



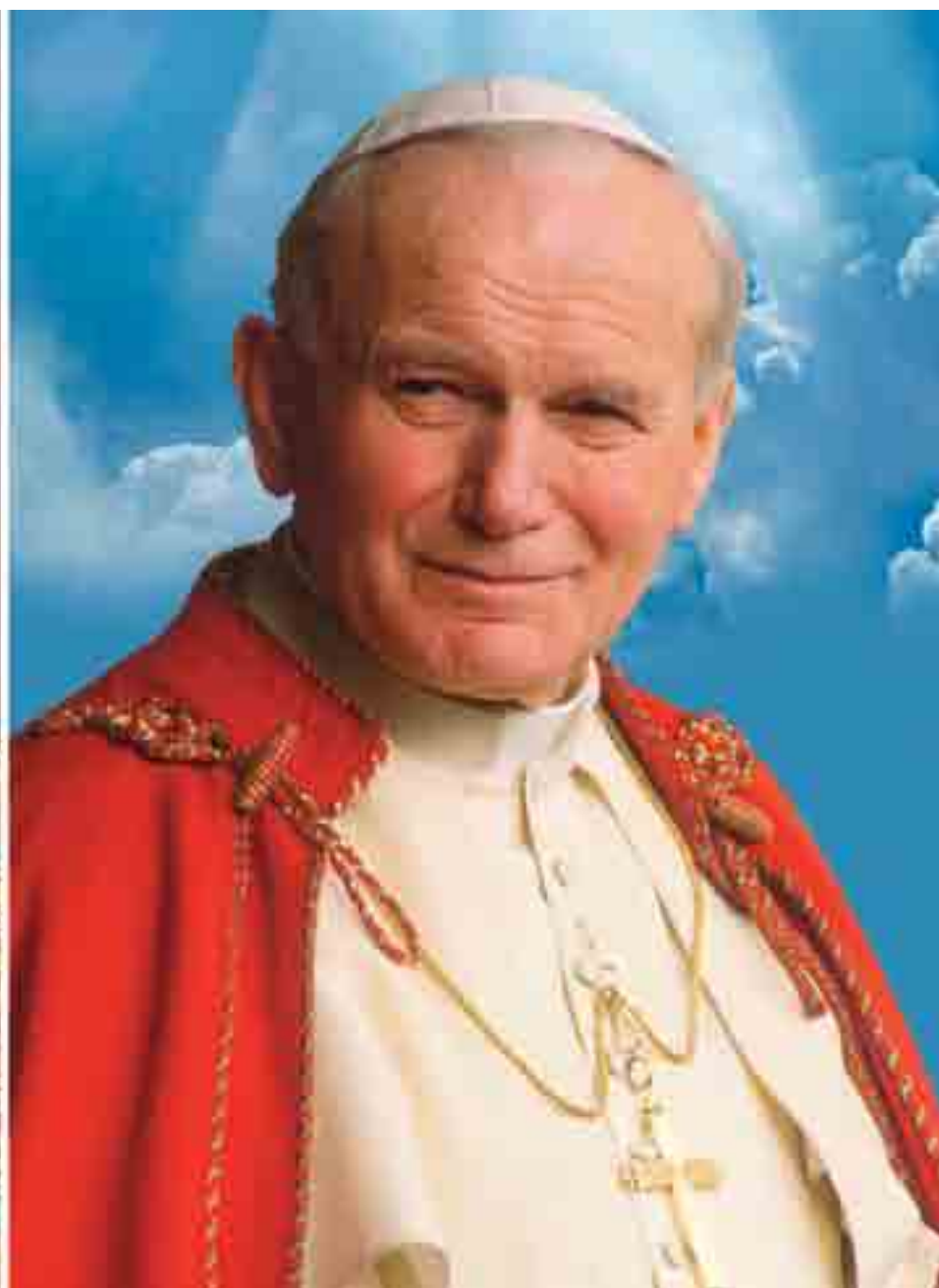
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**HISTORIC CANONIZATION OF TWO  
POPES WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY**

The Editor's Notebook

Saints, Popes and Divine Mercy

By David Garick, Editor

This weekend is occasion for great joy. First and foremost, we continue the Easter joy, celebrating our salvation through the glorious resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Second, we rejoice in the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday -- one of the more recent celebrations of the church, but a very important one based on the message of mercy delivered by our risen Lord to St. Faustina.

Finally, we celebrate the canonization of two recent popes as saints of the Church. It is indeed fitting that Pope Francis should elevate these holy men to sainthood on Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John XXIII was commonly known as Good Pope John. A man who rose from humble beginnings, he dedicated himself to works of mercy. He was truly a pope of the people, a shepherd in the fullest sense of the work. More than any pope in the previous century, he reached out to the poor, the infirm, the desolate, and the imprisoned. He offered them hope, the promise of mercy, the assurance of salvation. A tireless advocate for peace, he helped guide a world shaken by the horrors of World War II and trembling under the ominous cloud of the darkest days of the Cold War, with a message of peace in his famous encyclical *Pacem in Terris*. He understood that the church, the living body of Christ, needed to have a renewal if it was to truly shine the light of Christ's mercy in the world, and he convened the Second Vatican Council to make that reality.

Pope John Paul II, both in his teaching and his personal life, strove to live and teach the message of Divine Mercy. As the great Mercy Pope, he wrote an encyclical on Divine Mercy:

"The Message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me ... which I took with me to the See of Peter and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate," he said.

In his writings and homilies, he has described Divine Mercy as the answer to the world's

problems and the message of the third millennium. He beatified and canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, the nun associated with the message, and he did it in Rome, and not in Poland, to underscore that Divine Mercy is for the whole world.

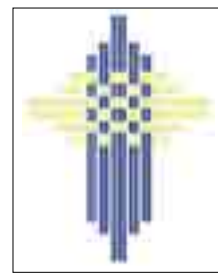
Given all these connections to Divine Mercy and St. Faustina, is it any wonder that Pope John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday. Repeatedly, Pope John Paul II has written and spoken about the need for us to turn to the mercy of God as the answer to the specific problems of our times. He placed a strong and significant focus on the Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout his pontificate that will carry the Church long after his death.

Popes John XXIII and John Paul II inspired us in life. Their earthly ministry is recent enough that many of us still have vivid memories of their heroic faith in action. Even in death, they continue to provide comfort and support through miraculous intercessions. It is very special and comforting to have the companionship of saints from our own age, men whom we have seen and heard. And the message that they repeat to us loudly and clearly is encapsulated in the words of Pope John Paul II: "As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers his love that pardons, reconciles and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, (you) who reveal the Father's love by your death and Resurrection, we believe in you and confidently repeat to you today: Jesus, I trust in you, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world" (*Regina Coeli* message of Pope John Paul II, prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005).



The 2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal Giving Back

By Michael Ames  
Diocesan Office  
of Development  
and Planning



On May 4, the 2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal will commence. This yearly appeal from our shepherd, Bishop Frederick Campbell, has supported the ministries and programs of the Diocese of Columbus for more than half a century. This year's theme for the appeal is "Christ the Sure Foundation."

Each year, we are asked to prayerfully consider a monetary gift in support of the appeal, which funds the day-to-day expenses of running the various diocesan programs and ministries that benefit so many. The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports and funds spiritual and pastoral programs, educational programs, parish life enhancement, education and support of seminarians and deacons, student and school assistance, and the many programs and ministries coordinated by the diocesan Office of Social Concerns.

This year, the target goal of the appeal is \$6.1 million, which will help greatly to meet ever-increasing needs. Our diocese covers 23 counties in Ohio, a very large area with many souls in its care.

To quote Pope Francis: "It is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that

the Lord has given us, but rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others. ... Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn."

Through your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are helping to reach into the hearts and lives of countless people, providing guidance and much-needed support through the ministries and programs administered by the diocese.

If every member of the faithful would give according to each one's ability, keeping in mind the responsibility to care for each of our brothers and sisters, this goal is attainable. Please answer the call to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal when it begins on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5.

If you have never given before, consider helping the appeal with a first-time gift. Please know that "no gift is too small." And please know how much Bishop Campbell appreciates your generosity and your concern for others.

We are all members of the same family, Christ's Church on earth, and we need to care for each other. Christ gave us the Church. "He is the Sure Foundation."

Prayer, charity surround John XXIII, John Paul II being declared saints

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

The rite of canonization for Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II on Sunday, April 27 will use the standard formula for the creation of new saints, but the Mass will be preceded by the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet, and it is possible that retired Pope Benedict XVI will attend, a Vatican spokesman said.

"He is invited," said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi on March 31. "But there is still a month to go. We'll have to see if he wants to be present and feels up to it."

Discussing preparations for the canonizations with reporters, Father Lombardi also said the popes' tombs in St. Peter's Basilica would not be disturbed, other than to change the inscriptions from "blessed" to "saint." Pilgrims may visit the tombs after the April 27 Mass.

Relics from the two popes will be presented during the liturgy, the spokesman said. The relic of Blessed John Paul -- a vial of his blood encased in a reliquary featuring a silver sculpture of olive branches -- also was used for his beatification in 2011.

A matching reliquary has been made for a relic of Blessed John, said Msgr. Guilo Dellavite, an official of the Diocese of Bergamo, Italy, where the late pope was born. When Blessed John was beatified in 2000, no relic was presented, the monsignor said, because no blood or body parts had been preserved for that purpose. However, when Blessed John's tomb was opened in 2001 and the remains were treated before being reinterred in St. Peter's Basilica, some bone fragments were removed.

Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican whose recovery from a brain aneurysm was the miracle accepted for the canonization of Blessed John Paul, and French Sister Marie Simon-Pierre, whose cure from Parkinson's disease was accepted as the miracle that paved the way for his beatification, are both expected to attend the Mass, Father Lombardi said. Pope Francis waived the requirement for a miracle for the canonization of Blessed John.

The canonization Mass is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on the Sunday after Easter, which the church celebrates as Divine Mercy Sunday. Father Lombardi said pilgrims are expected to begin filling St. Peter's Square early in the morning and will have an opportunity to participate in the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a series of prayers focusing on the gifts of God's mercy, especially shown through the passion of Christ.

He said the Vatican is not issuing tickets for the Mass, although large sections of St. Peter's Square will be reserved for official government delegations, bishops and priests, and members of the Vatican dip-



Blessed John XXIII (CNS/Catholic Press Photo)

churches near the Vatican will be open all night for prayer, meditation, and confessions. The program will be offered in English and Italian at the Basilica of St. Mark the Evangelist at the Campidoglio and in Italian and Spanish at the Jesuit Church of the Gesu.

The diocese also has launched a special website -- www.2papisanti.org -- and several social media initiatives with the help of communications students at a Rome university. The Facebook fan page is "2popesaints," the Twitter account is "@2popesaints," the Instagram account is "#2popesaints," and the YouTube channel search term is also "2popesaints."

The Diocese of Bergamo, where Pope John was born and ordained a priest, has put much of the focus of its celebration on acts of charity, Msgr. Dellavite said. The diocese is contributing the equivalent of \$1.1 million for the construction and three years of operating costs of a St. John XXIII School in Haiti; it is building a church and pastoral center in Shengjin, Albania, at a cost of about \$830,000; and it is remodeling a former military barracks in Bergamo to serve as a shelter and assistance center for the poor.

In addition, he said, the 900 priests of the diocese are being asked to donate one month's salary and take up a collection in their parishes to strengthen the diocese's "family and home" fund, which helps families in difficulty with rent, mortgage payments, and utilities. The diocese also is selling some of its property to increase the fund's principal.

omatic corps. Other than that, space in the square will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the Vatican is not handling ticket requests, it cannot predict how many people will attend the ceremony, he said.

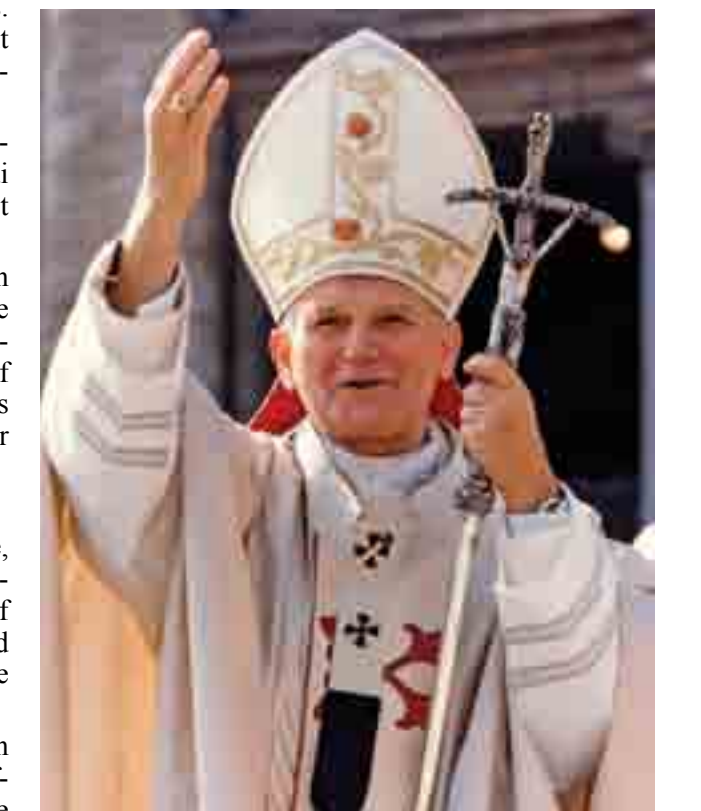
"We hope many people will come and we are making preparations to welcome them," Father Lombardi said. "We invite people to come to Rome with trust and serenity without excessive fear."

"If people filled St. Peter's Square and (the main boulevard) back to the Tiber River, we calculate there would be between 200,000 and 250,000 people," he said. Forecasts, including some by city of Rome officials, that mention millions of pilgrims trying to attend the event appear exaggerated, Father Lombardi said.

"Come to Rome. Don't be afraid," he said.

Cardinal Agostino Vallini, papal vicar for Rome, told reporters that the Diocese of Rome was focusing on a spiritual preparation for the canonization of "two pontiffs, two bishops of Rome, who lived and experienced their faith, becoming messengers of the Gospel, but also of great humanity."

The cardinal led an evening for young people on Tuesday, April 22, along with the postulants -- official promoters -- of the sainthood causes of the two popes. The night before the canonization, 11



Blessed John Paul II (CNS/Arturo Mari, L'Osservatore Romano)

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Blessed John XXIII is depicted in a painting from a museum in his Italian birthplace. Blessed John Paul II is shown in a composite featuring a image of him by Polish photographer Grzegorz Galazka. (CNS)

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### John XXIII



Alleluia and rejoice, for He is risen and we celebrate Easter for these eight days of the Octave of Easter. Have you been joyfully appearing to everyone around you this week, just as Jesus did after His Resurrection? Can we see the light and radiance of the face of Jesus Christ in our faces and in our actions? It is one thing – and all good – to put on our new spring clothes and even an Easter bonnet if we are so inclined, but it is another thing altogether to make an impact on others by how we speak, act, and handle ourselves. It is generally easy to enjoy the rich food and drink that goes along with our celebrations. Let us be sure that all the baggage we got rid of throughout Lent is gone forever. Especially when some of those bags are habitual things, they can easily creep back into our lives again. If we maintain the joy of Easter and our salvation through the Resurrected Christ, then we have a much better chance of never going back to those bad habits again. Rejoice, and live your life like you are rejoicing. Live the love of Jesus Christ in all that you do. Pray for receiving the grace that the last few days of this Octave of Easter brings to our hearts and souls. Be open to the grace and mercy of God this weekend for Divine Mercy Sunday. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Enjoy the Easter season until it ends at Pentecost on June 8. Alleluia!

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, but it takes on a bit of special significance in Rome. Two of our most beloved popes, John XXIII and John Paul II, will be canonized as saints by Pope Francis and the Church. John Paul II is probably more familiar to us, as he is most recent in our memory. Much has been written, reported, and publicized throughout his pontificate and beyond. For John XXIII, not as much attention has been rendered, but at the time of Vatican II in the early 1960s, there was worldwide attention. With the recent 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, there has been a renewed interest in the council and its documents. For the Diocese of Columbus, we have one parish – our newest – in Canal Winchester named for Pope John XXIII. The pastor, Msgr. Anthony Frecker, and some parishioners are in Rome for the formal canonization.

I want to offer the following quote from Pope John XXIII, and I think you will agree that it speaks volumes about his legacy, but it also speaks very clearly to us today. Our practical challenge this week is to read it, meditate upon it, and pray it: "It sometimes happens that we hear certain opinions which disturb us, opinions expressed by people who, though fired with a commendable zeal for religion, are lacking in sufficient prudence and judgment in their evaluation of events. They can see nothing but calamity and disaster in the present state of the world. We must disagree with these prophets of doom, who are always forecasting worse disasters, as though the end of the world were at hand. Present indications are that the human family is on the threshold of a new era. We must recognize here the hand of God, who, as the years roll by, is ever directing our efforts, whether we realize it or not, towards the fulfillment of the inscrutable designs of His providence, wisely arranging everything, even adverse human fortune, for the Church's good."

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## Divine Mercy Programs

The following parishes in the Diocese of Columbus have scheduled programs for Divine Mercy Sunday:

**Chillicothe St. Peter** – 12:30 to 3 p.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 3 p.m., singing of Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Benediction. Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Chaplet is being recited every day through Sunday at 3 p.m.

**Circleville St. Joseph** – 5 p.m., Chaplet, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Columbus Holy Family** – 12:30 p.m., Exposition; 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Reconciliation (Rosary will be prayed during confessions); 1:45 p.m., solemn blessing and veneration of Divine Mercy image; 2:15 p.m., Stations of the Cross; 3 p.m., Chaplet; 4:30 p.m., Benediction; 5 p.m., Mass.

**Columbus Sacred Heart** – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Reconciliation; 2 p.m., Exposition; 2:10 p.m., Scriptural Rosary; 2:30 p.m., Stations and Benediction; 3 p.m., Chaplet; 3:15 p.m., Mass.

**Columbus St. Catharine** – 2 p.m., Exposition; 2:05 to 3 p.m., Reconciliation; 2:05 p.m., Rosary; 2:30 p.m., Stations; 3 p.m., Chaplet, led by soloist; 3:30 p.m., Benediction.

**Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare** – 2 to 2:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet and Benediction.

**Lancaster St. Mark** – 3 p.m., Chaplet; 3:20 p.m., Mass, followed by reception.

**Mattingly Settlement St. Mary** – 2 to 3 p.m., Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Reconciliation available; 3 p.m., Chaplet and Benediction. Divine Mercy novena will be prayed following 3 p.m. daily Mass through Friday, April 25. Novena will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26, followed by Reconciliation, with Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter at 4:30.

**New Philadelphia Sacred Heart** – 2:30 p.m., Rosary, sermon, Chaplet, Benediction, Reconciliation.

**New Boston St. Monica** – 2 to 3 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Exposition, talk on the Divine Mercy message with Sis-



ter Mary Magdalene of the Sisters of Reparation, and praying of the Chaplet; 4:30 p.m., Mass with Anointing of the Sick, and veneration of first-class relic of St. Faustina.

**Newark Blessed Sacrament** – 10:30 a.m., Mass; 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Adoration; 1 to 3 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet, followed by Benediction. Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed at 3 p.m. daily through Saturday, April 26.

**Plain City St. Joseph** – 2 p.m., Exposition; 2 to 3:15 p.m., Reconciliation; 2:30 p.m., Rosary; 3 p.m., Chaplet; 3:30 p.m., Benediction.

**Powell St. Joan of Arc** – 3 p.m., Exposition, followed by blessing of Divine Mercy image and Chaplet; 3:30 to 5 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Benediction; 5:30 p.m., Mass. Rosary will be prayed throughout the celebration.

**Sunbury St. John Neumann** – 5 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour and sung Chaplet. The Chaplet also is being prayed daily at 3 p.m. in the adoration chapel as part of a novena that concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday.

**West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude** – 1 to 3 p.m., Adoration; 2 to 2:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet, followed by Benediction.

## Local Family to Receive Home Makeover from High School Students and Teachers

On Saturday, May 3, several Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students, staff, and parents will take part in their own form of the *Extreme Home Makeover* television program. Led by Sarah Gantz, a DeSales gradu-

ate and current Work and Family Life teacher at the school, they will be improving the home of a family with seven children, remodeling it and providing items such as a range, washer, and dryer which the family cannot afford.

Gantz was connected with the family through Rachel Muha, founder of the Brian Muha Foundation and its run the Race Club. This outreach program gathers children on Columbus' west side together for free after-school and Saturday programs, which include stories, crafts, games, tutoring, sports, and snacks. The programs help the children develop academically, physically, morally, and spiritually so they can make a difference in their own lives and the lives of their families.

Gantz is forming a Run the Race club at DeSales next year, but wanted to start helping immediately. "Upon meeting the mom, and realizing they were living without many of the items a family would use ... my students and I realized this was a wonderful opportunity to really make an impact," she said.

Participants in the makeover have se-

cured many donations and are planning a boys lacrosse clinic to help cover the costs of the makeover. A DeSales photography student will take family portraits to be included in some of the updated space.

The foundation is the legacy of Brian Muha, a Franciscan University of Steubenville student from Columbus who died on May 31, 1999, when two people who chose his off-campus house at random broke in, assaulted Brian and his friend Aaron Land, and killed them. His kind and charitable spirit lives on in his family and friends who are committed to helping others in his name.

The makeover "is about doing something in Brian's memory and supporting the wonderful work his mom, Rachel, does reaching out to so many kids that aren't as fortunate as our own," Gantz said.

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## For Blessed John XXIII, calling Vatican II was an act of faith

By Francis X. Rocca, Catholic News Service

Blessed John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council in the conviction that it was necessary for the Catholic Church, yet without preconceived ideas of what it would accomplish, said Vatican II participants who recalled the event half a century later.

The men spoke in exclusive interviews featured in a forthcoming Catholic News Service documentary film, *Voices of Vatican II: Council Participants Remember*.

Blessed John had come to a “conviction that something ought to be done in order to make the church more responsive to this modern world, in order to make the modern world more responsive to the church. And that intuition went far beyond his intellectual preparation,” said Jesuit Father Ladislav Orsy, a *peritus* -- or expert theological adviser -- at the council.

Cardinal Loris Capovilla, who served as Blessed John’s private secretary during his pontificate, was privy to some of the pope’s first remarks, made only a few days after his election in 1958, about what would become Vatican II.

Cardinals and bishops had presented the new pontiff with a litany of challenges before the church -- “not doctrinal but pastoral problems,” Cardinal Capovilla said -- in areas that included liturgy, diplomacy, and the education and discipline of priests.

“My desk is piling up with problems, questions, requests, hopes,” Blessed John told his secretary. “What’s really necessary is a council.”

When the secretary refused to comment, the pope interpreted his silence as disapproval.



Pope John XXIII signs the bull convoking the Second Vatican Council on Dec. 25, 1961. (CNS photo)

“You think I am old,” Blessed John told him. “You think I’ll make a mess out of this enormous task, that I don’t have time. ... But that’s not how you think with faith. ... If one can only begin with the preparatory commission, that will be of great merit. If one dies, another will come. It is a great honor even to begin.”

Blessed John died on June 3, 1963, after the council’s first session, and the remaining four sessions took place under his successor, Pope Paul VI.

Yet Blessed John’s ideas greatly influenced the outcome of Vatican II in certain areas, including liturgy.

Cardinal Paul Poupard, who served as a *peritus* at the council, said Blessed John believed “liturgy better expresses the mystery of the church insofar as everyone takes part, so the more who take part, the better.”

In that spirit, Cardinal Poupard said, the liturgical reform that followed in the council’s wake produced a missal that was simpler, clearer, and celebrated in modern languages.

The pope’s influence was also eventually seen in the council’s 1965 declaration *Nostra Aetate*, which exonerated the Jewish people of collective guilt for the killing of Jesus and affirmed that God’s covenant with them had never been abrogated.

Cardinal Georges Cottier, a Vatican II *peritus*, said Blessed John appreciated the special need for the document in the aftermath of the Holocaust. His sensitivity to the matter reflected his experience as a Vatican diplomat in prewar Bulgaria, where he had befriended many Jews, and his later actions to save Jews in the region from the Nazi genocide.

“So he knew the drama” of the Jews, Cardinal Cottier said. “Right away he said ‘Yes,’ with enthusiasm” to a proposal for such a document.

Yet the pope who called the council refused to define it for the bishops who would actually serve as its fathers. When asked what Vatican II was, Cardinal Poupard recalled, Blessed John would reply, “On the subject of the council, we are all novices. But when all the bishops are there, the Holy Spirit will be there and all will go well.”

Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, another *peritus*, recalled the now-legendary occasion when the pope stepped to the window of his study and said “‘What is the council? I don’t know.’ He opened the window and said, ‘At least some fresh air for the church.’”

Though Blessed John did not have a set program for the council, he did have models for it, including some contemporary secular initiatives.

“After the Second World War, it was a very good thing that there arose three international institutions: the U.N. for peace, the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) for bread, UNESCO for culture,” Cardinal Capovilla recalls the pope saying. “Why don’t we get together to talk?”

### Key events in the life of Pope John XXIII

Pope John XXIII was the 260th successor of St. Peter, serving as pope from October 1958 to June 1963. He is best known for convening the Second Vatican Council.

1881

Nov. 25, Born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli to Giovanni Battista and Marianna Giulia Roncalli

1904

Aug. 10, Ordained a priest; serves as secretary to bishop of Bergamo.

1915–18

Serves as medic and chaplain during World War I.

1921

Goes to Rome to head Italian national office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

1925

Named archbishop; appointed apostolic visitor to Bulgaria.

1934

Transfers to Istanbul to serve as apostolic delegate to Turkey and Greece.

1939–44

During World War II, helps many Jews escape Nazi persecution, coordinating rescue plans with other ambassadors.

1944

Named nuncio to Paris.

1953

Named a cardinal and patriarch of Venice.

1958

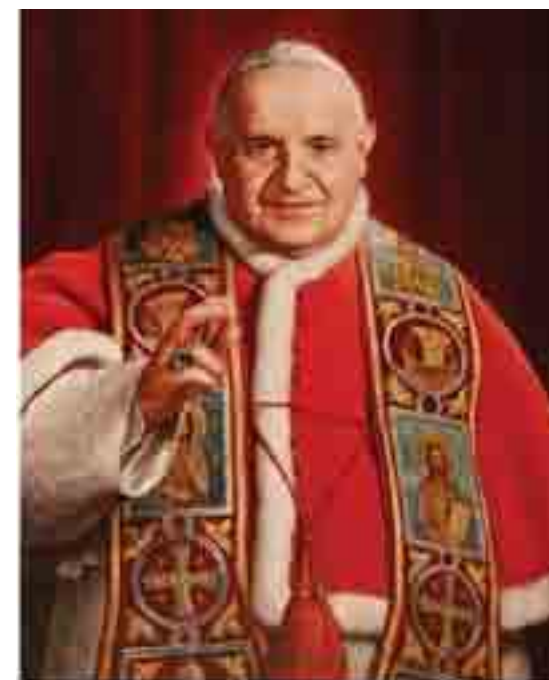
Oct. 28, elected pope, takes name John XXIII.

1962

Oct. 11, opens first session of Second Vatican Council.



Pope John XXIII leads the opening session of the Second Vatican Council in St. Peter's Basilica Oct. 11, 1962. (CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano)



1963

Releases “Pacem in Terris” (“Peace on Earth”), social encyclical teaching that true peace must be built on pillars of truth, justice, love and freedom.

Pope John XXIII signs his encyclical “Pacem in Terris” (“Peace on Earth”) at the Vatican in this 1963 file photo. Considered a highlight in Catholic social teaching, the encyclical addresses universal rights and relations between states. (CNS photo)

1963

June 3, dies of cancer.



The body of Pope John XXIII lies in state at the Vatican June 4, 1963, the day after he died of cancer. (CNS)

2000

Sept. 3, beatified by Pope John Paul II.

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## Short pontificate, long impact; Blessed John XXIII launched reforms

By Catholic News Service

Although he served as pope for less than five years, Blessed John XXIII left one of the most lasting legacies in the Catholic Church’s history by convening the Second Vatican Council.

A plump, elderly, smiling Italian of peasant origins, the future pope had an illustrious career as a papal diplomat in Bulgaria, Turkey, and postwar France.

He became pope amid the dismantling of colonialism and the rise of the Cold War and on the cusp of a technological transformation unlike anything the world had seen since the Industrial Revolution.

Citing the Holy Spirit as his source of inspiration, he called the Second Vatican Council to help the church confront the rapid changes and mounting challenges unfolding in the world -- and, by inviting non-Catholics to the council, to work toward Christian unity.

As pope from 1958 to 1963, Blessed John launched an extensive renewal of the church when he convened the council, which set in motion major reforms with regard to the church’s structure and liturgy, ecumenism, social communication, and relations with Eastern churches.

After the initial session’s close in 1962, he set up a committee to direct council activities during the nine-month recess. Subsequent sessions -- the final one ended in December 1965 -- produced documents on the role of bishops, priestly formation, religious life, Christian education, the laity, and interreligious dialogue.

He produced a number of historic encyclicals, including *Mater et Magistra* on Christian social doctrine and *Pacem in Terris*, issued in 1963 at the height of the Cold War, on the need for global peace and justice.

He established the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law, which oversaw the updating of the general law of the church after the Second Vatican Council, culminating in publication of the new code in 1983.

Before he was elected pope, he served as a Vatican diplomat. His work in Bulgaria and Turkey put the future pope in close contact with many Christians who were not in full communion with the Catholic Church and inspired him to dedicate much effort to try to recover the unity lost over the centuries. It was Blessed John who, as pope in 1960, created the Vatican’s office for promoting Christian unity.

With his humility, gentleness, and active courage, he reached out like the Good Shepherd to the marginalized and the world, visiting the imprisoned and the sick, and welcoming people from every nation and faith.

He visited many parishes in Rome, especially in the

city’s growing suburbs. His contact with the people and his open display of personal warmth, sensitivity, and fatherly kindness earned him the nickname “the Good Pope.”

Blessed John brought a humble, yet charismatic, personal style to the papacy. He placed great importance on his modest upbringing in a village about 25 miles northeast of Milan, saying “I come from the country, from poverty” that he said was “happy and blessed poverty -- not cursed, not endured.”

Born in Sotto il Monte, Italy, in 1881, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was one of 13 children in a family of sharecroppers. He entered the minor seminary at age 11 and was sent to Rome to study at age 19.

He was ordained to the priesthood in 1904 and, after several years as secretary to the bishop of Bergamo, was called to the Vatican. In 1925, he began serving as a Vatican diplomat, first posted to Bulgaria, then to Greece and Turkey, and finally to France. He was named a cardinal and patriarch of Venice in 1953.

After more than five years as patriarch of Venice, then-Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope on Oct. 28, 1958.

He died of cancer on June 3, 1963.

Blessed John was beatified in 2000 by Blessed John Paul II, with whom he will be canonized on Sunday, April 27.



Blessed John XXIII, who will be made a saint on April 27, is remembered by many for his warmth, simplicity, social conscience, and sense of humor. Pope Francis, who will canonize “the Good Pope,” recalled his predecessor as being holy, patient, and a man of courage, especially by calling the Second Vatican Council. Blessed John is pictured in an undated photo. (CNS photo)



ON A FIRM FOUNDATION



By Loren Brown

## Traditions remind us of the hope inherent in the Easter message

As a child, one of my favorite memories of Easter was going into the woods to find an Easter tree. I don't know how many of you know about this tradition, but we would go on a hunt for a small sapling that was just beginning to bud. After bringing the tree home, my siblings and I had a great time coloring eggshells to decorate the tree.

My wife and I continued this tradition, and last weekend, our two children came home to help find our tree and celebrate Easter. Even though our children are grown, my wife still fills an Easter basket for the kids, and, of course, one for me. I love to see my 49-year-old basket (my mother saved it all these years!) filled with chocolate goodies on Sunday morning before Mass. Later, we gather with family and feast on a traditional supper as we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord.

I suspect that last weekend, many of you had similar celebrations for Easter, possibly with the exception of the tree. You see, the Easter tree has a special significance in our family. The sapling's small buds show that spring is coming. More importantly, it symbolizes a new beginning, much in the way that Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection gave Christians a new beginning.

Throughout Lent, we renewed our baptismal commitment by focusing on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Many of us also made individual sacrifices, such as giving up coffee or sweets. Even though Lent is over, I want to remind you that, for many people, sacrifice does not end. We have so many wonderful ministries in our diocese, and the staff and volunteers that work for these ministries are continually making sacrifices to further the mission.

For example, St. Lawrence Haven in Columbus operates with minimal staff. It relies heavily on volunteers to help prepare and distribute 300 to 500 bagged meals each day. And when it was faced with a shortage of food donations, its director started cooking meals in her own home kitchen. Organizations such as the Run the Race Club, which offers students on the west side of Columbus a free and safe place to gather after school, and the Dominican Learning Center, which provides tutoring to help adults improve their skills in reading, writing, spelling, speaking, listening, mathematics, and basic computer use also rely heavily on volunteers to fulfill their mission. Many times, they don't have

enough regular volunteers.

Of course, these organizations also have financial needs. They look to individuals and families to make sacrifices within their own budgets to help fund the needs of the ministry. In my work at The Catholic Foundation, I meet with many donors who do just that – make financial sacrifices so they can contribute to a ministry or organization that they feel passionate about. In fact, all of the organizations I listed above have received grants both from The Catholic Foundation's unrestricted funds and from individual donors who directed funds to a specific ministry.

As we enter into spring and a time for new beginnings, I encourage you each to think about how you can take a fresh approach in your commitment to serving the Lord. Consider what sacrifices you can make throughout the year, not just during Lent, much as the people who support these ministries have done. Perhaps you can commit to volunteering regularly at an organization, or maybe you are in a position to contribute financially. For those looking to provide monetary support, give me a call at The Catholic Foundation. We have many options available, for people from all backgrounds and financial means. I encourage you to give us a call (1-866-298-8893) to see how we can help with your charitable gifts.

I hope that you each had a blessed Easter! He is risen!

*Brown is the president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation and a parishioner at Granville St. Edward Church.*

### DeSales Lacrosse Clinic

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, will host a lacrosse clinic from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Monday, May 5 for boys in grades three to six.

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## They called him 16670

Is it a number? Is it a place on a map, an image ingrained into the very fabric of society, or an idea brought into the world so long, long ago? For me, the willingness of St. Maximilian Kolbe to give up his life at Auschwitz so another man might live is a moment in time that has forever changed my outlook on life. It gives me much pause for reflection upon a pure sacrifice at a time when men willingly gave their lives for a righteous cause. They asked not for notoriety, but to simply live their lives as Christ would have envisioned, through service to their fellow man.

What continues to amaze me is the pace at which good is performed. We do not read about it in the news or in a magazine. It is something done in

the middle of the night or in a whisper. We are as oblivious to its presence as we are to the majesty of its action. But it is here, in our everyday lives and in the world in which we exist. In our pressing need to have our lives so polished and busy, we forget about those who are marginalized by society and are in desperate need of the simple things in life – a warm smile, a heartfelt embrace, a welcoming hand, or a forgiving grace.

Such was the life of one man and the transforming power of his prayers. His dedication to our mother Mary was a light which others would follow. There are countless stories of how this ordinary man became something much larger than himself. Placed into

situations by tragedy and happenstance, this man carried out miracles with a dose of adrenaline and heart. He was humbled by the sight of another, and he would ask for us not to forget the countless others who gave their lives so that he and we could carry out our own destiny. Even the man he saved dedicated his life to carrying on the mantle of servant, telling the story of his savior throughout the rest of his life.

That man, Franciszek, a simple Polish sergeant, did not know at the time of his impending salvation. But isn't that much like us, how we are blind to the ways of the Lord and to the eternal world He represents. Perhaps that is how He wants it, because to St. Maximilian Kolbe, it was the journey, not the destination, that dictated how he approached his faith and his total love for our mother Mary and Christ.

He was quoted as saying that "the most deadly poison of our time is indifference." It is true that when we pray, we lift up our hearts to Christ through Mary's intercession. This is something many of us choose to ignore because the reality of not having a direct connection to God is frightening. We are reluctant to accept the fact that many voices can be united in a single



prayer. Maximilian knew this to be true. In fact, he dedicated his life to this pursuit.

The love of the divine was his greatest achievement and his crowning glory. As Jesus rose from the dead to become our redeemer, Maximilian stayed on earth just long enough to become a redeemer for his fellow man. It is unfortunate that most of us will always be thought of as just another nameless person – in St. Maximilian's case, prisoner 16670 – to an ignorant few. But remember, we are all one in the eyes of Christ.

May this Easter find you with much joy. May spring bring warm memories, and may the wind be forever at your backs. May His peace and Maximilian's peace be with you always.

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# NEW SAINTS HAD IMPACT ON LOCAL RESIDENTS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

As they prepare for this Sunday's canonization ceremonies for Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II, many people in the Diocese of Columbus will be taking a few extra looks at an image of John Paul in their homes or workplaces that was painted by Columbus artist Bill Eisele. The portrait of the pope leaning his head on his crucifix-topped bishop's staff has been an enduring image of his papacy.

The original is at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Two-thousand prints were made of

it and sold for \$12 apiece, with the money going to the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Most of the prints were sold to people in the diocese, but others were sent to Mexico and to nations in Europe and South America. The late Father John Ogurchock, MM, a Maryknoll missionary known to many diocesan residents, had one at his mission in Bolivia.

A plaque including the painting and an engraved metal strip with the Polish words for "Vicar of Christ" was presented to Pope John Paul by Columbus Bishop

(now Bishop Emeritus) James Griffin in 1983 during Bishop Griffin's ad limina visit to Rome, with a picture of the presentation appearing in the *Catholic Times*.

"Bishop Griffin told me that when the pope saw the picture, there was a big smile on his face," Eisele said. "Afterward, I received a thank-you note from his secretary. Knowing that a pope who is about to become a saint was touched by my work remains one of the great thrills of my life."

The late Cardinal John O'Connor of New York City asked for and received a copy of the portrait after viewing it. He wrote Eisele a thank-

you note saying "Your extraordinary depiction of the warmth, strength, and sanctity of our Holy Father is compelling. I am as impressed as I am grateful" for receiving it.

Eisele said that among the many compliments he received for the picture, none was more cherished than the response of a sister who taught him art at the former Columbus St. Mary High School. "She and all the other sisters in the convent looked at it, and they all said one syllable - 'Ohhh!' She felt so honored that one of her students was so



gifted by God that he was able to become an artist and paint a pope."

Eisele, 92, grew up as a member of Columbus St. Leo Church and has lived on the city's east side with his wife, Ruth, since their marriage 64 years ago. After high school, he graduated from the former Columbus Art School (now the Columbus College of Art and Design) and became art director for the former Wheeler-Kight & Gainey advertising agency in Columbus.

In 1968, his drawing of a partridge in a pear tree was selected as the national Christmas Seal stamp for the American Lung Association, with more than eight billion copies printed.

Besides doing commercial work, he painted occasional religious pictures for his own satisfaction, beginning with a miniature of Jesus he did for his mother at age 18, which is displayed in his home today. When John Paul was elevated to the papacy in 1978, he painted a head-and-shoulders portrait of the pope, with the Shroud of Turin in the background.

"After I started reading more about John Paul's life, I became more impressed by his background, his own artistic work as actor, author, and poet, and his travels around the world," Eisele said. "He was the right man at the right time. After the first portrait, I wanted to do something more. It took five years, and as I kept seeing the pope pictured in the way the second portrait shows, that became what I decided on."

The work is a mixed-media drawing on colored stock, with the pope's face done in what Eisele described as serial watercolor, and his papal staff highlighted in opaque white and metallic colors. Eisele said the original was donated to the Josephinum because of its status as the only papal seminary outside of Italy.

It took about 20 hours to complete the work in 1983. "Like the first portrait, it was mainly for my own pleasure," he said. "But a friend of mine whose brother owned Old Trail Printing in Columbus said more people ought to see it, donating the paper and printing so that all the money made from the prints could go to St. Vincent de Paul."

He said his last religious-themed work was a portrait of Jesus he completed about 20 years ago. It is displayed in his home, along with the

**Left: Bill Eisele of Columbus with his 1983 portrait of Pope John Paul II, which has been distributed worldwide, and a portrait of Christ which he drew about 20 years ago and was his last work of religious art. Right: John Paul II in 1987 with Molly McKain, recipient of a miracle which helped lead to the canonization of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, and her sister, Kathleen McKain (third and fourth from left).**

CT photo by Tim Puet (left); photo courtesy Regina Quinn (right)

two depictions of John Paul and some of his other art. "After I retired, I promised Christ that I'd use the limited talent he gave me to honor him. When I finished the picture of Jesus, I felt I'd said everything I needed to," he said.

"Outside of my job, I did perhaps 20 paintings with religious and other themes over the years. The number wasn't important, but the quality was. I'm pretty hard to please."

The two popes being canonized this weekend touched the lives of several other diocesan residents in direct and indirect ways.

Regina Quinn, diocesan safe environment coordinator, shook hands with John Paul following the canonization ceremony in 1987 of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first saint from the Philippines. "After 27 years, all I can say is 'Wow!'" she said. "Just listening to the pope was a thrill, and recalling how he spoke in seven or eight languages."

Quinn was at the canonization because she is a cousin of Molly McKain, the recipient of one of the miracles attributed to St. Lorenzo that allowed him to be canonized. Quinn said a car accident had left McKain in a vegetative state, but after several months of prayer by friends and family members to St. Lorenzo, she recovered and learned to walk and talk again. During the canonization, McKain received the Eucharist and a blessing from John Paul.

Diane Haemmerle of Columbus had a similar reaction to Quinn's during a brief encounter with John Paul at the Vatican in 1989. "My husband, John, was president of The Catholic Foundation at the time, and we were fortunate enough to



have first-row tickets for an audience in St. Peter's Square," she said. "The pope shook hands with all of us in the row, and I still find it hard to put my feelings into words.

"He had such kind, soft, beautiful blue eyes, like he could see into your soul. He radiated kindness and calmness," she said. Haemmerle also was impressed with how the pope took time

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## PARISH CELEBRATES ITS PATRON SAINT

Pope John XXIII Parish, 5170 Winchester Southern Road, Canal Winchester, will be honoring its patron's elevation to sainthood with several events in the next few weeks.

A video of the canonization ceremony for Blessed John XXIII and Blessed Pope John Paul II will be shown by the parish's faith formation committee at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27. Snacks and refreshments will be available. No other events related to the canonization will take place in the parish on that day because its pastor, Msgr. A. Anthony Frecker, will be at the Vatican attending the ceremony.

"I am elated at the canonization of John XXIII, the patron of our parish," said Msgr. Frecker, who will narrate a power point presentation on the canonization at a formal banquet in honor of St. John XXIII at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9. The banquet is limited to parish members on a first-come, first-served basis because of limited capacity in the parish hall.

"I first talked to the artist by phone in December," Gerkin said. "We have been in touch frequently by phone and email since then. He has been sending us pictures regularly, beginning with the clay version of the statue, and has been very responsive to the changes we have suggested in response to what we have seen.

"The statue will show Pope John in a conversational pose, with a slight smile, his right hand slightly extended. It will not be standing on a pedestal, and at 5-foot-6, it's the same size as Pope John. We want it to appear as though he is advising you in his usual loving, pastoral way - not giving you a formal blessing or preaching to you, but talking to you," he said.

The statue blessing and dedication is part of a year of honoring Pope John that began with the parish's annual celebration of his life on his feast day, Oct. 11. That day in 1962 marked the first session of the Second Vatican Council, the most notable achievement of his five-year papacy.

John XXIII Parish, founded in 2000, the newest parish in the Diocese of Columbus, includes a display of items related to its patron's papacy. It is noted for its bright-yellow, classic Greco-Roman exterior, whose style and color reflect the buildings found in the area of northern Italy that was John XXIII's home.

# Blessed John Paul brought moral force, intellect, flair to world stage

By Catholic News Service

Blessed John Paul II, who will be canonized on Sunday, April 27, was one of the most forceful moral leaders of the modern age. He brought a philosopher's intellect, a pilgrim's spiritual intensity, and an actor's flair for the dramatic to his role as head of the universal church.

The Polish pope was a tireless evangelizer and forceful communicator, speaking to millions in their own languages. But toward the end of his life, his powers of speech faltered with his worsening illness, which left him often unable to even murmur a blessing.

The first non-Italian pope in 455 years, Blessed John Paul became a spiritual protagonist in the fall of European communism, which began in his native Poland in 1989, and the passage to the third millennium of Christianity.

As pastor of the universal church, he jetted around the world, taking his message to 129 nations in 104 trips outside Italy -- including seven to the United States.

Within the church, the pope was just as vigorous and no less controversial. He disciplined dissenting theologians, excommunicated self-styled "traditionalists," and upheld often unpopular church positions such as its opposition

to artificial birth control. At the same time, he pushed Catholic social teaching into areas including bioethics, international economics, racism, and ecology.

In his later years, the pope moved with difficulty, tired easily, and was less expressive -- all symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Yet he pushed himself to the limits of his physical capabilities, convinced that such suffering was itself a form of spiritual leadership.

He led the church through a heavy program of soul-searching events during the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. His pilgrimage to the Holy Land that year took him to the roots of the faith and dramatically illustrated the church's improved relations with Jews. He also presided over an unprecedented public apology for the sins of Christians during darker chapters of church history, such as the Inquisition and the Crusades.

His social justice encyclicals, including his landmark apostolic letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (At the Beginning of the New Millennium), made a huge impact, addressing the moral dimensions of human labor and the shortcomings of the free-market system.

The pope approved a universal catechism as one remedy for doctrinal

ambiguity. He also pushed church positions further into the public forum. In the 1990s, he urged the world's bishops to step up their fight against abortion and euthanasia. His sharpened critique of these and other "anti-family" policies helped make him *Time* magazine's choice for Man of the Year in 1994.

The pope was a cautious ecumenist, insisting that real differences between religions and churches not be covered up. Yet he made several dramatic gestures, including: launching a Catholic-Orthodox theological dialogue in 1979; visiting a Rome synagogue in 1986; hosting world religious leaders at a "prayer summit" for peace in 1986; and traveling to Damascus, Syria, in 2001, where he became the first pontiff to visit a mosque.

Karol Jozef Wojtyla was born on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, a small town near Krakow, in southern Poland. He lost his mother at age 9, his only brother at 12, and his father at 20.

An accomplished actor in Krakow's underground theater during the war, he changed paths and joined the city's clandestine seminary after being turned away from a Carmelite monastery with the advice "You are destined for greater things."

Following studies in Rome, he returned to Poland for parish work in 1948, spending weekends on camping trips with young people. When named auxiliary bishop of Krakow in 1958, he was Poland's youngest bishop. He became archbishop of Krakow in 1964. He also came to the attention of the universal church through his work on documents of the Second Vatican Council.

Though increasingly respected in Rome, Cardinal Wojtyla was a virtual unknown when elected pope on Oct. 16, 1978. In St. Peter's Square that night, he set his papal style in a heartfelt talk -- delivered in fluent Italian, interrupted by loud cheers from the crowd.

After more than 26 years as pope, Blessed John Paul died at age 84 at the Vatican on April 2, 2005, the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday had special significance for Blessed John Paul, who made it a churchwide feast day to be celebrated a week after Easter. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, 2011, and will be canonized by Pope Francis on the same feast day, April 27, 2014, together with Blessed John XXIII, the pope Blessed John Paul beatified in 2000.

# Blessed John Paul played major role in fall of Soviet communism

By Francis X. Rocca

Catholic News Service

Catholics venerate Blessed John Paul II for his holiness, as demonstrated, among other ways, by his globetrotting evangelism and long-suffering endurance in the papacy despite his illness.

For secular historians, however, none of the late pope's accomplishments looms larger than his role in the end of the Cold War and the fall of Soviet communism.

Blessed John Paul's opposition to totalitarianism grew out of his devotion to the idea of God-given human rights. As a father of the Second Vatican Council, then-Archbishop Karol Wojtyla of Krakow, Poland, was a key supporter of the 1965 Declaration on Religious Freedom, *Dignitatis Humanae*, which affirmed that the "right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person, as this dignity is known through the revealed word of God and by reason itself."

During the 1970s, a period of increasing ferment in Poland marked by major strikes to protest the communist government's economic failures, then-Cardinal Wojtyla became a well-known

champion of human rights for all Poles. "It cannot happen that one group of men, one social group -- however well-deserving -- should impose on the whole people an ideology, an opinion contrary to the will of the majority," he said in a 1976 homily.

After his 1978 election to the papacy, Blessed John Paul modified Pope Paul VI's policy of *Ostpolitik*, whereby the Vatican sought to foster better relations with Soviet-bloc countries in the hope of improving conditions for Catholic churches there. The new pope kept open the channels of dialogue while pressing communist regimes to comply with international agreements on human rights.

In June 1979, less than nine months after becoming pope, Blessed John Paul visited his native land, where he spoke to crowds totaling 13 million and publicly called for "political self-determination for (Poland's) citizens and formation of its own culture and civilization."

The next year, nationwide strikes forced the Polish government to raise wages, loosen censorship, and permit the formation of an independent labor union, Solidarity. Blessed John Paul was a major inspiration for this nonvio-

lent movement. Lech Walesa, a Solidarity leader and later president of Poland, signed the accords ending those strikes with a pen bearing the pope's picture.

The alarm of Polish officials and Soviet leaders at the pope's influence in that period has been well-documented in books published since the end of the Cold War. When a Turkish gunman nearly succeeding in killing Blessed John Paul in May 1981, many observers suspected a Soviet connection. That link never has been proven, but Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, the late pope's secretary, wrote in 2007 that Blessed John Paul himself believed Moscow was behind the assassination attempt.

"Don't all roads, however disparate they are, lead to the KGB?" Cardinal Dziwisz wrote.

Blessed John Paul's second visit to Poland, in June 1983, came after the Polish government imposed martial law to suppress the democracy movement. The pope met with Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski and called on other countries to lift economic sanctions against the military regime. But he also publicly championed independent "trade unions as a mouthpiece for the struggle for

social justice" and insisted on meeting with Walesa, who was still in custody. Martial law was lifted the next month.

Over the following years, the pope continued to encourage the democracy movement with weekly radio addresses in Polish. In 1989, against a background of liberalizing moves by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the Polish government agreed to hold roundtable negotiations with representatives of Solidarity and the Catholic Church. Walesa later wrote that the idea for the negotiations came from Blessed John Paul.

As a result of those talks, elections in June 1989 led to the formation of a new Polish government led by a non-communist prime minister. Within a few months, the Berlin Wall was down, and communist regimes had fallen in Czechoslovakia and Romania. The drive for independence by other Soviet bloc states and Soviet republics finally led to the end of the USSR in 1991.

"Everything that happened in Eastern Europe in these last years," Gorbachev wrote in 1992, "would have been impossible without the presence of this pope and without the important role -- including the political role -- that he played on the world stage."

## Pope John Paul II A chronological record of the life and accomplishments of Karol Wojtyla

<p><b>1920</b> May 18: Born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland</p>	<p><b>Formation</b> Devotion to the Eucharist, study of the Bible, and philosophy</p> <p><b>1938</b> Earns bachelors degree from Jagiellonian University</p>	<p><b>1940</b> Studies (interrupted) works as manual laborer</p> <p><b>1941</b> Father dies</p>	<p><b>1954</b> Completes doctorate in philosophy • Teaches at Jagiellonian and in Lublin</p> <p><b>1958</b> Sept. 28: Becomes auxiliary bishop of Krakow</p>	<p><b>Vatican II</b> He attends the 1963-65 Second Vatican Council where he helps to draft documents on religious freedom and the Church's relationship with the world</p> <p><b>1964</b> Jan. 15: Becomes Archbishop of Krakow</p>	<p><b>1978</b> Oct. 16: Becomes 264th pope</p>
<p><b>1929</b> Mother dies • Receives first Communion</p>	<p><b>1942</b> Earns secret seminary</p> <p><b>1945</b> Resumes studies</p> <p><b>1946</b> Nov. 1: Ordained priest</p> <p><b>1948</b> Earns doctorate in theology</p>	<p><b>1967</b> June 20: Becomes cardinal</p>	<p><b>1979</b> Makes first of 104 papal trips abroad</p>	<p><b>1983</b> Issues new Code of Canon Law • Opens Holy Year of redemption • Visits Agca in prison</p> <p><b>1984</b> Establishes diplomatic relations with United States</p> <p><b>1985</b> Warns Europe against abortion</p>	<p><b>1986</b> Makes historic visit to Rome synagogue • Calls world religious leaders to Assisi to pray for peace</p> <p><b>1987</b> Opens Marian year: • Convenes first international World Youth Day • Calls Vatican meeting to resolve Catholic-Jewish controversies</p> <p><b>1989</b> Communism falls in Eastern Europe, pope seen as key figure</p>
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Second Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

# An appropriate reading for Divine Mercy Sunday



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

**Acts 2:42-47**  
**1 Peter 1:3-9**  
**John 20:19-31**

Pope John Paul II renamed this Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000. It is appropriately named, as JPII and John XXIII are beatified this day because they both showed God's mercy in their lives and received it as well. The Gospel reading especially highlights the mercy of God, unleashed in the command the risen Christ gives to disciples on Easter night to forgive sins. The threefold greeting of "Peace" underscores this mercy, inasmuch as Jesus greets those who had abandoned him at his arrest.

The Acts reading introduces the early community's experiment with communal living, flanked by the breaking of bread and prayers. They had "all things in common" and they divided what they held in common among all, "according to each one's need." Increasingly these days, the popes, especially Pope Francis, have stressed the need for this responsibility to care for one's neighbor across cultures and societies, especially in cultures like ours, where the massive accumulation of goods among the haves is increasing the burden on the have-nots. It is increasingly difficult to justify this accumulation when so many of the world's population live in abject poverty. Those who are serious about spreading the message of God's mercy have to be ready to share from their substance with others, or their push for mercy is simply one more example of talk, which is cheap. A Christian who is not generous with what he or she has is not worthy of Christ.

First Peter may well be a postbaptismal instruction to new Christians. There are two letters attributed to Peter in the New Testament, but neither one is likely traceable to the historical Peter. The writer(s) may have

READING EVENT AT ST. TIMOTHY SCHOOL

Do you know a child having trouble in school with writing, reading, or spelling? Are you spending hours on homework or finding yourself reading textbooks to your child? These concerns will be addressed at an event at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, May 1 in Columbus St. Timothy School, 1070 Thomas Lane.

The program will include a documentary film on these issues, followed by a panel discussion including parents and educators.

For more information, contact Maria Phillips at maphilli@cdeeducation.org or (614) 221-5829, or Mike McGovern at info@cobida.org or (614) 891-8020.

been taught by Peter at one time or another, but Peter himself likely did not write anything in the New Testament. Attributing a written work to a famous (already dead) person like Peter was a common practice at the time. First Peter comes from the 70s or the 80s of the first century. Peter died in 64 AD. Making Peter the author would give the letter more credibility.

First Peter is filled with the Christian hope of sharing in the glory of God, despite the trials and tribulations we may have to encounter along the way. Sunday's selection speaks of the "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" inheritance which awaits the faithful Christian at the end of our journey in faith, even if that journey means "you may have to suffer through various trials." The words are perfect instructions for the newly baptized today as well.

The Gospel is always the same on the Second Sunday of Easter, which presents the risen Jesus appearing to the disciples on "the evening of that first day of the week." Thus we are still on the day of Christ's resurrection, as he appears to those assembled and immediately confers on them the authority to forgive sins. This is done after they have received the Holy Spirit by Jesus' breathing on them.

The text does not make clear who would have been included among the disciples gathered in the room, but they all were commissioned to forgive sins. This becomes the premiere work of the disciples of Jesus — to forgive sins. This is perhaps why Pope Francis is always admitting that he is a sinner; namely, so that the rest of us will admit that we are sinners and that Christ has authorized a way for those sins to be forgiven, through the ministry of the Church.

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

STONE LAB PROGRAM

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School sophomore Katy Spittel was selected to attend The Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory on Lake Erie this summer. She will be taking an introduction to biological Studies course in the area of aquatic biology. She also received a \$400 scholarship to attend the program.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School



The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
 Acts 4:23-31  
 Psalm 2:1-9  
 John 3:1-8

TUESDAY  
 Acts 4:32-37  
 Psalm 93:1-2,5  
 John 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY  
 Acts 5:17-26  
 Psalm 34:2-9  
 John 3:16-21

THURSDAY  
 Acts 5:27-33  
 Psalm 34:2,9,17-20  
 John 3:31-36

FRIDAY  
 Acts 5:34-42  
 Psalm 27:1,4,13-14  
 John 6:1-15

SATURDAY  
 1 Corinthians 15:1-8  
 Psalm 19:2-5  
 John 14:6-14

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2014

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

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

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

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

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

**DAILY MASS**  
 8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above; and on 1-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

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to spend a moment with each of what she estimated were at least 100 elderly or disabled individuals who were in a special section.

Msgr. James Geiger, retired and living at the Villas at St. Therese, celebrated Mass with John Paul in 1983 while on sabbatical leave at the Vatican.

"I was part of a group of about 25 priests for whom an Army chaplain made arrangements to celebrate Mass with the Holy Father in his chapel," he told the *Catholic Times* in a 2010 interview. "Afterward, we gathered in the hall outside his office. He greeted us individually and a photographer took pictures as the pope spoke to each of us." He said the picture remains a cherished possession. During the same visit, he also celebrated Mass with then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who later became John Paul's papal successor, Pope Benedict XVI.

Deacon Felix Azzola of Delaware St. Mary Church grew up in the Italian province of Bergamo about 20 miles from John XXIII's hometown of Sotto il Monte and will be traveling to Rome for the canonizations with his wife, Melanie.

Deacon Azzola said he saw Pope John two or three times while studying for the priesthood in Milan with the PIME missionary order, whose former seminary in Newark is now Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center. After the death of the pope, who was born Angelo Roncalli, he got to know members of the Roncalli family through serving as a tour guide at John XXIII's birthplace, a site the pope had donated to the order in 1962, the year before his death. Like its counterpart in Ohio, it served as a seminary and now is a retreat center.

"Pope John always had a kind disposi-

tion toward the PIME order's missionary work because of his work as a diplomat and as Archbishop of Venice," Deacon Azzola said. "Of course, the enthusiasm all over Bergamo for the canonization is enormous, with huge celebrations planned throughout the province. I'll be part of some of those, bringing greetings from Delaware and the Diocese of Columbus."

Also attending the canonizations will be Father Timothy Hayes, pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church, and a group of pilgrims from the parish. The ceremony will be part of a pilgrimage from April 21-30 whose theme will be "In the Footsteps of St. Timothy" and will include stops at a number of locations linked to the patron of Father Hayes' parish.

"As a seminarian in Rome, I was able to meet John Paul on a few occasions for audiences and for a special Mass with Bishop Griffin on his *ad limina* visits," he said. "When Bishop Griffin took us in with him for an *ad limina*, the pope looked at me and said to the bishop, 'He's young!'"

Father Jan Sullivan, pastor of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, told a similar story about John Paul. "I was in Rome in 1994 or '95 on a pilgrimage with Father Jerry Stluka (pastor of Columbus Holy Cross Church), who was celebrating his 25th anniversary as a priest," Father Sullivan said. "As we greeted the pope, Father Stluka put his hand on my shoulder and said jokingly to him, 'When are you going to make Father Sullivan a monsignor?' The pope just smiled and said 'He is a very young priest.'"

"We were on the trip with my parents, but my mother was ill. I told the pope that and he said 'She will be well' and



Father Timothy Hayes, then a seminarian in Rome, greets Pope John Paul II in the early 1980s. Columbus Bishop James Griffin is in the middle. Photo courtesy Father Timothy Hayes

gave me a rosary for her. Unlike the rest of us from Columbus making that pilgrimage, she's not Catholic, but she's the only one who got a papal souvenir," Father Sullivan said.

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church will have two representatives at the dual canonization ceremony, with parish member Brian Fulton serving as a chaperone for Olentangy High School sophomore Erik Welch.

"It's the opportunity of a lifetime," Welch said. "I'll be on a Franciscan University of Steubenville trip I found out about through an email I wasn't supposed to receive, which somehow came my way. I'm discerning the priesthood and couldn't turn this chance down. It's a financial challenge, but I've been able to do it through the generosity of my parents and through money I've earned from mulch sales and fish fries with the parish youth group.

"I'll be out of school, but my teachers gave me assignments for that period ahead of time and extended some deadlines. What I don't do in advance or during the trip, I'll finish on the weekend I

gave back." Fulton, whose son Michael is a diocesan seminarian, said he was grateful to be offered the chance to go with Welch after Welch's parents said they were unable to attend. "This is a momentous landmark in the history of our church," he said. "I'm not old enough to remember John XXIII, but can't think of anyone who's had more of an impact on the church than John Paul II."

Pope John XXIII Parish in Canal Winchester will show a video of the canonizations on Sunday. Its pastor, Msgr. Anthony Frecker, is at the Vatican for the ceremony and will talk about it at a parish banquet next month. In addition, the parish will dedicate a statue of its patron in June. Details of those activities are on Page 11.

Columbus St. Andrew Church will present a free showing of the documentary *Nine Days That Changed the World*, the story of John Paul's historic trip to Poland, at 7 p.m. Sunday in its Brice Eck Center, 3880 Reed Road. People who witnessed the events of the trip will talk about them after the screening.

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# Pray for our dead

FRICK, Richard L., 92, April 17  
St. Ann Church, Dresden

LaFOLLETTE, Betty J., 91, April 17  
St. Mary Church, Bremen

LEBOLD, Betty J., 84, April 14  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

MARCELAIN, Guy J., 76, April 18  
St. Agaha Church, Columbus

McGUINNESS, Helen M.L., 97, April 7  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

MODIC, Edwin K., 78, April 19  
Holy Family Church, Columbus

RITTER, Mary J., 58, April 16  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church,  
Columbus

SCHAEFER, Rita E., 87, April 18  
St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington  
Court House

SOMERS, Patrick J., 68, April 16  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove  
City

STROPKI, Betty J., 82, April 13  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

WESLEY, Charles M., 96, April 12  
St. Mary Church, Columbus

WILSON, Patricia E., 89, April 13  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

WIRTZ, Frances M., 70, April 18  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

YEAGER, Carole D., 71, April 18  
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

## Donald W. Jones

A funeral service for Donald W. “Deke” Jones, 82, who died Friday, April 11, was held Saturday, April 19 at the Reed-Egan Funeral Home, Newark. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Newark.

He was born April 29, 1931, to Donald and Anna (Floyd) Jones, was a 1949 Newark High School graduate, and served in the Navy during the Korean War.

He was a letter carrier for more than 30 years at the Newark post office, retiring in 1986. He then went to work for the maintenance department at Newark St. Francis de Sales School until 1993. He also was an assistant varsity football coach and the first freshman football coach at Newark

Catholic High School and was instrumental in starting its junior high track and field program.

He was a past president of the Newark St. Vincent de Paul Society, served on the boards of Catholic Social Services and the Licking County Food Pantry Network, and was a member of National Letter Carriers Union Local 281 and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Patricia (Parmelee); son, T.J. Hale; brother, James; and a grandson. Survivors include his wife, Linda (Grant); sons, Brian and David; daughters, Elizabeth, Karen, Maureen (Jeff) Stowell, and Buffy (Benjamin) Carter; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## OP

## Sister Catherine Allen, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Catherine Allen, OP, 82, who died at the Mohun Health Care Center on Sunday, April 20, was held Thursday, April 24, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on Dec. 5, 1931, in New Haven, Conn., to Daniel and Mary (Hanrahan) Allen. She entered the novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in 1950 and made her profession of vows in 1952, taking the name Sister Mary Edna.

She earned a bachelor of science degree from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University), a bachelor of arts degree from St. Nicholas Montessori College, and a certificate in administration from Fordham University.

She ministered as a teacher in the Diocese of Columbus at Lancaster St. Mary, Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas, and Columbus St. James

the Less schools, and as director of religious education at Coshocton Sacred Heart School. She also taught at schools in New York and Pennsylvania.

In response to a papal request to send missionaries to South America, she was one of four sisters from her order sent to Chimbote, Peru, where she served from 1966-76. After returning to the United States, she taught in Puerto Rico, worked with migrants in Florida, and returned to her hometown of New Haven in 1996. While there, she served on the staff of Dominican Supported Living Services and volunteered at the Springs Learning Center. She moved to the Motherhouse in Columbus in 2003 and volunteered at the Dominican Learning Center before becoming a resident of the Mohun center in 2012.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Daniel; and sister, Margaret Brainard. Survivors include several nieces and cousins.

## Men’s Luncheon Club Meeting

Patrick Shroyer will speak on the subject “From KOs to Halos – Fighting the Good Fight” at the Friday, May 2 meeting of the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. The meeting follows the 11:45 a.m. Mass.

No reservations are necessary, but a \$10 donation to cover the cost of lunch is requested.

Shroyer and his wife, Cheryl, lead a weekly prayer group in the Columbus area and serve as youth ministers at their parish. They have nine children and 10 grandchildren.

For information on the luncheon club, contact its president, John Schechter, at jschechter@sbcglobe.net or go to www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com.

NEW PROGRAM SCHEDULE

# LOCAL PROGRAMS

WEEKDAYS AT NOON

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

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## APRIL

24-26, THURSDAY-SATURDAY  
Three Bags Full Consignment Sale  
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Highpoint Nazarene

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

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

Church, 795 Pollock Road, Delaware. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children’s items, benefiting Catholic and pro-life charities including Joseph’s Coat clothing ministry and Knights of Columbus. 614-561-5300

24-27, THURSDAY-SUNDAY  
Divine Mercy Novena at Mattingly Settlement  
St. Mary Church, 6280 St. Mary Road, off Creamery Road and State Route 60, Mattingly Settlement. Praying of the Divine Mercy Novena. Times: Thursday-Friday, after 3 p.m. Mass; Saturday, 3 p.m., with Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:30; Sunday, 2 p.m., Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Divine Mercy chaplet and Benediction. Reconciliation available before Masses and during Sunday Holy Hour. 740-754-2221

Divine Mercy Novena at Blessed Sacrament  
3 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Church, 394 E. Main St., Newark. Novena of Divine Mercy, concluding Sunday with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from end of 10:30 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m., when chaplet will be recited, followed by Benediction. 740-345-4290  
Divine Mercy Novena at St. John Neumann  
3 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Daily praying of the Divine Mercy novena, concluding Sunday with Holy Hour and sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 5 p.m. Mass. 740-965-1358  
Divine Mercy Chaplet Recital at Chillicothe St. Peter  
3 p.m., St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., Chillicothe. Daily recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy, concluding on Sunday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from end of 11:30 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m., when chaplet will be sung, followed by Benediction. 740-774-4172

25, FRIDAY  
Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center Open House  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. 614-866-4302

25-27, FRIDAY-SUNDAY  
Disciples for Life Retreat at St. Therese’s  
St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual retreat sponsored by Disciples for Life of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. 614-871-7998

26, SATURDAY  
Scouting International Awareness Program  
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (8:30 to 11 a.m. for grades one to five). Holy Resurrection Melkite Catholic Church, 4611 Glenmawr Ave., Columbus. Annual international awareness program sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for all diocesan youths and adults. 614-882-7806

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  
Retreat Day at Corpus Christi Center of Peace  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Retreat day with Sister Noreen Malone, OP, followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass. Theme: “Discovering God at Every Age.” 614-512-3731  
Maternity Pavilion Blessing and Dedication at St. Ann’s  
Noon to 2 p.m., Mount Carmel St. Ann’s Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville. Blessing and dedication of Drs. Joseph Gallen Sr. and Jr. Maternity Pavilion. Memorial Mass for Children at Resurrection Cemetery

29, TUESDAY  
Wounded Warrior Project Program at Grove City  
6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Presentation by Cindy Parsons, advocate for Wounded Warrior Project to assist injured military veterans. RSVP to olphveteransprojects@yahoo.com.

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

‘Chasing Ice’ at Church of the Resurrection  
7 to 9 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Screening of “Chasing Ice” documentary film capturing visual evidence of climate change through use of time-lapse photography. Sponsored by diocesan Office for Social Concerns. 614-241-2540

Fisher Catholic Bid O’Luck Dinner Auction  
7 p.m. (cocktails, silent auction 5:30), Fisher Catholic High School, 1803 Granville Pike, Lancaster. School’s 33rd annual Bid O’Luck dinner, auction, and raffle. 740-654-1231

27, SUNDAY  
Divine Mercy Sunday events at parishes throughout the diocese are listed on Page 4.  
Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242  
St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans  
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. Elizabeth Bowen, OFS 614-276-1953  
Video of Dual Canonization at John XXIII  
4 p.m., Pope John XXIII Church, 5170 Winchester Southern Road, Canal Winchester. Parish’s faith formation committee sponsors video presentation of the canonization earlier that day of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. Snacks and refreshments will be available. 614-920-1563  
St. Dominic Gospel Choir Concert  
5 p.m., St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th St., Columbus. Annual concert of parish’s Gospel choir. 614-252-5926  
Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King  
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266  
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter  
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054  
‘Nine Days That Changed the World’ at St. Andrew  
7 p.m., Bryce Eck Center, St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. Showing of “Nine Days That Changed the World.” a documentary about Pope John Paul II’s 1979 trip to Poland, followed by discussion with a witness to the events. 614-439-3678

‘Catholics Returning Home’ at Mount Vernon  
7 to 9 p.m., Pope Francis Center, St. Vincent de Paul Church, 301 High St., Mount Vernon. First session of seven-week “Catholics Returning Home” program for inactive Catholics seeking answers about returning to the Church. 740-504-9311 or 740-392-4711, extension 6

‘Faustina’ Presentation at St. Catharine  
8 p.m., St. Catharine School, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus. “Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy,” a live multimedia drama with Maria Vargo as St. Faustina, preceded by Holy Hour, confessions, recitation of Chaplet of Divine Mercy from 6:30 to 7:30. 614-231-4509

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Three Bags Full Consignment Sale  
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Activity center. St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children’s items, benefiting Catholic and pro-life charities including Joseph’s Coat clothing ministry and Knights of Columbus. 614-561-5300

1-4, THURSDAY-SUNDAY  
‘Working’ at St. Charles  
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School’s drama department presents musical version of Studs Terkel’s book “Working,” adapted by Stephen Schwartz. 614-252-6174

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

30, WEDNESDAY  
Life in the Spirit Seminar at St. Elizabeth  
7 to 9 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. First session of six-week Life in the Spirit seminar sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal. 614-914-8556

## MAY

1, THURSDAY  
Red Mass at Cathedral  
5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual Red Mass for people in decision-making positions in all branches of government, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer of Cincinnati as homilist. 614-221-3151  
Holy Hour at Holy Family  
6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323  
‘Chasing Ice’ at Corpus Christi Center of Peace  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Screening of “Chasing Ice,” documentary film capturing visual evidence of climate change through use of time-lapse photography. Sponsored by diocesan Office for Social Concerns. Screening limited to 35 people; RSVP to corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com.  
Reading Event at St. Timothy School  
6:45 p.m., St. Timothy School, 1070 Thomas Lane, Columbus. Diocesan-sponsored event for parents with children having problems with writing, reading, or spelling. Includes documentary film, followed by panel discussion. 614-891-8020

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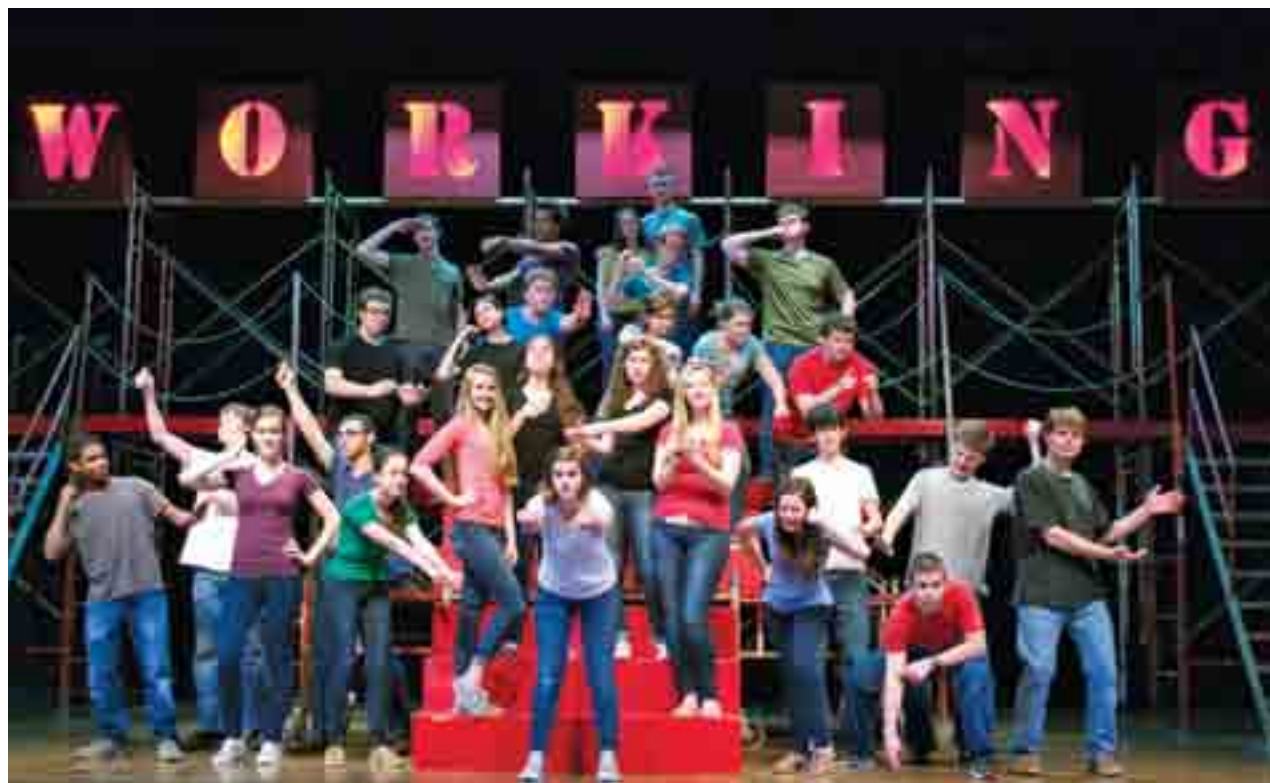
THEATER

# WORKING

The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School drama department will present its spring musical, *Working*, at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 1 to 3, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4 in the campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For reservations, call the school at (614) 252-6714.

This is the fourth time St. Charles has produced the show. Previous productions were in 1989, 1996, and 2006. The creators of the show have updated the script to more accurately reflect the working class of 2014.

*Working* is a musical based on the book with the same title by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Studs Terkel. Newly adapted by Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*, *Pippin*, and *Godspell*) from the original adaptation by Stephen Schwartz and Nina Faso, *Working* is the working man's *A Chorus Line*, a musical exploration of people from all walks of life, with songs by composers Craig Carnelia, Micki Grant, Tony Award

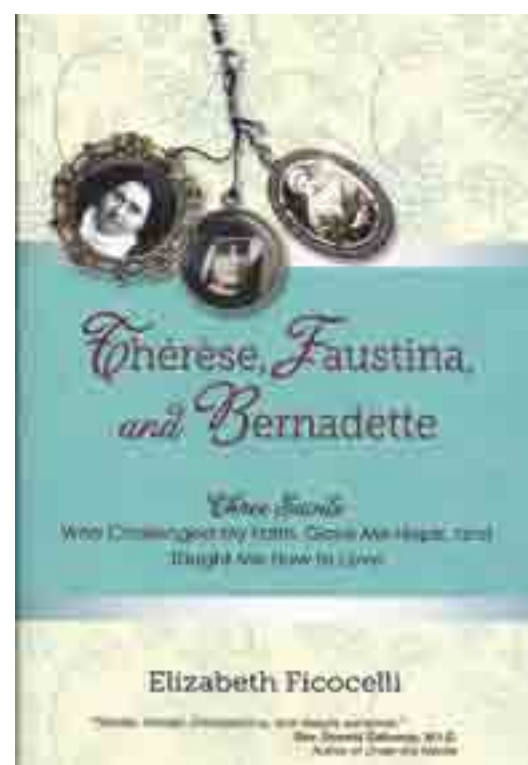


winner Lin-Manuel Miranda, Mary Rodgers, Susan Birkenhead, Stephen Schwartz, and Grammy Award winner James Taylor.

*Working* explores the American workday from the Monday-morning blues to a working person's pride in having "something to point to." Schwartz and Faso adapted it into a stage play, mostly using the original words of some uncommon common men and women. In the musical, 26 workers, including a parking-lot attendant, corporate executive, schoolteacher, gas man, housewife, firefighter, waitress, millworker, and sailor sing and talk about their jobs, defining not only their daily round, but also their hopes and aspirations.

The show opened on Broadway in 1978. Although it had a short run, it became popular for regional theaters, colleges, and high schools. The updated version introduces songs and content relevant to the technology-filled world of today. It includes new characters, monologues, and songs addressing aspects of 21st-century work life, such as outsourcing, technology, caregiving, and fundraising. This version preserves earlier material that is still relevant to today's world.

*Working* celebrates everyday people in a genuinely funny and touching way. *Working* fills you with hope and inspiration and is the perfect musical for everyone who has ever worked a day in their lives.



BOOK REVIEW

## Thérèse, Faustina and Bernadette

*Three Holy Sister-Friends Teach Woman About Faith, Hope, Love*

In *Thérèse, Faustina, and Bernadette: Three Saints Who Challenged My Faith, Gave Me Hope, and Taught Me How to Love*, author, speaker, and retreat leader Elizabeth Ficocelli introduces her readers to three remarkable women saints who became not only her role models, but also her life-changing friends, teaching her about faith, hope, and love, and showing her what true Catholic womanhood looks like.

Some of the best saint stories are not about wonder-workers, but rather the everyday saints—friends who un-

derstand the challenges of marriage and motherhood and the banalities of day-to-day life. Ficocelli discovered three such friends in Thérèse of Lisieux, Faustina of the Divine Mercy, and Bernadette of Lourdes. The witness of their lives moved her to cultivate the virtues of faith, hope, and love as she journeyed from a successful career as a marketing executive to what she found was a more authentic, even countercultural Catholic womanhood. Ficocelli offers women the wisdom of these saints for their own spiritual journeys.

Elizabeth Ficocelli, a member of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, is

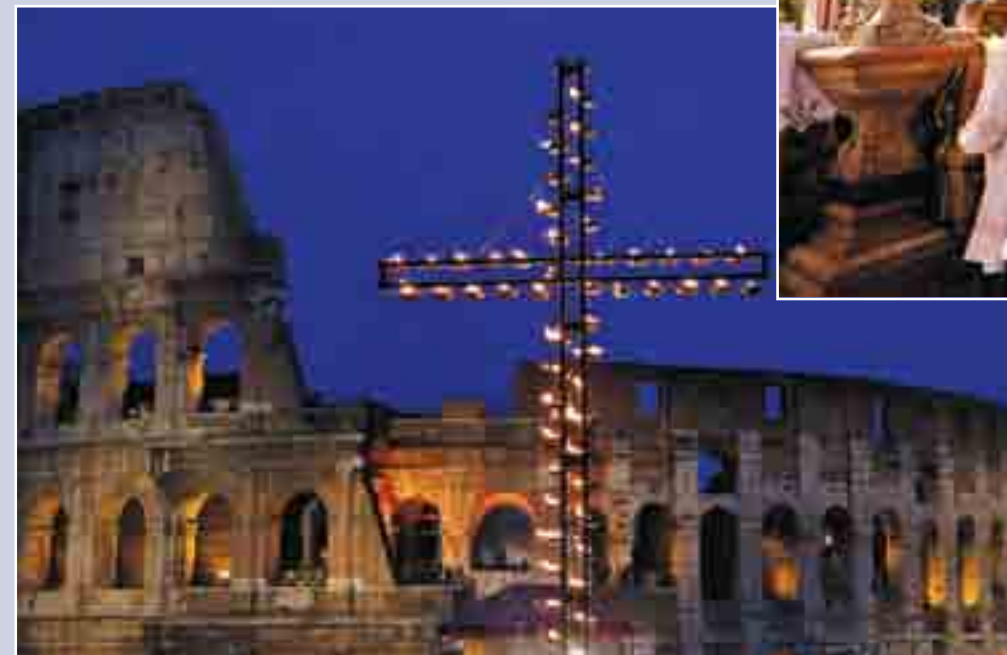
a wife and mother and a best-selling, award-winning author of 15 books for adults and young people. She has been published in Catholic magazines such as *America*, *St. Anthony Messenger*, *Columbia*, *Catholic Parent*, and *Liguorian*. Elizabeth hosts the program *Answering the Call* on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820, in which she interviews priests, deacons, and religious about their spiritual journeys. She is also a popular national speaker at conferences, parishes, schools, retreats, and organizational meetings, and has been a frequent guest on EWTN radio and television.

## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Members of the clergy pray during the Easter Vigil Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. The church is built on the site believed to have been the burial place of Jesus. CNS photo/Debbie Hill



Pope Francis presides over the Way of the Cross outside the Colosseum in Rome on April 18. CNS photo/Paul Haring



Pope Francis holds a candle as he celebrates the Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on April 19. CNS photo/Paul Haring



Pope Francis speaks after delivering his Easter blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world) from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on April 20. CNS photo/Paul Haring

## MANY OF TODAY'S PAPAL 'TRADITIONS' WERE BLESSED JOHN PAUL'S INNOVATIONS

By **Cindy Wooden**

*Catholic News Service*

The first anniversary of Pope Francis' election brought stories highlighting the unique style he has brought to the papacy. Maybe people have forgotten how much of what passes today for papal "tradition" was actually an innovation of Pope John Paul II.

Frequent parish visits? Check. Joking with and leading a big crowd in a chant? Check. Sneaking out of the Vatican? Wait, that was Blessed John Paul who'd head out to go skiing or hiking. Pope Francis categorically denied in February that he had ever snuck out of the Vatican.

As John Thavis, the former Rome bureau chief of Catholic News Service, once wrote: "If there's anything Pope John Paul II loved more than following traditions, it was inventing new ones."

The calendar of Pope Francis and of the universal church is filled with annual appointments established by Pope John Paul, who is scheduled to become St. John Paul on Sunday, April 27.

The day of the canonization is Divine Mercy Sunday -- an observance Pope John Paul decided in 2000 to put on the church's universal calendar on the Sunday after Easter. The Polish pope was a longtime devotee of the Divine Mercy devo-

tions of St. Faustina Kowalksa, whom he beatified in 1993 and canonized in 2000.

Presiding over the first universal observance of Divine Mercy Sunday in 2001, Pope John Paul quoted from his 1980 encyclical *Dives in Misericordia* (Rich in Mercy): The cross and resurrection of Christ speak and never cease "to speak of God the Father, who is absolutely faithful to his eternal love for man ... believing in this love means believing in mercy."

Meeting in March with priests from the Diocese of Rome, Pope Francis said one of the greatest inspirations of Pope John Paul was his intuition that "this was a time for mercy."

"It is a gift he gave us, but one that came from above," Pope Francis said. "It is up to us as ministers of the church to keep this message alive, especially in our preaching and gestures, in signs and pastoral choices -- for example, in deciding to give priority to the sacrament of reconciliation and, at the same time, to works of mercy."

Pope John Paul also instituted the annual Feb. 2 World Day of Consecrated Life, the Feb. 11 World Day of the Sick, and a World Meeting of Families every three years. When welcoming hundreds of thousands of young people to the Vatican for a special Palm Sunday celebra-

tion in 1984, Pope John Paul launched what has become the biggest international gathering on the church's calendar: World Youth Day.

Explaining to the Roman Curia the importance of World Youth Day and youth ministry in general, Pope John Paul said, "All young people must sense that the church is accompanying them; therefore, the whole church in union with the successor of Peter increasingly must be committed, on a worldwide level, to the good of youth, their worries and concerns and their openness and hopes." At the end of the U.N.-declared International Year of Youth in 1985, he said that young people were hoping for change in society and in the world; that the church, which looks to youths with "hope and love," must help young people realize that change by communicating the Gospel truths to them, supporting them as they seek God's plan for their lives and educating them in living their faith.

Of course, Pope John Paul left a mark on more than the church's calendar. Surprisingly for many people, St. Peter's Square didn't have a Christmas tree or Nativity scene until 1982. Even after the College of Cardinals asked him to leave Krakow, Poland, and lead the universal

church, he continued to keep Polish Christmas traditions; for years, he would invite fellow Poles to the Vatican on Christmas Eve to break *oplatek* (a Christmas wafer) with him and to sing Polish carols. He had been pope for four years when he asked the Vatican governor's office to put some Christmas decorations in the square under his window; thus, a new tradition was born.

Some of Pope John Paul's innovations had a lot to do with the fact that he was a very outdoorsy, fit 58-year-old when elected to the See of Peter in 1978. He liked to ski and walk in the mountains, and apparently didn't think that should change. As he grew older and weaker from Parkinson's disease, the physical activity diminished, but he and a few aides never stopped slipping out of the Vatican on the occasional Tuesday for a drive to the mountains and a sack lunch *al fresco*.

But he didn't just head for the hills. Pope John Paul made the nine international trips taken by Pope Paul VI seem like a trifle. Pope John Paul took his message on the road, visiting 129 nations -- several repeatedly -- on 104 trips and logging more than 700,000 miles in a papacy that lasted more than 27 years.

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