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GATHER AT ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL**

## The Editor's Notebook

## Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

By David Garick, Editor

*"For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep still, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch. ... Upon your walls, Jerusalem, I have stationed sentinels; By day and by night, they shall never be silent. You who are to remind the LORD, take no rest, And give him no rest, until he re-establishes Jerusalem and makes it the praise of the earth." (Isaiah 62)*

We all know that Scripture passage well. We hear it often at Mass, and it always touches us. Our thoughts often turn to the place of Christ's birth and the surrounding countryside where he lived and preached. Two thousand years later, the Holy Land remains a place of special importance to Christians. But it is hardly a place of peace. In fact, that little bit of land east of the Mediterranean Sea has never been a place of peace. Wars and occupying armies have been a fact of life in the Holy Land forever.

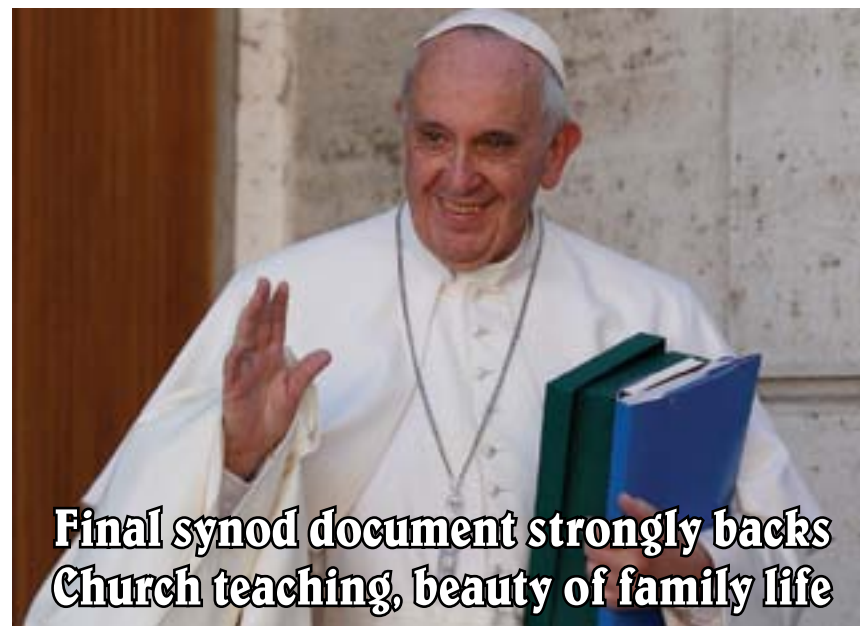
God has always promised that a time will come when peace will reign in the Holy Land. The prophet Isaiah said, "For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war."

We yearn for that day. Each of us has a responsibility to contribute to that peace. This week, *Catholic Times* takes a look at a group of men and women who stepped forward and made an oath to devote themselves to the protection of Christians in the Holy

Land and to the promotion of the peace that Isaiah spoke of. They are the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

I am a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre myself. My wife and I have made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, as all members of the order are called to do. We have walked in the places where Our Lord walked. We have prayed in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre itself. And we have looked into the faces of the Christians struggling to live today in the land where their ancestors were the original disciples of Christ. It is a tragedy that in the place where Christianity was born, less than two percent of the population is Christian. Many of our Christian brothers and sisters have been forced to abandon their homes because of being caught between warring factions of Jews and Muslims and because of a lack of access to jobs and housing.

It is imperative that we provide our Christians in the Holy Land with the schools, housing, and job opportunities they need so that they do not have to leave the land of their birth to seek safety and a normal life. It would be a tragedy if the magnificent churches and holy sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Galilee were reduced to dusty museums without the living stones of the Christian population that created and nurtured them. Please join the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre in praying the words of Psalm 122, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you. May peace be within your walls."



## Final synod document strongly backs Church teaching, beauty of family life

By Elise Harris  
CNA/EWTN News

With a two-thirds majority vote, the more than 200 bishops gathered for the Vatican's synod on the family supported Church teaching on hot-button issues such as homosexuality and communion for divorced and remarried persons.

The Vatican's synod on the family was opened by Pope Francis on Oct. 4 and closed on Oct. 25. This year's event folloed the theme "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Modern World," and followed 2014's extraordinary synod on the family, which focused on pastoral challenges involved in family life.

This year's discussion tended to be reduced in Western secular media to two issues: communion for the divorced and civilly remarried, and Church teaching and pastoral care regarding homosexuality.

However, topics brought up during meetings were much broader, with synod fathers touching on themes such as domestic violence, violence against women, incest and abuse

within families, marriage preparation, and pornography.

A closing news conference at the Vatican on Oct. 24 reported a sense of collegiality among the global bishops. Only two of the 94 paragraphs showed a disparity in the voting, both of them surrounding the topic of pastoral care for divorced and remarried persons.

Despite calls by some for the Church to change its doctrine by allowing divorced and civilly remarried Catholics without an annulment to receive communion, the synod's final report upheld current Church teaching and practice on the issue.

"It's therefore the responsibility of pastors to accompany the persons concerned on a path of discernment according to the teaching of the Church and the guidelines of the bishop," paragraph 85 read.

While there was an overall support for the Church's teaching and current pastoral practice to remain in place, the document also stressed that divorced and remarried couples

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are baptized persons who must be "more integrated into the Christian community," while "avoiding every occasion of scandal."

"The logic of integration is the key to their pastoral accompaniment," paragraph 84 said, explaining that their involvement in the Church "can be expressed in different ecclesial services."

Synod fathers emphasized a process of careful discernment in considering which areas of exclusion in the liturgy, pastoral, educational, and institutional framework of the Church can be done away with for divorced and remarried Catholics.

In some nations, for example, divorced and remarried persons are asked to abstain not only from communion, but also from teaching catechesis and from being godparents.

Divorced and remarried individuals were encouraged to make an examination of conscience, asking themselves "how they behaved toward their children when the marriage entered into crisis; if they were tempted to reconcile; what the situation is for the abandoned partner; what consequences does the new relationship have on the rest of the family and the community of faithful; what example this offers to the youth who must prepare for marriage."

Pastoral discernment and accompaniment of such individuals must direct them "to the awareness of their situation before God."

In paragraph 86, it was noted that consulting with a priest helps form a correct judgement "on what hinders the possibility of full participation in the life of the Church and on the steps that can foster it and make it grow."

Also affirmed in the document was the Church's stance on homosexuality, which was one of the most contested issues of last year's synod, particularly in the final document.

This year, the topic of homosexuality was almost completely removed, apart from one paragraph on the pastoral care of families who live with persons that have homosexual tendencies.

"A special attention" ought to be given to accompanying families in such situations, paragraph 76 of the document said.

It reiterated that "every person, independently of their sexual tendency,



Pope Francis presides at a session of the Synod of Bishops on the family at the Vatican on Oct. 24.

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must be respected in their dignity and welcomed with respect," but clarified that "there is no foundation whatsoever to assimilate or establish analogies, even remotely, between homosexual unions and God's design for marriage and the family."

Synod fathers called ideological colonization in this regard "unacceptable in every case," noting the pressure local churches often face to succumb to the secular push allowing for gay "marriage."

The final document also backed Church teaching on life issues such as abortion and contraception.

In paragraph 33, it is reiterated that all human life "is sacred because, since its beginning, it involves the creative action of God."

"The biotechnical revolution in the field of human procreation has introduced the ability to manipulate the generative act, rendering it independent of the sexual relationship between a man and woman," the document read.

By undergoing this manipulation, "human life and parenthood have become modular and separable realities, subject mainly to the wishes and desires of individuals or couples, not necessarily heterosexual and in a regular marriage."

Only God "is the Lord of life from its beginning to its end," the document continued. "No one, under any circumstance, can claim for themselves

the right to directly destroy an innocent human being."

Openness to life also was underlined as an "intrinsic requirement of married love."

While an unfortunate mentality has diffused in society which reduces procreation "to individual gratification or that of the couple," the synod fathers stressed that children are always a blessing, and are especially loved by Christ.

The beauty of marriage and the family was expressed throughout the document, with strong references to marriage indissolubility from the beginning to the end.

Quoting Pope Francis' Oct. 4 homily for the opening of the synod, the first paragraph of the document emphasized that "God didn't create the human being to live in sadness or to be alone, but for happiness, to share his path with another person that is complementary."

"From the beginning of creation God made them male and female; because of this man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh," it said, quoting from the Book of Genesis.

The document recalled how "God united the hearts of man and woman who love each other and unites them in unity and indissolubility. This means that the goal of married life is not only to live together forever, but to love each other forever!"

"In the freedom of the 'yes' exchanged between a man and woman in marriage, the love of God is experienced and made present," the document continued, explaining that God sustains this union through the Holy Spirit, even when it fails.

Emphasis was placed up front on the indispensable role families play in the Church, with paragraph 2 of the document recalling Pope Francis' words to families on Sept. 27 while at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

"So much was God's love that he began to walk with humanity, he began to walk with his people, until it came time to mature and he gave the greatest sign of his love: his Son," the document read.

"And where did he send his Son? To a palace? To a city? To make an impression? He sent him to a family. God entered the world in a family."

In paragraph four, synod fathers said that the family, founded on the marriage of a man and a woman, is the "magnificent and in-substitutable place" of love and the transmission of life.

Synod fathers said they are able to see the reality of families today across the globe with "renewed freshness and enthusiasm" when looking back with the gaze of Christ.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, pastors, in the knowledge that no family is perfect, can discern "the paths with which to renew the Church and society in their commitment for the family founded on the marriage between a man and woman."

"The Christian announcement that concerns the family is truly a good news," they said.

On Saturday a spokesman for Cardinal George Pell – head of the Vatican's secretariat on the economy – said in a statement that the prelate was "very pleased with the document."

"It expresses well what the current pastoral practice and teaching of the Church are on sexuality, marriage and families," the statement read.

"No doctrinal developments, no doctrinal surprises, no doctrinal backflips. No changes in praxis or discipline," but rather a "beautiful commendation of large families and of the witness of happily married spouses and their children as agents of evangelization."



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Members of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre's North Central Lieutenancy enter Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral for an investiture Mass for new members on Sunday, Oct. 25.

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Ruth



We are all alive in our Catholic faith at a variety of levels and intensity. Were you able to come alive in that faith a bit more this past week? There is a lot going on in the world and in our lives right now, and it becomes too easy to maintain a very static, low-key faith life. We need to come alive and get ourselves into a much-greater, dynamic, upbeat life of faith. The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are approaching quickly, and it will be too easy to get caught in a very dynamic and celebratory lifestyle. This is fine, and a good thing, but it must be complemented by an equally dynamic and outgoing life of faith. Fall is full of good weather and family gatherings. Make them wonderful opportunities to enhance and grow loving relationships with family members and friends. At the same time, make your prayers, Sunday Mass, and the Advent season an opportunity to grow and enhance your loving relationship with Jesus Christ. Call upon the Holy Spirit. Come alive in the Spirit. Call upon the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit you received at Confirmation. We do not take advantage of them as we should.

Ruth Beckman retired in October. For the past 34 years, Ruth has been the director of JOIN, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs. She has devoted her life to God and to her family – husband, John, and their eight children. A huge part of that life has been devoted to living the Gospel, “doing the Word,” and humbly sharing God’s love in her vocation and ministry. Ruth does not seek attention or accolades, but she deserves our thanks and admiration. JOIN provides tangible and material resources to people in great need in Columbus, literally for their survival at times. Ruth has been the face of JOIN, along with Sister Sharen Baldy, SCN, and countless volunteers, for all these years, providing spiritual and loving resources that cannot be measured. This Sunday is the Feast of All Saints. We have so many inspirational examples in the lives of the saints. Ruth Beckman is one of those examples who is still among us. There are also many “unsung heroes” among us who selflessly give of themselves each day. I am humbled by so many colleagues at the offices of the Diocese of Columbus, in our parishes and schools, and in the many agencies who serve the Church and community. While this Sunday is a tremendous annual opportunity to honor the saints and pray for our deceased, it is also a time to pray for those who give so much of themselves each day in service to others. Thank God we have the example of our saints, and of the living saints among us.

Our practical challenge this week is to pray in thanksgiving for our saints. Pray also for those we know who live a saintly life. Finally, pray for those recently deceased who are receiving their reward. They all deserve our praise, prayers, and honor. Do so on Sunday at Mass, on Monday, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (the Feast of All Souls), and throughout this week. Pray in a special way for Ruth Beckman as she retires. Use this quote from the Book of Ruth, chapter 2: “May the Lord reward what you have done! May you receive a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.”

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

## Corcoran Award Nomination

St. Vincent Family Center is accepting applications for its annual Corcoran Awards, which will be presented at a luncheon on April 26, 2016 in the Hilton Columbus at Easton.

The awards are an annual tribute to the late Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran, who was nationally known for his work for social justice.

Nominations are due by 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. The nomination application may be accessed online by going to [www.svfc.org](http://www.svfc.org). Nominations also may be submitted by email to [dhuff@svfc.org](mailto:dhuff@svfc.org) or mailed to:

Debra Huff, St. Vincent Family Center, 1490 E. Main St., Columbus OH 43205.

Nominations may be submitted in any of three categories: charity and justice, which pays tribute to an individual who is an advocate, change agent, and leader in the community, advancing rights, dignity, and opportunities for all; education and behav-

ioral health, honoring a charitable person or couple committed to going above and beyond their roles in the community to educate and enrich the lives of those with behavioral health challenges and needs; and young leadership, representing someone younger than 18 who has made an impact in the community through volunteering or advocating.

Applicants should describe their relationship to the nominee, including the nature and duration of his or her work and the impact this work has had on the community, children, and families, and should describe why the nominee should receive the award, listing measurable examples of positive changes that resulted from the nominee’s involvement and leadership. Descriptions are limited to 500 words.

For more information, contact Huff at any of the addresses listed above or call her at (614) 252-0731, extension 1132.

## Lay Carmelite Order: Local Chapter

Are you being called to a life of deep prayer? Are you drawn to a life of service following the call of Our Lord Jesus? Are you drawn to sharing prayer time with others like you in community? If you’ve answered “Yes” to the above, you may be ready to become a part of the Third Order of Carmelites, a lay order.

Carmelite spirituality has as its patrons the prophet Elijah, who incorporated the spirit of contemplation and active service to the Lord, and Our Blessed Mother, the perfect disciple of Christ, under her title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Many well-known saints such

as St. Teresa of Avila and St. Therese of Lisieux are part of the Carmelite tradition.

The Carmelite charism is threefold: first, the exercise of daily prayer, deepened with meditation and contemplation; second, the practice of living out the Lord’s mission of service; and third, the development of one’s sense of community by being an active part of the local and worldwide family of Carmel.

If you are being called to Carmelite spirituality and would like more information about the local Carmelite chapter, contact Mike Hessenauer at (614) 568-7791.

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## Msgr. Paul Enke’s homily at the funeral Mass for Msgr. Robert E. Schneider at Columbus Christ the King Church on Thursday, Oct. 15:

“Hi! This is Father Bob. While happy you have called, I am currently away from the phone. Please leave a message should you wish me to return your call. Thanks for calling. God bless.”

“Msgr. Schneider’s phone message gives us an insight into the man and priest he was. It had a certain formality, was very proper, along with a hearty and spontaneous ‘Hi’ to all.

“Bob Schneider, just after his retirement from Co-shocon, came to (Granville) St. Edward’s (where Msgr. Enke is pastor) as a weekend helper for a stint that lasted nine years. He was relieved to be free of administrative duties and was cherished by all of us.

“Who can forget his falling to one knee during the announcements during Lent to implore the women of the parish to serve up desserts for our fish fries, or the time he celebrated Mass in parka and gloves that first winter of our new church, when it was freezing cold and Granville was without power for several days? He was a trouper.

“After his health began to fail and he could no longer assist us, Bob and I would meet for dinner a couple of times a month at Milano’s restaurant. There we would catch up, where he would continually counsel me to take more time off and to reserve my room at the Villas (of St. Therese), where he was lovingly cared for by the good Carmelite sisters. There I would visit him when he could no longer to venture out, and got to chat with (retired Msgr.) Carl Claggett.

“Just a few days before his death, I brought him holy Communion. Though he was sedated for the pain, he whispered my name, and after receiving the Eucharist, I laid his head back on the pillow and he rever-

ently folded his hands on his chest, looking for all the world like a cathedral effigy of a king or saint.

“In those final weeks, he did what a priest friend of (retired Seattle) Archbishop (Raymond) Hunthausen – God bless him! – now in his 90s, did. He said he received some visitors and phone calls, but ‘spent most of his time just sitting there letting God love him.’

“Msgr. Schneider chose Scripture and music for this Mass that reflected his vision of priesthood and our goal in life – to be, at the end, with God.

“A priest, like Isaiah, was to be a servant of God and his people from the first moment of life – a servant, though of earthen vessels, who still could be a light to the world and church.

“And yes, as Second Corinthians reminds us, problems will abound that seem overwhelming, but we never despair, for we carry not only the death of Jesus in our body, but more so, the life of Jesus, which brings us to glory. After all, says St. John, trust in Jesus, for he is preparing for us a place in the many rooms of the Father’s house.

“Bob Schneider embraced these truths in his living and dying. He never despaired and he trusted, despite his pain. He was, as I told him last week, a good and faithful priest.

“At the close of this funeral Mass, we will literally sing a new song – something Bob did in his 58 years of priesthood. He embraced and cherished long ago the new Pentecost of Pope John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council, and saw it with great joy blossom again in these days of Pope Francis. Just a year or so ago, he was reading (Cardinal Yves) Congar’s account of the days of the council.

“A 40-year-old English shepherd and farmer, James Rebank, recently listed the three rules of shepherding that still speak to all of us as we attempt to be good shepherds of the flock: ‘First rule: It’s not about you; it’s about the sheep. Second rule: You can’t win sometimes. Third rule: Shut up and go to work.’ I’m sure Bob Schneider is smiling on this description, not only of animal husbandry, but of pastoring in the church today.

“Anyone who spoke to Msgr. Schneider in the last months of his life will recall his insistent prayer, ‘I want to go home.’ Hearing that, I could not help but

think of the Dvorak tune to which the words of St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians were applied. These verses give voice to Bob’s prayer and the good Lord’s answer to this plea to go home:

“*Going home, going home,  
I’m just going home.  
Quiet-like, slip away, I’ll be going home.  
It’s not far, just close by; Jesus is the door.  
Work all done, laid aside,  
Fear and grief no more.  
Friends are there, waiting now.  
He is waiting, too.  
See his smile, see his hand.  
He will lead me through.  
Morning star lights the way;  
Restless dream all done.  
Shadows gone, break of day,  
Life has just begun.  
Every tear wiped away,  
Pain and sickness gone.  
Wide awake, there with him.  
Peace goes on and on.  
Going home, going home,  
I’ll be going home.  
See the light. See the sun.  
I’m just going home.”*

“Coincidentally, as we prepare to lay Bob to rest, we also remember the fourth anniversary of the death of Msgr. Kenny Grimes on this date. Both were ordained on May 25, 1957. May it be a joyful reunion. Each, in his own way, was a mentor to me in the priesthood and many others.

“And may God forgive Msgr. Schneider for that maize-and-blue Michigan sign emblazoned on his door, which drove many residents of the Villas, including some sisters, nuts.

“Rest, we pray, in peace now, Msgr. Robert Schneider, and may you know now, as (philosopher Father Pierre Teilhard) de Chardin prayed at the end, that your death, too, is ‘an act of communion.’

“And finally, a postscript. This morning, a nephew of Msgr. Schneider’s handed me a note, marked ‘From the desk of Msgr. Robert E. Schneider.’ On it was written this message:

“‘Hi Paul,

*In gratitude for your many kindnesses, including the homily at my funeral, I wish to express my deep appreciation.*

*Keep up the good work, and upon completion of priestly ministry, may you enjoy the peace of eternal happiness.*

*God bless and thank you again,*

*Bob Schneider.”*

“Only Msgr. Robert E. Schneider could think of something so thoughtful as writing this note in advance of his funeral. It was dated July 8. God bless you, Bob.”

## SECRETARY POSITION

Christ the King Church in Columbus, Ohio, is in search of a full-time secretary who is able to support the administrative aspects of its mission of evangelization. This includes playing a leadership role within the life of the parish, organizing activities, overseeing projects, and handling clerical tasks within the office.

Candidates must have an active faith life and be willing to express that faith in their work. Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office is essential, and Spanish language capabilities are tremendously valuable. Candidates should feel comfortable in a diverse community and a fast-paced environment.

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## Following Jesus vs. American lifestyle; The pope's sister



**QUESTION & ANSWER**  
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
*Catholic News Service*

Q. My husband and I live relatively modestly by American standards, are conscious of the amount of resources we use, and tithing 10 percent. However, I realize that even doing so, we are still living in extreme luxury compared to most people in the world.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks of embracing poverty and leaving all possessions behind to follow him. I feel guilty about having so much, but I also feel that if my husband and I gave up further luxuries (e.g., a computer or a car), it would limit our ability to maintain our jobs, keep contact with friends and family, engage in volunteer activities, go to church, etc.

So is it possible to follow Jesus in America while living a somewhat "normal" American lifestyle? (Indianapolis)

A. The biblical passage to which you refer is found in all three of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

A rich young man approaches Jesus and asks what he needs to do to be saved. Jesus recites to him the commandments, and when the man says that he has indeed followed them, Jesus suggests that he take one further step: sell all that he has and give the proceeds to the poor, then come and follow Christ.

Endless commentary has been written about these words and whether they were an invitation or a command. I believe they were an invitation, and I would argue in particular from Matthew's version (19:21), which has Jesus saying, "If you wish to be perfect. ..."

Also, when Zacchaeus, the tax collector in Jericho, was so taken by Christ that he pledged to give away "half" of his possessions and to repay fourfold anyone he had defrauded, Jesus was obviously pleased and said that salvation had come that day to Zacchaeus' house.

So I do not believe that every Christian is bound to live in abject poverty, although Christ encourages such a choice, and many of his disciples over the centuries have made that choice.

But all Christians are bound to reflect continually on their lifestyle and to examine whether they are doing as much as they might for those who have been blessed with less.

This does not mean that you have to give up your job or your computer or that you can abandon your responsibility to raise and educate your children. It has more to do with where your ultimate loyalty lies -- and that should not be in material possessions. (Luke says in 12:34, "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.")

From the description of your current lifestyle, I believe that you and your husband are surely faithful disciples of Jesus.

Q. I have tried in vain to find out whether Pope Francis has ever had the chance to visit in person with his only surviving sibling since he was elected pope. (I have read that she -- Maria Elena Bergoglio, his youngest sister -- has not been well.) Will Pope Francis ever get a chance to see her? (Honolulu)

A. I can find nothing to indicate that Maria Elena has visited Rome since her brother's election in March 2013. She is his only surviving sibling, 12 years younger than the pope, and has been hospitalized briefly a couple of times during the past two years with various ailments, which I do not believe were life-threatening.

When her brother was elected pope, he telephoned her immediately during his first free moments. She told an interviewer that she had not expected his election and was actually rooting for someone else because she wanted her brother back home.

In late 2014, Maria Elena's son said in a Latin American blog that his uncle Jorge was continuing to telephone his family once or twice a week. He said that they had not yet traveled to Rome and preferred to wait instead until the pope was able to visit Argentina.

In September 2015, Msgr. Guillermo Karcher, an Argentinian priest who is on the Vatican staff, told the *Buenos Aires Herald* that the pope is expected to travel to Argentina in 2017. (Maria Elena had told the press that she wants "two minutes to hug him.")

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



### Logan St. John donates to hospital

Students from Logan St. John School collected money for Go 4 the Goal Pediatric Cancer Day by donating money to dress out of uniform. The students and staff presented a \$125 check to Nationwide Children's Hospital nurse Tiffany DeLong (pictured in center) and attended a Pink Mass for family and friends who had cancer or are battling cancer. Pictured are (from left) Sam Sycks, Mikkel Mathney, Matthew Mansfield, and Heidi Wahl.

Photo courtesy St. John School

### Mike Aquilina to speak at event to benefit Dominican Sisters of Mary

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, who teach at Worthington St. Michael School, will host a benefit featuring a talk by author Mike Aquilina on "How Christianity Changed the World and Can Change It Again" at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 in the Jessing Center of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus.

Aquilina has written more than 40 books, has hosted several EWTN television series and is a frequent guest commentator on Catholic radio. He also is a former editor of *New Covenant* magazine and the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, which has the largest circulation of any Catholic weekly in America.

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, has grown from four founding sisters in 1997 to more than 120 today. They are teaching in schools throughout the nation, and their Education in Virtue curriculum is being used in more than 275 schools.

### Women's Day of Reflection

Tickets for the benefit, which begins with hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., are \$50 apiece or \$350 for a table of eight. Register at [www.sister-sofmary.org/AquilinaEvent](http://www.sister-sofmary.org/AquilinaEvent). For more information, contact Marylyn Thompson at (734) 930-4220.

The Columbus Holy Family Church Confraternity of Christian Mothers is sponsoring a women's day of reflection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at the church, 584 W. Broad St. The theme will be "Becoming An Instrument of Peace."

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP by Friday, Nov. 20 via the Holy Family Confraternity of Christian Mothers Facebook page or by calling parish secretary Mary Gamble at (614) 221-4323.



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## THE MYSTERY OF MALE-FEMALE COMPLEMENTARITY



**MAKING SENSE  
Out of Bioethics**  
Father Tad Pacholczyk

James Parker came out at age 17 and later entered into a relationship with another man. He worked as a gay activist for a while, but his personal experiences of intimacy and human sexuality eventually led him to grasp that "same-sex marriage just doesn't exist, even if you want to say that it does." He concluded that trying to persuade those with homosexual inclinations that they can have marriage like heterosexual couples is basically to "hoodwink" them: "Deep down, there is no mystery between two men, ultimately."

This striking insight helps bring into focus the authentic and remarkable mystery we encounter in the joining of husband and wife in marriage. That abiding mystery touches on their one flesh union and reveals an inner fruitfulness, enabling them to contribute together something greater than either can do alone; namely, the engendering of new life in the marital embrace. Ultimately, that life-giving mystery flows from their radical male-female complementarity.

Pope St. John Paul II commented on this "mystery of complementarity" when he noted how "uniting with each other (in the conjugal act) so closely as to become 'one flesh,' man and woman, rediscover, so to speak, every time and in a special way, the mystery of creation."

The personal and bodily complementarity of man and woman, along with the "duality of a mysterious mutual attraction," reminds us, again in the words of the pope, how "femininity finds itself, in a sense, in the presence of masculinity, while masculinity is confirmed through femininity."

In recent times, nevertheless, the importance of the bodily and spiritual complementarity of man and woman has come to be diminished and even negated in the minds of many, largely because of the diffusion of contraception. This way of intentionally impeding our own procreativity has effectively diminished and even undermined our ability to perceive the inner order and interpersonal meaning of our own sexuality. John Paul II once described the root truth about human sexuality as that "characteristic of man — male and female — which permits them, when they become 'one flesh,' to submit at the same time their whole humanity to the blessing of fertility."

The routine promotion of contraceptive sexual relations across all strata of society has effectively collapsed the mystery of sexuality into the trivial pursuit of mutually-agreed-upon pleasurable sensations. It has managed to reconfigure that sexuality into, basically, sterile acts of mutual autoeroticism. Men and women, neutered and neutralized by various surgeries, phar-

maceuticals, or other devices, no longer really need each other in their complementary sexual roles, with homosexual genital activity claiming the status of just another variant of the same game. This depleted vision of our sexuality strips out the beautiful mystery at its core and diminishes our human dignity.

Human sexuality clearly touches deep human chords, including the reality of our solitude. In the depths of the human heart is found a desire for completion through the total spousal gift of oneself to another, a gift that profoundly contributes to alleviating our primordial sense of human solitude. Both Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis have noted how the deeper mystery of communion that we seek through intimacy is connected to this desire to overcome solitude. We are ultimately intended for communion, so our experiences of human solitude draw us into relationship and beckon us to an encounter with the other.

Yet the union of friendship that arises between two men, for example, or between two women, while clearly important in helping to overcome solitude, can be predicated only on nongenital forms of sharing if their friendship is to be authentic, fruitful, and spiritually life-giving. Genital sexual activity between members of the same sex fails to communicate objectively either the gift of life or the gift of self. Such activity countermands authentic intimacy by collapsing into a form of consensual bodily exploitation, contradicting the very design and meaning of the body in its nature as masculine or feminine. It represents, in fact, the lifeless antithesis of nuptial fruitfulness and faithfulness.

The beauty and meaning of every sexual encounter in marriage, then, is rooted not only in faithful and exclusive love, but also in the radical complementarity of spouses manifested in the abiding mystery of their mutual procreativity. Pope Francis, speaking at the 2015 Synod of Bishops and addressing the theme of "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World," reiterated this divine design over human sexuality when he stressed: "This is God's dream for his beloved creation: to see it fulfilled in the loving union between a man and a woman, rejoicing in their shared journey, fruitful in their mutual gift of self."

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## Paul Darrow from 'Desire of the Everlasting Hills' to speak at two local parishes

**"Look at the face of the other... Discover that he has a soul, a history and a life, That he is a person and that God loves this person."**

On Jan. 10, 2010, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Pope Benedict XVI delivered these touching words to pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for his weekly Angelus blessing. He had just celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism in the Sistine Chapel, welcoming babies into the life of the Church as children of God. As he reflected upon the joy of new life in the Christian family, he likewise shared his sorrow at the great suffering that Christians and migrants were experiencing around the world. He told the world that we must look at suffering people's faces and know they are persons with souls and that God loves them; therefore, we must, too.

In mid-July 2014, these words surfaced again and made a dramatic impact at the debut of the documentary

*Desire of the Everlasting Hills.* This time, at the International Courage Conference at Villanova University, the words appeared at the beginning of a video that chronicles the lives of three people (international model Paul Darrow, business executive Rilene Simpson and Grand Rapids (Michigan) Symphony musician Dan Mattson) who share their stories of confusion, promiscuity, pain, loneliness, anger, and, yes – love. While each of them had early roots in Catholicism, they left the faith to engage in same-sex relationships. Eventually, through the power of the Holy Spirit, each had a remarkable conversion that led them back to the Church and to lives of sacrificial virtue.

Darrow will speak at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, and at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16 at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway.

Like the babies baptized by Pope Benedict on that Feast of the Baptism

of the Lord, Darrow, Simpson, and Mattson are icons of hope in a world of despair. They are proof that prayers are answered, redemption is possible, and sacrifice is worthwhile. Because they have lived in darkness and by grace have seen great light, they are like the philosopher in the *Allegory of Plato's Cave* who can perceive the true form of reality, rather than the mere shadows seen by the prisoners who are still chained to the wall of the cave.

Genesis 49:26 reads, "The blessings of thy father are strengthened with the blessings of his fathers: until the desire of the everlasting hills should come; may they be upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the Nazarite among his brethren." The *Douay-Rheims Bible and Challoner Notes* point out that those blessings of old all



looked forward toward Christ, who is the desire of the everlasting hills and has always been longed for by the whole of creation.

For decades, Darrow, Simpson, and Mattson didn't know Christ was their true desire. Now they know He's their only true desire and their blessings are strengthened and multiplied beyond compare. Now they spend their lives sharing their blessings with others, until the desire of the everlasting hills should come.

The video *Desire of the Everlasting Hills* may be seen online at everlasting-hills.org.

For information on Courage and Encouragement, the Catholic apostolates for people with same-sex attraction and their families, visit [couragerc.org](http://couragerc.org).

For local chapter information, call Father Pat Toner at (614) 296-7404.



## Mary, the Queen of All Saints

They tell me she looks just like me. I smile and nod and smile some more. To be honest, I don't consider it much of a compliment for her.

But then, when I sent some pictures to a grandmother who hadn't seen her in far too long, I heard that she thinks my younger daughter looks not like me, but like my husband. You might expect me to be disappointed, but I think it's great.

My older daughter is the spitting image of my husband's family, though she has some of my expressions. She has his dark eyes, his complexion, his height and stature.

My younger daughter doesn't look much like her sister. Instead of dark features, she's light, with curls and an impish, ornery smile that I know all too well. She sticks her tongue out when she's concentrating and has a way of looking at Daddy that I think my own father would recognize.

Hearing that my children resemble my husband warms my heart. My desire for my children is that they turn out like my husband. It's not that I think I'm such a bad person, but that I have such admiration and respect for him. When I was wavering and unsure of myself at what I think now was one of the lowest points in my life, he came along and quietly swept me away. I discovered a treasure trove in the Catholic faith, thanks to his silent witness.

I think this must be how Mary feels about me. She



**Finding Faith in Everyday Life**

Sarah Reinhard

sees me striving so hard to do my best, and maybe she smiles, as I do, when she sees how I resemble her Divine Spouse, the Holy Spirit. Does she get a tear in her eye at the thought that I could be like Him?

I know she must be cheering for me. As Queen of All Saints, she has a host of children who have grown up to be a lot like Jesus. While none of us humans can achieve His perfection, the saints stand in a group in front of me, urging me to fight down the desire to see them as too holy to imitate.

So often, I'm guilty of giving up if I can't reach perfection. What's the point, after all? Is a thing worth doing if it can't be done right?

"Yes!" the Queen of Saints whispers in my ear as my head lies on my pillow, exhausted from a day of failed attempts. "Keep failing, my child. It's the only way you can get close!"

It goes against what I've spent my life learning to do. It goes against my very picture of what a

queen does.

She doesn't lean over a frazzled servant girl and whisper in her ear, does she? She doesn't lift a small, dirty child from the floor and hold her close, does she? She doesn't clean other people's messes when there are maids, does she?

Except that the Queen of Saints does ... all this and more. She might have a crown of stars, but that doesn't keep her from doing the floors right beside me. She might have a gown of gold, but she's still offering to make the tea and join me in drinking it. She might be royalty, but that doesn't keep her from cheering like a Midwestern football fan at every single small success.

Mary is an example of perfection, but she's not an inaccessible icon sitting on a remote throne far away. As Queen of Saints, she opens her arms wide, embracing a group of fallen humans who keep trying.

If I keep listening to her and following her example, I just might find out that I'm starting to look a bit like her. And, if I'm lucky, maybe I'll start to resemble her Spouse, too, which will lead me to looking more like her Son.

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## Watterson Hall of Fame

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School inducted the third class into its Athletic Hall of Fame with a halftime ceremony at a home football game, a Mass at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, and a brunch and induction ceremony at the school. The inductees join 20 others inducted into the hall in 2013 and 2014. Pictured are (from left): first row, Scott Manahan, Watterson alumni director; Marian Hutson, Watterson principal; and inductees John Mahaney and Dr. Elaine Binkley; second row, inductee Al Washington and his son, Dorian, and inductees Simba Hodar, Phil Anglim, and John Motil.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

# KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE INVEST 37 NEW MEMBERS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem invested 37 new members into its ranks this past weekend at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral as part of the 2015 annual meeting of its North Central Lieutenancy. Inductees from Columbus included Sir Russell John Howard, KHS, and Lady Patricia Ann Howard, LHS, of New Albany. Also inducted were Sir Thomas J. Kernan, KHS, and Lady Sarah J. Kernan, LHS, formerly of Columbus but now residing in the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois.

More than 350 members of the organization and their spouses attended the event, which took place from Friday to Monday, Oct. 23 to 26, at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel and included the induction Mass, celebrated by Bishop Fredrick F. Campbell at the cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 25, and a promotion and memorial Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Knights from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Kentucky, the area covered by the lieutenancy, heard from speakers including Bishop William Shomali, auxiliary bishop of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and Father James McIlhorne, pilgrim master for the lieutenancy.

Bishop Shomali spoke from Jerusalem via Skype. He had hoped to come to Columbus, but was prevented from doing so by current conditions in Israel. At the time of his talk, 52 Palestinians and nine Israelis had been killed and thousands of people had been injured in the Holy Land since Oct. 1 because of what he described as “a new vicious cycle of violence” in

the always-volatile area.

“Think of a child born in Gaza in 2009,” he said. “Since his birth, he has already gone through three wars” and never really known what a peaceful life is like.

“Terror is commonplace along the Via Dolorosa, the very place where Jesus suffered,” the bishop said. “This contradicts Jerusalem’s vocation as the Holy City. Every day, shootings and stabbings have become our daily bread. Funerals follow, and these bring more aggression. (Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin) Netanyahu and (Palestine Authority President Mahmoud) Abbas have not met for five years and accuse each other.”

In response to a question from the audience, he said that the continued failure of talks aimed at finding a workable solution to end the violence and bring peace to the Holy Land made it obvious that the six to eight nations with the power to combine efforts to do so must put into place and enforce a solution.

“You can’t leave it to the Israelis and the Palestinians, because they hold to two different ideological narratives” that can’t be reconciled, he said. “A solution should be imposed. Let everyone (on the two opposing sides) cry. They will be happy later on.”

The bishop responded to another question by saying “the lack of a solution is pushing the extremists among the Palestinians to more radical responses. The best way to fight Hamas (the leading Palestinian terrorist group) is to find a solution which will encourage moderation.” He noted that the Vatican recognized the Pal-



estinian Authority as a state and urged a two-state solution in Israel this past June.

Bishop Shomali said the 140,000 Christians in Israel and the 50,000 in Palestine are caught in the middle of difficult situations related to their mutual opposition to violence. Christians holding an Israeli passport refuse to take part in that nation’s mandatory conscription into the military, while Christians with a Palestinian passport support political advocacy, but reject violent solutions to any conflict with Israel.

The bishop said Christians are looked upon with suspicion, but at the same time are respected by many on both sides because of their adherence to these positions.

He said the Catholic Church plays five key roles in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: preaching nonviolence; serving as a voice of faith, condemning evil where it exists; working for reconciliation; practicing interreligious dialogue; and educating people through high-quality schools.

He noted that the church has 100 schools in the Holy Land and that many Muslim families send their families to these schools because they recognize the value of their curriculum, which emphasizes dialogue and human values rather than hatred and ignorance of “the other.”

Bishop Shomali said the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre play an important role in the church’s educational, social, and pastoral work in the Holy Land, and asked for their continued support through prayer, pilgrimage, financial aid, and advocacy.

He noted that one of the reasons for the ongoing dispute between Israelis and Palestinians is that each side perceives the conflict in a different way; for instance, Palestinians look at Gaza as occupied territory, while Israelis call it disputed territory. Israelis view living in the Holy Land as the fulfillment of a divine promise to Abraham, while Palestinians say they should be allowed to remain where they are because of 14 centuries of living there. What Israelis call the Temple Mount is known as the Noble Sanctuary to Palestinians – a site sacred to both for different reasons. The bishop said schoolbooks of each group state only one position on key questions, while Catholic and other Christian schools look at both sides.

**Left: Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre walk in procession down East Broad Street in Columbus and enter St. Joseph Cathedral. Right: Knights pray before the investing of new members of the order.**

This matter of viewing the same thing from different perspectives also was discussed by Father McIlhorne in a talk titled “West Meets East.”

Father McIlhorne, a priest and seminary instructor in the Archdiocese of Chicago, has made 10 trips to the Holy Land and said he always has been struck by how, on the rooftop of a church overlooking Jerusalem, he sometimes can simultaneously hear the bells of Christian churches and the Muslim call to prayer and see Orthodox Jews walking to their synagogues. Jerusalem is sacred to each of those major faiths for different reasons, and is a place where the differences between Western and Eastern ways of how people understand things become very apparent.

Father McIlhorne gave many examples of these differences. He said the West is very future-oriented, emphasizes the notion of “forgive and forget,” and always seems to be more interested in advancing to the next thing. The East, on the other hand, places an emphasis on the past, remembering and retaining things, and participating in them as though they were still occurring. He used the Jewish phrase “Our forefathers parted the Red Sea and our feet got wet” as one example; another involved an Orthodox priest’s response that “You sacked Constantinople in 1204” when learning Father McIlhorne was a Catholic.

“The East is contemplative; the West wants action,” he said. “The East accepts the world as it is, created by God. The West wants to impose its will and shape the world. The East uses myth and imagery; the West relies on scientific facts. The East thinks in terms of family and

community, the ‘we’; the West places more of an emphasis on the individual, the ‘I.’

“The East listens to others and how people describe those others; Westerners in the Middle East want to see everything from a Western perspective (‘the West is best’). As a result, the Middle East for many doesn’t measure up and is behind the times” and not properly valued for what it has to offer, Father McIlhorne said. He also discussed the importance of the concepts of honor and shame in Eastern thought and how these relate to several Gospel stories.

Also speaking during the weekend were Father Drew Christiansen, SJ, professor of ethics and global human development at Georgetown University, and Dr. Tobias Winright, associate professor of theological ethics at St. Louis University.

The knights had opportunities to pray the rosary and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the weekend and to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament at an all-night Exposition at the hotel late Saturday and early Sunday.

During the weekend, they approved an initiative asking members to assist in promoting the annual collection for the Holy Land which is taken up at Good Friday services in Catholic churches across the United States. They also approved the start of pilot programs for a proposed auxiliary for people ages 18 to 30. This was the lieutenancy’s first meeting in Columbus in 15 years. Next year’s gathering will be in the Diocese of Joliet.

The Order of the Holy Sepulchre is based in Rome, near the Vatican, and has about 30,000 members worldwide. It was founded in the 12th century by Godfrey of Bouillon, a leader of



**Bishop Frederick Campbell uses a ceremonial sword to dub new Knights of the Holy Sepulchre in a ritual that dates back to the Crusades.**  
CT photos by Ken Snow

the first Crusade to the Holy Land. Its purpose was to protect the religious Chapter of Canons, members of the clergy whose job it was to serve at the church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Christ’s tomb.

The order has been part of the Catholic Church since its founding, and its chief mission of protecting the Holy Land has remained unchanged. Today, instead of raising an army to defend the Holy Land, the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre raise money for the same purpose.

Each year, they donate millions of dollars in assistance to Catholic, ecumenical, and interreligious initiatives in the Holy Land, mainly to Catholic-run schools, hospitals, and clinics. The organization’s grand master is Cardinal Edwin O’Brien, former archbishop of Baltimore, who was appointed to the position by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

Pope Paul VI in 1977 approved a new constitution for the order, which states the following reasons for its existence:

“The Order relives in a modern manner the spirit and ideal of the Crusades, with the arms of faith, of the apostolate, and of Christian charity. To this end the Order (a) fosters in its members the practice of the Christian life; (b) is zealous for the preservation and spread of the faith in Palestine; and (c) champions the defense of the rights of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, the cradle of the Order.”

Knights of the order must be practicing Catholics in a state of grace and in communion with Rome, and must have their membership approved by the bishop of their diocese. They are invited to join by other members, and must take an oath of loyalty to the pope and to the

Catholic Church as part of their induction. They also are urged to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land at least once in their lifetime.

There are 321 Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre in Ohio, including 199 in the dioceses of Columbus and Steubenville, which are part of the same membership section of the organization. Membership totals about 1,500 in the North Central Lieutenancy.

It’s a fairly small organization by design, compared with groups such as the Knights of Columbus, because it concentrates on the specific purpose of supporting the Holy Land rather than being more wide-ranging.

It admits men and women on an equal basis. Many of the members are married couples who were inducted at the same time and share duties in the organization. The membership includes laypersons and clergy, including Bishop Campbell, Bishop Emeritus James Griffin, and several priests of the Diocese of Columbus. Diocesan priests are nominated by their bishop, and priests belonging to religious orders are nominated by their superior. Bishop Griffin did much to revive the Knights in the diocese in the 1990s after a period of dormancy.

Knights of the diocese sponsor the annual Cradling Christianity dinner, which since 2006 has raised more than \$750,000 to benefit Christians in the Holy Land. They also sponsor an annual Mass and dinner in support of Bishop Campbell, as well as a Lenten day of reflection. In addition, they take part in ongoing efforts to work with members of the Maronite, Melkite, Byzantine, and other Eastern Catholic churches within the diocese.



## Praying, and hoping, for peace in Jerusalem's Old City

By Judith Sudilovsky  
Catholic News Service

Following a week that included Palestinians stabbing Israelis, bloody clashes between Palestinian protesters and Israeli security forces, and despair rising on both sides, the parishioners of St. Saviour Church in the Old City of Jerusalem came to Mass on Monday, Oct. 19 to pray, mainly for peace.

"We are very tired," said Margaret Injak, 63, who lives near the third station of the cross along the Via Dolorosa. "We are very afraid of the police, we are afraid of the Israelis, we are afraid of the Muslims. I am for peace; I want peace for all the world, just peace."

She said Christians have been staying mainly in the Christian quarter of the Old City as yet another wave of violence plays itself out between Israeli security forces and Palestinians, and parents have been keeping a closer eye on their children.

Most of the attacks have been carried out by young Palestinians, some as young as 13, and what started in Jerusalem has spread to other Israeli cities. Fighting between Israeli soldiers and Palestinians continues in the West Bank and along the border with Gaza. The clashes between the two left at least 44 Palestinians and seven Israelis dead since the beginning of October.

St. Saviour is in the Christian quarter, but not far from where, earlier in the month, stabbings took place on a part of the Via Dolorosa that is in the Muslim quarter.

### Men's Luncheon Club

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club session will feature Bishop Frederick Campbell's annual talk to the organization on matters of current interest related to the Diocese of Columbus and the Catholic Church as a whole.

The club will meet Friday, Nov. 6, following the 11:45 a.m. Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., with the meeting ending no later than 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. A donation of \$10 is requested for the lunch and meeting.

For information on Catholic men's luncheons, visit [www.Columbus-CatholicMen.com](http://www.Columbus-CatholicMen.com) or contact John Schechter, luncheon club president, at [jschechter@sbglobal.net](mailto:jschechter@sbglobal.net).

Over a number of decades, several Muslim-quarter properties have been bought by Jews, including a religious seminary and a long unused house purchased by former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. It is also along this portion of the Via Dolorosa that Jews walk through from the main Damascus Gate to reach the Western Wall.

The armed Israeli border policemen standing guard at the fourth and fifth station of the cross, where a metal detector has been placed, are meant to prevent further attacks.

Since the tensions began, Frieda Michail, 53, said she no longer lets her children go out and takes them and picks them up from school herself.

"We tell our children that politics is not for us, to leave it for the big people. If you want to live in peace, you have to take care of your children. I tell them we are the brothers of Muslims and we are the brothers of Jews," said her husband, William, 54. "I tell my children to be safe; to be good. I think there is only one God, for Muslims, Christians, and Jews. If one of us has a problem, there are problems for all of us. I say it is not right, these kids killing each other. It is sad for everybody."

Auxiliary Bishop William Shomali, chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, said that as he made his way into the church, accompanied by several children preparing their readings for the midmorning family Mass, it was more important than ever to remain strong in faith.

"We keep our children safe by teaching them their faith, sending them to Catholic school, and giving them a good example," he told CNS.

In the church, religious try to keep a warm atmosphere for the children, teaching them about the Catholic faith and providing them with a safe gathering place. But recently, the children have been very tense and anxious, said Gustavo Ramirez, a Salesian seminarian from Mexico who has been in Jerusalem for two years and who has been helping in catechism classes.

"We try to talk and smile and calm them by the way we do our work," he said. "For me, it is sacrilegious that these things are happening in the Holy Land, but at the same time, upon reflection, the Via Dolorosa is the symbol of Christ's suffering, and these people are



experiencing that suffering now. It is the suffering of both people."

Though the streets are less crowded than normal and hotels have reported cancellations, groups of pilgrims from Taiwan, Poland, India, and Spain still walk the Via Dolorosa, or Way of the Cross, stopping at the stations and taking the presence of the border police in stride, with some pausing to snap pictures with the obliging young men and women in uniform.

"I know that violence is inherent to this place," said Luis Vernajo, 66, a pilgrim from Madrid on his fourth visit to the Holy Land. "It is very complicated for a person to face that hate, but the desire to be here is so strong that you put that to the side. This place deserves for us to come here. Since the Psalm of David, there has been a prayer for the peace of Jerusalem, and we all have to try and contribute to this. We all have to pray for a better peace of Jerusalem."

Franciscan Brother Mark McPherson, an American originally from Los Angeles who has been in the Holy Land for three years, said he tries to make his presence on the Via Dolorosa a positive influence. He chats amiably equally with the Muslim shopkeepers as well as the Israeli soldiers.

"I try to be warm and friendly to everybody, also to the soldiers," he said, noting that a shopkeeper had just chastised him for taking a picture with some soldiers, calling them "killers."

"They are also probably scared. They are also young kids. You can't assume they are killers."

Near the Armenian Catholic Patriarchate, at the fourth station, a young Jewish Orthodox mother, wearing a long skirt and a blue turban wrapped around her hair, walked down the street with her baby strapped to her chest in a baby carrier. Three armed private security guards towered over her as they accompanied her along the street. Shortly after, a border policeman called over a young Palestinian man to stand by the wall and frisked him for possible concealed weapons.

Heading down toward the Muslim quarter from the Christian quarter, Jack Hliemat, 17, made the sign of the cross as he passed St. Saviour and hurried to pick up breakfast for his family before they went to Mass.

"My parents tell me to be careful when I go out, but I am not afraid because I don't do anything wrong," he said.

A blue T-shirt emblazoned with the word "peace" in Hebrew, Arabic, and English hangs on display next to him.

"We like peace and we should help each other," said Samir Asm, 56, while reading a newspaper in front of the T-shirt shop he has run for 35 years. "Even if we don't have peace, I will sell my (peace) T-shirts."

Photo: An Israeli border police officer stands near Catholic tourists from Indonesia as they carry a cross on Oct. 18 in Jerusalem. (CNS photo/Debbie Hill)

## Longhorns Unite Day

The Columbus St. Anthony School population is divided into family groups of students ranging from grades kindergarten through eight, with a staff member leading each family. The families meet monthly on Longhorns Unite Day. After spending some time getting reacquainted with their families after the summer break and meeting new members of the families, the school community gathered together on the first Longhorns Unite Day of the school year to remember and pray for all those affected by the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. Pictured is the family group led by eighth-grade teacher Kelly Buzenski. Photo courtesy St. Anthony School



### Bishop Watterson Open House

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, will host its annual fall open House from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. Prospective students are welcome to tour the facilities, meet faculty, staff, and coaches, and learn about the school's academic, faith, service, and co-curricular programs. Questions may be addressed to Deacon Chris Campbell at (614) 268-8671, extension 229.

## The John L. Sauter Estate Planning Seminar

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015

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### Agenda

Delaware County Probate Judge David Hejmanowski. The impact the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on gay marriage (Obergefell v. Hodges) and also updates on probate law.

Jane Higgins Marx of Carlile Patchen and Murphy. The new guardianship rules in Ohio and on the Franklin County Guardianship Service Board.

Assistant Attorney General Todd DeBoe, Esq. The Ohio Attorney General's Role in Charitable Trust/Endowment Modification and the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA).

Mark Menges, President of Compass Financial Group. Incorporating philanthropy in estate planning. Different charitable giving vehicles and means using estate to fund those vehicles.

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Columbus Bishop Watterson High School student John Markiewicz is a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship program, and eight other Watterson seniors have been named commended scholars by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. The honors are based on their scores on the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The honored students are (from left) first row, John Markiewicz, Alex Proca, Erin O'Brien, Lily Kreber, and Samwise Parkinson; second row, Joel Silleck, Kira Keaslov, Claire DiOrio, and David Szolosi.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

### Water filtration project

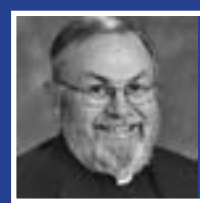


Seventh-grade students at Hilliard St. Brendan School, including Grace Vulic (left) and Brianna Jones, became engineers in science class during October. The students worked as a team or individually, using items from their homes to develop a filtration system to eliminate as much dirt as possible from a water sample they were provided. If the system worked, they ended up with water that looked completely clear. The students were given guidelines, and how they accomplished the task was up to them. The students presented their projects by describing how they were designed and providing a demonstration of the working filter.

Photo courtesy St. Brendan School

## The Feast of All Saints (Cycle B)

# The saint is one whose eyes are set on God's face



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Revelation 7:2-4,9-14;**

**1 John 3:1-3**

**Matthew 5:1-12a**

The Feast of All Saints interrupts the flow of Ordinary Time. The readings come from the New Testament. In Revelation, we find the one thoroughly apocalyptic work of the New Testament. Matthew, Mark, and Luke each have an “apocalyptic discourse” between Jesus and the disciples shortly before his arrest, but do not develop the theme beyond that.

Apocalyptic literature uses visions, symbolic numbers, colors, angels, and heroic figures to bolster the spirits of suffering people. The book of Revelation involves the suffering Christians toward the end of the first century and encourages them to stay the course until their suffering ends in victory.

What John sees in Sunday's reading is a vision of an angel from the East holding “the seal of the living God.” The vision recalls the Exodus event, when the blood-smeared doorposts of the escaping Hebrews protected them from the angel of death. Here, the number marked were 144,000 “from every tribe of the children of Israel.” That represents twelve (tribes of Israel) times twelve (12 apostles of the Lamb) times 1,000 (a great number).

People often stop reading at that point, hoping to be one of the lucky 144,000. What they overlook is the following “vision of a great multitude, which no one could count from every nation, race, people and tongue.” All of them were standing before the Lamb (representing Christ as the Lamb of God), wearing white robes (symbolizing forgiveness and cleansing), and holding palm branches (symbols of victory), crying out about the salvation from God and from the Lamb. They are joined by the angels in singing of the glory and honor and might of “our God.” As a reading for All Saints Day,

## Fiber Fair

The annual Fiber Fair, formerly known as the Knit-In, will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

The event is a workday for all who knit, crochet, sew, weave, or otherwise work with fiber. Those taking part are asked to bring lunch. Dessert will be provided.

For more information, call Sandra Walsh at (614) 342-6003.

the connection is obvious, since the saints are those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

First John notes the incredible news that we are in this present moment rightly called “children of God. What we shall be has not yet been revealed.” We know that we shall be like God because we shall see the face of God; indeed, we shall see God as God really is. Deliverance from the limitations of our mortality will enable us to do that. It remains limited to us in life because we remain earthbound and subject to earth's limitations.

Even so, the desire to see God – not to get a quick glance like pilgrims waiting all day for a flyby view of Pope Francis – is planted deep within us. Like the Emmaus disciples, we want to dwell there a while – an eternal while; to know from within the midst of total freedom, freedom from fear of any kind, the presence of the Eternal One, the One who molded us and fashioned us in that same likeness by which we come to be known.

The Gospel lays forth the program for those who seek the Kingdom. Like Moses on his own mountain, so Matthew's Jesus ascends a mountain and sets forth not commandments, but beatitudes – ways of acting and attitudes by which those who seek to live in company with teacher Jesus are called to act. In the Old Testament, beatitudes take the form of sayings such as those we find in Psalm 1: “Happy is the man (or happy are they) who walks not in the council of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the assembly of scoffers. ... He is like a tree planted near streams of water ... whatever he does prospers.”

Matthew's “blessed” may well be required to suffer, or mourn, or hunger and thirst for righteousness, but they are convinced that the benefit that awaits them outweighs the present circumstance. The saint does not thereby expect to buy salvation or to force God's hand by good works. Rather, the saint is one whose eyes are set on the face of God and acts that way.

**Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary Church, can be reached at hummerl@st-marychillicothe.com.**

## In Remembrance

The choirs of Columbus St. Andrew Church will join together to offer their seventh annual remembrance service at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8.

The hourlong service in honor of departed loved ones includes choral anthems, congregational hymns, Scripture readings, and reflections of remembrance, hope, and consolation.

All are invited to this time of music and remembrance. St. Andrew Church is located at 1899 McCoy Road in Columbus.

For more information, contact parish music director Philip Lortz at (614) 451-1839 or via email at plortz@standrewparish.cc

## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Wisdom 3:1-9  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9  
John 6:37-40

TUESDAY  
Romans 12:5-16b  
Psalm 131:1cde,2-3  
Luke 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY  
Romans 13:8-10  
Psalm 112:1b-2,4-5,9  
Luke 14:25-33

THURSDAY  
Romans 14:7-12  
Psalm 27:1bcde,4,13-14  
Luke 15:1-10

FRIDAY  
Romans 15:14-21  
Psalm 98:1-4  
Luke 16:1-8

SATURDAY  
Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27  
Psalm 145:2-5,10-11  
Luke 16:9-15

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2015

SUNDAY MASS  
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.  
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).  
Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

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

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

# The Church Remains Relevant In the Media Age Because of the Coverage She Is Given



THE TIDE IS TURNING  
TOWARD CATHOLICISM  
David Hartline

Thankfully, the Catholic Church is relevant enough that, even in this secular media age, she still is scrutinized and covered by the media, even if it is in a negative light. All of the issues of the recent synod in Rome need to be seen in the light that the Catholic Church still commands in media coverage. This cannot be said of many churches whose numbers have dwindled, even though their changes in philosophy and doctrine have been well-received in media and secular circles.

There is what seems to be a demand among some political pundits that the Catholic Church must change with the times. Yet, where the Church is growing (Africa and Asia), her teachings are believed and not questioned by a large majority of the people.

The Catholic Church in Africa has grown tenfold in the last 100 years, to almost 200 million people. The seminaries and motherhouses for training prospective priests and sisters are so packed that candidates often are sent to the United States, Canada, Germany, England, and Italy to study. In China, millions flock to the underground Catholic Church, not to the Chinese state-sponsored church.

China is an especially fertile breeding ground for Catholicism. While portraits of Communists such as Mao Zedong adorn public places, the economy of China is one of the most unrestrained capitalistic economies in the world. The people simply don't believe what their atheistic leaders say. They hear one

thing come out of the leaders' mouths and see quite another in practice. This is how the Church has always grown, as people turn to the words of Jesus, his apostles, and his saints in the midst of the hypocrisy they see from society.

The skeptic might add, “What about when the Church itself is the problem and full of hypocrisy?” The Catholic Church has always and will always have sinful people in her midst, but its beliefs and teachings are not the problem. Juxtapose this with the whims of society, where the words of philosophers and pop culture stars go in and out of style, much like fashion.

In moments like these, I can't help but think of some of the people I met during my talks at Family Theater in Hollywood who worked with some of my favorite rock stars and movie stars. All the wild nights and parties in the Hollywood hills filled with pop psychology brought in by a pharmaceutical haze were just a haze or mirage that passed by like so many meteors on a clear night. They had no lasting impact and often turned into wasted years.

## Pope establishes new dicastery for laity, family, life

By Junno Arocho Esteves

Catholic News Service

Pope Francis announced he is establishing a new office for laity, family, and life, combining the responsibilities of two pontifical councils.

The pope made the announcement on Oct. 22 during the afternoon session of the Synod of Bishops on the family.

“I have decided to establish a new dicastery with competency for laity, family, and life that will replace the Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Pontifical Council for the Family. The Pontifical Academy for Life will be joined to the new dicastery,” the pope said.

The responsibilities of the new office will be spelled out in a document being drafted by a commission the pope said he already has appointed.

Members of the pope's international Council of Cardinals have been discussing the move for months.

Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, the retired archbishop of Milan, was tasked by the pope to study the feasibility of creating the new dicastery.

Following a presentation by Cardinal Tettamanzi, the council made a formal proposal to bring together the current pontifical councils for the laity and for the family and to place the Pontifical Academy for Life under the new office's jurisdiction.

Established in 1967 by Blessed Paul VI, the Pontifical Council for the Laity is charged with overseeing the apostolate of the laity and “their participation in the life and mission of the church,” both as individuals and through organizations and movements. It was reformed 10

years later and included among the permanent dicasteries of the Roman Curia. The current president of the council is Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko.

The Pontifical Council for the Family was established on May 9, 1981, by St. John Paul II and took the place of the Committee for the Family created by Pope Paul in 1973.

The council, which promotes pastoral ministries and apostolates aimed at supporting families and the defense of human life, is headed by Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia.

Although there was no immediate word on who would lead the new dicastery, Pope Francis said that the special commission's text on its competencies will be presented for discussion to the Council of Cardinals, which is scheduled to meet Dec. 10-12.

In the last year of his life, John Lennon of the Beatles lamented that his lyrics and politics had been misinterpreted. He often read religious writings and watched Franco Zeffirelli's epic masterpiece *Jesus of Nazareth* over and over again. He lamented that he had not been there enough for his oldest son Julian. Yet his words were dismissed by some in pop culture as that of a man whose relevance had passed him by. No one could have known that a demented Mark David Chapman would take Lennon's life. Jesus told us that tomorrow is not promised to us. Thankfully, it seems John Lennon got it right in his last year on earth. However, too many still think the whims of society, rather than the deposit of faith given us to us by God and His Church, will save them.

This doesn't mean some truth can't come out of our favorite rock band's lyrics or the words or art of wandering philosophers or painters. We should have fun and enjoy life. There was a reason Jesus went out to be with the people, rather than be locked away like the Essenes in the desert. Some people even accused Jesus of drinking too much and hanging out with sinners. There's nothing wrong with having fun at a football tailgate, eating and drinking with friends, or enjoying a great concert. It is all about putting life in perspective. Jesus and the Church gave us the road map. We just need to follow it.

**Hartline is the author of “The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism,” founder of the Catholicreport.org and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.**

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## Pray for our dead

**BARNETT, John W., 84, Oct. 18**  
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

**BAUMAN, Norma L., 94, Sept. 12**  
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

**BEDWELL, Cosmina "Connie" A., 82, formerly of Columbus, Oct. 22**  
St. Joseph Church, Waukesha, Wis.

**BELZ, Edward E., 89, Oct. 22**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**BONADUCI, Ferdinand, 89, Oct. 14**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**CHAPIN, Mary A., 89, Oct. 21**  
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

**CHURELLA, Pearl, 91, Oct. 20**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**DICKMANN, John Q., 77, of New Albany, Oct. 19**  
Holy Family Church, Poland, Ohio

**GALLI, Anacleto, 94, Oct. 21**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**GOMEZ, Herbert J., 86, Oct. 10**  
Holy Family Church, Columbus

**IACONIS, Joseph D., 91, Oct. 19**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**KAPCAR, Nicholas J., 10 months, Oct. 20**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**MAHON, William, 49, Oct. 15**  
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

**MARTIN, Diane, 57, Oct. 21**  
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

**McGRATH, Marie A., 96, Oct. 22**  
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

**MESCHER, David C., 61, Oct. 20**  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

**MORERA, Leila R., 82, Oct. 23**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

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

**ROBINSON, Douglas E., 55, Oct. 12**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**ROSE, Donald J., 85, Oct. 19**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**SCANLON, Maurice T., 86, Oct. 15**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**SHAW, Ruth M., 90, Oct. 15**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**SOLINSKY, Lori L., 51, Oct. 11**  
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

**ST. MARIE, Mary F., 92, Oct. 20**  
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

**STEELY, Norma C., 87, Oct. 19**  
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

**SWAIN, Ralph E., 94, Oct. 21**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**TOKAR, Stephen R., 70, Oct. 18**  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

**WALL, Roberta M., Oct. 20**  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

**WEINSTEGER, Pauline M., 96, Oct. 20**  
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

## Vatican calls rumors over Pope Francis' health false and irresponsible

**By Ann Schneible**  
*CNA/EWTN News*

The director of the Holy See's press office has denied a report in the Italian press that Pope Francis is suffering from a brain tumor, denouncing its dissemination as "gravely irresponsible."

The Oct. 21 statement by Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi came in response to a report that day by Italian agency Quotidiano Nazionale alleging that the Pope had been diagnosed with a small but curable brain tumor.

"The dissemination of totally unfounded news regarding the Holy Father's health by an Italian press agency is gravely irresponsible and unworthy of attention," the statement read.

Father Lombardi also pointed out that Pope Francis' busy schedule has continued without issue.

"Moreover, as everyone can see, the pope is carrying out his very intense activity without interruption in a way that is absolutely normal," he said.

Pope Francis took part in the recently concluded Synod on the Family at the Vatican.

Over the course of his pontificate, he has canceled few meetings and visits, maintaining an intense schedule including pastoral visits, presiding over major Vatican events, and papal trips, the latest of which was to the United States and Cuba.

Father Lombardi reconfirmed the Italian news agency's article as false at a Vatican press briefing later the same day, saying the details of the report had been verified as having never taken place. He added that publication of the report was unjustifiable.

The director of the Holy See press office also confirmed at the briefing that "the pope enjoys good health," as evidenced by his presence at the weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

The pope has some difficulties with his leg, but "his head, it seems to me, is absolutely perfect," he said.



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St. Brendan School - 4475 Dublin Rd., Hilliard  
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For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

### 'Happenings' submissions

Notices for items of Catholic interest must be received at least 12 days before expected publication date. We will print them as space permits. Items not received before this deadline may not be published.

Listings cannot be taken by phone. Mail to: The Catholic Times Happenings, 197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215 Fax to: 614-241-2518 E-mail as text to tpuet@colsdioic.org

September's World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. 614-241-2560

**Fiber Fair at Church of the Resurrection**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Annual Fiber Fair knitting workday for all who knit, crochet, sew, weave, or otherwise work with fiber. Bring lunch; dessert provided. 614-342-6003

**CALICO ANGEL CRAFT SHOW  
Saturday, November 7th  
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### OCTOBER

29, THURSDAY

**Cenacle at Holy Name**

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. **Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart** 7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. Prayers for intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for bishops and priests. 614-372-5249

30, FRIDAY

**Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House**

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. 614-866-4302

31, SATURDAY

**Sacred Heart Congress at St. Catharine**

7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus. Fourth annual Sacred Heart Congress, with Mass celebrated by Father Dan Dury at noon and talks by Gloria Anson, president of national Sacred Heart Apostolate, and Father Stash Dailey, spiritual director of Sacred Heart Columbus.

**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.

**Open House for Prospective Students at ODU**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective undergraduate students. 614-251-4500

**Bishop Campbell Talk on World Meeting of Families** 10:30 a.m., St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., Chillicothe. Presentation by Bishop Frederick Campbell on issues and topics discussed at

### NOVEMBER

1, SUNDAY

**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Virginia Hardy and Beverly Thompson of Black Catholic Ministries Columbus speak on African Americans under consideration for sainthood. **Mass at St. Anthony with Cardinal Turkson** 11:15 a.m., St. Anthony Church, 1300 Urban Drive, Columbus. Mass, open to all, celebrated by Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, the first cardinal from Ghana. 614-885-4857

**Open House at St. Charles Preparatory**

1 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Open house for all eighth-grade boys and their parents. 614-252-6714

**Catholic Youth Summer Camp Groundbreaking**

2 p.m., Catholic Youth Summer Camp and Retreat Center, 3 Township Road 200, Cardington. Groundbreaking and property tours at CYSC's new, permanent 500-acre home. Bring comfortable clothes and footwear. 614-657-1822

**St. Martin de Porres Feast Day Celebration**

2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Celebration of the Feast of St. Martin de Porres, with Bakhita Dancers and Catholic Community Choir, followed by opening reception for "Creative Women of Color" art exhibit. 614-416-1910

**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

**St. Margaret of Cortona 'Catholic Conversations' Series** 6 to 8 p.m., Makoy Center, 5462 Center St., Hilliard. Fourth talk in monthly "Catholic Conversations" series for anyone 21 and older, sponsored by Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church. Speaker: Catholic author and radio host Patrick Madrid on "The Godless Delusion: A Catholic Critique of Modern Atheism." Tickets \$18, including buffet. To register, visit Eventbrite and search "Catholic Conversations."

**Matt Maher Concert in Marysville**

7 p.m., Auditorium, Marysville High School, 800 Amrine Mill Road, Marysville. Concert with Christian musician Matt Maher, plus opening acts I Am They and John Guerra. For information, contact Mark Olson at mmoson48@yahoo.com.

**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

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1-30, MONDAY

**Dominican History Exhibit at Statehouse**

Map room, Statehouse, Columbus. "Settlers of Ohio: A History of Service to the Soul of the People," an exhibit highlighting the contributions of the Dominican Order to Ohioans since 1808 and worldwide since 1216, as part of the Dominicans' 800th anniversary celebration.

2, MONDAY

**Cardinal Turkson Speaks on Papal Encyclical at OSU**

7 p.m., Mershon Auditorium, The Ohio State University, 1871 N. High St., Columbus. Cardinal Peter Turkson speaks on "How Are We to Live in Our Common Home?: Reflections on 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology," followed by fireside chat with OSU President Dr. Michael V. Drake. Tickets required; go to https://wexarts.org/tickets/1528.

**Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle**

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Holy Hour for family life. 614-235-7435

3, TUESDAY

**Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting**

7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting. For those who served three months, were honorably discharged, or are on active duty. 614-221-7601

**Abortion Recovery Network Group**

7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program. and wants to stay connected. 614-444-4411

**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. 740-654-6928

4, WEDNESDAY

**Ohio Right to Life Tele-Town Hall**

7:45 to 8:15 p.m., Ohio Right to Life presents tele-town hall with Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina. Participants can call in from any telephone. RSVP at www.ohiolife.org.

5, THURSDAY

**Presentation on Truth at Ohio Dominican**

3:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Presentation on "Truth in the World of the Internet" with Dr. Timothy Walker, ODU associate computer science professor. Last of four talks on truth sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies. 614-251-4722

**Cenacle at Holy Name**

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

**Holy Hour 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

**'Breaking Down the Box' at Corpus Christi**

6:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "Breaking Down the Box," a film by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture about the use of solitary confinement in U.S. prisons, followed by a conversation, led by Wendy Tarr of the St. Vincent de Paul Society "Restored Citizens and Communities for Change" project, with people who have been in or been affected by solitary confinement. 614-512-3731

**Back in His Arms Again Meeting**

7 p.m., Panera restaurant, 782 N. State St., Westerville. Monthly meeting of Back in His Arms Again group for mothers who have experienced the loss of a child.

## Multiparish Turkey Drive

In response to the growing need for food among the less fortunate, the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, is sponsoring a multiparish turkey drive for Thanksgiving.

In the past, the parish has gathered between 100 and 150 turkeys a year to help Columbus St. Dominic Church put together Thanksgiving baskets. This year, the drive is being extended to assist the Columbus St. James the Less Church food pantry, with a goal of 500 turkeys being set.

A story published in *The Columbus Dispatch* in September indicated that one of three Franklin County residents is poor or at the threshold of poverty. "The current poverty rate

for Franklin County is an unprecedented high rate, never reached in a half-century of population calculations measured for our community," said a study by the Kirwan Institute. Another recent *Dispatch* story noted that the number of food pantries to serve the poor has decreased in Franklin County.

A truck will be available to take donations of frozen turkeys in the Church of the Resurrection parking lot following the weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 15, from noon to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, November 21, and following Masses on Nov. 22. Cash donations also will be accepted. If you have any questions, call Mary Dixon at (614) 475-2676.



THEATER

# You Can't Take It With You

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School's fall play this year will be George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's Pulitzer Prize-winning *You Can't Take It With You*, presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 in the school's little theater, 4212 Karl Road. All seats are reserved and admission is \$8.

The play is the story of the eccentric

Vanderhof family, in which each member is allowed to pursue his or her own ambition at home. The family's routine is disrupted when a daughter who has a "regular" job wants to bring her fiance and his Wall Street family to dinner.

The Vanderhofs are a collection of cheerful, erratic (yet lovable) incompetents. First, there's Grandpa Martin Vanderhof, played by Connor Cava-



nagh, the salty and philosophical patriarch of this wacky family and a man who made his peace with the world, if not the Internal Revenue Service, long ago. Then there is his daughter, Penelope Sycamore, a cheerful and unpublished playwright, at least at the moment, played by Maddy Laugherty. Her husband, Paul, portrayed by Nathan VanCuyk, happily manufactures

fireworks in the cellar.

The third generation consists of Penelope and Paul's daughters and son-in-law: Essie Carmichael, an eternally optimistic, inept ballerina, played by Sophie Stiltner; her husband, Ed, who has a passion for printing presses and xylophones, played by Isaac Steiger; and Wall Street secretary Alice Sycamore, played by Alexis Ankrom.

THEATER

# One-Act Plays at Bishop Hartley



The Columbus Bishop Hartley High School drama department will present nine one-act plays at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Nov. 5 to 7, at the Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave. Tickets are \$7 and will be sold at the door one hour before each performance. The featured plays are *The Queue*, *La Mouche*, *Misfortune*, *Surprise*, *The Kiss*, *The Rental*, and *Superhero* by Mark Levine, *The Red Coat* by John Patrick Shanley, and *Sure Thing* by David Ives.

The casts include Abi Allwein, Josh

Duffy-Cooper, Christian Craig, Lloyd Hawthorne, Maggie Hearn, Carolyn Heinmiller, Kiara Hernandez, Betsy Huggins, Faith James, Brenna Kilbarger, Josh Martin, David Rees, Ryan Ruth, Joseph Sheridan, Ben Smallwood, Mary Steele, Sara Strapp, Israel Strickland, Joseph Supino, Abbi Vina, and Emilee Zoog.

**Photo: A scene from the one-act play "La Mouche" with (from left) Faith James, Josh Martin, and Sara Strapp.**

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

# Thousands view sacred relics of St. Maria Goretti at cathedral

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

About 6,000 people came to Columbus from throughout Ohio and the surrounding states on Wednesday, Oct. 21 to see the sacred relics of St. Maria Goretti at St. Joseph Cathedral.

All were attracted by the only opportunity they are likely to have to see the wax statue that encloses most of the skeletal remains of the patroness of purity and mercy. But some had other, more personal reasons to spend a few moments kneeling in veneration at the glass casket-sized reliquary in which her remains are displayed.

Charla Sheppard of Columbus St. Dominic Church and Gail Moore of Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church were at the cathedral because the story of St. Maria reminded them of a tragedy that occurred just days before in the life of a family friend.

Bacilio Alcauter, 36, was killed and his 15-year-old daughter, Yulisa, was critically wounded on Oct. 15 in a shooting at a grocery store on Columbus' east side. The girl was taken to Nationwide Children's Hospital and is recovering.

"My 16-year-old son and Yulisa went to school together at Columbus St. James the Less School and have known each other since the second grade," Sheppard said. "Yulisa is a young, faithful girl just like St. Maria," the Catholic Church's youngest saint, who was fatally stabbed in 1902 at age 11 while fending off an attack by Alessandro Serenelli, a young man whose family lived with hers. Serenelli was imprisoned for his crime, repented,

eventually became a Capuchin Franciscan lay brother, and attended St. Maria's canonization in 1950.

"We consider Yulisa's survival a miracle," Sheppard said. "We prayed to St. Maria for her and are here to thank her for her intercession on Yulisa's behalf."

Sheppard and Moore, along with Mary Ann Grove and Josie Santos of St. James the Less Church, were among the first people lined up along East Broad Street in front of the cathedral waiting for its doors to be opened for the veneration, which lasted from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. By 11 a.m., the line stretched for a block along both Broad and North Fifth streets.

First in line, at about 8:45 a.m., were Michelle O'Mahony and her sons Kolbe, 15, and Liam, 14, and daughters Shannon, 12, and Bridget, 9. They traveled the 175 miles from Georgetown, Kentucky, to Columbus and parked their van overnight in the cathedral lot "because it's a rare chance to venerate a great saint and because Maria Goretti is the patron of our parish group of American Heritage Girls," a Cincinnati-based organization for girls ages 5 to 18, O'Mahony said. "Her example of purity provides a good role model for our culture today."

"How often do you get to see a saint?" said Mark Friday, a cathedral parishioner from Blacklick who was with his wife, Inger, waiting for the doors to open. "Maria provides an example of how someone from very simple origins can provide a powerful witness for the faith."

Mia Nedvidek, a former Columbus St. Catharine of Siena Church parishioner visiting from New Jersey, came to the



Fourth-degree Knights of Columbus guard the sacred relics of St. Maria Goretti, viewed by thousands at St. Joseph Cathedral who lined nearby streets on Oct. 21. CT photos by Ken Snow



cathedral to say prayers of thanks to St. Maria for what she said was a miracle resulting from the saint's intercession. "My mother-in-law saw the relics at a church in Chicago, and sent a prayer card which had been touched to the casket to friends on the East Coast whose nine-year-old boy has been diagnosed with bone cancer," she said. "After they received the card, they learned the cancer was in remission. I believe all this came about through St. Maria."

Many groups of diocesan parochial school students were among the first who came to pray in front of the statue, which was dressed in St. Maria's white first Communion gown and a light blue diagonal sash and was wearing white gloves and holding a rosary.

Draped across her body were silver representations of palm branches and

lilies, the symbols of a virgin and martyr. Around her neck was a medal of the Daughters of Mary, in which she was enrolled shortly before her death. Her head was encircled by a crown of roses, also in silver.

The statue is in the midst of its first visit to the United States and has been away from its usual location at a basilica in Nettuno, Italy, only once before.

Charlie Trungale of Detroit, one of four people accompanying the relics on a tour that is making 47 stops in 53 days over 19 states, said he has heard many stories of seemingly unexplainable events, similar to the one reported by Nedvidek, being attributed to St. Maria since the tour began on Sept. 20.

"I don't know that a day has gone by

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## Junior Strings

The fall concert of the Columbus Symphony Junior Strings will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2 at Hastings Middle School, 1850 Hastings Lane, Upper Arlington. The mission of the Junior Strings is to encourage the technical and musical development of young string players in grades three to six throughout central Ohio. The group, conducted by Sara Given (second from left), includes Catholic parishioners (from left) Claire Kazmierczak, Tyler Silliman, and Jaden Tugaoen. There is no charge for the concert. For more information, call (614)221-5650.



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in the last month when I haven't heard of conversions to Catholicism and healings that people credit to Maria," he said. "The mercy and forgiveness she extended to her attacker is something I think many people feel coming into their own lives after they see her."

Once the veneration of the relics started, a steady stream of people came down the aisle of the cathedral, knelt in front of the reliquary for 15 seconds, and touched articles of devotion such as rosaries and crucifixes to it, with many lingering afterward to pray. The touching made those articles third-class relics.

Each person in attendance was given holy cards of St. Maria, which already had been touched to her relics, and of Serenelli, which had been touched to a letter he wrote. Some people have supported entering Serenelli into the canonization process because of the example of his repentance, but no formal cause for him exists.

Fourth-degree Knights of Columbus escorted the relics from East Broad Street into the cathedral and stood guard in front of the cathedral's main altar throughout the 12 hours of veneration.

Also in front of the altar was a banner proclaiming St. Maria as "The Little Saint of Great Mercy." A 20-minute film narrated by Father Carlos Martins, a member of the Companions of the Cross order who is traveling with the relics, was shown continuously.

After viewing the relics, people expressed a variety of feelings. "I'm not sure what I expected, but I felt peace," said Erin Schorr of Columbus Christ the King Church. "For me, there was more a

sense of being somber, and sadness, perhaps because of the tragedy of Maria's losing her life so senselessly when she was so young," said Lynn Altomari of Delaware St. Mary Church.

"What impressed me the most was the great amount of reverence people showed," said Michael Ames of the Columbus St. Thomas Newman Center, who accompanied the other two women.

"What was particularly interesting was that the way the reliquary was set up, you had to kneel down to see the figure clearly. I think that kept people from just rushing by, taking a quick glance, and moving on. You could see that when people were touching objects to the reliquary, it really meant something," she said.

"Even my 8-year-old son was impressed," said Jennifer Danaway of Canal Winchester as the child broke into a big grin and said what he had just seen was "pretty cool." The two were part of a group of four adults and nine home-schooled children from Canal Winchester and Groveport.

The veneration included a 7 p.m. memorial Mass for St. Maria, celebrated by Father Michael Lumpe, cathedral rector, which was attended by about 1,200 people, who filled every pew and all additional temporary seating in the cathedral, with the crowd overflowing onto the cathedral front steps.

The tour, officially known as the Pilgrimage of Mercy, is being sponsored by the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the Treasures of the Church. Funds raised through donations and the sale of books, videos, and pictures will be used to pay for needed re-

pairs to the house in which St. Maria was martyred and to the basilica in Nettuno.

Her relics are traveling across the nation in a van on a flatbed attached to a large tractor-trailer which provides storage space for items related to the pilgrimage. The van also is used as sleeping quarters for Father Martins, Trungale, Paul Ousey, and Sir Patrick Allen (the title refers to his membership in the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre), who are traveling with the relics.

The length of the tour and the number of stops have made for short nights and long days for the four men. The day before coming to Columbus, they were at St. Maria Goretti Church in suburban Indianapolis for a day of veneration that lasted until 10 p.m.

It took about two hours to take down and put away everything connected with the pilgrimage and three hours to drive to Columbus, where they arrived at the cathedral parking lot around 3 a.m. Six hours later, they began unpacking the relics and associated items. Following the stop in Columbus, they faced a six-hour drive to the Virginia suburbs of Washington for the next day's veneration.

"It's rough, but we believe in what we're doing," said Father Martins. He is a self-described former atheist who has been a priest for six years, has worked with relics for almost 20, and is one of three priests in North America who is an ecclesiastically appointed curator of relics.

The pilgrimage began on Sept. 20 at the Sing Sing prison in New York. "We were very well received there," Father Martins said. "After I finished telling Maria's story, there wasn't a dry eye in the house. That was remarkable. Having been involved in prison ministry in the past, I know that prisoners never want to be seen crying because it's perceived as a sign of weakness."

He said about 100,000 people had seen the relics by the time they came to Columbus. Most of the stops at the start of the tour were in smaller churches or in city parishes such as the cathedral, where parking is limited. Most of the remaining veneration sites are large suburban churches in the Sun Belt where there is ample parking. Father Martins anticipates that about 300,000 people will have seen the relics by the time the pilgrimage ends on Nov. 11 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



**Ed Gaughan and his daughters, who are students at Columbus St. Andrew School, are shown taking part in one of the "Dad's Day at Recess" programs conducted frequently in good weather during the school year. The events are sponsored by the school's health and wellness committee as a way of encouraging fathers to come the school, see what students are doing, and enjoy some time there with their children.**

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

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2:00 p.m. Prayer Service  
**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CHAPEL**  
6440 S. High St./U.S. Rt. 23 S.  
Lockbourne, Ohio 43137  
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Fr. Stash Dailey  
Administrator  
Holy Family

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



Fr. James Klima  
Pastor  
Seton Parish

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



Dcn. Chris Campbell  
Deacon  
Immaculate Conception

**RESURRECTION CEMETERY**  
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service  
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9571 N. High St./U.S. Rt. 23 N.  
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035  
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### Special Sunday Office Hours

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

