Respect Life

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They are Sen. Jim Hughes, of Columbus; Sen. Kevin Bacon, of Minerva; and Sen. Chris Widener, of Springfield.

For a number of years, these legislators, more young people – especially low-income stu- dents with special needs – have had to travel across the state to have access to Catholic schools and the edu- cational resources they need, said Lisa and Carolyn Jurkowitz, director of the conference.

Hughes, a legislator since 2010, represents a portion of Columbus. He continues to be a strong proponent of strong school choice programs to receive the same percentage increase in state funding that public schools receive. In the most recent legislative session, he led the effort to increase the amount Catholic school students can receive in the administra- tive cost reimbursement program from $325 per student to $400 per student. He is the author of a bill that would provide a tax credit for families that adopt children and live in the city’s Clintonville section.

Widener was elected to the Ohio Senate in 2010 after serving two terms in the Ohio House. He is a longtime supporter of Catholic school and school-choice options for families. He has been a leader in the implementation of two school-choice pro- grams for special needs students: the Autism Scholarship program and the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program. He has voted for his legislation for students with disabilities. He is the father of three children and teaches Catholic Social Justice through an international program.

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Elected officials recognized for support of Catholic school students.

By Frank Monzack

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The DARKENED EYE of PORNOGRAPHY

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As I write this, we’re still strongly enthusiastic about the show. My husband and I laugh uproariously about it even as we find ourselves relating a little too much with the redneck way of life. I didn’t realize what an influence the show was having on our family until we sat down to dinner.

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Praying Like a Mean It

My husband looked at me and smiled. He led us as in what has become almost a family tradition. At the end of every show, the entire family gathers in the living room. I didn’t really expect to get a baptism of sorts—prayer—thinking that the pope would pick up a rosary, say a prayer, and that would be that.

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The theme of respect life month in the Diocese of Columbus is "Open your hearts to life." It's a call to move beyond the mindset that "abortion = bad," to understand the principles written on each heart, and to find the courage to live that truth every day. We are called not just to oppose Roe, but to stand up in defense of the unborn, the elderly, the infirm, and the poor. We have an opportunity every day to be the light of the world, to be a Christ-like presence in the world of sin and subsists in darkness, but we will only live as our actions and words make meaning out of our lives.

Death Penalty

Life Matters ~ Death Penalty

Homer said, "Sometimes they'll tell me, or it's publicized in the newspapers, that I am as pro-life as I am in protecting God's love and forgiveness to them.

Sometimes a prison employee will get up at a man on Death Row if he forgets to take his medication for some illness, and I find this interesting. I guess I have come to realize that the death penalty is cruel and unusual and against the law.

The pro-choice mantra is open six days a week. They perform 5,640 abortions in 2011 (the last year for which figures are available). This is about 190,000 abortions a year.

However, sometimes our focus on Roe v. Wade makes us forget that abortion is not a new phenomenon. It is not an American problem. It is not even a modern problem. The early Church fathers—Augustine, Tertullian, and Hippolytus—agreed that abortion is murder. The philosopher Aristotle ties for causing a woman to miscarry with the Roman laws; six of them prescribed penal wages for women who caused a miscarriage before three months of pregnancy. The practice of abortion in ancient societies was widespread and accepted, and the Bible contains passages that speak against it. The Old Testament describes the fetus as a "little human" and commands that it be protected from harm. The New Testament also contains references to the sanctity of life, including Jesus' statement that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God.

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Life Matters: Protecting Religious Freedom

By William E. May

The true meaning and purpose of marriage has become obscured over the last 40 years. This confusion has influenced why and whether young people marry. While we understand marriage as a sacrament, it’s critical we learn to use non-religious language to explain to our children and friends in ways that properly convey its truth and beauty.

Polls show most people think marriage is merely the recognition of a committed, loving relationship principly for the benefit of the spouses. However, marriage is much more. Responsible negative influences include no-trial divorce, which makes marriage conditional on the happiness and fulfillment of sex from procreation and marriage. The federal government created the same-sex marriage trend, thus now a new kind of marriage.

Today, roughly 50 percent of births to women younger than 20 are to unwed girls. Particularly in troubled economic times, we should welcome and support young women who choose to marry, to provide abortion-inducing drugs. Although federal law says that no religious objector must provide these drugs, some states may force them to. State governments have tried to strip pharmacists of their licenses because of their religious obligations not to provide abortion-inducing drugs. In Massachusetts, Catholic Charities was forced to stop offering adoption services because of a religious objection. In Arizona, the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix has been cited for religious discrimination after refusing to allow its employees to provide abortion-inducing drugs. In Oregon, Catholic HealthCare Services was cited for religious discrimination.

The same is true in the context of the Affordable Care Act. Mar- riage today, many people struggle with expressing marriage as its truth and understanding of it. Marriage as an imperative of social justice, fatherhood, irreplaceability, permanently substituting for the mother and father. It even includes the potential for adoption. By marriage a married woman and man have children, as well as their half-siblings? Rather than merely biological artifacts, moms, dads, and siblings are part of our identity. Every person has a right to be part of a family. The federal government and society must respect this right. Therefore, a great error of the Affordable Care Act is its mandate that employer-provided health insurance cover certain reproductive health-care services. The same is true for those who firmly believe that the pill and abortion are immoral.

The 2013 federal mandate does not provide religious exemptions, forcing all health plans to provide coverage for all contraceptives, as well as abortion-inducing drugs. The law even forces religious organizations to sign a statement of compliance.

As a society, we should not accept a government’s decision to pressure religious organizations to provide insurance coverage for abortion-inducing drugs. Although we recognize the right of conscience, we object to providing this service. We object, because we consider it to be a violation of our religious belief.

The government has claimed that religious objectors are interfering with access to the drugs. It is a search and seizure of our property. It is an attempt to change our beliefs, as if they are mere commodities.

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We must consider the following points:

1. We are convinced that marriage is a sacrament. It is a divine institution that is essential to the New Evangelization, and the Church has always taught that it is a mystery of the Church.

2. We are convinced that marriage is a natural law. It is a natural law that all people are “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.” The Declaration of Independence claims that the very government of our country is to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.”

3. The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a vocation, not just a partnership between two people.

4. We are convinced that marriage is a lifetime commitment. It is a lifelong commitment, not just a legal contract.

5. We are convinced that marriage is a public good. It is a public good, not just a private interest.

6. We are convinced that marriage is a form of love. It is a form of love, not just a form of sex.

7. We are convinced that marriage is a gift. It is a gift, not just a right.

8. We are convinced that marriage is a sacrament. It is a sacrament, not just a human institution.

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By Tim Puet

The first Sunday in June, Bethesda Counseling Center in Sunbury is open for business. The staff is ready to help anyone who needs it. The center has been open for nearly 40 years, and has helped thousands of people deal with the effects of abortion. The staff at Bethesda is dedicated to helping people who have experienced an abortion. They provide a safe and non-judgmental setting where people can come to talk about their experiences and get the support they need.

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The sessions begin with a light meal, followed by prayer and reflection. One of the two priests who serve as Bethesda’s chaplains is present at these times. Individuals pres- ent themselves, introducing themselves or remain silent. After participants are reminded of the program’s rules of total abstinence, large-group, small-group and individual counseling sessions take place between 12 and 20 people usually attend each session.

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Catholic lay missionary preserving dignity of young girls with help from Cross Catholic Outreach

“Momma, mine, only knows the greatness we are for the now.” How many times have we heard it? How many times have we seen it? How many times have we experienced it? A single mom in rural India is a story told and experienced by many women. In many countries, including India, single mothers face enormous challenges in ensuring their children’s well-being and future. Catholic Outreach helps these mothers to provide a safe and healthy environment for their children.

Nina’s story is not unique. In rural areas, many women face similar challenges. However, through the support of Catholic Outreach, Nina’s story is just one of the many success stories.

The goal of Catholic Outreach is to help single mothers and their children by providing them with the necessary resources and support. They work closely with local communities to identify the needs of single mothers and provide them with the necessary assistance. Catholic Outreach believe that every child has the right to a happy and healthy childhood, regardless of their parents’ financial status.

In Nina’s case, Catholic Outreach provided her with the necessary support to ensure that her children received a proper education and had access to healthcare. They also helped her to set up a small business to make a living. Through this support, Nina was able to provide a better future for her children.

Catholic Outreach believes that every child deserves a fair chance in life. They work tirelessly to ensure that every child has access to education, healthcare, and basic necessities. They believe that by providing support to single mothers, they are empowering the future generation of India.

Cross Catholic Outreach helps nun, lay missionaries fight exploitation of young girls

"Without my education, I wouldn’t be writing in the fields," says a young nun named Mary. "It gives me a sense of purpose and value." Nuns in rural areas often face challenges and discrimination, especially when it comes to education and employment opportunities. However, through the support of Cross Catholic Outreach, these challenges can be overcome.

Cross Catholic Outreach works with local communities to identify the needs of nuns in rural areas. They provide them with the necessary support to pursue education, training, and vocational skills. They also work to raise awareness about the challenges faced by nuns and advocate for their rights.

Through the support of Cross Catholic Outreach, nuns are able to attend school, receive vocational training, and gain employment. This not only empowers them but also helps to change the perception of nuns in society.

Cross Catholic Outreach believes that every child, regardless of gender or religion, deserves a fair chance in life. They work tirelessly to ensure that every child has access to education, healthcare, and basic necessities. They believe that by providing support to nuns, they are empowering the future generation of India.

Haiti: Challenges and how to help

"About 8 million people live in Haiti, and many of the Haitian population can’t read or write. 80% of people live below the poverty line." Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world, facing numerous challenges such as poverty, lack of education, and lack of healthcare.

Catholic Outreach supports residents who have been affected by these challenges. They work closely with local communities to identify the needs of Haitians and provide them with the necessary assistance. Catholic Outreach believe that every person deserves a fair chance in life, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

In Haiti, Catholic Outreach provides support to communities affected by natural disasters, such as hurricanes and earthquakes. They provide assistance with emergency relief, such as food, water, and shelter. Catholic Outreach also work to promote education, healthcare, and vocational skills.

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How to Help

Your help is needed for Cross Catholic Outreach to continue its work. You can support Cross Catholic Outreach by donating to their cause. Your donation can provide essential resources and support for the communities they serve. Join us in making a difference in the lives of children and families around the world.
We cannot earn salvation merely by what we do

Father Lawrence L. Hummer

We stand before God (like slaves) with no “rights” of a property owner. We stand before pure grace, hoping for God’s own grace. Yet so Jesus instructs us, and so we should do. We can do what is right because it is right and then await God’s grace. That means that disciples of Christ realize that what was supposed to do? Jesus then applies this analogy of a mustard seed (Luke 13:18) for it to go a long way (making the seed jump into the sea). The institution continues to grow, “servants,” which includes all of us, the questions about any of them having a “servant” using the Greek word, which merely stated “slave.”

It was simply a fact of life for the people of Palestine that a slave was one who did the master’s bidding, no matter how unpleasant the work. Thus, it came in the field after working all day, the slave owner would not tell him to have a seat while his owner washed on him. The slave’s job would continue as long as the owner needed his service. Only then could the slave for himself something for a reward of mere survival. Is it the master grateful to the slave for doing what he asked? Would a slave be expected to do? To that first cry, the Lord had responded that the owner’s response to our relationship with God: “We are unprofitable slaves; we have done what we were obliged to do.” We can see there’s no expectation ever we do, no matter how well or badly, in effect of itself carries no profit. However, if we are supposed to do, we still must avail ourselves, which comes as a first illustration. And we must acknowledge that we are “unprofitable.” We do what is right because it is right and then await God’s grace.

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Sister Angela Franks, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Angela Franks, SNDdeN, 95, who died Mon-
day, Sept. 29, was held Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Mount Notre Dame Health Care Center in Cincinnati. Burial was at the ceme-
tery of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in Cincinnati.

She was born Marie Eleanor Franks on April 7, 1918, in Dayton to the late George and Anna (Fiala) Franks and was a member of the Sisters of the Cross de Namur for 77 years. She taught at Columbus Bishop Hart-
ley High School from 1959-1965 and 1973-1976 and at schools in the Arch-
diocese of Cincinnati. She also served in several administrative departments of the sisters’ Ohio Province before retir-
ing to community service in prayer and prayer ministry.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews.

Catholic Masses

Catholic Masses: 9 a.m. St. Joseph, 12 p.m. St. Mark, 4 p.m. St. Stanislaus Kostka, 7 p.m. St. Joseph and 7 p.m. St. John Vianney.

Non-Catholic Services

Evangelical Church of God: 11 a.m. House of Prayer Church, 12 p.m. Crossway Church and 7 p.m. on Hilltop Church

Lutheran Services: 10 a.m. St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 2 p.m. St. John’s Lutheran Church, 5 p.m. St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and 7 p.m. Glendale Lutheran Church.

Monument to abortion victims to be dedicated in Circleville

The Life for Life Group in Circleville, St. Joseph Church will dele-
gate a monument to the unborn victims of abortion at 11 a.m. today, Sept. 23, at St. Joseph Church, 115 N. Court St.
The dedication ceremony will be followed by the stations of the Cross for the unborn.

The monument was donated by the Wellman Funeral Home of Circleville.

If you have questions about the dedication, contact Lisa McKeeveen at kmckeeveen@columbus.com.

HAPPENINGS

22nd Annual HARVEST BOUQUET CRAFT SHOW

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 25. Located at 760 N. 16th St., Toledo. Doors open at 9 a.m. Admission is $5.00.

Harvest Bouquet Craft Show is an all-day family event featuring more than 90 vendors, offering unique and beautiful craft and gift items. Items include handcrafted flowers, framed art, candles, bath & body products, pottery, jewelry, clothing, greeting cards, beads, and so much more. FREE admission.

To join the Respect for Life group or for more information, contact Wellman Funeral Home of Circleville, 740-363-6139 or 614-653-0973.
Tajci has been inspiring American audiences for decades and will bring her “Let It Be – Mary” concert experience to Columbus. The King Catholic Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11.

As it tells the story of Mary answering her call from God, “Let It Be” features Christian contemporary songs and classic hymns, as well as Tajci’s originals, all connected with short Scripture quotes and Tajci’s narrative, which is of one woman’s, or other people’s, but entirely moving and captivating. Tajci speaks to the audience with honesty and poignant authenticity while sharing her life’s journey.

For the past 15 years, Tajci and her husband and partner, Matthew Cameron, have toured throughout the United States with her unique narrative concert experience, based on Christian themes. Twenty years earlier, Tajci was a pop superstar in Croatia, but traded it for anonymity in America to find her unique identity.

“I was brought up in communism, so spirituality was something I desired but didn’t want or know,” she said. “My music had been my source of spirituality. But I always knew I needed and wanted more. Then when communism started to unravel, I started to learn about spirituality. It gave me a different perspective of myself and my ‘value’ in the world. I learned to recognize love and express it in a whole new way in my new life in America.”

For more information about Tajci and her upcoming tour, visit www.tajci.com.

**Benefit Concert**

Members of Columbus Holy Family Church have organized a special benefit concert to help the Old First Presbyterian Church on Bryden Road preserve its historic E. M. Skinner pipe organ. More than 50 local musicians will be taking part in the concert, including the Holy Family choir and the hymn choir from the Holy Family Soup Kitchen. The program will include many Catholic favorites, including Mozart’s “Ave Verum Corpus” and Bach’s Toccata and Fugue in D Minor.

The concert will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 in the Old First Church, 101 Bryden Road. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted to help with preservation of the church organ.

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In addition to the music of the Gospel choir, the church’s youth choir and praise dancers will be giving glory to God. A free-will offering will be collected.

**Adoption ~ Elizabeth Ministry**

By Michelle Morse

When we put our Catholic faith in practice, we strive to reflect the light of Christ. And in reflecting that light, we are called to support not only the right to life of every child, but also the right of all children to be a part of a loving family. Adoption is another option. Adoption touches families in many different ways. For us, it was how we chose to grow our family.

Five years into our marriage, my husband and I already had our hands pretty full with our four-year-old son and three-year-old daughter. But adoption had long been on our minds and in our hearts, and the time was now right. We wanted to grow our family, and we hoped that by doing it through fostering—self-adoption, our family (which had been so blessed) might also give a blessing to a child in need.

On Sep. 19, 2007, we took our newborn daughter, as I scooped her up into my arms, I knew in that instant that God had always meant for this little girl to be mine (and the blessing was all ours). The car ride home was one of pure joy and excitement in anticipation of introducing her to our big brother and sister. As I knew they would, they covered her in kisses, then fought over who got to hold her first.

Three years later, we received another call from our social worker. Our daughter’s birth mom delivered a baby boy—our baby boy. He is now three years old and is the absolute light of our lives! God gave us four beautiful children and our gratitude is immeasurable! We will be sharing more of our story, along with others, at an upcoming free adoption event at Westerville St. Paul Church. We pray that by doing so, we may possibly inspire others to consider taking that next step toward growing their family through adoption.

The Elizabeth Ministry invites couples and individuals interested in adoption to join us on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the St. Peter’s Room at St. Paul Church. Our program on “Adoption – Another Option” will start with personal adoption stories from our parishioners. Questions will be shared, and as always, local adoption agencies will be available to answer your questions. To RSVP, please call 740-287-4442 or email hrsjevents@gmail.com.

The Elizabeth Ministry is designed to offer hope and healing for women and their families on a variety of issues related to childbearing. The ministry’s goal is to respect all life, cherish the sacredness of life, support the community. Following the biblical example of Mary and Elizabeth, support families, and build community. Following the biblical example of Mary and Elizabeth, support families, and build community. Following the biblical example of Mary and Elizabeth, support families, and build community. Following the biblical example of Mary and Elizabeth, support families, and build community.
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