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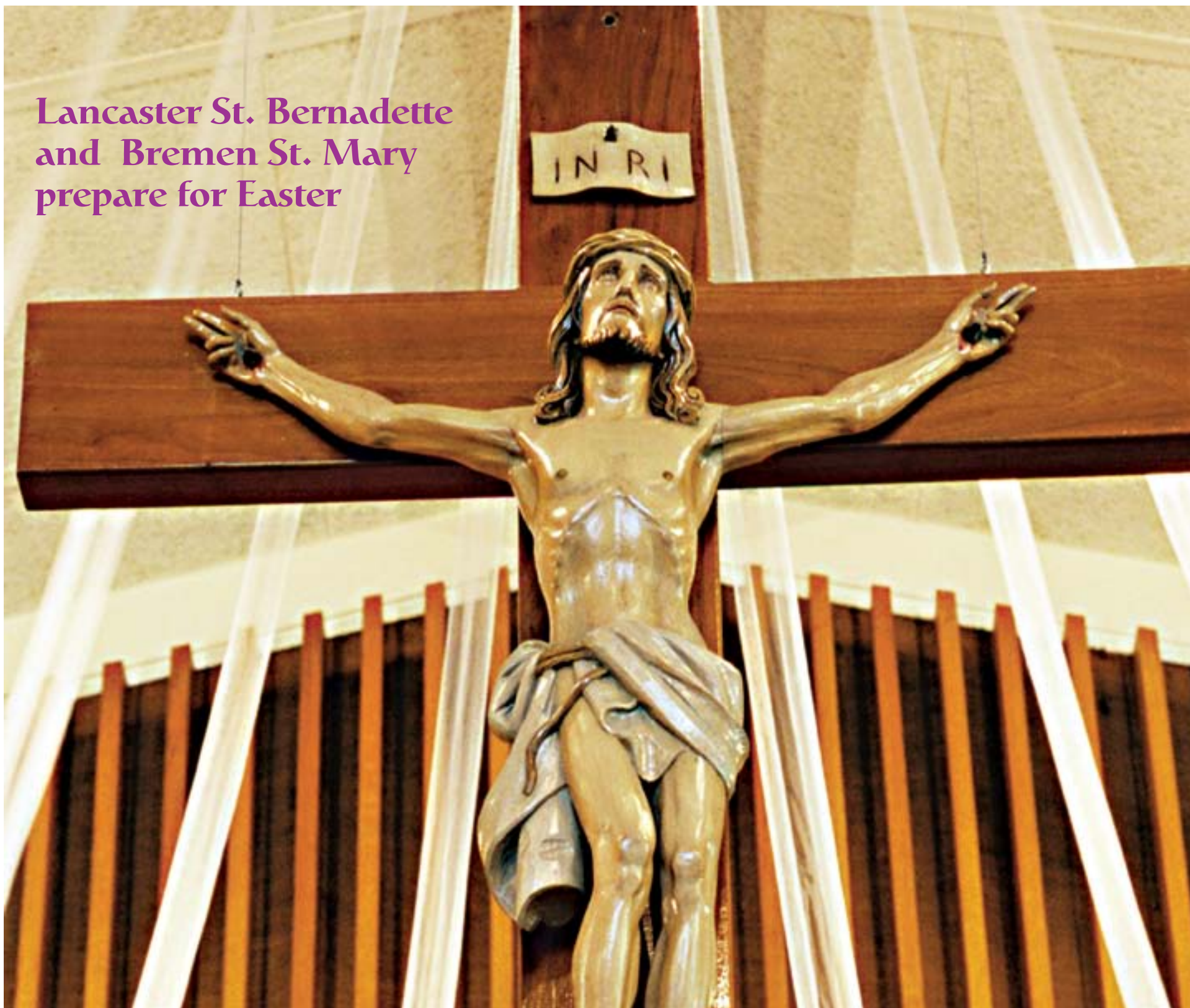
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The Editor's Notebook

Be Transformed by Christ

By David Garick, Editor



Lent is a wonderful season. Yes, it has somber overtones and involves fasting and abstinence. But if all you think about during Lent is what you are giving up during these 40 days, you are really missing something. Self-discipline is important, but that's because it is a tool we use to reach our greater potential.

Last Sunday, we heard the gospel account of how Jesus fasted in the desert at the beginning of his public ministry and then faced the temptation of the devil. He overcame his very human weakness. This Sunday, the Gospel tells of his transfiguration on Mount Tabor. His closest disciples were witnesses to this powerful identification of Jesus as both Son of God, possessor of all power, and Son of Man, who must suffer, be repudiated, and be put to death. Peter, James, and John saw the glimpse of his glory that prefigured his resurrection. Having recently stood on that spot on Mount Tabor, I can attest to the spiritual power that still resonates on that summit. Jesus, as man, had to be transformed to face the challenge that lay before him in Jerusalem. And those who follow him needed to see that connection between his human and divine natures.

During Lent, each of us must focus on our own need for transformation to be part of the Body of Christ. St. Paul wrote to the Romans, "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." For in Jesus, we find that all the moments of his life were sacred, not just his suffering and death. Even his most human qualities

such as anger and fear, hunger and thirst, learning and failure were all sacred. Everything he did was an acceptance of his human condition and a focus on doing the will of God. The same is true of us. All of our human moments, including our weakest and most human actions – everything except sin – provide a way of living God's will and finding a source of grace. Lent allows us to focus on our human weakness and, through Christ's example, share in the joy of his holiness. We are transformed.

In this issue of *Catholic Times* you will read about some individuals who are experiencing that transformation in a very special way this Lent as they take part in the Rite of Election on their road to full communion in the Church at Easter. Also, you will read about how our brothers and sisters in Christ are following Christ's example by sharing the gospel in eastern Fairfield County at St. Bernadette Church in Lancaster and St. Mary Church in Bremen.

Lent is far more than giving up meat on Fridays. Lent transforms us in holiness. It prepares us for eternal life in heaven by seeing the very human Jesus as "the way" to achieve holiness. That faith is not some special or marginal activity that we take part in on Sundays. It is living every day of our lives, not just the 40 days of Lent, affirming our humanness as Jesus did as a means of transforming ourselves into true brothers and sisters of the living and eternal Christ.

SPECIAL MASS TO HONOR POPE BENEDICT XVI

Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will preside at a Mass in honor of Pope Benedict XVI to be celebrated at Saint Joseph Cathedral on Wednesday, February 27, 5:15 p.m. Priests in and of the Diocese have been invited to concelebrate; deacons are welcome to vest. All the faithful of the diocese are invited to attend.

USCCB URGES CONGRESS TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS CONSCIENCE IN AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

By Catholic News Service

The chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty has urged the House of Representatives to extend long-standing federal conscience protections to the Affordable Care Act's new coverage mandates for private health plans.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore made the request in a Feb. 15 letter to members of the House.

Saying the tradition of conscience rights in health care "has long enjoyed bipartisan consensus, but is now under greatly increased pressure," Archbishop Lori asked in his letter to attach the conscience provision to upcoming appropriation bills for the departments of Labor and Health and Human Services.

"I urge Congress to address this problem when it considers proposals for continued funding of the federal government in the weeks to come," he said.

"While the mandate for coverage of abortion-causing drugs, contraceptives and sterilization is hailed by some as a victory for women's freedom, it permits no free choice by a female employee to decline such coverage for herself or

her minor children, even if it violates her moral and religious convictions," Archbishop Lori added.

In his letter, Archbishop Lori also noted that in the new proposed rules issued on Feb. 1 by HHS on the contraceptive mandate, the administration's definition of an exempt "religious employer" is briefer than its original four-part definition, "but the administration itself says it does not 'expand the universe' of those who are exempt."

He noted that under the new proposal, insurers, individuals and families, nonprofit or for-profit organizations that are not explicitly religious, and third-party administrators who object to the contraceptive mandate on moral grounds will have it "imposed on them without any recourse."

"I fear that the federal government's respect for believers and people of conscience no longer measures up to the treatment Americans have a right to expect from their elected representatives," he said.

"It is most discouraging that this coercive element remains unchanged in the new notice of proposed rulemaking," he said.



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Clergy Assignment

Rev. David Gwinner, to Parochial Administrator *pro tem*, St. Mary Church, Marion, effective February 18, 2013.

Rev. Dwayne McNew, Pastor, St. Mary Church, Marion, to temporary medical Leave of Absence, effective February 18, 2013.

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Front Page photo: The crucifix above the altar at Lancaster St. Bernadette Church, which with its sister parish, Bremen St. Mary, is praying Lauds, the church's morning prayer, daily at 8 a.m. during Lent.

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RITE OF ELECTION

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times



The diocesan Office of Divine Worship's annual Rite of Election ceremonies bring together people from throughout central and southern Ohio who wish to publicly declare their intention to join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. This year, nearly 600 people made that declaration, each with a unique story of what drew them to the faith.

For Donna Lyons of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, the catalyst was the death of her husband.

Lyons said she was brought up a Baptist and was married 45 years to a Catholic. She said that her late husband, Bob, never pushed her about faith matters and that the two had become indifferent to religion until he began going back to church shortly before his death 10 months ago.

After he died, conversations with a priest at her husband's home parish in Elyria and with friends made her decide to attend Mass and see what it was like.

"I went to Holy Rosary-St. John with a friend and fell in love with the church," she said. "The second Sunday I was there, Father Josh (Wagner, the church's pastor) caught me at the door and told me about the parish's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program. Right then, it was like I saw God talking to me. Father Wagner asked me to come take a look and see what the church is about. I did, and I just love it. Now I cry and wonder why someone didn't tell me sooner how beautiful this faith is. I missed so much because I didn't become a Catholic earlier."

Erica and Eric Wymer and Erica's mother, Roxanne Campbell, who anticipate being baptized at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, were led to the church through the in-

fluence of the Wymers' young son and Erica's late father.

"Last fall, we enrolled our son, who's now in kindergarten, in the St. Pius preschool because of what we'd heard about its strong religious values," Erica said. "Then my father, Robert Campbell, who had been baptized Catholic, died and Msgr. (David) Funk said he'd be happy to do his funeral. Everyone at St. Pius was so good to us that it made us want to investigate the faith more."

"We never had a strong faith tradition before, but we immediately felt a sense of belonging when we entered the RCIA program at St. Pius," Roxanne Campbell said. "Now I can't wait for Sunday to come."

Erica Wymer and Roxanne Campbell are both considered catechumens, meaning they have not been baptized. Eric Wymer is a candidate – someone who has been validly baptized in another Christian tradition candidate and has decided to become a Catholic.

Jamie Cook, also of St. Pius, a candidate who had been brought up in a Pentecostal tradition, had been in the RCIA program last year, but was unable to continue because of unexpected family problems. "Having to drop out last year left me with a hole in my heart that nothing else could fill," she said. "The problems I had brought me down, but the situation has improved. Coming

back to the church has brought me back up."

Many of those in attendance at the Rite of Election were led to the Catholic Church through the influence of a spouse, fiancée, or boyfriend. Brenda Tumeo of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church is one of them. "My boyfriend introduced me to Catholicism," she said. "I immediately felt intrigued by the structure of the Mass. The more I learned, the more enlightened and enriched my life became. The RCIA classes draw me in more deeply every week, and I keep wanting to know what's next."

Rite of Election ceremonies take place each year on the First Sunday of Lent. For the past several years in the Diocese of Columbus, there have been two identical services at the same site to allow adequate room for the number of people taking part.

This year, a total of 243 catechumens and 347 candidates, along with their chosen godparents or sponsors, were in attendance at the ceremonies on Sunday, Feb. 17, at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Bishop Frederick Campbell was the homilist for both services, telling those in atten-

A catechumen signs the Book of the Elect, with her sponsor placing his hand on her shoulder.

CT photo by Ken Snow



Left: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church was filled for Rite of Election services. Above: Donna Lyons knocks on the door of Holy Rosary-St. John Church to start the RCIA process. Photos by Ken Snow and from Holy Rosary-St. John

dance, "You are crucial (to the continuing life of the church), for you remind us of what we already possess, and you deepen our sense of thanksgiving that God, who created us, is still with us, granting us his life, his truth, and his peace."

Before this year, the Rite of Election also included people who had been baptized as Catholics, but had not received the two other Sacraments of Initiation – Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. This group will receive those sacraments from the bishop on Sunday, March 10, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Catechumens publicly indicated their desire to join the church by signing the Book of the Elect. Candidates participated in the Call to Continuing Conversion that was part of the ceremony and signed the book.

The celebration of the Rite of

Election has two parts: a sending and a receiving. Catechumens and candidates are sent by the parish, to be received at the Rite of Election. The bishop of a diocese accepts the parish community's judgment, receives the catechumens and candidates, and invites them to enter their names in the Book of the Elect. The announcement of the church's decision to call catechumens to the Sacraments of Initiation falls to him.

Those who already have been baptized are asked to present a record of their baptism to the bishop. Through their presentation of their prior experience of the first of the Sacraments of Initiation, they publicly embrace the Catholic Church and demonstrate their commitment to a process of growth in faith and solidarity with the Catholic community.



PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Happy

Did you complete your list of 12 recommendations for Lent and this Year of Faith? It is no small task to put these into practice. If I am able to think of them each day, and then find one or two to implement when the opportunity arises, that would be great. Am I too busy to even think of my list? Am I still too busy for God? When we received the ashes on Feb. 13, did we put on sadness and a glum appearance, or did we put on happiness and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ? Yes, we take time during Lent to be more somber and reflective. But there is no reason to wait 40 days to share the love and grace of life in the Resurrection. As we are renewed by the grace and forgiveness of the Sacrament of Penance, the love of God must flow through our daily lives. That is the happiness of Lent. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are a must, but the end result of love for our neighbor cannot be missed. One of our greatest challenges is to make time for God. In this world of "multitasking," we cannot pray well while doing other things. While there is nothing wrong with praying in the car while driving, for example, we still need to give God our quality time, too. Our best prayer should not be "multitasked." God always deserves our "first fruits" of giving of our time, talent, and treasure, and that includes prayer.

I had the great opportunity and honor to travel to the Philippines last month. It was both an educational and a humbling experience, seeing firsthand how our brothers and sisters live, work, pray, and worship on the other side of the world. In speaking to many bishops, priests, religious, educators, parish leaders, and parishioners, I found Filipinos to be very engaged and alive in their Catholic faith. Stewardship and the New Evangelization are things for which they are very hungry. Our discussions bore much fruit and hold great promise for the future. This predominantly Catholic nation is overflowing with good and faithful stewards who strive to live their lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, no matter what their situation is. There are the very wealthy, there is a middle class, and there are poor. Then, there are the very poor. One cannot help but be forever impacted by the dire situation, living conditions, and utter squalor of the very poor. But through it all, they are happy. They are not happy to be very poor, but they are simply happy to be alive and to take care of one another. I have never seen so many smiling people in my life. They are truly happy, and much is attributed to their faith and love of Jesus Christ. Jobs are scarce, but a parent and any children who can find a job will get cleaned up and dressed up each day to earn ten pesos an hour if they are lucky, which is about 25 cents. Any money is shared for the good of the family. All schools have uniforms, both public and private, and the kids look great each day. And, yes, they are very happy to be in school. My overall reflection is, "Wow, I can't believe how much stuff I have at home. Am I as happy as they are? Am I as relaxed, stress-free, and prayerful as they are?" It begs the question once again: "What do I own, and what owns me?"

Our practical challenge this week is to contemplate our own happiness. What are the things that make me truly happy? What are the things and situations and distractions that keep me from being happy? How much excess baggage or stuff can I get rid of, particularly now, in Lent? Find two things that you know keep you from being happy, and get rid of them. Find two significant items you could donate to a cause where someone else will truly make good use of them. Finally, find two things that make you happy, and focus on doing them more often. Involve your spouse and your family. Do them today, not tomorrow, and work toward true happiness.

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



Ohio Dominican University Names New Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ohio Dominican University has appointed Dr. Theresa Holleran, who had been its interim vice president for academic affairs, to the same position on a permanent basis.

Holleran, a 1976 graduate of what then was Ohio Dominican College, will manage and facilitate all academic programs, including the curriculum, as well as faculty and student progress. She also will oversee the registrar's office, library, academic resource center, academic advising center, transfer program articulation, and the Center for Instructional Technology and eLearning.

"I am honored to follow in the footsteps of the many great leaders who have held this position throughout Ohio Dominican's impressive history," Holleran said. "I look forward to working with the university's leadership, faculty, staff, and students to preserve and extend ODU's legacy of academic excellence, guided by our Catholic and Dominican tradition."

Holleran joined the Ohio Dominican faculty in 1986 as a mathematics and computer science instructor. She also served as a professor of computer sci-



ence, and as chair of the university's division of mathematics, computer and natural sciences.

"Through her history as a student, as a faculty member and an administrator, Dr. Holleran has served ODU and its mission with unwavering dedication, loyalty and commitment," said Dr. Peter Cimbalic, ODU's president. "I am confident that under her leadership and guidance, we will further enhance the academic landscape at ODU and prepare our students to become the leaders of tomorrow."

Holleran has a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Ohio Dominican, a master of science degree in computer science from Bowling Green State University, and a doctorate in education from The Ohio State University. She is widely published, with most of her research centered on the use of technology to improve learning.

She is a member of the Association for Computing in Machinery, the International Society for Technology in Education, and the Association for Educational Communications and Technology.

St. Elizabeth Seton Mission

Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP, of the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, will be the speaker for a parish mission from Sunday, March 10 to Tuesday, March 12 at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road North. Talks will begin at 7 p.m. each evening, with a soup dinner at 6 p.m. Sunday only. The Monday session will include a Lenten penance service.

The theme of the mission will be "What Do You Believe? Do You Believe That God Believes in You?"

Father McKiernan, a member of the Paulist Fathers and a priest for 55 years, has been on the Newman Center staff since 1990. A native of New York City, he also has ministered in Baltimore, Boston, New York, New Jersey, and Nevada.

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Three individuals and one organization who have made a significant impact in the community will receive St. Vincent Family Center's Corcoran Awards during a luncheon at noon Wednesday, Feb. 27 in the Hilton Columbus at Easton, 3900 Chagrin Drive.

Bishop Timothy Clarke of the First Church of God will be honored for his work for charity and social justice. Darrell Herrmann, an activist for people with schizophrenia, will receive an award for his volunteerism in the area of education and behavioral health,

and Caitlin Vandever of Dublin will receive the Young Leadership Award for her work to end human trafficking. Nick Aiken, president of AEP, will accept the Community Partner Award for his company's support of nonprofit organizations and community programs.

The Corcoran Awards pay tribute to St. Vincent Family Center's founder, the late Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran, whose distinguished career spanned several decades and included work at the national, state, and local levels in the areas of education, social justice,

and behavioral health.

Those interested in attending the Corcoran Awards luncheon may contact Deb Huff at (614) 813-0524 or visit www.svfc.org/events/corcoran-awards.

St. Vincent Family Center provides treatment, intervention, and mental health prevention services to children and families in Columbus and throughout Ohio. St. Vincent Family Center is a

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Author Bob Miller at Trinity School



Published author Bob Miller visited Columbus Trinity Elementary School to speak about the writing process, becoming an author, and the influence of Catholic schools on his career. He is shown here with Trinity's eighth grade (from left): first row, Xander Holway, Callan Wood, Matthew Guggenbiller, Jon Whitt, Jacob Winslow, and Joshua Androsac; second row, Adam George, Eric Willford, Matthew Picknell, Miller, Vincent Sanese, Dominick Volini, and Quino Serantes. Photo courtesy Trinity School

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN

The Novena of Divine Mercy will be prayed from Good Friday, March 29, through Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 p.m. in the parish's adoration chapel each day from March 29 through Saturday, April 6. The novena will conclude on April 7 with a holy hour and sung chaplet after the 5 p.m. Mass.

When Jesus gave the message of the chaplet to St.

Faustina Kowalska, he told her, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of my mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death."

During the nine days, prayers will be said for all people by the parish's Divine Mercy cenacle, as well as for groups of people specifically identified by the novena and for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Spring Clean-up!

CEMETERY field workers will be removing winter-time and artificial decorations from graves and mausoleums at all Catholic cemeteries beginning March 4, 2013.

WE request that families wishing to retain any personal keepsakes, to please remove them by March 1.

DUE to the number of decorations involved, the cemetery staff can not be responsible for collecting or storing personal items. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Abraham and Sarah answer the call of faith

This is the fourth column in a 14-part series

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As the title "Genesis" implies, the first book of the Bible is concerned with beginnings. In its opening verses, the heavens and the earth are created and pronounced good. Man and woman are brought into being as beautiful reflections of their Creator. Genesis, read not as science, but as revelation, informs us of God's purpose in creating the universe and our calling to serve God within it (Genesis 1:1-31).

Genesis also begins the account of evil in the world, when humans are seduced by a desire to be their own gods, proudly making "good and evil" subject to private rationalization (Genesis 3:1-7). Envy soon follows pride and brings forth murder (Genesis 4:1-16). Eventually, the entire earth is infected by evil: "The Lord regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved" (Genesis 6:6).

When we read the accounts of Abraham and Sarah's faithful response to God's calling, it is important that we view them in the context of a world that had run amok. Even after God sends a flood to destroy the world, saving only a single family and a remnant of the earth's creatures, evil returns to creation (Genesis 9:20-28).

In the most subtle beginning of all in this book of beginnings, God begins the plan to mend the world and to redeem humanity by calling on Abram (Abraham) and his wife Sarai (Sarah) to leave their home and begin a journey of faith with God.

Many today might view the world as rife with evil and strewn with chaos. But hopefully, some of us will dare to hear ourselves called to be sources of goodness, peace,



and healing in an effort to right the world. This was God's call to Abraham and Sarah.

"The Lord said to Abram: 'Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will find blessing in you.' Abram went as the Lord directed him" (Genesis 12:1-4).

Beginning with St. Paul, Christians have always understood the promise to Abraham that "all the families of the earth will find blessing in you" as a prophetic indication that God's plan of redemption was universal, intended for all people, and not just for Abraham's physical descendants (Galatians 3:8-9).

That is the broad scope of what Christians see in God's promise to Abraham. But for the aged Abraham and Sarah, they had not yet even a single child to inaugurate the promise of becoming a great nation (Genesis 16:1). As great as God's promises were to them, responding to God's call required tremendous faith.

Their journey through the land promised to them brought them no permanent home, and when they entered Egypt,

Abraham's cowardly offering of Sarah to Pharaoh (Genesis 12:10-20) must have been a great trial to Sarah's faith in her husband! But Abraham's faith would be most severely tested after Sarah bore a son, Isaac, in her old age.

"God said: Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you" (Genesis 22:2).

Only after Abraham binds Isaac to the kindling and raises his knife to slay him does an angel of God prevent the horrific deed. God once again renews the promise to Abraham. His descendants will be countless and all nations of the earth will find blessing in Abraham (Genesis 22:16-18).

What begins with Abraham is the beginning not only of God's plan of redemption for humanity, but also of the oft-repeated scriptural theme of a "calling" from God. From Abraham, through Moses, the judges of Israel, David, the prophets, and the New Testament disciples, Scripture is filled with accounts of God personally calling individuals to help fulfill God's redemptive will, often with little personal reward for those who accept their calling.

In this Year of Faith, we are reminded by Abraham and Sarah of our own calling, announced in our baptism, to be prophets, priests, and royalty in service to the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are to be good news to the world.

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WORKING ON THE SABBATH?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. My grown children often work on Sunday, and I believe that they don't feel that it is sinful. Sometimes they ask me to babysit their children while they work -- anything from farm work, remodeling their house, mowing the lawn, etc. Am I guilty of aiding and abetting them if I babysit, or am I exempt from guilt because they don't think they're sinning? (I'm a little scrupulous and worry a lot about this.) (Morrilton, Ark.)

A. The church's *Code of Canon Law* is rather general in its description of the Sabbath rest and leaves room for personal judgments. It says simply in No. 1247 that, in addition to going to Mass, Catholics should "abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a bit more elaborate in No. 2184, saying that everyone should "enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social and religious lives" and in No. 2186 that "Sunday

is a time for reflection, silence, cultivation of the mind and meditation which furthers the growth of the Christian interior life."

The catechism does make allowance in No. 2186 for people who need to work on Sundays because of poverty and No. 2187 for necessary public services.

If I were you, I would be rather lenient in judging family. I am not aware of their economic situation or of the rhythms of life on a farm, but it may be that they view some of their work as necessary. It could be, too, that they find remodeling their house to be recreational and a welcome diversion. (I can't say, though, that I've ever had a lot of fun mowing the lawn!)

What you could do -- although you needn't feel obliged to -- is to suggest sometime that you would be even happier to babysit for them on Sundays if they took part of the day off just to relax and enjoy each other's company, since even God rested on the Sabbath.

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

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CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR TEACHERS

Cristo Rey Columbus High School is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school empowering young men and women of all faiths, from economically challenged families, to graduate from college and achieve a lifetime of success. Cristo Rey Columbus targets underserved youth in central Ohio.

"We are looking for individuals who are not only skilled as educators in select subjects, but possess a willingness to take on extracurricular assignments and a desire to go above and beyond a normal curriculum," said the school's principal, Cathy Thomas. "This will ensure that their students are successful in all levels of their education at Cristo Rey Columbus, as well as in their professional work-study program."

The signature component of Cristo Rey Columbus High School is the work-study program, a national educational model in which businesses invest in student workers to make college preparatory education possible for stu-

dents with economic need. In addition to carrying a full course load, Cristo Rey Columbus students will work one day each week in the professional offices of local businesses who participate in the program. The entry-level clerical positions will be at businesses representing diverse industries such as insurance, banking, law, health care, and advertising.

Thomas, the founding principal of the Cristo Rey high school in Houston, an educator with more than 20 years experience in the Catholic school system, knows how the right teacher in the right position can help a student exceed in the classroom, in the work-study program, and in life.

"Cristo Rey educators need to put forth an enthusiasm and openness when it comes to working for a Catholic institution serving low-income students," Thomas said. "These students may require additional attention and patience from our faculty to achieve the high

standards that we expect from them in class and in the workplace."

All applications and resumes are welcome; however, Cristo Rey Columbus is especially looking to hire teachers who will successfully administer the freshman educational requirements and who specialize in mathematics, biology, or technology.

Individuals also should be proficient in word processing, spreadsheets, databases, multimedia presentations, and Internet use for educational purposes. Cristo Rey Columbus will be a one-to-one iPad school, incorporating the use of iPads in student coursework. Having a high level of comfort working with this technology is a plus for teacher applicants.

"We seek to make our students competitive with their counterparts from exclusive high schools around the country," Thomas said. "Their high level of comfort with technology will help them bridge the digital divide that is

threatening the advancement of many students from economically challenged backgrounds."

Interested applicants for Cristo Rey Columbus High School teacher positions should send a resume, transcripts, letter of interest, and a completed application (located for download at www.cristoreycolumbus.org) via email to Dr. Cathy Thomas, Principal, at education@cristoreycolumbus.org. Interviews of candidates began earlier this month.

Cristo Rey Columbus High School will be the 26th school in the Cristo Rey network, which has schools in 17 states and the District of Columbia.

All Cristo Rey Columbus employees and volunteers will be required to have a background check and Protecting God's Children training before coming in contact with any student. Cristo Rey Columbus High School will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the hiring of its certified or noncertified personnel.

Watterson Early Childhood Class Visits Preschool

For six consecutive years, the Columbus Bishop Watterson High School early childhood education class has been visiting the Indianola Presbyterian Church preschool to observe and interact with children between 18 months and five years of age.



Bishop Watterson students each design and create an age-appropriate toy for the children. On returning to the high school, the students discuss what they observed and how their toy functioned. Students follow up with a written report about the experience.

Early childhood education classes explore the developing child from conception to five years of age. The course focuses on meeting developmental needs, special concerns in each stage of a child's growth, and parenting techniques. It also prepares students for this field of interest in college. Several Watterson graduates are enrolled in or have graduated from college early childhood programs.

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By Loren Brown



ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

An Opportunity to Welcome

There were only eight classrooms in my small Catholic grade school, and most of my classmates and I were together for all eight years – an experience similar to that of many students in Catholic elementary schools. This intimate setting meant we were very familiar with our fellow classmates and their families and quickly got to know new students.

I was reminded recently of a new student who floated in and out of our small school in one year. I didn't get to know her very well, but I knew her nationality was Mexican. She and her older brothers were quiet, and that did not change for the entire year. I don't recall her family participating in school activities or coming to Mass, but I do recall the awkwardness of interactions between the teachers, fellow students, and her. She did not return the following school year, and I never thought much more about why her family left our parish community. Lately, I have thought about the experience and wondered what she and her family were feeling as they joined, and then left our parish community. I have concluded that our school and parish probably were not prepared to welcome her family, and wonder if that led them to leave.

I wonder, 36 years later, how much more prepared we are to welcome our Latino brothers and sisters to our schools and parishes. I am happy to know there are at least 13 parishes in our diocese regularly celebrating Mass in Spanish, and the Masses are very well-attended. But do we have an opportunity to develop and implement a broader approach to welcoming Latino

Catholics to our schools and parishes?

It is my experience that many of us are confused by the actual number of Latino Catholics in our diocese and are uncertain of the appropriate way to create a more inclusive and welcoming Church. We know much has changed since 1977, including the growth of a predominantly Catholic Latino population in America. This is what we read and hear, but why aren't we seeing more Latino families attending Mass and participating in parish life with us? Why aren't our Catholic schools experiencing significant enrollment increases with Latino children? This slow growth has caused confusion in many parish communities.

We know the Latino population in the Catholic Church nationwide and in the Diocese of Columbus is growing at a faster pace than that of all other ethnic groups. The latest census information reveals that approximately 50 percent of Catholics in the United States are Latino, and there has been a 60 percent increase in Ohio's Latino population since 2000. But according to a 2009 study by CARA, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, only 10 percent of Latinos attending Mass are somewhat involved in their parishes.

We have an opportunity to bridge the expected growth of the Catholic Latino population in our parish life and ministries, and one way to accomplish this is through the resourced welcoming of Latino families. We need to make available ongoing formation and training for those ministering to our Catholic Latino neighbors. We need to sup-

port cross-cultural faith formation and leadership training for adolescents, young adults, and adults. We need also to support Latino families with offerings in faith formation and stewardship. And we need to build English- and Spanish-speaking cooperative environments in our schools and parishes.

We have an opportunity to reach out with welcoming arms to our Latino brothers and sisters, but we need also to resource that outreach. Recently, a beautiful Latino family shared God's graces in the creation of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Fund, managed by The Catholic Foundation, to support Latino ministry needs for our diocese. Anyone can share in the building of this new endowment. Effective outreach is not a one-time attempt. There must be a sustained approach to completely welcome our Latino neighbors into our Catholic parish communities. Over time, we will eliminate the questions we have about where the growing Latino population is worshipping, as Latino residents join us in the body of Jesus Christ through our Catholic faith.

The Catholic Foundation is here for all parishioners throughout the 23-county Diocese of Columbus with the services and tools needed to help you support the Our Lady of Guadalupe Fund or your own planned giving needs. Please contact us at (614) 443-8893 or at our website, www.catholic-foundation.org, for more information on how The Catholic Foundation can help you.

Brown is the president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation and a parishioner at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus.

Men's Luncheon Club Meeting

Father Stash Dailey, administrator of Kenton Immaculate Conception Church, will speak at the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting on Friday, March 1 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. His topic will be "The Sacred Heart Is a Man's Heart."

The meeting will follow the church's 11:45 a.m. Mass and will conclude by 1 p.m. No reservations are needed, but a \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch and meeting.

In addition to parochial work, Father Dailey is a spiritual assistant for the Worthington Community of Secular Discalced

Carmelites and a regular retreat master for the Laywomen's Retreat League of the Diocese of Columbus, Sacred Heart Retreat House in Louisiana, and Casa Maria Retreat House in Birmingham, Ala. He is a retreat director and consultant for several congregations of religious sisters and is the local spiritual director for the Sacred Heart Apostolate.

For more information, contact Frank Hartge, club president, at frankhartge@wideopenwest.com or visit www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com.

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LIVING Faith

The Central Mission



The Great Surrender
 Megan Thompson

My mid-20s have been marked by a particular word – a word that has been the subject of my prayer, the title of countless youth group talks, the buzzword in conversation with my like-minded friends. That word is MISSION. And I do not think that I am alone in this regard. If you listen to Catholic speakers, to messages from the pope, and blogs regarding the faith, especially those addressed to young people, the word “mission” is prevalent. Do I think that this is appropriate? Yes. We are a missionary people. The Church, followers of Christ, have been a people commissioned by the Lord since the time in which he walked on the soil of this earth. But do I think we often have a misunderstanding of what this mission looks like? Yes.

If you look through my prayer journals from the past few years, most especially toward the end of college, my prayer to the Lord was consistently a begging to know my mission, my call in life. Was it to be a nun? Was it to use my degree and practice social work? Was it to be a speaker, traveling to minister to youth? Was my mission to serve young people, families, young adults? Though all these questions were valid and became a beautiful way for me to encounter the Lord and trust in his direction, in all my prayer and pleas I was missing the central mission for which I was created. For which YOU were created. The central mission entrusted to each of us, the mission that Jesus wants us to focus on with all our being, the mission that leads us to our particular Vocations and vocations, is the mission to LOVE.

In John 15, we hear Jesus' goodbye speech to his apostles. It was the last time that he would speak to them before his crucifixion. And for that reason,

we can know for certain that this was a message of importance, a message that the apostles would certainly remember. Jesus gives his “litany of remains” – “remain in me, as I remain in you, “whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,” “remain in my love.” But it is in verse 12 that he gives us our mission statement – “THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU.” This is THE commandment. This is THE mission: LOVE.

He didn't speak to each specific apostle and say, “Peter, your mission is to be the first pope. John, your mission is to write letters to the Christian communities.” But he gave to all the call of most importance: LOVE. Yes, eventually he led each of the apostles to specific vocations and particular calls, but first, they had to embrace the call that was most pressing, the call that would set them apart as followers of Christ.

So why does this matter? How does this change the way we live our lives? For so many of us, we are waiting for the Lord to direct our paths. We are making decisions about our jobs, where we live, how we spend our money, what we do with our time, how we raise our kids, how we spend our retirement. And, yes, the Lord most certainly has guidance for each

of these scenarios; but if we are so consumed with these decisions that we forget to love, that LOVE is the central mission of our lives, are we diminishing our lives to anxiety and worry over things that don't last? Are we withdrawing from the work he wants to do through hearts opened to love? If our lives seem so routine with the same schedule of getting up, going to work or school, and coming home to take care of responsibilities, it is LOVE that gives meaning to the mundane. Each moment is an opportunity of mission and joy because each moment is an opportunity to love better. This call is an opportunity to be like the saints, the most heroic of lovers. This call to love frees us from a life of mediocrity and ensures us of progress because we can always advance in love.

In a world that lacks peace, joy, satisfaction, and hope, it will be our acceptance of this mission that changes hearts. We sit now at the Last Supper, hearing Jesus' words of urgency to “love one another.” This is the mission of our time and of every time: to be great lovers, as we entrust our lives to Love himself. And this mission requires acceptance from us, as well as the humility needed to see the areas of our lives in which we must love better, love more unconditionally, love more like Christ, the perfect Lover. Today, may each of us hear Jesus saying “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain” (John 15:16), and know that this fruit that remains is LOVE. For truly, “faith, hope, and love REMAIN; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Megan Thompson is youth minister at Gahanna St. Matthew Church. She posts her thoughts online at <http://surrendertohislove.blogspot.com>.

A Student Reflects on the March for Life

By Mary Rose Moore

*Eighth Grade,
 Worthington St. Michael School*

The March for Life trip was a very powerful experience for me. From the scary storytelling on the bus to the freezing cold weather, it was a great time.

I really enjoyed the movie we watched on the way to D.C. titled “The Human Experience.” It showed me different races and religions that are less fortunate than me and showed me how they lived their lives. It made me more grateful for the things that I had. It also made me want to help these people.

The youth rally was another highlight of the weekend. The youth rally really showed me how powerful the youth of the Catholic Church is. It also strengthened my belief in the faith because I saw all the lively youth, and it made me think about how the Catholic faith isn't just going to Mass every Sunday, it's getting out and living your faith every day. The Catholic Church isn't just made up of boring adults; there are lots of youth on fire for their faith.

The march was my favorite part of the weekend. It was the most powerful of all the events. The march experience taught me that if you want to change something, you can't just

push it aside lightly and barely fight for your problem, you must get out there and fight till you can't anymore. That is what all the people do every year on the march. They meet up in D.C. and march for the right to live. The people wanted to change the law of legal abortion, so they let Washington know how much they hate the law by getting together making signs, praying, and marching to change the law.

I loved seeing all the creative signs and listening to the chants. The people there were very inspiring. I could tell they are on fire for their faith and want to live their faith to the fullest. Seeing

all the religious orders was very cool, as well. It showed me that there are many people who follow God's call to become a religious. The March for Life also brought me closer to my friends. We had many opportunities to get to know each other better. We endured the harsh and cold weather, slept next to each other on the cold floor, and ate together. We all helped each other out when one of us needed help. It brought me closer to people that I had not been close to before.

The whole experience brought me closer to God. By praying, singing, chanting, and experiencing many faith-filled things, I now feel closer to God.

Story and photos by **TIM PUET**, *Catholic Times Reporter*

Parishes share pastor but have distinct identities



St. Mary exterior



St. Mary interior



Bremen cemetery

Lancaster St. Bernadette and Bremen St. Mary churches are just eight miles apart and share the same pastor, but retain a number of characteristics that give each parish a unique identity.

St. Bernadette's has about 500 families and is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It has seen significant transition as Lancaster has changed its focus from manufacturing to service industries, with more of its residents commuting to Columbus.

St. Mary's has about one-third the number of families as the Lancaster parish, but its roots go back nearly 160 years. It retains a strong rural character, which for more than a century has included square dances on summertime Sunday nights on the land where the original church was located.

"The parishes may be different, but there's a great sense of the two working together, with people of both churches appreciating what's unique about each," said Father Thomas Kessler, whose own roots are in Bremen. He has been pastor there since 2006 and of the two churches since 2009.

Both parishes are observing Lent by praying Lauds, the church's morning prayer, daily at 8 a.m., usually followed by Mass. Lenten penance services are planned at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at St. Mary and Sunday, March 17, at St. Bernadette.

"At St. Bernadette's, one thing that's special is its school," Father Kessler said. "Parishioners take pride in the school's role in faith formation and how it works to produce good citizens who are good students and good Catholics." The school, which was founded at the same time as the parish, has about 150 students in preschool through fifth grade and is the only parochial school in the diocese where fifth grade is the highest level.

"We're strictly a primary school and we're very happy with that," said Pam Eltringham, who has been part of the school's faculty for 37 years, the last 18 of them as principal. "We stress Catholic identity, with the idea that when a student says 'I'm Catholic,' it should mean more than 'I wear a school uniform.'"

"Students in every grade from kindergarten up have 'Mass buddies' and start the day with morning Mass at 8:15 once every week. On Mondays, it's for the 'buddies' in kindergarten and fifth grade; Thursdays, for grades two and three; and Fridays, for grades one and four.

"We're also talking to the students about many of the saints and about things to be thankful for, and are focusing this year on the theological virtues — faith, hope, and charity. Otherwise academically, we're putting the state's new math standards into effect this year and the new language arts standards next year, and are keeping up with technology through use of SMART boards in every classroom."

Service projects also are of significant importance at the school. Steve Huber, facilities manager at St. Bernadette, said the school collects 600 to 800 pounds of food annually for a pantry operated in Lancaster by Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio. Students follow up the collection by taking the food to the pantry, stocking shelves, and making up baskets to get more of an idea of what their gift means to people.

The students also collected school supplies, stuffed animals, letters, and postcards for a mission trip taken earlier this month to Eleuthera in the Bahamas by third-grade teacher Heather Malley, whose daughter made a similar journey last year.

The school just completed its largest annual fund raiser, a Mar-

di Gras dance on Feb. 9. The event drew 300 people and raised more than \$20,000. It included an auction, a prize raffle, and a raffle for which teachers donated literature-themed baskets.

"We're doing great things here and enrollment is steady, but still, many people don't realize we're here," Eltringham said. "We're tucked away a little off the main roads, and people who know of the parish often tell me they didn't realize it also had a school. So we're starting to develop a sustainability plan to focus on future student retention and growth."

"Many of the private and public schools around here have seen a reduction in numbers," said Angie Kerns, religious education director for both parishes. "We've stayed pretty full, but can't expect that in the future if we don't remind people of the good things we're doing."

Kerns and her husband, Kent, are in charge of religious education at both parishes. Parish School of Religion programs for kindergarten through eighth grade draw about 60 students at St. Bernadette and 30 at St. Mary each Sunday. The two parishes combined their confirmation classes for the first time this year. They also have a Vacation Bible School which drew about 50 children for a week of evening classes at Schmelzer's Grove, a tract outside of Bremen which has been part of the parish there since its beginning.

Also serving at both parishes are business manager Darlene Yerrick and pastoral coordinator Kathy Kehnast. Father John Reade, a former Anglican priest who became a Catholic in 2004 and was ordained a Catholic priest five years later, assists Father Kessler at both parishes and is chaplain at Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School and Fairfield Medical Center. The St. Bernadette staff also includes Deacons Mark Scarpitti and Jeff Carpenter, pastoral minister Ann Essman, and music director Liz Latorre.

St. Bernadette is one of two parishes founded in Lancaster in the late 1950s and early 1960s because of overcrowding at what was the city's only church, St. Mary's downtown. At that time, Anchor Hocking Glass was the city's dominant industry. "Anchor Hocking isn't nearly as big as it was, but our parish has been fortunate because the workers who moved out were replaced by people moving in from Columbus," said Phil Messerly, a charter member of the parish.

Columbus and Lancaster are about 30 miles apart, and the upgrading of U.S. 33 to a four-lane highway between the cities has led to continued growth in Lancaster.

Major events at St. Bernadette include Jillian's Dinner, which occurs every October and benefits individuals and families undergoing catastrophic events. Its namesake died of a blood disease at age 15 in 2000. Her parents, who are members of the parish, and her friends started the event to provide a legacy for her and to "pay forward" to people who someday would find themselves in similar crisis situations.

"It's impressive how many people who aren't Catholics come to the dinner," Father Kessler said. "It's really had an impact on the community. About 500 people attended last year. Every year, it's raised between \$7,000 and \$9,000."

Other major parish social events include a harvest festival for schoolchildren at the end of October, which Father Kessler described as more of a community-building event than a fund raiser, an Advent family fun day, a Mass and breakfast for

high school seniors, and groups for young people and senior citizens. "The surprising thing about the youth group is that the core group of about 10 to 12 members is nearly all boys," Angie Kerns said. "Usually it's the girls who get involved and you have to drag guys in, but not here."

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been a regular part of St. Bernadette since its founding 50 years ago. Messerly thinks it's the longest such tradition in the diocese. "It used to be 24 hours, but now we've cut back on it a little. It runs from 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday, 6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, and 6 a.m. to noon Friday. A bunch of dedicated folks have made it possible all these years. We're always looking for more people willing to spend an hour with Jesus. We know it will enrich their lives."

The history of the parish in Bremen goes back to a time long before it was known as St. Mary Church. Its original name was Sacred Heart Church, founded in the 1850s by Jacobus Blasius Schmelzer and Maria Walburga (Christ) Schmelzer, Bavarian immigrants who came to Bremen, Ohio, with six sons in the 1840s, sailing from Bremen, Germany. They bought land in Fairfield County, farmed it, and donated the 80 acres known as Schmelzer's Grove to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in 1857.

Today, the parish roster is filled with Schmelzers (or Schmeltzers) and their descendants, including Father Kessler, the third member of the extended Kessler family to be pastor at Bremen. Father Lucius Kessler founded St. Mary's in downtown Bremen in 1917 (the current church was built on the same site in 1984). Father Jeff Rimelspach, now pastor at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona, also is part of the family and was pastor at Bremen from 1993-97.

The church which was part of Schmelzer's Grove has been torn down, but it remains the site of the parish cemetery. Men from the Wilderness Outreach organization came to the grove earlier this month and removed trees that were blown over in a windstorm last spring and the tops of other trees that weren't removed when those trees were logged two years ago.

The grove includes a pavilion which has been the site of square dances every other Sunday evening from Memorial Day to Labor Day for more than 100 years. "The grove has always been the place for kids in the area to gather, and that's still true today," Angie Kerns said. "About 100 young people come here for every dance. Most of the square dancers are under 18, with the adults as chaperones enjoying the sight, as their great-grandparents might have done."

"St. Mary's may be a small parish, but it's a very active one," Father Kessler said. "Four years ago, the parish started a St. Vincent de Paul Society, and it's really exciting to see what it's done."

"What's great is that most of the people who are involved in the society are younger parishioners, with the youngest being 19," said Pam Redding, a Parish Council member in Bremen. "The group here makes a lot of home visits and is very effective."

"I think it's because there's a strong bond among the parishioners that comes from Bremen being such a closely knit community. Last year, the local society assisted 16 families. That wouldn't be a big number in Lancaster, where the three parishes combine for St. Vincent de Paul, but it is in a town like this."

The society also helps the Bremen food pantry, which provided food and gifts for 98 families at Christmastime, conducted six food giveaways in 2012, and will have six more this year.



Father Kessler with parishioners (from left) Milea Quaintance, Ann Essman and Kathy Kehnast



St. Bernadette exterior



St. Bernadette interior CT file photo by Ken Snow



St. Bernadette School students at Mardi Gras sing "Awesome God" Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FOUR AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SAINTHOOD



Mother Henriette Delille

In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI advanced the sainthood cause of Mother Henriette Delille, a freeborn woman of African descent in 19th-century New Orleans, declaring that she had lived a life of "heroic virtues."

By signing the decree, the pope confirmed the recommendations of Vatican authorities who have studied the cause for several years.

She can be beatified once a miracle is attributed to her intercession. If her cause advances, she could become the first African-American saint.

In 1842, Mother Henriette founded the Sisters of the Holy Family, a congregation of black sisters who cared for the poor and disadvantaged and taught slaves and free blacks. This was during a time under Louisiana law when doing anything to "disturb" black people -- in other words, educate them -- could be punished by death or life imprisonment.

Today, the congregation's more than 200 members operate schools for the poor and homes for the elderly in Louisiana and several other states. They also have a mission in Belize.

Mother Henriette's sainthood cause was opened in 1988 and the New Orleans archdiocesan investigation was completed in 2005. Her cause was

endorsed unanimously by the U.S. bishops in 1997.

Mother Henriette was born in 1812 and died in 1862. Her only recorded writing was penned in the inside cover of an 1836 prayer book: "I believe in God. I hope in God. I love God. I want to live and die for God."

Documentation for her sainthood cause included records from the 1820s that suggested that as a teenager, she may have given birth to two sons, each named Henry Bocno. Both boys died at a young age.

One death record from the St. Louis Cathedral sacramental register listed Henry Bocno as the son of Henriette Delille. Other records that were found gave conflicting information, such as one record referring to Henry as the son of "Marie." Another record named the mother as "Henriette Sarpy."

There is also a possibility that the teenage Henriette brought in an abandoned child and the priest mistook her for the mother, according to archdiocesan archivist Charles Nolan.

In a 2005 interview, Nolan said the newly uncovered funeral records would not affect the cause, because even if she had given birth to two children out of wedlock, it happened two years before her confirmation in 1834.

"When the second child died, she took a whole different course in life," Nolan said, noting she decided to dedicate herself "to live and die for God."

Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis, who wrote a definitive biography of Mother Henriette, said in 2005 that "there was this change in her life, there was this turning completely to God. That's really what counted -- her life from that point on."



Servant of God Mother Mary Lange

Elizabeth Clarisse Lange (Mother Mary Lange of the Oblate Sisters of Providence) was born circa 1784 and died on Feb. 3, 1882.

Mother Mary founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1829. The Oblates were the first United States-based religious order of women of color.

Elizabeth Clarisse Lange's parents were refugees who fled to Cuba from the revolution taking place in their native Saint-Domingue. In the early 1800's, she left Santiago, Cuba, to seek peace and security in the United States. Providence directed her to Baltimore, where a great influx of French-speaking Catholic Saint-Domingue refugees was settling. Lange came to Baltimore as a courageous, loving, deeply spiritual woman. Although she was a refugee, she was well-educated and of independent means, possessing money left to her by her father.

It did not take her to recognize that the children of her fellow refugees needed education. She used her own money and home to educate these children of color. For 10 years, she and a friend, Marie Magdaleine Balas, offered free education.

On July 2, 1829, Lange and three other women (Rosanne

Boegue, Marie Balas, and an older student, Almaide Duchemin) took their vows. The first paragraph of the Rule of their new order was quite simple: "*The Oblate Sisters of Providence are a religious society of virgins and widows of color. Their end is to consecrate themselves to God in a special manner not only to sanctify themselves and thereby secure the greater glory of God, but also to work for the Christian education of colored Children.*"

Lange, founder and first superior of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, took the name of Mary. These women demonstrated leadership and daring in the face of poverty, racism, humiliations, and untold hardships. The sisters were role models who provided an atmosphere of faith and hope to parents and to children degraded by slavery. In Mother Mary's school, Catholics and non-Catholics were accepted.

By 1860, all of the Catholic schools for "colored" children in Baltimore were taught by Oblate Sisters: St. Frances Academy, St. Joseph's School for Boys, and St. Michael's. During the 20th century, Oblate schools were founded in 15 states. They have given witness during periods of social struggle by active participation for almost 200 years of continual service to schools, day care centers, outreach, and catechetical programs which encompass all age levels. They provide social and pastoral services to all ethnic groups.

Cardinal William Keeler, archbishop of Baltimore, put forth Mother Mary's name to Rome to be considered for sainthood by the Catholic Church. She currently is referred to as the Servant of God Mother Mary Lange.



Father Augustus Tolton

Cardinal Francis E. George and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago have been in the lead for Father Augustus Tolton's sainthood cause. Father Tolton is the first identified black priest in the United States.

Born the son of slaves in Missouri, he studied for the priesthood in Rome because no American seminary would accept him. Sent to what was then called the Diocese of Quincy (now Springfield) in southern Illinois, he later came to Chicago to start a parish for black Catholics. He was 43 at the time of his death.

"He is described as one who worked himself to exhaustion," said Bishop Perry, reading a biography of the priest. Father Tolton died during a heat wave while walking home from a retreat. He was one of two priests in the city who died that week of heat exhaustion, the bishop said.

Throughout his life, Father Tolton endured racism on every level, even in the church. But through it all, he remained faithful to the Lord, his church, and his people.

"He never dished back the prejudice thrown in his face," Bishop Perry said.

There are no recognized saints from the Civil War or

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Reconstruction periods or the civil-rights era in the United States, so, if he is canonized, Father Tolton would be the first.

"He is a holy model for anyone who wants to serve God," Bishop Perry said. "His story highlights how the United States of America is a work in progress."

During his homily, Cardinal George explained that studying the life and works of Father Tolton is important because "there is a pattern of holiness in every generation and in every time. But then, along with what we do to examine the cause, there is what God will do to show that it is his cause, too."

This is why we pray for miraculous intercessions by candidates for sainthood. It invites God to show us how he worked in the life of this person, he said.

"History is what God remembers and miracles are how God would like the world to be," said Cardinal George, who also noted that he recites the prayer of canonization to Father Tolton every evening during Compline.

Pierre Toussaint

Pierre Toussaint was born into slavery in 1766 in the French colony of Saint-Domingue, which is modern-day Haiti. He died a free, rich, pious, and respected man in New York City on June 30, 1853. And one day he might very well be a saint.

His cause was officially opened by Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New

York in 1989. Toussaint was declared venerable by Pope John Paul II in 1997.

But he needs a miracle to move to the second step of the canonization process -- beatification.

John and Lisa Peacock of Silver Spring, Md., hope their son's case might provide that miracle.

On Oct. 28, 1999, Maryland pediatrician Dr. My-Huong Nguyen examined one of her little patients, a five-year-old named Joey Peacock. She noticed the boy's spine and shoulders were slightly uneven.

X-rays revealed Joey had scoliosis and probably would have to be fitted for a brace before the curves got worse.

In February 2000, Joey's parents became aware of Toussaint's cause after reading a story about him in *The Washington Post*. They decided to pray for his intervention to help their son.

On Feb. 15 of that year, Joey had more X-rays taken, and they showed the condition had disappeared.

Toussaint lived during some of the worst nativist anti-Catholic violence of the 19th century, but it did not keep him from taking up Christ's challenge to assist the poor, the despised, the lonely, and the alienated.

He attended 6 a.m. Mass daily and had a strong devotion to the rosary and to the Eucharist. He was an accomplished



catechist who could explain the church's teachings simply, intelligently, and with courage.

Toussaint's owner, Marie Elizabeth Berard, the widow of the man who had brought him to New York from Haiti, ap-

prenticed him to one of the city's leading hairdressers and he quickly became the most sought-after hairstylist in the

city. Every fashionable woman in New York knew she wasn't coiffed properly unless she was coiffed by Toussaint.

In 1807, on her deathbed, Berard granted Toussaint his freedom. Toussaint used the fortune he had amassed to build an orphanage, an employment agency, a hospice for the dying, and a credit bureau for the poor.

He offered hospitality to poor travelers, the homeless, and traveling priests, and contributed greatly to the building of the original St. Patrick's Cathedral on Mulberry Street, known today as St. Patrick's Old Cathedral.

"It's at St. Patrick's Old Cathedral where undeniable proof of Toussaint's incredible humility occurred," said

ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

The diocesan Office for Social Concerns and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will sponsor a Catholic advocacy workshop from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 16, at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St. The workshop will be preceded by Mass at 8:30.

Those attending will be able to meet and dialogue with Catholic advocates from around the diocese, hear about state, federal, and international issues in the areas of health care, protecting impoverished and vulnerable people, education, and religious liberty, learn how to effectively lobby public officials, and schedule appointments for legislative advocacy visits.

The workshop is designed to help those in attendance better deliver the Catholic message of respect for human life and dignity, care for the poor and vulnerable at home and abroad, enacting comprehensive immigration reform, and ensuring religious liberty and conscience protection, said diocesan social concerns moderator Mark Huddy.

"The Ohio General Assembly will work

Chris Flatz, the church's archivist and parish manager, who is strongly devoted to Toussaint.

"On the day the cathedral was dedicated, he, along with all of Catholic New York, milled through its doors. An overeager and hypervigilant usher refused to allow Toussaint to enter," Flatz said.

Toussaint, the man who had helped finance the construction of the cathedral, apologized and turned to leave.

But according to Flatz, one of the church's priests recognized him immediately, rebuked the usher, and personally escorted Toussaint to a seat of honor.

Toussaint died at age 87 and was buried in the cemetery of the church he built. In 1990, Cardinal O'Connor had Toussaint's remains exhumed and installed in the crypt at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue.

"Toussaint is the only layperson buried in the crypt otherwise exclusively reserved for New York City's cardinals," said Msgr. Robert Ritchie, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

"We're very proud to have Venerable Pierre Toussaint here with us," he said. "It's a blessing for the church and for the city."

"Ohio faces continuing challenges during the economic recovery, as there are many needs of the poor and vulnerable in our communities. At the federal level, a divided Congress struggles to address tax and spending issues, while the administration has placed an urgency to address gun violence and immigration reform.

"During implementation of health care reform, long-awaited coverage for the uninsured is on the horizon, yet serious concerns have surfaced about the affront to religious liberty by mandating Catholic charities, hospitals, and universities to violate Church teaching. Around the world, many of our brothers and sisters continue to look to us for humanitarian assistance. Important decisions will be made in the next few months. Your voice is needed."

Registration for the conference is free. Please RSVP to Office for Social Concerns, Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215, call (614) 241-2540 or email socmailbox@coldioc.org.

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Second Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

Transfiguration links two instances of exodus



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Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

Abram's relationship with the Lord God at this point has grown shaky because he has been promised that he will become a great nation, but he doesn't yet have any offspring. Then in a vision (or a dream?), the Lord says to Abram not to fear and renews the promise of a future reward. Abram objects that the only heir he has is one of his slaves. The Lord renews the promise, and that's where we pick up Sunday's reading.

Pointing to the starlit night, which would have been awesome in the night sky, Abram is told he will have offspring as numerous as the stars. I once slept out in that area, far removed from any of civilization's light, and the sky simply takes the breath away. When Abram trusts the Lord, it is attributed to him as an "act of righteousness." Paul will make use of that idea in Romans 4:3 in the New Testament.

In fulfillment of the Lord's command, Abram splits the animals in two (except for the birds). When the birds of prey swoop down on the carcasses, most translations, including the *Revised New American Bible*, rightly say that Abram scared them away. The *Lectionary* continues to translate the untenable "Abram stayed with them," which seems to make no sense.

Abram's vision in the "deep terrifying darkness" is an action of the Lord passing between the carcasses, represented by a smoking fire and a flaming torch. The passing between the carcasses says, essentially, "May this happen to me if I do not keep the covenant I have entered into with you this day." The promise of the land to be given to Abram is then renewed (Genesis 13:15; 15:7).

The Gospel is paired with the first reading because of the strangeness of the appearance of Moses and Elijah with Jesus in the Transfiguration, which is always the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent. Only Luke notes that Jesus' face changed in appearance while he was praying. Only Luke says that they went up the mountain to pray. Neither Matthew nor Mark says why they went up.

Luke is slightly less dramatic than Mark and Matthew in some ways, but considerably more dramatic in other ways. Only Luke mentions "his *exodus* that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." That mention of "exodus" (literally a going out from) links the incident directly with Moses. In the Gospel, "exodus" must be a reference to Jesus' passage from life to death to life, all of which took place in Jerusalem.

Only Luke mentions the disciples seeing "his glory" as they emerged from sleep. This is God's glory which is reflected in Jesus. If that is true, this adds to the identity of Jesus, who is revealed here as God's "chosen Son" and properly the one who shares the Father's glory.

We do not know whether Peter, James and John, or Jesus, Moses and Elijah, or all six entered the cloud. It could be any of those choices. The significance of the voice commanding obedience ("Listen to him") to the chosen Son alone (and therefore not to the great Old Testament figures of Moses and Elijah, representing the Old Testament Law and the Prophets) gives authority to the Son alone.

This is shown dramatically when Jesus is left alone after the voice from heaven speaks. In some ways, this story hinges on the verse which precedes this incident, when Jesus said to the disciples that "there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God (Luke 9:27)." Thus, seeing the glory of God is to see the Kingdom.

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CONCLAVE TALK

With the news of Pope Benedict XVI's pending resignation, the College of Cardinals is just a few weeks from entering a conclave to elect the next pope.

On Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at Delaware St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Jake Tawney will present "Conclave 101," a talk on the inner workings of how a new pope is named.

The talk will deal with questions such as "How many popes have resigned their office? Who is eligible to be elected pope? Who gets to vote? How many votes are needed? What happens behind the sealed doors of the Sistine Chapel? When does the pope first become pope?" and "How does the smoke become white or black, and which color means a new pope has been elected?"

The talk will be about 45 minutes long, followed by time for questions.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Deuteronomy 9:4b-10
Psalm 79:8-9,11,13
Luke 6:36-38

TUESDAY
Isaiah 1:10,16-20
Psalm 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23
Matthew 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY
Jeremiah 18:18-20
Psalm 31:5-6,14-16
Matthew 20:17-28

THURSDAY
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 16:19-31

FRIDAY
Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28
Psalm 105:16-21
Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

SATURDAY
Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Psalm 103:1-4,9-12
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24, 2013

SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ's and WWHO's cable channel listings.

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

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

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above; and on 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 (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

The legacy of Benedict XVI

At his election in 2005, some thought of him as a papal placekeeper: a man who would keep the Chair of Peter warm for a few years until a younger papal candidate emerged. In many other ways, and most recently by his remarkably self-effacing decision to abdicate, Joseph Ratzinger proved himself a man of surprises. What did he accomplish, and what was left undone, over a pontificate of almost eight years?

He secured the authoritative interpretation of Vatican II that had been begun (with his collaboration) by his predecessor, Blessed John Paul II. Vatican II, the Council in which the Church came to understand herself as a communion of disciples

in mission, was not a moment to deconstruct Catholicism, but a moment to reinvigorate the faith that is "ever ancient, ever new," precisely so that it could be more vigorously proposed.

He helped close the door on the Counter-Reformation Church in which he had grown up in his beloved Bavarian countryside, and thrust open the door to the Church of the New Evangelization, in which friendship with Jesus Christ is the center of the Church's proclamation and proposal. As I explain in "Evangelical Catholicism: Deep Reform in the 21st-Century Church" (Basic Books), Benedict XVI was a hinge man, the pivot on which the turn into the



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

evangelical, mission-driven Church of the third millennium was completed.

He accelerated the reform of the liturgical reform, accentuating the liturgy's beauty. Why? Because he understood that, for postmoderns uneasy with the notion that anything is "true" or anything is "good," the experience of beauty can be a unique window into a more open and spacious human world, a world in which it is once

and the not-done:

Benedict XVI was determined to rid the Church of what he called, on the Good Friday before his election as pope, the "filth" that marred the image of the Bride of Christ and impeded her evangelical mission. He was successful, to a degree, but the work of reconstruction, in the wake of the sexual abuse scandal, remains to be completed. This is most urgently obvious in Ireland, where the resistance of an intransigent hierarchical establishment is a severe impediment to the re-evangelization of that once-Catholic country.

And the next pope must, in my judgment, be more severe than his two predecessors in dealing with bishops whom the evidence demonstrates were complicit in abuse cover-up—even if such an approach was considered appropriate at the time by both the counseling profession and the legal authorities. The Church has higher standards.

Joseph Ratzinger had extensive experience in the Roman Curia, and it was widely expected that

he would undertake its wholesale reform. Not only did that not happen; things got worse, and the Curia today is, in candor, an impediment to the evangelical mission of the pope and the Church. A massive housecleaning and redesign is imperative if the Church's central administrative machinery is to support the New Evangelization, which, for the Curia, is not a matter of creating a new bureaucratic office, but a new cast of mind. ("Evangelical Catholicism" contains numerous suggestions for how that might be done.)

And then there is Europe. The man who named himself for the first saintly patron of Europe tried his best, but, like his predecessor, the best he could manage was to stir the flickering flames of renewal in a few parts of Catholicism's historic heartland. Its re-evangelization remains an urgent task.

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St. Patrick Church, Wadsworth, Ill.

CALLAGHAN, James T., 80, Feb. 13
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

CARTER, Isaac J., 89, Feb. 13
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

DEIBEL, Jean, 86, Feb. 2
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

EMSWELLER, Raymond J., 79, Feb. 11
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

FINTA, Andrew, 99, Feb. 15
St. Luke Church, Danville

FISHER, Marie B., 83, Feb. 13
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

GANNON, Jacquelyne R., 84, Feb. 11
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

GOLDSBURY, Maryjo C., 71, Jan. 31
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

HALL, JoAnn, 82, Feb. 9
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

HUGHES, Terrence J., 64, Feb. 16
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

KOLLAR, Vincent J., 64, Feb. 10
St. Paul Church, Westerville

LABAKI, Edward J., 85, Feb. 7
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

MAXWELL, Michael J., 68, formerly of Columbus, Feb. 11
Good Shepherd Church, Spring, Texas

McGARVEY, Edna M., 99, Feb. 16
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

MONACO, Fred J., 79, formerly of Columbus, Feb. 7

Immaculate Conception Church, North Little Rock, Ark.

MORTENSEN, Margaret R. "Nina," 74, Feb. 13
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

RITTER, Eileen, 95, Feb. 11
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

RUSSELL, Marguerite, 96, Feb. 3
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

SAKMAR, Emma E., 89, Feb. 13
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

SULLIVAN, Ann M., 89, Feb. 11
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

TAYNOR, Patrick O., 74, Feb. 13
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake

THOMAS, Donald L., 57, Feb. 14
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

WAGENBRENNER, Rosemary L., 92, Feb. 13
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

WELLNITZ, Patricia A., 87, Feb. 12
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

WILLIAMS, Olga, 67, Feb. 15
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

WILSON, Alan E. Jr., 81, Feb. 10
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

WILSON, Jacqueline A., 85, Feb. 13
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21, THURSDAY

Lenten Study Group at St. Leonard

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Social hall, St. Leonard Church, 57

Dorsey Mill Road, Heath. Lenten study group discuss-

ing Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series.

740-344-5709

Theology on Tap Meeting

7 to 9 p.m., El Vaquero Restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River

Road, Columbus. Monthly meeting of Theology on Tap

discussion and social group for Catholics 21 and older.

Topic: "The Theology of the Body: What Does Being

Human Mean?" with Aaron Richards, youth minister of

Columbus St. Agatha Church. Information at http://

cbustheologyontap.tumblr.com or on Facebook at Co-

lumbus Theology on Tap.

Delaware St. Mary Lent by Candlelight Program

7 p.m., Community room, Snyder-Rodman Funeral

Home, 1510 W. William St., Delaware. Annual Lent by

Candlelight evening for women, sponsored by Delaware

St. Mary Church women's organization. Speaker: Em-

ily Jaminet of St. Gabriel Radio's "A Mother's Moment."

740-507-5455

'Real Love and Real Life' at Delaware St. Mary

7 to 9:15 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware.

First of four sessions of "Real Love and Real Life" chas-

tity program for parents and junior high-age children.

740-369-8228

23, SATURDAY

Columbus Catholic Women's Conference

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lausche Building, State Fairgrounds, Co-

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8:45 a.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke

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Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City.

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24, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420

Grandview Ave., Columbus. Book discussion on "The

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HAPPENINGS

20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus.

Weekly meeting of parish's new 20s Group. All young

adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by

program. 614-406-9516

22, FRIDAY

Lenten Speaker Series at St. John Neumann

7:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East

State Route 37, Sunbury. Second talk in Friday Lenten

speaker series on "The Least Among You." Topic: "The

Prisoners" with Deacon Greg Eiden. Preceded by Stations

of the Cross at 7. 740-965-1358

Cathedral Music Series

7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus.

Concert with John Scott, organist and music director of

St. Thomas Church in New York City. 614-241-2526

Year of Faith Talk at Delaware St. Mary

7:45 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware.

Talk on "The Four Pillars of Prayer" with Father Joshua

Wagner, pastor of Columbus Holy-Rosary St. John and St.

Dominic churches. Second in six-week series of Friday-

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The complete works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

The St. Charles Preparatory School drama department is proud to announce its winter production, *"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)"*. It will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, and Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 3, in the St. Charles campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St. Adult tickets are \$10 each and student tickets are \$5 each. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at (614) 252-6714 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cast members include (from left): front row, Finn Cleary, Maggie Turek, Gabe Lawson, and Alison Roth; back row, Ada Cleary, Nick Turadian, Nick Anderson, Dan Krajnak, Evan Ryan, Carl Mahler, Michelle Golonka, and Marc Rankin.

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare

(Abridged)" is a parody, with all 37 of the plays written by Shakespeare being performed (in shortened form) during the 97-minute show. The actors use their real names and play themselves, rather than certain characters. The fourth wall is nonexistent in the performance, with the actors speaking directly to the audience during much of the play, and some scenes involve audience participation. The director and stage crew may also be directly involved in the performance and become characters themselves.

The script contains many humorous footnotes on the text that are often not included in the performance. Improvisation plays an important role, and it is normal for the actors to deviate from the script and have spontaneous conversations about the material with each other or the audience. It is also common for them to make ref-

erences to pop culture or to talk about local people and places. As a result, each performance can be vastly different from another, even with the same cast.

The play, which had its central Ohio premiere at St. Charles in 1996, was written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield, former founding members of the Reduced Shakespeare Company. It first was performed at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 1987 and later played at the Criterion Theater in London, where it ran for nine record-breaking years. It has become one of the world's most popular shows, playing frequently in a variety of languages. It is notable for holding the (self-proclaimed) world record for the shortest-ever performance of "Hamlet," clocking in at 43 seconds, as well as the fastest performance of "Hamlet" backwards, at 42 seconds.



Pilgrimage to view the Dead Sea Scrolls

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral is offering a pilgrimage to view parts of the Dead Sea Scrolls and other artifacts of our ancient religious heritage which will be part of an exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center. The one-day trip will take place on Sunday, April 7. Pilgrims will attend the morning Mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati, then go to a buffet lunch at the Garfield Suites Hotel before visiting the museum.

The exhibit is the largest, most comprehensive collection of ancient artifacts from Israel ever displayed in the United States. Considered among the world's greatest archaeological discoveries, the Dead Sea Scrolls contain the oldest known copies of the Hebrew Bible and the ancient handwritten texts of the words that shaped the future of the Western world.

The exhibit will include more than 600 objects from the Biblical to the Byzantine periods, including religious articles, weapons of war, stone carvings, textiles, ceramics and fragments of the scrolls, many of which have never been publicly exhibited.

The bus will leave the cathedral lot at 9 a.m. and return by 6 p.m. The cost is \$80 for adults and \$70 for children 12 and under, including transportation, lunch, and museum fee. Payment deadline is Friday, March 22.

The fee will be reduced by \$10 if paid by Friday, March 8.

Registration forms are available on the cathedral website, www.saintjosephcathedral.org. For more information, contact Renee Morkassel at rmorkassel1@wowway.com.



POPE BENEDICT XVI IN THE VATICAN

Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd after praying the Angelus from the window of his Vatican apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square on Feb. 17. CNS photo/Paul Haring



People watch from St. Peter's Square as Pope Benedict XVI leads the Angelus from the window of his apartment at the Vatican on Feb. 17. A man in clerics was holding a sign that read, "We'll miss you!" Pope Benedict XVI is resigning as head of the church on Feb. 28. CNS photo/Alessandro Bianchi, Reuters



Pope Benedict XVI sprinkles ashes on the head of a cardinal during Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Feb. 13. The service was expected to be the last large liturgical event of Pope Benedict's papacy. The pope announced on Feb. 11 that he will resign at the end of the month.

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A Cache of Letters, a Secret Gift and Stories in a Box

The Martin de Porres Center's Institute for Maturing Spirituality will host an event on Friday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., that will bring senior citizens and young people into conversation around an award-winning book by Canton-born author Ted Gup.

Titled "A Secret Gift: How One Man's Kindness—and a Trove of Letters—Revealed the Hidden History of the Great Depression," the book tells the poignant story of the anonymous generosity of Gup's grandfather to the residents of Canton during the darkest days of the Great Depression.

Dr. Kevin Cordi, Ohio Dominican University professor and nationally known creator of the "storybox" concept, will facilitate the sharing and recording of stories of compassionate gener-

osity and hope from young and old for conversion into an electronic storybox, which later will be accessible on the center's web page.

Some storytelling activities will be led by master storyteller and education consultant Marni Gillard of Schenectady, N.Y. People of all ages are invited to join in the event with students from Ohio Dominican University and the Charles School, ODU's early-college high school program. Components of the event will be webcast to organizations subscribing to the Institute for Maturing Spirituality's spring webcast series.

Cordi, assistant professor of education at Ohio Dominican, has taught in 40 states and around the world and received the 2012 outstanding educator award from the Ohio Council of Teachers of

English Language. He holds a master's degree in storytelling and education from the University of Akron and a doctorate in drama, literacy, culture, and reading from The Ohio State University.

Gillard taught Niskayuna, N.Y., middle-school students and now freelances as a teacher-artist and education consultant. Having served as a coach for "Children at the Well: Interfaith Youth Tellers for Peace," she has begun a master's degree program in pastoral arts to deepen her understanding of the story of her faith.

There is no fee to participate, but preregistration is required by Thursday, Feb. 28, to receive a complimentary copy of "A Secret Gift" and lunch. To register, contact the center at (614) 416-1910 or www.martindeporrescenter.net.

CATHOLIC LAYMEN'S RETREAT

The Catholic Laymen's Retreat League will sponsor a weekend interactive retreat for men from Friday, March 8 to Saturday, March 10 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The retreat will be directed by Father John D. Corbett, OP, and will be the first in a three-year series of retreats on the theological virtues. "Faith" will be the theme for this year's retreat, followed by "Hope" in 2014 and "Charity" in 2015. Faith will be examined as the core formation of our minds, the core relationship of our lives, and the beginning of eternal life here and now.

Father Corbett grew up in Columbus and came to know the Dominicans through family members in the order, through Columbus St. Patrick Church, and through attending Providence (R.I.) College, from which he graduated in 1973. He joined the Dominicans in 1974 and was ordained a priest on May 12, 1980. He then taught at the college, completed doctoral studies in Switzerland, and came back to the United States.

From 1991-98, he was on the faculty of the Pontifical College Josephinum, where he taught moral theology and offered retreats, spiritual direction, and personal formation for seminarians. He has been on the faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington since 1998.

The retreat will begin with registration at 5:30 p.m. Friday and conclude with Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday. A contribution of \$120 covers the cost of the retreat. For more information, contact Gary Hasson at (614) 216-4500 or Mark Hasson at (614) 425-5422.



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