22:14-23:56

The length of the Passion narrative requires a lengthier comment which, as I have done in the past and do here, will take the form of meditations, modeled after the Stations of the Cross. These reflections are mostly observations and questions that might arise from looking at a masterpiece like the Sistine Chapel, for example, or a pilgrim's remarks on a journey from here to there.

I. Supper - A lot happens at supper; little about the Eucharist. Only Luke noted how anxious Jesus was to celebrate Passover with the "apostles" before his suffering. He doesn't say what "fulfillment in the kingdom" meant.

With the first offering of the cup, after giving thanks, He says, "Take it and share it among yourselves." Why do so many pass it by as though it were poison? Only in Luke is the cup offered before the bread.

Giving thanks is actually expressed twice in Luke; once with the first cup and once with the bread. Only Luke adds to "This is my body" the clarifying expression "which will be given for you." Paul says, simply, "which is for you." The revisers of the *Roman Missal* chose to go with Luke, although it adds "up." Comparing Mark, Matthew, Luke, and Paul (in I Corinthians 11) would be worthwhile during this Holy Week to see the wide variety of expressions used in the New Testament.

II. Table Talk - The "new covenant in my blood" begins with betrayal. Not a good beginning, betrayal! For those closest to Him, it leads to an argument about greatness! At this most solemn time, all they can argue about is who is greatest. How often we do the same, arguing about many things when silence would do. Serve the needs of others. Therein lies greatness. Simon is willing to die with Jesus. Jesus says Simon will deny Him three times. Jesus ends the talk when it comes to taking up swords. The language is cryptic and confusing.

III. Mount of Olives - Pray always, especially in times of trouble, but in all things, "thy will be done," (not mine). Jesus' painful prayer is part of the suffering He spoke of. Most people have a hard time sleeping when they grieve. Not the disciples, who were grieving, but we know not why at this point. "Sweat like drops of blood" anticipates what will happen on the cross, but many reliable ancient manuscripts omit this detail.

IV. Arrest - Judas remains a mystery. Luke said Satan entered into him as he plotted with the chief priests and temple guards about handing Jesus over to them (Luke 22:1-6). Judas' motive is buried in time, but the lesson remains: one in 12 went bad. The disciples, ever ready with the swords, prepare to strike, one even cutting off the right ear of the high priest's servant. Jesus ends the violence by healing the poor man's ear. Only Luke mentions the right ear and its healing, and the question Jesus asks about betraying the Son of Man with a kiss -- creative touches by Luke. The final line is chilling, literally: "But this is your hour, the power of darkness."

V. In custody - Peter was there, but only so that he could deny that he was with Jesus, which he did three times, and then heard the cock crowing, suggesting that it was getting closer to dawn. Meanwhile, Jesus was subject to beating and ridicule until the council met in the morning. It is the Sanhedrin which grills Him: "Are you the Christ... Are you the Son of God?" He never answers the questions directly.

VI. Before Pilate - His non-answers become accusations before Pilate, treasonous acts that would merit death: opposing taxes to Caesar and making himself out to be a king. Conflicts with Caesar will always be with us. There are no grounds for the tax charge. The charge of being a king may have to do with announcing the com-

ing kingdom of God. Ultimately, that is the charge for which He is crucified: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Pilate, after one question, declares Jesus not guilty, but, hearing that He was from Galilee, sends Him to Herod.

VII. Before Herod - Herod was tetrarch of Galilee (Luke 3:1), otherwise known as Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, mentioned at the birth of Jesus (Luke 1:5). Herod's son ruled in Galilee, where Jesus was raised. Pilate passes Jesus to Herod. We know not why. Herod was likely curious about Jesus' reputation as a wonder-worker, nothing more. Herod ruled as tetrarch until 39 AD. Oddly, they clothed Jesus in "resplendent garb" before sending Him back to Pilate. Mark had said He'd been clothed in purple, which was expensive material at the time. It's hard to say what "resplendent garb" meant.

VIII. Back Before Pilate - Now Pilate says neither he nor (his new best friend) Herod has found anything against Jesus. He will have Jesus flogged and then released, but does not say why he will flog Him. This riles up "the chief priests, the rulers and the people." They demand the release of Barabbas, who was known as a rebellion leader and a murderer. Pilate still meant to release Jesus, when the crowd demanded crucifixion, until Pilate agreed to release Barabbas and to hand Jesus over to them "to deal with as they wished." It's a curious conclusion to a trial in which the accused admitted nothing and no real witnesses testified to anything about Him. Pilate demonstrates nothing but weakness in acceding to mob demands. The length to which Pilate goes to declare Jesus innocent of the charges, only in the end to hand Him over to a mob, remains the most puzzling part of this narrative in Luke. One writer has dubbed Pilate "the coward of history." This is the real "power of darkness."

IX. Simon of Cyrene - Simon was forced into service to carry the cross "behind Jesus," only in Luke. No one says why he was pressed into service, but it's curious that some of those on death row have said to me how they have to take their medicines, etc., so they are healthy when they are to die. They certainly see the irony of their situation. We must wonder whether Luke or Jesus did.

X. The Women - Luke notes how "many women" followed Jesus, mourning and lamenting Him. Many women still mourn and lament as they follow Him today, anticipating His crucifixion. From Luke's perspective, the weeping that Jesus predicts could easily be the events which had already befallen Jerusalem by the time this gospel is written. In 70 AD, the city and the Temple had been destroyed by the Romans. That may well be "the days are coming" reference. We should also see Hosea 10:8 in the words Jesus utters. The comparison of the green wood and the dry remains puzzling.

XI. The Skull - Luke simply notes that the place was called the Skull, with no further comment other than that two criminals were crucified with Jesus. He asks the Father's forgiveness for (all) those who were responsible for His crucifixion, although many ancient manuscripts omit the line. It is the "rulers (or leaders)" who mock Him the worst and are presented in the harshest light. The soldiers' taunt becomes the charge "King of the Jews."

XII. The Criminals - The dialogue with the two only occurs in Luke. One mocks Jesus; the other professes tacit belief in Him and receives the promise of joining Jesus in Paradise. One overriding priestly joy is anointing the dying and absolving their sins, with the confidence that we are handing over Christian pilgrims then and there to the Lord.

XIII. The Death - Unlike any other account, with the veil of the Temple being torn down the middle, Jesus cries out with the confidence of Psalm 31: "Into your hands I commend my spirit." There is no sense of abandonment, as Matthew and Mark hint at, just the confident cry of a Son going home. Then He literally "breathed out," not to breathe in again. How simple death finally is. We breathe out, and then silence. Just so abruptly does Luke end this dying scene.

XIV. The Tomb - What's left to say? A few disciples and some women linger. A centurion proclaims His innocence. A man claims His body, and then burial. A Sabbath Day rest is called for, and then...

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The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Isaiah 42:1-7
Psalm 27:1-3,13-14
John 12:1-11

TUESDAY
Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17
John 13:21-33,36-38

WEDNESDAY
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 69:8-10,21bcd-22,31,33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

HOLY THURSDAY
Exodus 12:1-8,11-14
Psalm 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25
Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

HOLY SATURDAY
(1) Genesis 1:1-2:2
Psalm 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12-14,24,35c
(2) Genesis 22:1-18
Psalm 16:5,8-11
(3) Exodus 14:15-15:1
Exodus 15:1-6,17-18 (Ps)
(4) Isaiah 54:5-14
Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b
(5) Isaiah 55:1-11
Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 (Ps)
(6) Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4
Psalm 19:8-11
(7) Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28
Psalm 51:12-15,18-19
(8) Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23
(9) Luke 24:1-12

REFLECTING ON THE CONCLAVE

The signs are as unmistakable as they are stunning: Francis has returned to rebuild the Church. The first New World pope, who also happens to be the first Jesuit pope, has taken the name of Francis. While we all have probably felt God's presence in a personal way, to see it happening on the world's stage is something entirely different. It seemed to start with a stubborn seagull that kept landing on the Sistine Chapel stovepipe a couple of hours before Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, the very modest prelate from Argentina, was chosen. You might have seen paintings of St Francis with the same bird. It is one of the oldest images we have of the saint.

From there, we saw the crowds numbering in the hundreds of thousands waiting in the rain to hear who the new Holy Father would be. One TV commentator said that for her, hearing we have a new Holy Father was akin to a young child being away from his or her parents for a night, only to see them again the next day -- a welcome return.

Pope Francis said he took his name from St Francis of Assisi, not St Francis Xavier, the famous Jesuit missionary saint who ventured to the Far East. In addition, was it not a Franciscan pope (Clement XIV) who famously suppressed the Jesuits in France in the 1700s, which many people believe helped the radicals of the French Revolution in their bloody, but unsuccessful attempt to destroy the Church? Another sign, perhaps a nod to reconciliation? The conclave began on March 12, the day both St. Ignatius (founder of the Jesuits) and St Francis



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

Xavier (perhaps the second most famous Jesuit saint) were canonized in 1622.

The Church needs simplicity in so many ways -- in her liturgy, devotions, governance, etc. Who better than a man who chose the name Francis to accomplish these important tasks? St. Francis, a gifted man, was told by God to "rebuild my house," as in the earliest days of Europe's revival following the Dark Ages, some in Europe's most prosperous country were forgetting about God's importance in their lives. Their material and secular excess seems a mere pittance by today's standards. However, it was serious enough in St Francis' eyes for him to do exactly as Our Lord had asked.

Some have wondered whether this new pope will be totally different from the last pope. The media is full of speculation. However, the truth is that the new pope and the last one are very good friends. It was said that then-Cardinal Bergoglio (now Pope Francis) greatly helped the election of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (the future Pope Benedict XVI) in the last conclave, especially among the Latin

American cardinals.

At the behest of the Holy Spirit, each pontificate brings a unique emphasis needed at a particular time. The pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI seemed to emphasize the teaching authority of the Church, along with her beautiful liturgy. However, the new pontificate of Pope Francis may place its emphasis on charity and prayer. Again, each pontificate is different and suited to the needs of the time, as prescribed by the Holy Spirit.

All too often, you hear ill-informed Catholics, and especially those in the secular world telling the Church what she must do. This sin of pride against the Holy Spirit is a very serious sin, something we should avoid at all costs. Sadly, some in the world would probably argue with Jesus and the Apostles about what should be done. Jesus told us to "come and follow me." He didn't say "Follow yourselves."

Pope Francis seems to have a very casual style. In one of his first talks, he spoke of the need to live our lives with hope and joy. Pessimism, negative thinking, rebellion, and distance from God are tools of the devil. Why give into that when Christ is present among us via His Creation and always at Mass in the Eucharist? Let us be thankful for Christ's gift of the papacy and the 265th successor to St. Peter, Pope Francis.

Hartline is the author of "The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

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CARDINAL, John R., 78, March 12
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

CARDONE, Giannina "Jenny," 89, March 14
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

CASEY, John K., 80, March 14
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

DIGGS, Andrew J., 76, March 10
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

DISTELZWEIG, Frank F. III, 66, March 12
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

EYERMAN, Ann, 76, Feb. 15
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

FETCH, Earl R. "Dick," 75, March 12
Holy Family Church, Columbus

GRAESSLE, Marie L., 87, March 13
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

GROGAN, Florence R., 88, March 12
St. Michael Church, Worthington

MAGERS, Patrick D., 75, Feb. 21
Church of the Nativity, Utica

MCKITTRICK, Margaret A., 84, March 11
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

MERTZ, Merrolyn, 75, March 13
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

NEIDIG, Marguerite, 98, March 8
St. Mary Church, Marion

NOVACK, Gerald J., 77, March 16
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

PIEPER, Patricia, 49, March 4
St. Paul Church, Westerville

RAKO, Carol J., 67, March 14
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

SCHIRA, John T., 86, March 11
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

SHAW, Harold R., 81, March 9
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

TABAK, Pauline, 87, of Westerville, March 13
St. Charles Borromeo Church, Boardman

THOMAS, Timothy H., 74, March 12
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

Melvin B. Hawkins

Funeral Mass for Melvin B. Hawkins, 89, who died Thursday, March 14, was held Monday, March 18 at Columbus St. James the Less Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 31 years and served in Europe in World War II with the Army

Rita A. Lee

Funeral Mass for Rita A. Lee, 91, who died Tuesday, March 12, was held Tuesday, March 19, at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was a retired employee of Columbus Bishop Ready High School,

Charles A. Barcio

Charles A. Barcio, 108, died Monday, March 18, at the Woodlands Assisted Living Residence in Columbus.

Barcio, born March 22, 1904, in Erie, Pa., was among the oldest members of the Knights of Columbus, and was featured in a story in the Nov. 25, 2012,

Air Corps.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Catherine (O'Reilly), and son, Msgr. Stephen Hawkins.

Survivors include sons, Deacon Mickey (Patty), Mark (Joanne), and Jeff (Wendy); 15 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

where she worked as an accountant.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, and sister, Miriam Reid. Survivors include sons, Donald (Jackie) and David (Vanessa); daughter, Betty Crawford; brother, George Ream; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Catholic Times. He had moved in July 2012 to Columbus from Victorville, Calif., after having spent most of his life in Erie and in Florida.

Funeral arrangements are pending. A full obituary will be in next week's *Catholic Times*.

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The ministry was founded in 2008. Its founder, Tom Nann, said nearly 800 people have been hired as a result of the contacts they made with companies in the previous nine fairs. The highest number of participants and people hired to date was recorded at an April 2011 job fair, at which 147 people were hired and 54 companies sent representatives,

Besides sponsoring job fairs twice a year, SEM also conducts weekly educational and networking classes at St. Paul, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Powell St. Joan of Arc, Delaware St. Mary, Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona, and Columbus St. Christopher churches.

Nann said he is ready to expand the ministry to any additional parishes that request it and has added a job search curriculum that can be accessed worldwide via webinars on the ministry's website, www.stewardshipemploy.org.

He said the curriculum is constantly being updated. "I meet with 14 major companies in the central Ohio area the first week of every month, and we share information," he said. "These people believe in what we do, and have shared what it is that they in human resources look for. We are not claiming to be the solution to the overall problem, but I will assert that we are a solution that is unparalleled".

"Job fairs are not the answer," he said. "They help – ours especially, because of our curriculum and preparing folks in our ministry on how to utilize job fairs to seek employment." Nann, noting that the number of participants and companies participating in SEM job fairs has declined from its 2011 peak, said there is room for more than 60 companies to participate in the April event.

SEM uses Catholic churches as sites for its classes, but is open to everyone at no cost. It is funded strictly through donations and is a 501 (c) (3) organization, making all contributions to it tax-deductible.

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6:30 p.m., St. Matthew School, 795 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. School's seventh grade presents the musical "Annie Jr." Free admission; donations to American Cancer Society accepted. 614-471-4930

Lenten Study Group at St. Leonard
6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Social hall, St. Leonard Church, 57 Dorsey Mill Road, Heath. Lenten study group discussing Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series.

20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. 614-406-9516

Church History Series at St. Paul
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 E. State St., Westerville. Church history series with Father Charles Klingler. Conclusion: "Modern Church History." 614-882-2109

'Courage' Support Group Meeting
7:30 p.m., A Catholic organization providing support for individuals with same-sex attractions. Note date change because March 28 is Holy Thursday.
Mary Louise 614-436-8676

22, FRIDAY
Lenten Speaker Series at St. John Neumann
7:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Final talk in speaker series on "The Least Among You." Topic: "The Dying and the Dead" with hospice nurse Anita Cochran and Kambra Malone of Back in His Arms Again ministry. Preceded by Stations of the Cross at 7. 740-965-1358
Year of Faith Talk at Delaware St. Mary
7:45 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Talk on "How the Passion Teaches Our Family" with Dan-

iel Thimons, director, diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life. Preceded by Living Stations of the Cross with St. Mary School children at 7. 740-363-4641
Newberry Consort Performance at Cathedral
8 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. The Newberry Consort presents "Celestial Sirens," featuring an ensemble of eight women's voices directed by Ellen Hargis. Part of Early Music in Columbus series. Preceded by lecture at 7:30. 614-861-4569

22-24, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Silent Retreat for Men at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual Palm Sunday silent retreat for men, sponsored by Catholic Laymen's Retreat League, led by Father Stash Dailey. Theme: "Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus -- The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart As a Remedy for My Life." 740-743-3848 or 614-753-1696

23, SATURDAY
Seven-Church Tour With Father Wagner
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tour of seven historic downtown Columbus churches with Father Joshua Wagner, leaving from St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road North, Pickerington. Details at www.sevenchurchtour.com.
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

24, SUNDAY
Bishop Campbell Celebrates Passion Sunday Mass
10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass of the Lord's Passion. 614-224-1295
Stations of the Cross at Circleville St. Joseph Cemetery
1:15 p.m., St. Joseph Church Cemetery, North Court Street, Circleville. Stations of the Cross service at cemetery's outdoor stations. 740-477-2549
St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. Elizabeth Bowen, OFS 614-276-1953
Exposition, Vespers, Benediction at Lancaster St. Mary
4 to 5 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with sung Vespers at 4:40 and Benediction at 5. 740-654-1893
Living Stations at St. Pius X
5:45 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Living Stations of the Cross. 614-866-2859
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

Easter Cantata at St. Mark
7 p.m., St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Easter cantata "Once Upon a Tree." 740-653-1229
Passion Play at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
7 p.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. "The Heart of the Passion: The Way to Calvary," a dramatic presentation of the Passion story as told by its participants. 614-861-1242
'King of Kings' at Holy Family
7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. "King of Kings," 1927 silent movie classic, with organ accompaniment by Shawn Kenney. Free-will offering to

benefit Holy Family Soup Kitchen. 614-221-4323
Tenebrae Service at St. John Neumann
7:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Tenebrae service, designed to recreate the sense of betrayal, abandonment, and agony related to the events of Good Friday. 740-965-1358

25, MONDAY
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road. (Christ the King Church campus), Columbus. 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

Tenebrae Service at St. Cecilia
7:30 p.m., St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Tenebrae service, with adult choir and other ministers leading psalms, laments, and hymns to prepare for the dark days before the glory of the Resurrection.

25-27, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
Vespers and Benediction at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Solemn Holy Week Vespers and Benediction, followed by confession. 614-224-9522

26, TUESDAY
Quiet Morning of Reflection at Corpus Christi
10 a.m. to noon, Center of Peace, Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Quiet Lenten morning of reflection led by Anita Davidson. 614-443-2828
Living Stations of the Cross at St. Matthew School
10:30 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m., Noble Center, St. Matthew School, 795 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Living Stations of the Cross with schoolchildren. 614-471-0212
Chrism Mass at Cathedral
6 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Diocesan Chrism Mass, with Bishop Frederick Campbell blessing holy oils to be used in parishes throughout the diocese in the coming year and diocesan priests renewing their commitment of service. 614-224-1295

Career Fair at St. Francis DeSales High School
6:30 to 8 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Career fair for students, featuring presentations by alumni, parents and friends of DeSales talking about their fields of employment. 614-267-7808
Landings Program at Newman Center
7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Sixth session of eight-week Landings program for returning and inactive Catholics. 614-313-7801
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

27, WEDNESDAY
Ohio Dominican MBA Program Open House
6 p.m., Dublin campus, Ohio Dominican University, 5550 Blazer Parkway, Dublin. Open house for university's Master of Business Administration degree program.
Presentation on the Passion at St. Cecilia
7 p.m., St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Pathological analysis by parishioner Tony Stout on the physical aspects of the crucifixion. Graphic nature makes it appropriate for adults and older teens. 614-878-5353
Tenebrae Service at Portsmouth St. Mary
8 p.m., St. Mary Church, 524 6th St., Portsmouth. Tenebrae "service of darkness." 740-354-4551

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CONCERT

Catholic Schools HONOR CHOR DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS



The Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools Honor Choir concert will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, 7179 Avery Road.

The honor choir program, in its sixth year, invites students from all diocesan schools to participate in a one-day choir event under the direction of clinician Sheila Cafmeyer. Nearly 300 singers

will perform, representing 10 grade schools, four high schools, and Ohio Dominican University. Students will rehearse and perform as two ensembles, a grade school choir and a high school choir, with combined selections accompanied by brass quartet and organ.

Individual selections will be performed by featured choirs from Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul Elementary School, Co-

lumbus Bishop Hartley High School, Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, and Ohio Dominican University.

This event was developed by diocesan music teachers as an effort to give singers an opportunity to perform challenging music in a large ensemble setting. Singers prepare the music under the guidance of their music teachers and

assemble for one afternoon rehearsal and evening performance.

Sacred music of all styles, from Renaissance to classical and Gospel to contemporary, will be performed during this celebration of song in an effort to demonstrate our unity and Catholic heritage through music. A free-will offering will be collected for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen.



ALL SHOOK UP

The Columbus Bishop Watterson High School performing arts department will present "All Shook Up" on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, and Friday to Sunday, April 18, to 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the school theater, 99 E. Cooke Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.

"All Shook Up" is a musical inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley, about a young man who rides into town with his guitar and shakes things up. Such hits as "Heartbreak Hotel," "Jailhouse Rock," and "Don't Be Cruel" will have you jumping out of your blue suede shoes.

Students playing principal roles will be Natalie Bisciotti as Natalie Haller, Belle Brown as Miss Sandra, Kat Zacheis as Lorraine, Ali Sanner as Sylvia, Molly Bee as Mayor Matilda Hyde, Griffin Maxwell as Chad, Colin O'Brien as Dennis, Andy Simmons as Dean Hyde, Michael Caruso as Jim Haller, Joe Majka as Sheriff Earl, Ellie Kairis as Henrietta, and Aidan Roach as Dan and the Warden.

Reservations may be made by e-mailing Abigail Teeters at abteeter@cdeeducation.org with the number of tickets and the performance date. Reserved tickets may be picked up and paid for at the box office on the night of the performance.



THEATER

POPE FRANCIS



Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio is seen in his youth in this undated handout photo. CNS photo/Clarín handout via Reuters



Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, pictured as a young man (second from left in back), and his family members are seen in this undated handout photo.

CNS photo/Clarín handout via Reuters



Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio (right), now Pope Francis, is pictured traveling by subway in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2008.

CNS photo/Diego Fernandez Otero, Clarín handout via Reuters



Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio washes and kisses the feet of residents of a shelter for drug users during Holy Thursday Mass in 2008 at a church in a poor neighborhood of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The 76-year-old Jesuit became the first Latin American pope on March 13, taking the name Francis.

CNS photo/Enrique Garcia Medina, Reuters



Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio walks among a crowd in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in a 2009 photo.

CNS photo/Marcos Brindicci, Reuters

Begin the Novena on Good Friday go to <http://www.divinemercurysundayusa.com/home.html>



"my Lord
and
my God"

Jesus I Trust in You



April 7, 2013 Divine Mercy Sunday

Our Lord's words to Saint Faustina regarding Divine Mercy Sunday

"The Soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment"

(Diary of Saint Faustina #099)

Sacred Heart Church - 893 Hamlet St, Columbus, Ohio

First site of Divine Mercy Celebration in Columbus, Ohio Diocese

2:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Blessing and Veneration of Image of the Divine Mercy of Jesus.

2:30-3:45 p.m. the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be offered,

2:20 p.m. the recitation of the Scriptural Rosary,

3:00 p.m. the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy,

3:45 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament,

4:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated

Church of the Blessed Sacrament - 378 East Main Street, Newark, Ohio

10:30 a.m. Mass,

11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament,

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Reconciliation,

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

Holy Family Church - 584 West Broad St, Columbus, Ohio

12:30 p.m. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament,

2:00 p.m. Solemn Blessing and Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy Jesus,

2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross,

1:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard (Rosary will be prayed during Confessions), 3:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy,

4:30 p.m. Benediction,

5:00 p.m. Mass

St Joan of Arc Church - 10700 Liberty Rd, Powell, Ohio

3:00 p.m. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, followed by Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy and Chaplet of Divine Mercy,

3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Confession will be heard,

5:00 p.m. Benediction,

5:30 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass,

Our Lady's Rosary will be prayed throughout the Celebration

Community of Holy Rosary & St John Church - 648 South Ohio Ave, Columbus, Ohio

9:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration begins: Procession with Divine Mercy Image, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Blessing of Image & Enthronement, Chaplet of Divine Mercy (use of Rosary), Veneration of the Lord's Image

St Marks Church - 324 Gay St., Lancaster, Ohio

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:20 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Reception following Mass

St Catharine of Siena Church - 500 South Gould Rd, Columbus, Ohio

2:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

2:05 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation,

2:05 p.m. Praying the Rosary,

2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross,

3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy (led by soloist),

3:30 p.m. Benediction

St Timothy Church - 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus, Ohio

8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Masses

Following 12:00 p.m. Mass: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,

After 1:30 p.m. Confessions available

2:30 p.m. Blessing of the Image and Divine Mercy Chaplet,

3:00 p.m. Benediction

St Andrew Church - 1899 McCoy Rd, Columbus, Ohio

12:00 p.m. Mass,

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Confession,

2:00 p.m. Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy concluding with Benediction

Sts Simon & Jude Church - 9350 Highfree Pike, West Jefferson, Ohio

1:00-3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration,

2:00-2:45 p.m. Confession will be heard;

3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction

St Joseph Church - 140 West Avenue, Plain City, Ohio

2:00 p.m. Exposition 2:30 p.m. Rosary,

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet,

3:30 p.m. Benediction,

2:00-3:15 p.m. Confession will be heard from

St Peter Church - 118 Church St., Chillicothe, Ohio

Good Friday - March 29;

3:00 p.m. Chaplet Recited Daily;

Holy Saturday - March 30;

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet sung;

Saturday - April 6;

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation;

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7;

after 11:30 Mass until 3:00 p.m. Exposition;

3:00 p.m. the Divine Mercy is sung followed by Benediction;

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation