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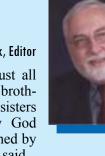
By David Garick, Editor

Parents naturally want the best for learn to trust all their children, especially when it persons as brothcomes to education. Parents who ers and sisters choose Catholic schools for their created by God child's education do so because of and redeemed by the high academic standards, values- Christ," he said. based education, and safe and loving school environment Catholic schools have to offer.

tently outperform their public school counterparts. Children who attend Catholic schools have a 99 percent high school graduation rate, comof public high school students

A Catholic school education goes beyond the core curriculum. Values are reinforced in every classroom, promoting healthy self-esteem, confidence, respect, compassion, and thought for others. Students actively participate in service projects in the community throughout the year, teaching them the value and reward of helping others.

In a Catholic school, there is an emphasis on leadership which gives students a sense of pride and responsibility, preparing them to be successful in high school and beyond. St. John Paul II spoke of this linkage of education to a commitment to serving the whole community. "Community is at the heart of all Catholic education, not simply as a concept to be taught, but as a reality to be lived. ... Your students will learn to understand and appreciate the value of community as they experience love, trust, and loyalty in your school and educational programs, and as they based on Christian values.



When parents choose a Catholic school for their children, it sets them apart as a family so committed Catholic schools are known for their to the children's education that they academic excellence. Students consis- are ready to make extraordinary sacrifices. Parents, by making the commitment necessary to send their children to Catholic school, show them education is a high priority. Catholic pared to the 75 percent graduation rate schools provide a loving, loyal environment where the entire community of parents, teachers, students, and parish is committed to academic and personal success.

> Pope Francis developed a great appreciation for the importance of Catholic education while serving as archbishop of Buenos Aires, when he said. "The education of children and young people is such an important task in forming them as free and responsible human beings. It affirms their dignity as an inalienable gift that flows from our original creation as children made in the image and likeness of God. And because education truly forms human beings, it is especially the duty and responsibility of the Church, who is called to serve mankind from the heart of God and in such a way that no other institution can'

> Our Catholic schools hold the key to the future. It is up to us to support them to develop our children into citizens prepared to lead our community.

FROM THE DESK OF

DR. JOSEPH BRETTNACHER

DIOCESAN SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

This is the last year that the theme for Catholic Schools Week will be "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith. Knowledge, and Service." When we provide service to the needy, we honor God and his two

most important commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind, and with thy whole strength" and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The diocesan Department for Education, through the Office of Catholic Schools, is a community of faith, hope, and service. This is supported by our vision and mission statements. Our vision statement says we are "Called to Serve, Support, and Strengthen Catholic Schools." Our mission statement expands on that, noting "We are called to serve the Catholic community in the shared ministry of education through mission, academic excellence, leadership, governance, financial viability, and advocacy, to form disciples who live fully the message of Jesus Christ."

Approximately two million students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 attend Catholic schools in the United States. For the 2015-16 school year, the Diocese of Columbus has 15.357 students enrolled in elementary and secondary schools. Most are in Franklin County, where there are 3,787 students attending six diocesan high schools and 8,032 attending parochial elementary schools. Outside of Franklin County, 850 students are enrolled in five



• We have 53 schools (42 elementary schools and 11 high schools) in 15 counties.

• The schools have 1,204 teachers, more than 46 percent of whom have an advanced degree.

• Their enrollment consists of 82 percent Catholic and 18 percent non-Catholic students.

• In the Class of 2015 in diocesan high schools, 746 students were offered a total of \$96,665,180 in college scholarships.

• Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School was honored as a Blue Ribbon school by the U.S. Department of Education.

• The Ohio Department of Education awarded a certificate of honor to the Diocese of Columbus for being listed on the College Board's fifth annual Advanced Placement district honor roll.

• Our students perform above national averages on assessments such as the Terra Nova, Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education, Ohio Achievement Assessments, Ohio Graduation Tests, American College Test, (ACT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), and more.

• The diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis makes

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Front Page photo: A student shows Pope Francis a lesson on the environment during his visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School in the East Harlem area of New York City on Friday, Sept. 25. CNS photo

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high schools and 2,688 students in elementary schools.

Listed below is additional information about our schools for Catholic Schools Week, based on figures from the 2014-2015 school year.

to education.

June 30, 2016.

For Catholic and other chartered nonpublic schools and students, state aid is appropriated through two line items - auxiliary services and administrative cost reimbursement. Auxiliary services funds are sent from the state to school districts in which chartered nonpublic schools are located. Auxiliary services include instructional resources such as remedial math and reading tutors, special learning therapists, and services for other students with special needs. These funds also are used to purchase instructional resources such as books (excluding books for religion-related classes), materials, and computers.

local mandates.

October 4, 2015

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

STATE PROVIDES GOOD NEWS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Ohio Legislature's passage of the budget bill for fiscal 2016 and 2017 provides good news for Catholic schools and students, according to the Catholic Conference of

Ohio's legislative advocate for policy and budgetary matters relating

"We are very pleased that the Governor's Office and the Ohio House and Senate supported provisions in the budget bill that bode well for Catholic schools and students over the next two years," said Larry Keough, associate director for the conference's department on education. The fiscal years cover the period from July 1, 2015 to

As the legislative advocate for Catholic schools, Keough represents 118,000 students enrolled in 396 Catholic elementary and secondary schools statewide.

State Aid

Through the administrative cost reimbursement program, chartered nonpublic schools may receive direct repayment for some of the costs associated with complying with state, federal, and

Keough said the budget bill includes a 4.37 percent increase in fiscal 2016 and a 3.92 percent increase in fiscal 2017 for auxiliary services and administrative cost reimbursement. Auxiliary services are calculated at approximately \$821 per student for fiscal 2016. The estimate for the allocation in fiscal 2017 is \$871. The appropriation for administrative cost reimbursement allows for a per-student amount of \$377 in fiscal 2016 and \$398

for fiscal 2017. OLIC SCHOO

Keough said the increases

in state aid for Catholic schools and students occurred because Ohio House and Senate leaders embraced the parity principle. He was referring to the concept that as state aid increases for public school students,

it should increase in a similar way for students in Catholic and other chartered nonpublic schools.

Students in Catholic schools also may receive school bus transportation. In accordance with the 1966 Ohio Fair Bus Law, public school districts must provide transportation to Catholic and other chartered nonpublic school students in grades kindergarten through eight if their nonpublic school is more than two miles from their homes and is less than 30 minutes from the public school they are zoned to attend. If districts transport public high school students, they also must provide transportation to nonpub- programs of their choice. lic high school students.

Keough said the budget bill establishes a school transportation task force that hopefully will address situations in which districts declare transportation of chartered nonpublic school students to be impractical.

School Choice

One of the Catholic conference's education priorities was to increase the scholarship amounts in school choice programs, particularly the EdChoice Scholarship program, which was created in 2007 for students in lower-performing public schools to be eligible for scholarships to attend a chartered nonpublic school of their parents' choice.

Current scholarships for kindergarten through eighth-grade students were increased from \$4,250 to \$4,650 in the original EdChoice Scholarship program, as well as the income-based EdChoice program which was established in 2013. For EdChoice students in grades nine to 12, scholarships were increased from \$5,000 to \$5,900 in fiscal 2016 and to \$6,000 in fiscal 2017.

"Catholic high schools in particular were emphatic they wanted to sustain their participation in the EdChoice program," Keough said. "They knew the scholarship amounts would need to be increased, because high schools subsidize the difference between the schol-

arship amount and the actual cost to educate the student.

"We believe the increases approved by the Legislature will help allow Catholic schools to continue their participation in the program, at least in the short term."

Scholarship amounts also were increased from \$20,000 to \$27,000 for Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship students who have an orthopedic impairment or are multihandicapped, and for Autism Scholarship students who are diagnosed with traumatic brain injury, or who are hearing- and vision-impaired.

The Peterson program provides scholarships to students who are eligible to attend kindergarten through 12th grade and have an individualized education plan from their district of residence. The amount of each scholarship is based on a student's disability. The Autism Scholarship program affords families whose children are on the autistic pervasive spectrum an opportunity to be placed in special education

High School Students: Testing and Graduation

Testing of high school students to determine their readiness for graduation and advancement to college or the work force has been a subject of much debate in Ohio for the past two decades. The Ohio Graduation Test which the state had used since 2005 was replaced for the most part last year by an examina-

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sure that all our religion teachers have proper certification.

• Ninety-nine percent of our students pass the Ohio Graduation Test.

• Ninety-seven percent of our high school graduates go on to postsecondary education.

• The Class of 2015 included eight National Merit Scholarship finalists and 19 semifinalists.

The Diocese of Columbus works hard to provide tuition assistance to all families who could not otherwise afford a Catholic education. This is another reason to celebrate. Tuition assistance dollars are raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Legacy of Catholic Learning fund, the Bishops' Golf Outing, and the Celebrating Catholic Schools Virtues Gala. State-funded assistance is available to students from the EdChoice, Jon Peterson Special Needs,

tion known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) test.

Dissatisfaction with the length of that test and the time it took to obtain results led state officials to call for another replacement for the current school year. Ohio educators are still working with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) to develop new tests that will meet legislative mandates requiring that tests be shorter and be offered during only one period of the school year, with results available no later than 45 days after the examination.

As Ohio is rebooting its testing model, Keough said the Catholic conference advocated for scholarship and nonscholarship high school students to be administered alternative assessments to satisfy testing requirements.

"We are pleased that this will reduce the number of required assessments at the high school level and allow our scholarship and nonscholarship students to be treated the same in respect to testing requirements," Keough said.

The Ohio Department of Education is to approve a list of alternative assessments and will designate a passing score for students to satisfy testing requirements for high school graduation.

"We hope those alternatives will coincide with tests that Catholic schools already are utilizing and have a comfort level with," Keough said.

and Autism Scholarship programs.

Anyone wanting to support tuition assistance efforts can do so by attending our Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala. The date for the Gala is Thursday, Nov. 5 at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. For more information about how you can support the gala, contact Kitty Quinn at kquinn@cdeducation.org.

During Catholic Schools Week, we want to acknowledge and celebrate the parents who have entrusted us to share in the responsibility of educating their children.

We encourage parents who are interested in providing a Catholic education for their children to visit one of our elementary or high schools. Together, we can continue to ensure that our Catholic schools are communities of faith, knowledge, and service.

HIGH SCHOOL



By Rick Jeric



Were you able to fix or repair something last week? If so, was it something significant? If you did, great! If you are like me, it has become a work in progress. If it was golf, it would be an ongoing ground under repair. If it was the Ohio Department of Transportation, it would be a



long and deliberate project, with no shortage of orange barrels. For me, the identification of a significant issue to fix or repair is easy, and, unfortunately, there are many. The process of addressing the fix or repair is the hard part. Why can I not just do it? It really should not be so difficult, if I could only focus. But I am a sinner and I need help. The grace of God, the love of God, and His presence in the Eucharist are there for me every day. What a struggle! Thank God that these three things have kept me from going off the deep end, have truly helped me, have nourished my spirit, and have maintained a true sense of hope. We have gifts that are freely given, but we must be receptive. As good and faithful stewards, we understand our responsibility to focus on God's gifts and to return them to Him one day with good measure.

I cannot tell you how happy I am that hockey season is here. Hockey is the best sport going, and has the best-conditioned athletes of any sport. It is a man's sport, true to the best parts of male toughness, and has nonstop excitement and a fast pace. Fighting is an important part of the game, it helps the team, and is not violent. It is a truly competitive sport, with no flopping or faking injuries. And if there was ice in Nazareth or Jerusalem, I am sure that Jesus would have played hockey as a young man. Probably would have been on a travel team, too. Now that I have risked alienating some readers, let me get to the point. We live in a society that is consumed with sports competition. There is nothing wrong with that, and, like most things, moderation is key. If we look at the four major sports, the object is to do something with a ball or a puck. For me, the puck is the key. The goal is to move the puck across the goal line. It does not even have to go in the net. Glorious celebration follows. For basketball, the ball must go through the net in order to score. In football, the ball has to cross the goal line or be kicked through the goal posts. In baseball, the player must get to home before the ball does. In all cases, the goal is to score and win. Just like our pilgrim journey on earth, we must win. Yes, it does matter how you play the game. If we do not have a game plan, if we do not respect the other players, and if we do not play with heart and resolve, we may win some battles along the way, but we will lose in the end. We can compare our lives to a hockey game. We compete at our best, we combat temptation, we fail, we get knocked down, we get up again, we never give up, and we move our souls - the puck - across that goal line. We must win in the end. Be the puck!

Our practical challenge this week is to stay out of the penalty box. In hockey, a penalty creates a severe disadvantage for your team. Our challenges and shortcomings are always a disadvantage. Let us focus for one week on resisting penalties and doing whatever we must to move that puck ever closer to crossing the goal line. In the same way we focused on repairs last week, let us focus on good and positive actions in our daily lives. Our lives should be a power play, not a penalty box.

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

"STREAM" LINED EDUCATION

For the past few years, many schools have focused on what are known as STEM programs, which blend science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Some have added art to that list, making it STEAM. Because Catholic schools have an additional dimension, that of religion, they can turn it into an educational STREAM science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and math.

Portsmouth Notre Dame Elementary School began a STREAM program last year. It allowed students to become explorers by building their own boats and demonstrating how Christopher Columbus and his sailors crossed the Atlantic. The students also learned how to make a Christmas tree go from newsprint to glowing colors, and they ever thought possible.

Two Notre Dame students, fifth-grader Mallory Logan and sixth-grader Ethan Kammer, won statewide honors in a poster contest conducted at the Ohio State Fair by the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness. Logan,





a fifth-grader, was the winner for her learned more about the weather than grade level, and Kammer, a sixth-grader, was selected as the overall winner, with the committee disseminating his poster statewide

> STREAM education has 10 characteristics: seeking to integrate Catholic identity; providing a challenging learning environment; promoting a culture of innovation; increasing the participation of groups that are underrepresented in the sciences; increasing content literacy; being inclusive; encouraging problem solving, group collaboration, and independent research; demonstrating that success can be defined in many ways; using strategic planning as a blueprint; and thinking forward.

Above: Portsmouth Notre Dame School STREAM students (from left) Laycie Mahle, Charles Lansing, Wade Fraley, and Luke Staker, and (in back) Colin Adkins building a boat. Left: Students (from left) Brighton Riegle, Reed Lasswell, Carter Campbell, and Eli Dettwiller making glowing Christmas trees. Photos courtesy Notre Dame Schools



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The Read with a Stallion program started at Columbus St. Anthony School by librarian Claire Hatem provides a strong example of service learning by encouraging and promoting literacy, enhancing academic learning, and promoting relevant and meaningful community service. It partners St. Francis DeSales High School and St. Anthony students, who together read one-on-one or in small groups, discuss a book, and take an accelerated reading quiz.

The DeSales students receive service hours required by their school, and in





some cases are giving back to their old elementary school. The program also gives younger students a chance to emulate positive attributes shown by the high school students. Extra help with reading and reaching accelerated reading goals are other benefits the elementary students receive.

Photos: Above/Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School senior Sydney Wilson reads with Columbus St. Anthony School second-grader Gabby Stevens.

Left/ DeSales senior Ragan Tuffey reads with St. Anthony first-grader A'aliyah Koroma. Photos courtesy St. Anthony School

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM PROJECT

recently completed Phase I of an out- tracting butterflies then were planted. Watch project.

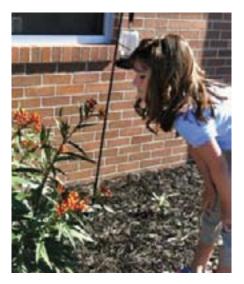
The school is providing plants and shelter designed to encourage monarch butterflies to stop during their an- bird feeder, birdbath, and wooden nual migration. Second-grade student bench, the work was complete. With Kollier Fulton and first- and second- the help of donations from businesses grade teacher Dana Wiseman helped and families and grants from foundatag the first butterfly to be marked as tions, the school hopes to finish all part of the program. This is one of the five phases of the outdoor classroom many ways the school is implement- by the beginning of the 2017-18 ing STREAM (science, technology, school year. religion, engineering, art, and mathematics) education.

The project was a dream for several years, and was able to come to fruition through a \$500 donation from General Mills this past June. This allowed Wiseman and principal Kristyl Fulton, along with several students, to relocate grass needed for the waysation to another area of the schoolyard. Once the grass was removed. Joe and Sarah Valentine, parents of a student at the school, donated and delivered truckloads of soil. Paving stones donated by Sharon Lockard were then added, along with "steppable" plants which will spread to a path surrounding the station. Milkweed, butterfly

Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul School bush, and other plants known for atdoor classroom project, becoming an (Third-grade student Allie Long is official monarch butterfly waystation shown looking at some of the milkof the University of Kansas Monarch weed.) Next, gravel and mulch were spread and pea gravel was added to create a sitting area for students.

With the final touches of a bee house,

Photo courtesy Ss. Peter and Paul School



Artificial flowers on the altar? New annulment procedure



QUESTION & ANSWER by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE Catholic News Service

. We've been having a bit of a debate among J some parishioners and are hoping that you can help solve it. What is the rule for flowers on the altar in a Catholic church: Do they have to be nulment. Marriage is still regarded by the church fresh, or can they be artificial? (Ohio)

. Not to be technical, but I will assume that Aby the words "on the altar," you really mean "in the sanctuary." Next, although some parishes may (and do) have rules against using artificial flowers. I cannot find in the law of the church any universal prohibition.

The current General Instruction of the Roman Missal, while it notes in No. 305 that "floral decoration should always show moderation," is short on specifics.

In 2000, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published liturgical guidelines under the title Built of Living Stones. That document says in No. 129 that "the use of living flowers and plants, rather than artificial greens, serves as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community.'

But those words speak to a preference rather than a prohibition.

Finally, to go back to your question, if by "on the altar" you really do mean the table of the eucharistic sacrifice, then the General Instruction of the Roman Missal is guite clear when it says in No. 305 that floral decoration should always "be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table."

O. Pope Francis' new "rules" on annulments sound like the answer to my long-held concerns. Many years ago, my wife filed for divorce. We were parents of five children, but my wife decided that she was interested in another man.

The divorce was granted, and she moved in with him. Seven years later, I met a wonderful woman, and we have now been married for 27 years.

I was raised a Catholic, continue to attend Mass, and would like very much to have my marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. (My present wife and I were married in a Protestant church St. Albany NY 12208.

where her father had been the pastor, and she continues to be active in that parish's activities.) Do you think my chances for an annulment have increased considerably, based on Pope Francis' latest comments? (North Carolina)

A. Pope Francis' changes in the church's annulment procedures (announced in September 2015) are designed to bring speed and simplicity to the process. They do not, however, alter or expand the grounds for obtaining an anas a lifelong commitment that is indissoluble. For an annulment to be granted, it needs to be shown that there was not really a marriage to start with -i.e., that something was gravely wrong from the beginning, such as a lack of informed consent. which would have prevented a valid marriage in the church's eyes.

Typical cases might be: the unwillingness of a spouse to have children; notable emotional immaturity or instability (on the part of one spouse or both); or even such a fundamental disharmony of values so as to render a permanent commitment virtually impossible. (Sometimes it is possible to demonstrate such circumstances even when a marriage has lasted several years.)

Among the changes announced by Pope Francis is the elimination of an automatic review by a second panel of church judges whenever a decree of nullity has been granted. (This alone could reduce the length of the process by several weeks or even months.)

Another change creates the possibility of an abbreviated process, presided over by a local bishop, in a case where evidence favoring an annulment is especially clear -- such as an extramarital affair at the time of the wedding or immediately after. And the pope cautioned local tribunals to reduce administrative fees for an annulment to a minimum or even eliminate them entirely (as several U.S. dioceses have already done).

Linking these new, more user-friendly steps to the forthcoming Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis noted that justice demands a quicker, less cumbersome process so that "people can move on without having this doubt, without this weight in their souls."

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell

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in the marriage case styled DUNFEE - DE WEESE, 2015/0259, the Tribunal of the Dio f Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of RICHARD HERBEI DE WEESE. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to conta REVEREND DENNIS E STEVENSON, JCL, Presiding and sole Jadge, no later that 5 OCTOBER 2015. Phone: 614-241-2500. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts RICHARD HERBERT DE WEESE is herewith asked to make this Citation known to hit or to inform the Tribunal of his current address. Given this 25th day of SEPTEMBER 201 REVEREND DENNIS E STEVENSON, JCL. Presiding Judge.



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

More Ohio students than ever will be able to get a jump start on higher education under a new program allowing them to take college-level courses that also count toward their high school graduation.

"The new program, known as College Credit Plus, replaces and expands on existing dual-enrollment programs that have been in place for a few years," said Susan Streitenberger, associate director of high school curriculum, instruction, and assessment for the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools.

"It will enable high school students who signed up for it during the last school year to take any nonsectarian course that applies toward a degree or workforce certification at any public two- or four-year college in Ohio, as well as at private colleges that choose to take part. Public colleges will not charge for tuition, books, or fees for the courses. Private schools may charge a small amount." Parking expenses are not included in either case.



COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS GIVES STUDENTS JUMP START

Streitenberger said Ohio Dominican do for classes that offer both high school dents of diocesan high schools \$70 per guire students to complete their high course as part of an agreement with the schools office.

"The state's previous dual-enrollment program was for students in grades nine to 12," she said. "This year, students can take part as early as sixth grade. Realistically, there won't be that many younger students, but in the rare case of someone ment test such as the ACT or SAT. No with an exceptional aptitude for a particular subject, the option is there."

The Ohio Department of Higher Education, formerly known as the Ohio Board of Regents, oversees state-related colleges and their degree and financialaid programs. It created the College Credit Plus program to provide a consistent set of expectations to help students who are college-ready in certain areas and to strip away barriers keeping them from taking advantage of their readiness.

Implementation of the program for all public and private high schools in the state means schools can no longer give more weight to grades earned in Advanced Placement, honors, or Interna-

school graduation requirements before they take college courses.

Students participating in the program must first be admitted into a college by showing they are college-ready. Each college has its own readiness requirements, but most involve taking a placeminimum high school grade-point average is required. Students who fail a class or drop it too late may have to pay for it

When a college certifies a high school student's readiness for a course, it means the student has the high school level academic skills needed to be successful in it. So by definition, under College Credit Plus, any college course in a given subject will satisfy a high school graduation requirement. Such courses must count for three or more college credits.

Streitenberger said there are a variety of reasons for students to consider the College Credit Plus program. "You may have completed your high school graduation requirements and want to begin tional Baccalaureate classes than they college work, or you may want to ex-

plore college and take a course in a sub-University will charge interested stu- and college credit. They also can't re- ject that interests you," she said. "The idea is not to replace the 12th-grade high school curriculum, but to give those students who are ready for more challenging work the chance to do so.

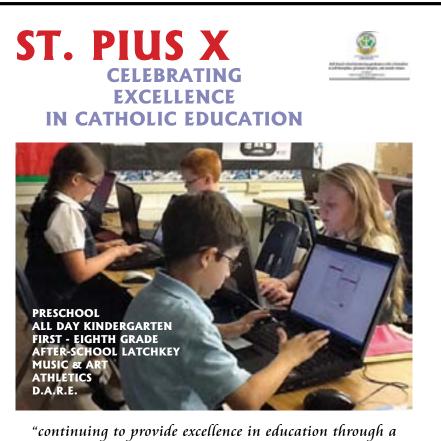
> "A student could earn as many as 120 college credits under the program, which is almost enough for a bachelor's degree. That's unlikely, but it's possible that someone would practically have enough for an associate degree if he or she started early enough. In many other cases, students could earn enough credits for a college year or a semester, which would make a significant difference in the cost of a higher education.

> "College Credit Plus gives Ohio students opportunities they've never had to make the most of their time in high school and reach their educational goals sooner, as long as they're ready for college-level work. Enrollment in the program closed for this school year on April 1. The best advice I could give any student interested in signing up for next vear is to look at what college courses are of interest to him or her and choose wisely."

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NEW PROGRAMS AT DESALES IMPACT ALL STUDENTS

Sales High School has started that are having an impact on every one of its students.

These include a family program in which homerooms house students from all grades. rather than just one; the Aquinas program for students with disabilities; and a mentorship program for juniors and seniors.

Each home now consists of approximately 24 freshmen. sophomores, juniors, and seniors, plus two staff members, with the rooms being known as families.

They will establish goals in the categories of improving academics, serving the community, growing in faith, and developing leaders throughout the school year. Families will engage in short weekly activities, in addition to one longer focused activity per quarter. The goals of this program are language pathologist during a opportunity to participate in interests, prepare students to

expand the students' network several new programs this year of friends, ensuring that every student feels connected and successful

> (Pictured at right are some members of one of the families (from left): Molly Wharton, Hazel Antao, and Logan Agin.) DeSales is committed to offering a college preparatory education in the Catholic tradition to all young people, including students with learning differences. The new Aquinas program provides students with documented disabilities with opportunities to develop an understanding of their strengths, limitations, and learning styles, as well as to develop and bridge new skills and strategies across the curriculum.

Students receive support and instruction from an intervention specialist and/or a speech

Columbus St. Francis De- to develop relationships and scheduled support period, and participate in study skills and college and career readiness classes. They also participate in individual instruction sessions with their counselor.

> These service providers support course work, deliver instruction on learning strategies to be used across the curriculum, monitor organization and time-management skills, arrange testing accommodations, consult with classroom teachers, and communicate with parents regarding student academic progress.

students who have received the to gain insight into careers state of Ohio's Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship and who have a documented disability that requires the support services of a qualified special education service provider.

All DeSales junior and senior students are being give the are to identify students' career workforce.



a career exploration program become knowledgeable and year. This new program is de-The services are provided to signed for students who want that interest them before headworkshop training sessions, shadow a professional in their field of choice.

during the 2015-16 school skillful in the hiring process, give them the opportunity to learn more about occupations of interest by shadowing a professional, and guide them in ing to college. After attending selecting a major as they move on to a postsecondary institustudents will be permitted to tion. Participating in the mentoring program is designed to ultimately assist students in The goals of this program becoming successful in the

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Members from more than a dozen schools joined in activities ranging from a winter festival to a spiritual retreat. Under the direction of Dan DeCrane, who is in charge of partner-school outreach for Ready, they learned about the Ready community and interacted with students, staff, coaches, and alumni.

Ready students were mentors, giving crew members an idea of student life, attending events with the members, and explaining the challenges of high school life, ranging from course choices to budgeting time and exploring different interests

The program is continuing this year. (Crew coordinators include (from left) Hailey Hejduk, Henry Tokar, Holly Guggenbiller, Nicholas Durbin, and Zachary Baum.) Enrollment is open throughout the year. The fee is \$25. A number of activities are planned, including a tailgate party, a service event, and a retreat.

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It Pays to Slow Down

How many times have you praved a Hail Mary so fast your tongue got tied and you maybe said a word that maybe isn't part of the prayer?

Have you ever gotten to "Pray for us sinners" and found yourself wondering what you're praying?

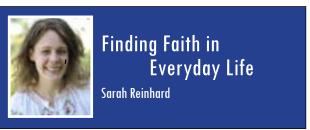
When have you prayed an extra Hail Mary before you realized you were at the end of the decade?

Tell me it's not just me.

And I'm sure it's not, based on the response I received when I invited some of my favorite writers to reflect on the Hail Mary in a book. We looked at every single word, from the first "Hail" to every "the," "of," and "and.

I found myself, in that journey, actually slowing down. It wasn't easy, though. Given how reflexive it is to answer "How are you?" with an emphatic "Busy!", I can't help but think that this book might just be a book God made me pull together for myself.

You know it's safe to say that you're busy to whoever's asking how you are. Those who love you know that you're squeezing in whatever favor



they're asking of you between the busy of this and the busy of that.

Blame technology. Blame the kids. Blame the pace of life.

But I'm not sure "busy" means what it used to mean, and I'm not sure it means what we think it means or what I want it to mean.

Sometimes when I say I'm "busy," what I mean is "I can't decide what's most important right now, so I'm juggling a few things at once, doing them all badly, and longing for help."

Other times, "busy" is code for "I won't sit down before 9:00 tonight, but I'm loving every minute of Mary," is available both online and in bookstores.

And then there are the times that I say "busy" when I mean "I just wish I could quit."

Is busy keeping you from what's important?

As I've found myself increasingly busy, ever more stressed, and with less time for my favorite things. I have also found this wisdom from St. Francis de Sales to be so true: "Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed."

God knows busy. We might say he's the Author of it. And he knows the cure for it: it's in Him.

This week, I challenge you to slow down. Take an hour and spend it with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Go with empty hands and a full mind. Let him carry you and your busyness.

Sarah's online at SnoringScholar.com. She's a wife, mom, and author, in addition to being a big fan of coffee and chocolate. Her latest book, "Word by Word: Slowing Down with the Hail

Bishop Ready Outreach Program Begins Second Year

In its inaugural year, Columbus Bishop Ready High School's Castle Crew, an outreach program for students in grades four through eight, grew from an initial 51 members to more than 80 by year's end.



For more information, contact DeCrane at (614) org, or follow the Castle Crew on Twitter @BRHS-276-5263, extension 231, or ddecrane@cdeducation. CastleCrew. Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

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BY TIM PUET Reporter, Catholic Times

Rose School.

The school's 104 students are taking part in what's known as a blended-learning academic program whose goals are to allow them to work at their own pace, to give teachers more time to work with them on an one-to-one basis, and to make the best use of the resources available at the school, which has about 100 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Cumpston, a first-grade student at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School, has been selected as a Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon miracle mile patient champion. He was born with

ST. BRENDAN OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Sixth-grade students at Hilliard St. Brendan School took part in a three-day outdoor education program last month at Lutheran Memorial Camp in Morrow County, and benefited from fine weather. They were involved in creeking, a challenge course, soil investigations, math in nature, cemetery rubbings and history, night awareness, a program on reptiles and arachnids, climbing a rock wall, and using a zip line. The students pictured are holding an albino boa constrictor. They are (from left): Makaila Cuddy, Emily Seidensticker, Molly Shanahan, Caitlyn Houchins, Katie Youell, Sarah Ryan, and Lily Tierney, and presenter Peter Rushton.

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pal miters they made in honor of Pope Francis' visit to the United States.

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BLENDED LEARNING COMBINES HIGH-TECH, TRADITIONAL

High-tech learning and traditional teaching are being combined for the 2015-16 school year at New Lexington St.

"Blended-learning programs are growing across the nation. Research has indicated they have a positive impact in schools of all sizes," said in Perry County since 1912.

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Roman

Students in Mary Hughes' seventh- and eighth-grade math class at New Lexington St. Rose School. The group in the foreground is listening to the teacher in a small group setting. Those in the background are working on Google Chromebooks doing i-Ready math lessons.



New Lexington St. Rose School third-grade students Gabriella Siemer (left) and Alyssa Hall doing independent reading work Photos courtesy St. Rose School with the i-Ready program.

tor of St. Rose Church and the Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes), realized some steps to fight for surviv-Kitty Quinn, associate direc- al," Quinn said. "Both of them tor of school leadership in the looked at variety of possibilidiocesan Office of Catholic ties to see what was available Schools. "They've been of and affordable, and decided particular help in small schools blended learning was the most like St. Rose," which has been viable option to benefit stuproviding a Catholic education dents and create a community of interest."

Quinn, Rick Logue and Susan tendent) Dr. (Joseph) Brett- Streitenberger of the schools nacher, in conversations with office, school principal Jona-

Father (James) Csaszar (pas- than Medaugh, and the school's five faculty members met three times during the summer to talk about the blended learning St. Rose School needed to take program and the changes in de- top computers in each classsign of the school building and classrooms which will result from its implementation.

> Students in second and third, fifth and sixth, and seventh and eighth grades will be housed in two-grade classrooms. Kindergarten, first grade, and fourth grade will have classrooms of their own because enrollment in those grades is larger than in the others.

"This will not be a case of split classes, in which each grade has its own lessons," said Medaugh, who is in his first year as principal after teaching at St. Rose for eight years and spending 30 years in public education, all in Perry County. "The multigrade classes will be divided into groups which will change from day to day, based on students' strengths and weaknesses, the material being covered, and the types of instruction we want students to experience."

classroom could be divided into four groups, with one working at computers on material found online, one on a group project, one directly with the teacher in the traditional manner, and one on individual projects.

The school has ordered 40 Google Chromebook laptop computers for individual use, and there will be six deskroom. Desktop computers and SMART boards, computer tables, bookshelves, and science tables came from classrooms at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School, which donated the items to St. Rose. These were installed during the summer as part of an update of the entire school building. St. Rose parishioner Tom Mooney handled the computer wiring and setup.

The New Lexington school will be using an online instruction and assessment program known as i-Ready to help determine student progress and capabilities in reading and math. This program, which can be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection except a tablet or other handheld device, automatically adjusts the difficulty of questions and material according to each student's ability levels.

The i-Ready program will allow for customized instruction for each child in those subjects For example, Quinn said, a at all grade levels, depending on whether a child is below, on, or above grade level. The program will not be a factor in social studies, religion, science, and other subjects, where ter chance to succeed in the instruction will take place classroom and to benefit and sometimes in small groups grow from the experience."

within classrooms and sometimes in a large-group format.

"I'm extremely grateful to the diocese for working with us on this program," Medaugh said. "The school is facing financial difficulties and has fewer teachers this year than it had in the past. The diocese really wants small schools like ours to succeed, and we're hoping this program can be an example. We'd like to be a beacon, both for struggling schools and for schools throughout the diocese. If blended learning is successful for us, we know it will be for others."

"Technology is part of our students' world and everyday life," Quinn said. "It also should be an active part of their learning opportunity in classrooms. The mix of online and face-to-face instruction in blended learning, especially with the i-Ready program, offers the opportunity to benefit both students and teachers, whatever the size of the school.

"Students can delve deeper into the things that especially interest them, and teachers can become more involved with each student as they recognize a child's individual capabilities. This gives everyone, no matter their ability level, a bet-



microtia, in which his external ear is underdeveloped, and with unilateral hearing loss. He will be representing the hospital's hearing program during the marathon on Sunday, Oct. 18 at Mile 26. To learn more about Roman, visit http://nationwidechildrens.kintera.org/childrenschampions/cumpston. Photo courtesy St. Mary Magdalene School



BY TIM PUET Reporter, Catholic Times

As it enters its third year, Cristo Rey Columbus High School is beginning to put down roots signifying permanence.

Students in what ultimately will be the school's inaugural senior class returned in August to the former Ohio School for the Deaf downtown for a second year after attending classes at a temporary site for the school's first academic year of 2013-14. An \$18 million remodeling, paid for through tax credits and a loan from the Diocese of Columbus, is mostly comschool again after it served other purposes for many years and ultimately sat idle for a seven-year span.

A new freshman class of 120 students increased total enrollment at the start of the school year to 279 in three grades. That

meant more staff members, more classes, and more activities for 2015-16. When the next freshman class arrives for the fall of 2016, the school will have reached its goal of being a four-year institution.

"It's been hectic after a couple of years of the constant change that's inevitable in starting a new school, plus switching buildings after the first year. Now we're starting to catch our breath a little," said Jim Foley, the school's president since its founding.

"The students who arrived as freshmen in 2013 will be graduating in the spring of 2017. They're starting to have that goal of graduation in sight – something they plete, having turned the building into a and those of us who have been with the school since the start have long been aiming toward."

> Those original students are now juniors, and many are starting to think about college. That's one reason why the school has added college counselor Margo Shee-



han to its staff. Other new staff members include dean of students Troy Hinder, academic counselor Ron Gillon, and campus minister Sarah Hoff. Other new staff members are teachers Madeleine Ables, Jov Bair, Oliver Corrigan, Shelby Fischer, Laura Hubachek, Marjorie Prince, and number of faculty members to 23, led by principal Cathy Thomas, and the total of staff members to 37.

"We're pretty much done with the physical changes we needed to make" after purchasing the building from the Columbus Metropolitan Library in 2013, Foley said. "We've added a chapel, a chemistry lab, a biology lab, an art room, and a music room, as well as offices for a college counselor, academic counselor, social worker, and campus minister." The building is behind Columbus' main library, but that asset won't be available to students this year because the library has been closed for extensive renovation. It is expected to be reopened in time for the start of the next school year.

"The school has been beautifully restored, and the students and faculty really enjoy the sense of history it has. But at the same time, it has the cutting-edge technology that allows us to maximize the education that's going on." Foley said. "The entire building is wireless-compatible. That means the iPads all of our stubuilding.

"All their textbooks are on i-Pads, and all the classrooms are tech-equipped, enabling teachers to communicate effectively with the students through their i-Pads and make use of all the educational opportunities on the Internet," Foley said.

The school also is taking part in athletic competition against other small high schools for the first time – currently in boys and girls soccer and girls volleyball, in the winter in boys and girls basketball. and in the spring in a sport to be determined, possibly track and field.

Work is under way on the first issue of a monthly student newspaper, with the decision on whether it will be in electronic or print form still to be made. Other extracurricular activities include a yearbook. Student Council, mock trial, chess club, a salsa dance club, and an ambassadors

Left: Teacher David Clark (left) with sophomore English students. Right: The school's hallways during a class change.

group, consisting of students who serve as guides for eighth-graders and their parents who are considering the school.

The athletic teams have a nickname – the Cougars. School colors are maroon and sky blue. This year, the students adopted a code known as the Cougar Kyle Sheumaker. Adding them brings the PATH, which is prominently displayed in the building. The four foundation statements for the PATH acronym are "I am *Prayerful* and discerning before acting; I seek to Achieve excellence in all that I do; I will always Take responsibility for my actions; I find ways to be *Helpful* to others." Students nominated by teachers as examples of practicing these traits are awarded stick-on cougar paws which they of the work-study program enables them can display on their lockers.

> The Cristo Rev Class of 2017 started with 85 prospective members in 2013, with 71 returning last year and 61 this year. Of the 119 students, now sophomores, who began classes last year, 98 have returned.

"That's a fairly average retention rate for Cristo Rey schools across the nation," Foley said. "We're always looking to improve that rate. Some students leave here and go to other schools because their parents have moved, but for the most part, it's because they find our program academically rigorous and sometimes more than they bargained for."

Most of the school's students are from in and around Columbus, but some come dents receive can be used throughout the from as far away as Newark and Lancaster, arriving and departing at the beginning and end of the school day by whatever means are available on their own. Transportation is provided to and from their job sites.

Cristo Rey Columbus is part of a network working of 30 schools in 19 states, all of which are based on a model started by Jesuit educators in Chicago in 1996. The schools are for students from economically disadvantaged families and combine workplace experience with high school classes. "In the beginning, we learned from visiting and talking to other Cristo Rey schools to see what worked for them. Now, Cristo Rey startups in other locations are coming to see us," Foley said.

The work-study program has students usually going to classes four days a week and spending one day working at a business or nonprofit organization. Being part to gain the type of business experience they might not otherwise be able to obtain as high school students. Four students work as a team at each employer to fill one full-time position. The money they earn goes to the school to help reduce tuition. In addition, several students have been invited back for summer jobs by the companies for which they worked during the school year.

"About four out of five -54 of 66 - of

Cristo Rey now has 76 teams of students working for 66 business partners, with staff members including recently hired work-study program director John Petro always looking for additional partners for the additional positions needed for students when capacity is reached next year. our business partners are for-profit operations, with the rest being nonprofit agencies." Petro said. "This shows businesses have recognized that having our students





with them provides value for companies, while allowing them to do good at the same time

"They don't see this as providing make-work positions to 'do charthe students the chance to perform

with other things. This frees the staff for workplace.

"Students start with baseline clerical positions and go from there. Most of those who have been students here for three years have been with a different business each year, but some have stayed with the same company. It all depends on the preference of the company and the student, and sometimes on the student's schedule." Petro said.

"One partner which has been with us with the beginning is the Bricker & Eckler law firm. One of our students who has been there since he was a freshman started doing basic clerical work and is now doing things like creating exhibit books, setting up conferences – the kind of thing that isn't legal work but is what lawyers do. This is leading him to think of a legal career. It's one example of how Cristo Rev can encourage students to aim higher than they might have before."

Cristo Rev junior Vanesa Mora is in her third year spending one day a week at Nationwide Children's Hospital as part of her education. She began by sorting mail and now is scanning legal documents and doing other work on large projects.

"Being at the hospital and working with people every day has made me think of the kind of environment I want to be around in my career," she said. "I wanted to be a chemical engineer, but that involves mostly working at computers. I'm finding through my work in a hospital environment that I want to be more active the 'secret sauce' of Cristo Rey and what and do more things with people. I'm becoming more flexible about my original plans because Cristo Rey has shown me I can do more."

Arturo Vallejo is a junior who is work-



From left: Cristo Rey Columbus High School work-study program director John Petro, development director Christine Donovan, ity,' but as giving and students Vanesa Mora and Arturo Vallejo. CT photos by Ken Snow

ing with Mora and others on an annual work that already existed or wasn't being literary review that will include studentdone because staff members were busy written poetry, short stories, and humor and will complement the student newsother purposes, creating a more efficient paper and vearbook. He also is interested in robotics and is planning to join the school's robotics club. He has worked for the past three years for Panacea Products, a Columbus-based company which was the first local Cristo Rey business partner and makes floral, craft, and home organization products and garden and fireplace accessories.

> "I started there doing basic stuff like filing, sorting mail, and data entry," he said. "The company used to do most of its business in the spring and summer, but it's developed into a more vear-round business since I've been there. Lately, I've been working with the marketing department. Because it's a small business, I've gone through the departments and been able to see all kinds of career possibilities I didn't think about - maybe information technology, maybe becoming an accountant. I can do anything; it's just a question of what's most interesting.

> The students both said they have come to appreciate Cristo Rey's strong academic emphasis. "In talking with other people my age, I realize that I seem to have a greater focus than some of them do on getting my schoolwork done and that I'm thinking more about college than most of them," Mora said. "My brothers and cousins have noticed a difference," Vallejo said. "They see that academics are more important to me, and they're right. Now that I've seen what I can do, it makes me want to do well."

"This is why I tell people work-study is really sets it apart," Foley said. "Through the financial support of businesses, students are motivated to understand the possibilities within them and to see a strong college-prep education as a way to columbus.org.

achieve those possibilities."

Development director Christine Donovan said the school needs to raise about \$950,000 from donors this year. Last year, the school received about \$1.2 million from donors. She anticipates raising about \$1 million this year.

Families of students pay a nominal amount for tuition, depending on their ability to pay. The largest amount of funding comes from employers, who pay \$27,000 for each position they make available. Donovan said the school's largest individual fundraising event, an annual party at the school and the Columbus Topiary Garden next door, attracted more than 400 people on Saturday, Sept. 19, and raised more than \$170,000. About 40 students served as volunteer hosts for school tours at the event.

Its principal sponsors were Kimball Midwest, Huntington Bancshares, and Motorists Insurance. "All three came back as sponsors after last year's first garden party, and all of them want to do more," Donovan said.

With the third year of classes under way, Foley and other staff members are looking for interested eighth-graders whose economic situation meets the school's guidelines and want to be freshmen next vear. "It's a little bit easier recruiting students," Foley said. "Now we're not asking parents to take a leap of blind faith, because we have a track record.

"But it's still a challenge to get the word out. We're still relatively new and don't have the years of tradition behind us that other schools have. We have a great story to tell. Now it's our own story, rather than having to point to what Cristo Rev has done elsewhere. That makes it much more persuasive."

For more information on the school, call (614) 223-9261 or go to www.cristorev-

VATICAN II'S EIGHT BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

By Dr. Joseph Brettnacher

Diocesan Superintendent of Schools

As we begin to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, it should be noted that Wednesday, Oct. 28 will be the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council document Gravissium Educationis (Declaration on Christian Education). The sacred synod commented on the aspects of education that are of special interest to the Church. The council indicated that the Church has a primary role in the development of education. The document has 12 basic principles, eight of which pertain to elementary and secondary education. I will share a brief synopsis of each.

Principle one has to do with the meaning of the universal right to education and establishes that every person has an "... inalienable right to an education that is in keeping with their ultimate goal, their ability, their sex, and the culture and tradition of their country, and also in harmony with their fraternal association with other peoples in the fostering of the true unity and peace on earth" (Catholic Church, 2012, p. 61).

The second principle establishes that the purposes of a Catholic (Christian) education are to teach students to excel spiritually, intellectually, and physically; to take part in social life and promote the common good; to obtain a "positive and prudent" sexual education; to develop morally toward good; to gain a deeper knowledge and love of God and neighbor; and to fulfill students' destiny to become saints (Vatican II, Oct. 28, 1965).

parents are "primary and principal educators" of their children. The Christian family, "enriched by the grace and office of the sacrament of matrimony," (Vatican II, Oct. 28, 1965) is responsible, especially in its early years, for ensuring that children have a "knowledge of God according to their faith received in Baptism, to worship Him" (Catholic Church, 2012, p. 63). Parents, through the "principle of subsidiarity," (Mirus, July 14, 2010) share with schools and institutions the responsibility of teaching children. "The duty of educating belongs to the Church" because she has the responsibility of explaining the way to salvation, communicating the life of Christ, and assisting men and women to the fullness of an eternal life with God (Catholic Church, 2012).

Principle four indicates that the Church, in fulfilling her educational role, must employ all suitable aids, including, but not limited to religious instruction (foremost), media communication, students' mental and physical development, and youth associations.

Schools are of special importance to the Church (principle five) because they are needed to enhance intellectual faculties, foster students' abilities to judge rightly, develop in them a sense of values, and prepare them for professional life. Of great importance to the Church are the vocations of all (bishops, priests, religious, lay teachers and staff, etc.) who participate in the task of education in Catholic and public schools.

Principle six has to do with the Church

to attend. The state must properly sub- their ability and of cooperating with sidize all schools, check upon the quality of their teachers, and provide for dren" (Catholic Church, 2012, p. 65). the health of their children.

Additionally, the Church is responsible for ensuring the moral and religious education (principle seven) of all of its students (Catholic Church, 2012; Mirus. Julv 14. 2010: Vatican II. Oct. 28, 1965)

The eighth and final principle has to do with Catholic schools providing a special atmosphere animated by the Gospel spirit of Freedom and charity, to help youth grow according to the new creatures they were made through baptism as to develop their own personalities, and fill to order the whole of human culture to the news of salvation so that knowledge the students gradually acquire of the world, life, and man is illuminated by faith" (Catholic Church, 2012, p. 65). The Church has the right to establish and conduct schools of every type and level, protect the freedom of conscience and rights of parents, and the betterment of society. Teachers in our schools must understand their vocation to provide a Catholic education in line with the teachings of the Church, be carefully prepared for secular and religious knowledge, and have suitable qualifications in keeping with an ever-changing world. Of special importance to the Church is the faith formation of her students. Finally, the Church reminds Catholic parents "of the duty of entrusting their children to Catholic schools wherever documents/vat-ii decl 19651028 asserting that parents have a choice of and whenever it is possible and of gravissimum-educationis en.html.

The third principle acknowledges that what schools, they want their children supporting these schools to the best of them for the education of their chil-

Fifty years ago, the Second Vatican Council sought to "... earnestly entreat young people themselves to become aware of the importance of the work of education and to prepare themselves to take it up, especially where, because of its shortage of teachers, the education of youth is in jeopardy." The council professed its gratitude to priests, religious, and laity, "who by their evangelical self-dedication are devoted to the noble work of Catholic education" (Catholic Church, 2012, p. 67).

Fifty years later, the Diocese of Columbus wants to express this same gratitude to all who teach in our Catholic schools.

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It's all well and good to learn the Mike Abrams, president of the Ohio knowledge by looking at an actual eardrum through an otoscope, the device found in doctor's offices.

When students learn the difference between systolic and diastolic while actually taking a classmate's blood pressure, there is an observable dawning of understanding. To actually use the sphygmomanometer (blood pressure cuff) and stethoscope and hear the "whoosh" of the heart pumping blood through the arteries takes the learning from the textbook and makes it come alive.

Mike Abrams and his wife, Dr. Mary Ann Abrams, parents of Thomsas Abrama, a junior at Watterson, were inspired by a classroom at the school geared toward business classes, and wanted students to have the opportunity to get excited about health and medical fields of study. The result is a new health center classroom.

"We assembled a team of people who helped us map out some ideas," said





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BISHOP WATTERSON INNOVATES WITH HEALTH CENTER CLASSROOM

structure of the human ear by studying Hospital Association. "Mount Cardrawings in textbooks, but now Co- mel sent some professional-level staff lumbus Bishop Watterson High School members, including an architect, who students will be able to expand their sat down with us to sketch out ideas, think through them, and discuss them."

> The team came up with a mission to enhance an appreciation for individual and community health and health care through experiential learning about health in all its dimensions: spiritual, physical, social, and emotional.

> For students walking into honors human anatomy and physiology and human biology classes on the first day of school. Room 206 at the high school looked like a normal classroom. But the back corner of the room resembles a doctor's office, from the exam table to the wall-mounted equipment. The only things that are missing are the typical jar of cotton balls and a doctor.

> Students also will be able to perform an electrocardiogram, do glucose testing, and earn CPR certification with equipment in the room, all of which was donated by the Mount Carmel Health system.

"We want to inspire high school stu-



Columbus Bishop Watterson High School nurse Nancy Lynskey shows students Tabitha Panaalanaan (left) and Mikavla Peterson how to take a blood pressure reading as science teacher John Hanson looks on. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

dents to be interested in the health profession and, more importantly, in their own health," Mike Abrams said. "It's really going to be a unique asset at a high school to have a homegrown lab for experiential health care.

"Different students learn in different ways. If you're teaching anything, whether it's history or literature, to give kids an experience is really going to enhance the learning. We want students to become curious about their own health and the things that impact whether they're healthy and how healthy they are."

Marian Hutson, Watterson principal, said a special curriculum has been created for the lab and continues to evolve.

"Learning in this lab will go beyond the clinical, because when students have hands-on experience with the new equipment, they will then be able to apply what they learned to a greater understanding of public health. They will understand prevention and how health impacts the community," she said.

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Christ Child Society of Columbus will hold its annual Red Wagon Fare Luncheon Vednesday - October 21, 2015 • at Villa Milano Banguet and Conference Center
hopping will begin at 9:30 a.m. ~ Featuring a style show by Cheesecake Boutique, Chico's,
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All proceeds go directly to benefit our projects throughout Central Ohio. Tickets are \$50 per person. Make checks out to Christ Child Society of Columbus and return to: Red Wagon Fare c/o Erin Vinci P.P. Box 340091 Columbus Ohio 43234-0091 You may also purchase tickets online at www.christchildsociety.org

Serve, care for each other, pope tells families at closing Mass

Bv Dennis Sadowski

Catholic News Service

Pope Francis urged the hundreds of thousands of people at the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families *(pictured below)* to serve and care for each other as freely as God loves the human family.

The pope called upon the faithful to embrace signs that the Holy Spirit can work through everyone. He referred to the readings in the multilingual Mass -from the Book of Numbers and the Gospel of Mark -- in which members of the faith community questioned the work of those not part of their group and for prophesying in the name of God.

"To raise doubts about the working of the Spirit, to give the impression that it cannot take place in those who are not 'part of our group,' who are not 'like us,' is a dangerous temptation," the pope said. "Not only does it block conversion to the faith, it is a perversion of faith. Faith opens a window to the presence and Hence, it must be vigorously rejected," he said. working of the Spirit. It shows us that, like happiness, holiness is always tied to little gestures."

Illustrating his point before the Mass, Pope Francis engaged in "little gestures" himself along the papal parade route to the Mass, kissing and blessing many babies brought to him from the sidewalk throngs by Secret Service agents, who themselves managed to crack smiles after days of maintaining a stern demeanor as they guarded the pontiff.

Pope Francis recalled that Jesus encountered "hostility from people who did not accept what he said and did," saying they thought it intolerable that Christ was open to honest and sincere faith from men and women who were not part of God's chosen people.

"The disciples, for their part, acted in good faith. But the temptation to be scandalized by the freedom of God, who sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous alike, bypassing bureaucracy, officialdom and inner circles, threatens the authenticity of faith.



Pope Francis raises the Eucharist as he celebrates the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families on Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia on Sunday, Sept. 27. With him at the altar is Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput.

"Once we realize this, we can understand why Jesus' words about causing 'scandal' are so harsh. For Jesus, the truly 'intolerable' scandal consists in everything that breaks down and destroys our trust in the working of the Spirit," he continued.

Pope Francis held up the family as vital to building the church for the future. He said love must be freely shared for faith to grow.

"That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life and life to become faith." he said.

"Little gestures" of love exist daily in the lives of family and serve to carry on God's love as well, Pope Francis said.

"These little gestures are those we learn at home, in the family. They get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, by fathers and grandfathers, by children. They are little signs of



Pope Francis blesses family members who gave a testimony at the Festival of Families during the World Day of Families in Philadelphia on Saturday, Sept. 26. CNS photos/Paul Haring

tenderness, affection, and compassion," he said.

"Like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work. Homely gestures like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day's work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home." Pope Francis asked the worshipers to consider how they share God's love with people in their families and in the world around them.

"What kind of world do we want to leave to our children?" he asked, referencing a line in his encyclical Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home.

"Our common house can no longer tolerate sterile divisions," he continued. "The urgent challenge of protecting our home includes the effort to bring the entire human family together in the pursuit of a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."

The pope asked the congregation to consider how they treat each other in their own home. "Do we shout, or do we speak to each other with love and tenderness? That's a good way of measuring our love."

Calling the church to renew faith in the word of God, the pope said people can live prophetic lives as a "kind of miracle in today's world."

"Would that we could all be prophets. Would that all of us could be open to miracles of love for the sake of all the families of the world, and thus overcome the scandal of a narrow, petty love, closed in on itself, impatient of others." he said.

As the Mass concluded, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, who also was lead Vatican organizer of the World Meeting of Families, announced the next meeting will take place in Dublin, Ireland in 2018.

Six families, representing five continents, received copies of the Gospel of Luke. Families from Syria, Vietnam, France, Australia, Congo, and Cuba were chosen for their church involvement and faith life. The Vatican also planned to distribute 100,000 copies of Luke's Gospel in the families' home nations.

dren were staying.





Papal visit provides memories of all sorts for area residents

The Mass celebrated by Pope Francis on Sunday, Sept. 27 in Philadelphia and the World Meeting of Families that preceded it provided unforgettable moments on a large scale, but also created more intimate memories for participants from the Diocese of Columbus.

One such moment came when Father Tom Gardner, who was ordained a Columbus diocesan priest last year and serves the cluster of parishes in Jackson, New Boston, and Wheelersburg celebrated Mass outside the Philadelphia row house where Ryan and MaryBeth Eberhard of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church and their eight chil-

This took place at the same time as the pope's Mass on Saturday, Sept. 26 in the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul for priests and religious from throughout Pennsylvania. "About 10 neighbors came out to join us," Mary-Beth Eberhard said. "You could feel a sense of family among this group that was in the spirit of the larger gatherings taking place in the city.³

Carol Smith of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church and Nancy Sterling of Columbus St. Andrew Church said they came upon a moment of unexpected grace in a Philadelphia convenience



Ryan Eberhard of Sunbury and his sons Joseph and Paul (partially seen) tie prayer knots at a temporary shrine to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots.

Photos courtesy Eberhard family

store. "A tall, very muscular man who looked like he was part of the papal security detail was helping a very frail person who appeared to be homeless, showing him how to buy a lunch from a machine in the store because it appeared that person didn't know how it worked.

"It was just so tender," the women said. "That one moment spoke to all the pope is asking us to do about not ignoring people on the margins of life. It was such a small thing, but it was something I don't think we'll ever forget."

At least a dozen priests and 10 deacons from the Columbus diocese were on hand for the events in Philadelphia, along with what diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office director Dan Thimons said was an estimated 500 diocesan residents who took bus trips organized by several parishes or came individually and in small groups.

"You could tell the pope was worn out on Sunday," when he celebrated Mass for hundreds of thousands of people gathered on Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway, said Deacon Frank Iannarino, director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate. "He just looked tired. Considering all that he did during this trip, it's no wonder. But whenever he saw someone disabled, or older, or a child, that lit him up. You could see it renewing his energy.

Deacon Iannarino said he and his brother deacons from the diocese came to Philadelphia individually last week. then helped distribute the Eucharist at the Sept. 27 Mass. The priests from the diocese joined hundreds of their colleagues from across the nation as con-



Deacons from the Diocese of Columbus who helped distribute the Eucharist at the Sept. 27 papal Mass in Philadelphia (from left): first row, Deacons Frank lannarino, Bill Demidovich, Hector Raymond, Tony Bonacci, and Steve DeMers; second row, Deacons Todd Tucky, John Crerand, Mickey Hawkins, Jim Sturgeon, and Carl Calcara.

celebrants with the pope.

Before Mass, the deacons gathered at the cathedral, from where an usher led them about two blocks to one of hundreds of stations set up for Communion. Deacon Iannarino said about 600 people received the Eucharist from him. The ushers held umbrellas in the Vatican's colors of vellow and white dral to view a grotto set up in honor of to indicate the location of the stations. After Communion, the deacons were favorite titles for the Blessed Mother. given the umbrellas as souvenirs.

about the Mass was how efficient the Communion distribution was," said Church. "Before Mass, it took about three hours to walk one block. Once I

Photo courtesy Deacon Frank lannarino

got there, I wondered how so many people would receive the Eucharist. When it came time for Communion, the umbrellas came out, making quite a sight to remember. I had to stand in the Communion line for only about three minutes."

Before Mass on Sept. 27, the pope made an unscheduled stop at the cathe-Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, one of his

"That was a highlight for all the dea-"One of the most remarkable things cons, as we hadn't expected to see him close up," Deacon Iannarino said. "We were on the steps of the basilica Judy Harness of Chillicothe St. Peter as he came by, waved to us, and said a prayer. That's when you could see how tired he was."



Father Thomas Gardner of the Diocese of Columbus celebrates Mass on Sept. 26 in front of a Philadelphia rowhouse.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B) Man and woman perfectly complement creation



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16

In this second account of creation, "the man" (adam in Hebrew) was made first, before any of the other creatures of the earth were formed. The man was formed out of the dust of the earth (*adamah*), the Lord blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and he became a "living being."

The Lord then caused trees and plants to grow in a garden and placed the man in the garden. Then the Lord God decided it was not good for the man to be alone. After creating the beasts of the field and the birds of the air, the man still did not find a "fitting helper," which is probably best understood as "(co-equal) partner."

Finally, the Lord God cast a deep sleep upon the man and made for the man a woman out of one of the man's ribs. The man discovered that she was "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh" and called her "woman" because she was taken from "her man." In Hebrew, this is a play on another word for "man" (ish in Hebrew), with woman becoming ishshah in Hebrew.

ation, with the man first, does not reach its complelast is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." Thus, itself and each other. Nothing is fashioned after the works in mysterious ways. woman, so those who argue that creation reaches its peak in the creation of woman have a point.

In any case, the man is asleep when the woman is hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

Community Restorative Circles Need Volunteers

The Community Restorative Circle (CRC) is a community-based, court-operated diversion program designed to provide an alternative response from the juvenile justice system for first-time misdemeanor offenders.

The circles adhere to the restorative justice theory, which is based on the premise of accountability to the victim and the community. Trained community volunteers provide offenders with the opportunity to repair the harm done to their victims (when applicable) and to make a positive contribution to the community.

The South Side CRC meets twice a month at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave. Other CRCs in Franklin County are in operation in Franklinton, Weinland Park, the Near East Side, North Linden,

fashioned by God, which means the man had nothing to do with the woman's creation. Whether intentionally or not, the Genesis author presents the creation of the woman in mystery, which is partly what attracts the two to become one. Both the man and the woman, the first and the last of creation, are works of God, who should understand their roles as partners in creation.

The Gospel scene is a controversy about the Law of Moses, with a question raised by the ever-adversarial Pharisees: "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" Mark clearly states "They were testing him." Among the rabbis of the day, there was a debate on the question of divorce. Jesus uses one Scripture passage to negate another. According to Deuteronomy 24:1, divorce appears as a given. Jesus cites today's passage from Genesis as having priority, and thereby rejects divorce as a human act which tries to undo what God has joined. Obviously, determining what God has joined is the fly in the ointment.

The fact that the disciples question him privately in the house afterward shows that this was a highly controversial teaching and they wanted clarification, which they got. Reflecting Roman society, where either the husband or the wife could divorce the other, Jesus says that in either case, one commits adultery against the other.

I am reminded of a time long ago when a Protestant minister came to me, saying he was troubled because he wanted to marry a divorced woman. He knew the Scriptures, but wanted my take on this passage. After This is not science. This is poetry. The order of cre- discussing things for an hour or so, he came up with his own solution. "I know," he said, "I'll marry her and tion until the woman is fashioned. She is not only his then confess to the sin of adultery, and the Lord will "fitting helper," but also his completion: "This one at forgive me and life will go on." That is what he did, and they are still married some 30 years later. It was the man and the woman perfectly complement creation an interesting, if unusual solution to his problem. God

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary Church, can be reached at

Milo-Grogan, and Westerville. Five new circles are to open in Hilliard. Grove City, and the Far West Side/ Hilltop, Far East Side, and Far North Side neighborhoods of Columbus by early next year.

Those interested in becoming Community Restorative Circle volunteers must complete an application package and attend a volunteer training course. The next course will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct, 17. Completion of an application, a background check, and a drug test are required for volunteers before anyone can take part in the course.

For more information or to request an application, contact Rachelle Randolph at (614) 525-3130 or Rachelle Randolph@fccourts.org.

The Weekday Bible Readings

October 4, 2015

MONDAY Jonah 1:1-2:1.11 Jonah 2:3-5,8 (Ps) Luke 10:25-37

TUESDAY Ionah 3:1-10 Psalm 130:1b-4b,7-8 Luke 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY Jonah 4:1-11 Psalm 86:3-6.9-10 Luke 11:1-4

THURSDAY Malachi 3:13-20b Psalm 1:1-4,6 Luke 11:5-13

FRIDAY Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2 Psalm 9:2-3,6,8-9,16 Luke 11:15-26

SATURDAY Joel 4:12-21 Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Luke 11:27-28

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 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

Pope Francis is a pontiff of surprises, and so it was with his visit to the United States. He spoke on many topics, and, true to form, made unannounced visits and unscripted speeches. While the cable news networks were busy parsing what they thought was political and what they deemed liberal or conservative about a particular speech, the pope was busy trying to reach out to those on the periphery of society.

The Holy Father spoke about immigrants and the own way and voice, which comes from the New unborn, and about the environment and religious lib-World and the complexities of life in Argentina. There erty, Mostly, he tried to call people to a higher stanwas also the unique touch of the first Jesuit pope. dard of simplicity and holiness. The tour de force part of the Holy Father's visit may

those who have let their faith slip away. There were several interesting side angles to this have been his address to the World Meeting of Famivisit, the media coverage being the most interesting. Pope Francis reminds us that many people have no lies on Saturday night, Sept. 26 in Philadelphia. Pope Ross Douthat, one of the few conservative-leaning Francis' translator for his trip was Msgr. Mark Miles. places to retire. Their work is never done, and, for columnists for The New York Times, noted that it was some, where their next meal is coming from is not who is from the island of Gibraltar. The uniqueness of interesting that so many people in the supposedly secknown. We are to do our best to help these people the island's British and Spanish history has given him ular northeast United States were fascinated with the find their way to a more desirable situation. a unique window into the world. visit of Pope Francis. The Holy Father reminded us, especially priests and Hopefully, that experience prepared him, for he was

cultural experts were not -- he was nearly 80, professed to be not very interested in social media, and lived a simple lifestyle. However, this very contradiction may have spurred the consciences of many people who knew there must be more to life than keeping up with what's in and what's out, along with a grinding work and social schedule. Pope Francis changed no church doctrine and

The diocesan Vocations Office, Face For- what it means to be a disciple of Christ." ward, and West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church will sponsor the second annual discipleship walk at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 in Prairie Oaks Metro Park, 3225 N.E. Plain City-Georgesville Road, West Jefferson. The walk will provide an opportunity for Catholics to share in an afternoon of prayer and fellowship while walking the beautiful trails of Prairie Oaks and being reminded of how all of us are called to be disciples of Christ.

The five-kilometer route will wind throughout the park, with seminarians from the Pontifical College Josephinum serving as guides. Admission is free, but volunteers will be accepting donations to the Holy Family Soup Kitchen. Donuts, apple cider, and water will be provided.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity to fellow Catholics to come and spend an afternoon at Prairie Oaks for a day of prayer and fellowship," said Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director. "This event occurs just days after Pope Francis' trip to the U.S. so we'll be walking with a renewed spirit of

Pope Francis Comes to America, Leaving Everyone Talking About His Visit

touched on topics that both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II also broached, but he did it in his



Douthat surmised that the pope was everything the really put to the test Saturday night when Pope Francis decided to scuttle his prepared remarks and give an impromptu, entertaining, yet serious address to the many thousands assembled

> The pope was given very high marks for his talk, and certainly some kudos need to be directed to Msgr. Miles for his impromptu translation. It was vintage Pope Francis, talking about being approached by men and women who said family life wasn't easy. With a wry smile, the Holy Father talked about being told stories of unruly children, temperamental adults

throwing plates, and even intruding mothers-in-law.

In a serious tone, Pope Francis talked about why a mother and father are important and why children are a blessing, even when they are unruly. He talked about the devil's temptation for parents to walk away and live an easier life, saving that is not what we are called to do.

While certain media outlets have their own particular spin on the visit of Pope Francis, it is important for the faithful to read the texts of his talks and understand who he was primarily trying to reach -- those faithful who are struggling with life's burdens and

bishops, to be like shepherds tending to their flocks and searching for the lost. The lost may flaunt their wisdom and their debauchery, but we are not to be fooled.

They need our assistance. Sometimes prayer is all we can give them, but praver is a powerful tool. The duration of Pope Francis' visit was only five days, but its lasting impact will be measured in years, not days.

Hartline is the author of "The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism," and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

Second Annual Discipleship Walk Set for Sunday, Oct. 4

Face Forward is a program of the Vocations Office that allows for interaction with the young people of the diocese and provides platforms for communication, events and opportunities to learn more about the Catholic faith and a life in vocations. There are more than 10,000 people in the Face Forward community.

For more information about the discipleship walk, contact Anne Harkin at (614) 787-2377 or anne.harkin@mj2marketing.com.

> It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when traveling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. The website www.Mass Times.org makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one page. It includes Mass schedules for 117,000 churches in 201 nations or territories. The service also is available by phone. The number is (1-858) 207-6277.

Celebrating the Pope's Visit



Preschool students at Lancaster St. Mary School display Pope Francis puppets they made to celebrate the pope's visit to the United States. Photo courtesy St. Mary School

Pray for our dead

BOONE, Annora T., 94, Sept. 11 St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

CICCONE, Gildo "Chic," 88, Sept. 24 Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

COFFEY, Virginia, Sept. 18 St. Andrew Church, Columbus

COVINGTON, Barbara J., 77, Sept. 17 Christ the King Church. Columbus

DVORAK, Ralph, 73, Sept. 24 St. Matthias Church, Columbus

DZIUBEK, Mark A., 70, Sept. 21 Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

ELFRINK, Marcella M., 77, Sept. 22 Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

ESTADT, Martha L., 91, Sept. 26 St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

FACTOR, Terry L., 58, Sept. 28 St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

FOUNTAIN, Violet J., 88, Sept. 22 St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

GERARDI, Mary D., 102, Sept. 24 St. Agnes Church, Columbus

GOODE, Margaret A., 91, Sept. 25 St. Joseph Church, Circleville

HERB, Jean M., 89, formerly of Columbus, Sept. 23

St. Martha Church. Sarasota. Fla.

HENDERSON, Anna M., 85, Sept. 18 St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

Jeanne M. Nash

A funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 28 at the Karlo-Libby Funeral Home in Canton for Jeanne M. Nash, 84, who died Thursday, Sept. 24.

She was born Sept. 9, 1931 in Dorchester, Massachusetts, to George and Florence (Morand) Kearns, and received a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and home economics in 1953 from Framingham (Massachusetts) State Teachers College.

She taught home economics and bachelor living at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, was a substitute teacher at Columbus Christ the King children.

HERRON, Kristina A., 64, of Columbus, Sept. 19 St. Raphael Church, Springfield

KIRBY, Edith, 90, Sept. 24 St. Mary Church, Marion

MATKO, Maria H., 40, formerly of Columbus. Sept. 18

St. Mary Church, Avon

McINTYRE, Steven R., 60, Sept. 20 Christ the King Church, Columbus

McNULTY, Randy J., 61, Sept. 20 St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

MILLER, Douglas G., 47, Sept. 24 St. Patrick Church, Columbus

MOGAN, Jerry, 86, Sept. 26 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

MONAHAN, Anna, 101, Sept. 19 St. Joseph Church, Dover

MULHERIN, Dorothy E., Sept. 24 St. Patrick Church, Columbus

MURPHY, Mary G., 89, Sept. 23 St. Francis de Sales Church. Newark

SERVANT, Opal M., 81, Sept. 24 St. Mary Church, Groveport

TAYLOR, L. Ann, 87, Sept. 25 St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

TRIANFO, Dominic A., 97, Sept. 21 St. Elizabeth Church. Columbus

YOUNG, Elizabeth O., 88, Sept. 20 Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

School, and also was a home economics teacher in Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, William, Richard, and Paul: and sister. Elaine Weldon. Survivors include her husband, Robert; sons, Gerard (Linda), Daniel (Susan); Peter (Roseanne), William (Cherie). James (Jov). and Thomas: daughter, Elizabeth (James) Rhodes; brothers, Leo, David, and Denis; sisters, Sister Louise Kearns, SND, Marie LeBlanc, and Irene Hayes; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grand-

Patricia M. Luthman

Funeral Mass for Patricia M. Luthman, 84, who died Thursday, Sept. 24, at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory will be held Saturday, Oct. 3 in Our School before moving in 1984 to Du-Mother of Sorrows Chapel at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in 1931 and grew up in Columbus, attending Immaculate Conception School and St. Mary of the Springs High School and graduating in 1953 from St. Mary of the Springs Academy (now Ohio Dominican University).

White Mass for Catholic professionals

students in the healing arts on Friday, professionals and Catholics. Oct. 16 at the center, 64 W. Lane Ave.

with a discussion led by Dr. Ashley Fer- op Frederick Campbell. Mass will be nandes on "Meeting Students Where followed by a social with light appetiz-



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many years, and was a school nurse luth, Georgia, where she was a member of St. Monica Church and helped form its New Horizons women's group.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard. Survivors include sons, Joseph and Thomas; daughter, Theresa (Brad) Angelini; brother, Lawrence (Kathleen) Rose; sister, Kathryn (Robert) Griesenbrock; one She worked as a registered nurse for grandson; and one granddaughter.

Join the Catholic Medical Association changing field of medicine, mentorship and the Columbus St. Thomas More across generations and disciplines with-Newman Center for the 2015 White in the medical and allied health fields Mass for Catholic professionals and can enhance medical practitioners as

The discussion will be followed at The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. 6:30 by the Mass, celebrated by Bish-

1. THURSDAY

tion Cenacle at Holy Name

Holy Hour at Holy Family

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Send obituaries to tpuet@ctonline.org

HAPPENINGS

CLASSIFIED

24th Annual **Harvest Bouquet Craft Show** St. Joan of Arc - Powell Saturday Oct. 3 -- 9 am - 3 pm Over 100 crafters, raffle baskets, Handmade Items, great food & "Buckeyes" Free Admission!

OCTOBER

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 Philosophy" with Dr. Michael Dougherty, ODU philosophy professor. First of four talks on truth sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies. 614-251-4722 Mass Honoring Ruth Beckman at Cathedral

6 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass honoring Ruth Beckman, who is retiring in early October, in recognition of her years of loving service to the diocese and to the poor and needy as director of Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, followed by recep-614-241-2540

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.

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Colum-

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

'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 bus. 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 Bereavement Support Group at Corpus Christi

6:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. First meeting of eight-week bereavement support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Registration required. 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.

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 614-372-5249 priests.

'Awakening Faith' Program at St. Paul

7 to 9 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. First session of seven-week "Awakening Faith" program for returning and inactive Catholics. 614-882-2109

2 FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday. Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

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 per-614-866-4302 mitting, for tours. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Speaker: Dan Thimons, diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office director, on "A Solution to the Crisis in the Family: Lessons from the World Meeting of Families."

St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale

4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods. Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m.

Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30. All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

2-4. FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Women's Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus, Silent retreat for women, sponsored by Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, Theme: "Women Mystics: Experiencing God and Why We Need Them," directed by Father Matthew Hoover, pastor of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. \$125 fee includes lodging and meals. 614-882-1946

3, SATURDAY Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church. 5225 Refugee

Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888 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.

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lav Missionaries of Charity. 614-372-5249 Green Energy Ohio Tour at Shepherd's Corner

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center will be open for visitors to learn about solar panels that provide energy for its barn as part of 13th annual statewide Green Energy Ohio Tour. Barn, meditation trail, labyrinth also will be open. Registration deadline Oct. 1. 614-866-4302 5. MONDAY Friends of the Poor Walk at DeSales

10 a.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Annual Friends of the Poor walk of approximately one mile, benefiting diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Participants may walk the route as many times as they like 614-824-1289

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi 10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731 Transitus at St. Francis of Assisi

7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Annual Transitus ritual, a Franciscan tradition marking the passage of St. Francis of Assisi to eternal 614-299-5781

Filipino Mass at Holy Cross

7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. 614-224-3416

4. SUNDAY

St. Agatha Adult Education

9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. First of four talks with Father Edmund Hussey on important, controversial issues. Topic: "The Earth Is Our Home." 614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Talk by Clarissa Epps of Columbus BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) program.

Blessing of Animals at St. Francis of Assisi

10 a.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Blessing of the Animals to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi 614-299-5781 Exposition at Church of the Resurrection

Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection. 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. Brown Scapular Enrollment at Holy Family

Following 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St. Distribution of and enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, sponsored by parish Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild. 614-221-1890

Discipleship Walk at Prairie Oaks

1 p.m. Prairie Oaks Metro Park, 3225 N.E. Plain City-Georgesville Road, West Jefferson. Second annual Discipleship Walk, a 5-kilometer event sponsored by diocesan Vocations Office, Face Forward, and West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church.

614-787-2377

Blessing of Animals at St. Pius X 1:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Blessing of the Animals to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. 614-866-2859

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Colum-706-761-4054 bus. Mass in Spanish. Compline at Cathedral

9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline. 614-241-2526

Aquinas Alumni Luncheon

11 a.m., TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon

Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Holy Hour for priestly and consecrated vocations. 614-235-7435

6 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. 614-444-4411 and wants to stay connected.

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

8. THURSDAY

Women to Women Listening Circle at Corpus Christi

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Women to Women program for women of all ages and life circumstances. Begins with soup lunch until noon, followed by listening circle. No child care available on-site. 614-512-3731 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. Open House at Ohio Dominican

6 to 8 p.m., Battelle Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students interested in majors related to the natural sciences and health professions. Registration deadline Oct. 614-251-4500

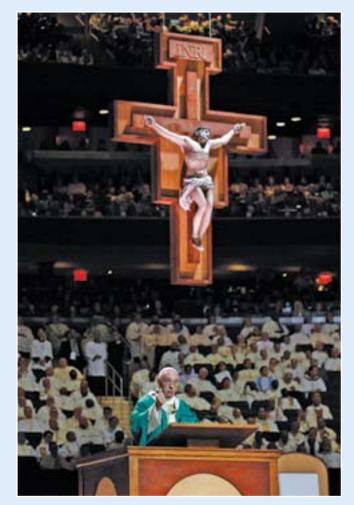
Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart

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 614-372-5249 priests.

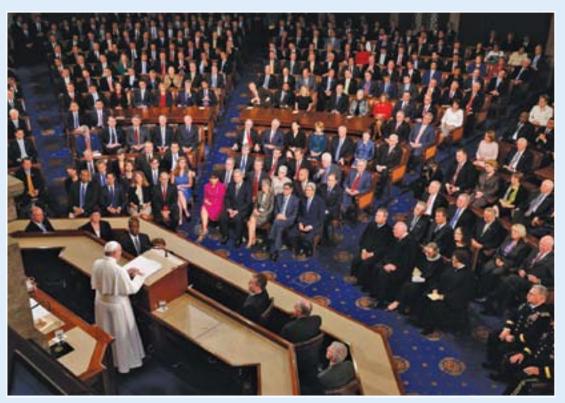
POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES



Pope Francis talks with Sister Marie Mathilde, 102, during his unannounced visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor residence in Washington on Sept. 23. CNS photo/courtesy Little Sisters of the Poor



Pope Francis gives the homily as he celebrates Mass at Madison Square Garden in New York on Sept. 25. CNS photo/Paul Haring

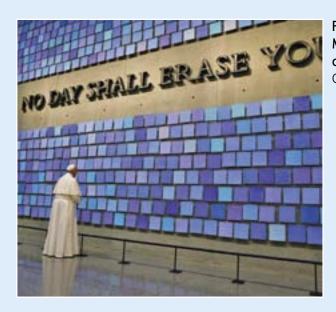


Pope Francis addresses a joint meeting of Congress at the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Sept. 24. CNS photo/Paul Haring



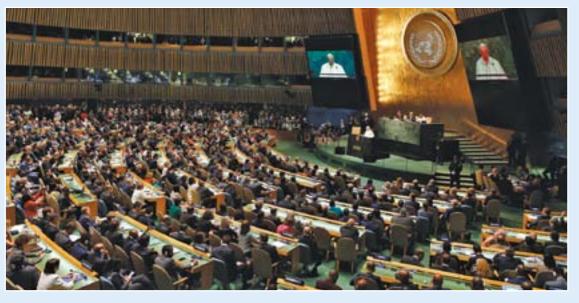
Pope Francis looks up as he arrives to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York for an evening prayer service on Sept. 24. CNS photo/Paul Haring





Pope Francis addresses the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York on Sept. 25. CNS photo/Paul Haring

Pope Francis pauses in front of a display at the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York on Sept. 25. The quotation from the Roman poet Virgil on the wall reads "No day shall erase you from the memory of time." CNS photo/Paul Haring





Pope Francis delivers an address from Independence Hall in Philadelphia on Sept. 26. He spoke near a statue of George Washington to an estimated crowd of 50,000 people. CNS photo/Lisa Johnston, St. Louis Review



A man views prayer ribbons at the Knotted Grotto outside the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul during the World Meeting of Families on Sept. 25 in Philadelphia. Thousands of visitors added their prayer intentions to the project that was inspired by the image of Mary, Undoer of Knots. CNS photo/Joshua Roberts

Pope Francis blesses a prisoner as he visits the Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility in Philadelphia on Sept. 27. CNS photo/Paul Haring



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At a Special Celebration Mass **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015 | 7 P.M.**

St. Paul the Apostle Parish 313 North State Street, Westerville

Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell Bishop of Columbus, Celebrant

FOLLOWING THE MASS: Reception and Women's Vocation Fair immediately following in the Parish Activity Center. Meet with representatives from various religious orders and learn and discern about your vocation; parents are also encouraged to attend!

THANK YOU TO THE RELIGIOUS WITHIN OUR DIOCESE!

For additional information or to RSVP, contact 614-224-2251.