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The Editor's Notebook

Faith and Reason

By David Garick, Editor



I'll start off this week's column with a little bit of Columbus, Ohio, heresy — Buckeye football is not the very essence of college life. Sure, I love college football and I am a Buckeye fan. I'm ready to cheer them on to a national championship this year. But whether that happens or not bears little significance to what a college education is all about.

Some people view college as simply a ticket to a better job. There has been a disappointing tendency to simply learn the mechanics of a profession without delving any deeper into the real purpose of education — a search for meaning and truth in our lifelong journey interacting with our world. A number of years ago, I had the opportunity to spend some time as a mentor to journalism students who were about to graduate from college and enter careers as reporters and public relations people. It was an enjoyable, but frustrating experience. Many of these young people had learned how to write a good story, edit and produce entertaining video, and do the mechanics required in the industry. The problem was that they had no understanding at all of the things they were writing about, such as philosophy, government, economics, science, agriculture, or theology, and their impact on their audience and the world. Their education had centered totally on style of presentation, but it was completely lacking in substance.

In the last century, most of our universities have moved toward being highly secular institutions. They have chosen to ignore the important role that faith plays in our human existence. The school that people often cite as the epitome of higher education, Harvard University, was founded as a training ground for Congregational ministers. But today, it is considered bad form to talk about religion there. A recent effort was made

to require all freshmen to take a course called Reason and Faith as it relates to modern life. That effort failed when a majority of the faculty objected on the basis that reason alone should be taught at a university. Faith, they said, had no more place than superstition in a modern college.

As Catholics, we know that the search for truth begins with faith. We know that Jesus Christ is the truth, the way, and the light. Reason is a God-given faculty that we have been endowed with to help us to sort out the complexity of creation. Faith and reason together give us the ability to accomplish our purpose in the world.

This week, *Catholic Times* takes a look at the Catholic colleges that are living out that charge as centers of higher education where faith and reason work hand in hand to prepare young people for careers in which they will not only be able to handle the technical aspects of their jobs, but will also understand how the things they do are an expression of God's plan for our world.

Our Catholic schools are educating teachers who will pass on knowledge steeped in the truth of Christ to the next generation, business leaders who understand that ethics and moral values play as important a part in their company's bottom line as profit margins and stock options, and medical professionals who respect life so much that they care for the soul as well as the body.

As you read through this issue, I hope that you will be as encouraged as I am about the prospects for our students in these Catholic colleges. And with all that in mind, it's OK to also do some tailgating and enjoy some Saturday afternoon football.

Bishop Campbell honored at 70th birthday gala

Bishop Frederick Campbell said he has only had two birthday parties in his life. But this last one takes the cake. The Hyatt Regency Hotel's grand ballroom was packed with well-wishers who came to wish a happy 70th birthday to our diocesan shepherd and to contribute to four areas of ministry that are especially close to his heart.

Tributes were given by the honorary chairman of the event, Michael Mentel; diocesan schools Superintendent Lucia McQuaide, who spoke on behalf of the Catholic Education Tuition Assistance Fund; diocesan vocations director Father Paul Noble, on behalf of the Vocations Endowment Fund; diocesan social concerns moderator Mark Huddy and JOIN volunteer Jack Ruscilli, on behalf of diocesan social concerns agencies; and Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral music director Paul Thornock II, on behalf of the cathedral music ministry endowment.

Thornock was joined on stage by the cathedral choir, which sang a piece commissioned from American sacred

music composer Richard Webster in honor of Bishop Campbell. The song, *Ecce Sacerdos Magnus* (Behold a Great Priest), will be performed at the cathedral next spring during the ordination of new priests for the Diocese of Columbus.

Bishop Campbell also received special birthday wishes from an old friend who now walks the halls of the Vatican: Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, who wrote in part: "My heartfelt congratulations as you celebrate today, with the faithful of the Diocese of Columbus, your 70th birthday. In writing to congratulate you, I thank God for the gift of your life and of your priestly vocation, first, as priest and Auxiliary Bishop, in service of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and now for almost nine full years as Bishop of Columbus. I pray that Our Lord will grant you many more and blessed years as a true shepherd of His flock: *Ad multos gloriososque annos!*"

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Clergy Assignment

Deacon Byron L. Phillips, from diaconal service at Church of the Resurrection, New Albany, to diaconal service at St. Christopher Church, Columbus, effective Sept. 2.



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Ohio Dominican University president Peter Cimolic in front of Erskine Hall on the ODU campus.

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Pope Francis calls for worldwide vigil for peace

Departing from his typical reflections on the Sunday gospel, Pope Francis used his Angelus audience to call for peace throughout the world, particularly in conflict-ridden Syria.

"I appeal strongly for peace, an appeal which arises from the deep within me," he said to the crowds in St. Peter's Square on Sept. 1.

"There are so many conflicts in this world which cause me great suffering and worry, but in these days, my heart is deeply wounded in particular by what is happening in Syria and anguished by the dramatic developments which are looming," continued the pope.

"For this reason, brothers and sisters, I have decided to call for a vigil for the whole Church," he announced.

It will be "a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, in the Middle East, and throughout the world."

The vigil will take place on Sept. 7, the vigil of the birth of Mary, Queen of Peace. Those who can will gather in St. Peter's Square from 7 p.m. to midnight: other local churches are request-

ed to join in the fasting and prayer by gathering together.

Pope Francis extended his invitation to "fellow Christians, followers of other religions and all men of good will, to participate, in whatever way they can, in this initiative."

"Humanity needs to see these gestures of peace and to hear words of hope and peace," said the pope.

"All men and women of good will are bound by the task of pursuing peace," he charged.

"I make a forceful and urgent call to the entire Catholic Church, and also to every Christian of other confessions, as well as to followers of every religion and to those brothers and sisters who do not believe: Peace is a good which overcomes every barrier, because it belongs to all of humanity."

The Pope went on to lament the use of arms and its negative impact on civilians, the unarmed, and children, particularly recently in the "martyred country" of Syria.

"With all my strength, I ask each par-

ty in this conflict to listen to the voice of their own conscience, not to close themselves in solely on their own interests, but rather to look at each other as brothers and decisively and courageously to follow the path of encounter and negotiation, and so overcome blind conflict," he said.

Pope Francis also asked the international community "to make every effort to promote clear proposals for peace in that country without further delay."

He rejected the use of chemical weapons and requested that humanitarian workers "be granted access so as to provide the necessary aid."

The pope continued his insistent appeal for peace. "It is neither a culture of confrontation nor a culture of conflict which builds harmony within and between peoples, but rather a culture of encounter and a culture of dialogue; this is the only way to peace," he said.

Noting Mary's universal motherly concern, Pope Francis said, "Let us ask Mary to help us to respond to violence,



to conflict and to war, with the power of dialogue, reconciliation and love. She is our mother. May she help us to find peace. All of us are her children."

As he has done on previous Sundays, Pope Francis led the crowds in invoking her intercession: "Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!"

Reverting to tradition, pope names veteran diplomat as Vatican's No. 2

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Although Pope Francis has not hesitated to break with convention during his brief pontificate, he resumed a long-standing tradition by appointing a seasoned member of the diplomatic corps as the top Vatican official.

The pope appointed Archbishop Pietro Parolin, 58 (pictured), a longtime member of the Vatican secretariat of state, who has been papal nuncio to Venezuela since 2009, to be his secretary of state.

Archbishop Parolin will succeed Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone on Oct. 15.

Cardinal Bertone, 78, became secretary of state in 2006 after serving as archbishop of Genoa, Italy.

The secretary of state is the pope's highest-ranking collaborator, coordinating the work of the Roman Curia, overseeing the operation of the



church-state issues with that nation's communist government, a process that eventually led Vietnam to accept a non-resident papal representative. The move was widely seen as a step toward establishing full diplomatic relations.

While at the Vatican, Archbishop Parolin also represented the papacy at a variety of international conferences on climate change, on human trafficking, and on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

He led the Vatican delegation to the 2007 Middle East peace conference in Annapolis, Md.

At a news conference in 2006, Archbishop Parolin said Vatican nuncios and papal representatives play an important role "in defending the human being" and in strengthening local churches, especially in regions where Christians face poverty, discrimination, or other hardships.

The Vatican's presence

around the world through its nuncios shows people that the church and the pope are always near and that Christians -- no matter how small their numbers -- are not alone in the world, he said.

In the current Vatican organizational framework, the secretary of state is responsible for ensuring that the pope's policies and priorities take concrete form in the work of Vatican offices. The secretary typically has been very close to the pope and meets with him often.

Many observers have suggested that the secretary's role could change as part of a wider reform and reorganization of the curia.

Because the office's responsibilities are so broad -- covering the internal workings of the Vatican, international church affairs, and foreign relations -- Cardinal Bertone often was blamed by critics

when things went wrong during Pope Benedict XVI's pontificate.

When Pope Benedict appointed the cardinal as secretary of state in 2006, it was a reunion of sorts. Then-Archbishop Bertone had been secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for seven years when its prefect was Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the future Benedict XVI.

Archbishop Parolin was born Jan. 17, 1955, in Schiavon, Italy, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1980.

He studied at the Vatican diplomatic academy while earning a degree in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

In 1986, he began working at Vatican embassies, serving in Nigeria and in Mexico before moving to the offices of the Vatican Secretariat of State. He became undersecretary for foreign relations in 2002.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

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We measure so many things. As we grow up, we want to know how tall we are. As we grow older, we want to know how much we weigh (or not). Gasoline is measured in gallons, electricity in kilowatt hours, and natural gas in cubic feet. Everything in the grocery store is measured specifically, especially the breakdown of calories, fat, nutrients, serving size, etc. In school, our students and their achievement are measured by grades and the accompanying percentages. Polls and statistics tell us much more than we really need to know. On a much more practical level, we measure ourselves: "How do I look?" "How fast or slow am I going?" "How well am I doing at work?" We might even ask ourselves questions such as "How often do I pray?" "How often do I participate in Sunday Mass?" "How many sins, distractions, and addictions keep me from a solid relationship with Jesus Christ?" We pray and work hard at addressing our shortcomings. We know how to "measure up," but it is an ongoing challenge. We also know that we will be measured and judged ultimately one day. I recently attended a speech by Archbishop Peter Sartain of Seattle. He told a story about how he and his siblings used to share or "split" things at home when they were young. For example, if they split a Pepsi, they measured the portions carefully, so they each received an equal share. If two of them dried the dishes, they would count so that no one did too many or too few. We all want to be fair and equitable. How does God measure us? The Gospels and Jesus Christ tell us that we will be measured according to how we measure others. That alone should give us a reason to pause and think about our expectations. Fortunately, we also know that God loves us unconditionally and infinitely, no matter how we measure up. How do I actually measure up in God's eyes?

Our practical challenge this week is to simply consider how we measure others. How equal are our scales? We need to be a bit more demanding on ourselves and a bit more generous on others. Take a few minutes and read the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Luke, and meditate: "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put in your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Pray for the love and grace of God that keeps us measured by the highest of standards -- God's.

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



That Man Is You!

This fall, eight parishes in the Diocese of Columbus will be sponsoring sessions of the *That Man Is You!* program for men who want to become better Catholics, husbands, and fathers.

The 13-week sessions will kick off on Saturday, Sept. 17, and will continue every Saturday morning through Dec. 17. Doors will open at 6:15 a.m. for food and fellowship. The sessions will be presented from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. in the church.

The *That Man Is You!* program is offered by 300 parishes in 35 states. Its content, which integrates modern science with authentically Catholic teaching, helps men better understand themselves, their wives and marriages, and their unique role in the family and society.

Throughout the course of the intellectual and spiritual formation program, participants will explore the teachings of Pope John Paul II, contemporary medical and social science research, contemplative insights of the saints, and more. The content is designed to equip men with the tools they need to lead a life that is boldly counter to popular Western culture, but wholly united with the truth.

Sessions with the theme "Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart" will be offered at Columbus St. Timothy, Marion St. Mary, Newark Blessed Sacrament, and Hilliard St. Brendan churches. The sessions are aimed at developing a vision of authentic male leadership based on the four leadership roles entrusted to men and firmly establishing the first step in leadership as personal union with God.

The Church of the Resurrection in

New Albany, Columbus St. Patrick, and Powell St. Joan of Arc churches will offer "A Light to the Nation" sessions, which are aimed toward transformation of marriage and family life. They begin by developing the vision of the home as the domestic church, then identify seven simple steps for finding union with God in the home.

Offered this September at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church will be "The Revelation of the Father" sessions, which help men to develop the traits of laying a foundation for the future and being willing to pay the price. Doing this transforms men into apostles of the church's new springtime, where they personally help lay the foundation for the rebirth of a truly Christian society.

The author and sponsor of the *That Man Is You!* program is *Paradisus Dei* (the Paradise of God), an organization of lay Catholics dedicated to finding God in their marriages and everyday family life. It began in 1997 as a letter to a friend whose marriage was in trouble and blossomed into a theology relating to the union between husband and wife. In 1999, five couples began meeting in homes to discuss this theology in light of Pope John Paul II's theology of the body, and the program has grown since then.

The program is being locally promoted by the Columbus Catholic Men organization, which sponsors the annual diocesan Catholic Men's Conference.

To register or for more information, contact the sponsoring parishes or go to www.columbuscatholicmen.com/faiih-sharing-groups.php or www.thatmanisyou.org.

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A Conversation: Latino Catholicism in Our Midst Pastoral de Conjunto (Parishes Working Together)

The Catholic Foundation offers quarterly *Conversation* events as a way to bring issues in the diocese to the forefront and to offer the faithful a resource to learn about a variety of topics. On Wednesday, Aug. 21, the Foundation hosted another discussion in its ongoing *Conversation* series, this time focusing on Latino Catholicism in our midst.

Latino Catholicism is an increasingly important topic in the Diocese of Columbus. Only three diocesan parishes offered a Mass in Spanish 10 years ago. By 2012, parishes in more than half of the diocese's deaneries offered at least one Spanish Mass. The Latino population in attendance at Mass has grown by more than 300 percent in the last 10 years and 40 percent in the last five. Clearly, the need to minister to our Latino brothers and sisters is growing, yet fewer than 20 percent of the clergy in the diocese can speak Spanish fluently.

This *Conversation* discussed what can be done to better address the situation. It also provided a general overview on the church's teaching on immigration and models of integration.

Speakers for the program were Father David Schalk, pastor of Columbus Christ the King Church; Angela Johnston, director of the diocesan Catholic Latino ministry; Jamie Berry, religious education director at Columbus St. Thomas the Apostle Church; Yvonne Schwab, principal of Columbus St. James the Less School; and Chantelle Blackburn, director of Hispanic ministry at Marion St. Mary Church.

The panelists discussed how they address the Latino needs at their ministry, what they learned, what they found to be successful, and what they hope to do in the future. The Catholic Foundation is addressing Latino ministry needs through its Our Lady of Guadalupe en-



dowment fund. Thanks to a generous donor, the fund allows the Foundation to do its part in addressing the needs of the Latino community. Anyone may donate to this fund at any time, in any amount — online, via mail, or even over the phone.

The next *Conversation* event will take place this fall. Sign up for the Foundation's emails at www.catholic-foundation.org and 'like' it on Facebook.

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to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. The Foundation fulfills its mission by seeking donors to establish endowment funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to community priorities and donor intent. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic foundations in the nation, distributing more than \$65 million in the diocese since 1985. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

The Catholic Foundation Awards Scholarships to 52 Students

This year, 52 students in the diocese received awards from scholarship funds at The Catholic Foundation. Of those students, 42 received awards from the Msgr. Kenneth Grimes Scholarship Fund for Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students.

Five additional Watterson students received scholarships from the following funds: the Peter and Dorothy Klein Memorial Scholarship Fund, awarded to Hannah Heil; the Kanakkanatt Family Scholarship Fund, awarded to Eileen Jeffrey; the Ronald R. Shay Scholarship Fund, awarded to Lauren Marchese; the Allyson Marie Gross Memorial Scholarship Fund, awarded to Sophie Thompson, and the Dorothy K. Szajnuik Scholarship Fund, awarded

to Sophie Sheridan.

McKenzie Ortiz, Veronica Fowle, Nicolaus Schooley and Katherine Burnside, all from Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, received awards from the Brenden P. Krannitz Scholarship Fund. The T.J. Basemann Scholarship Fund presented a scholarship to William Perry to attend Walsh University.

The recipients were selected based on criteria established by the donors who created each scholarship. For more information on tuition assistance, contact the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools or your local school. For more information on the scholarship funds, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

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Was Christ nailed to the cross through wrists or hands?

Q. In a book about the Shroud of Turin, I read that when Jesus was crucified, the nails were driven through his wrists. The photos of the shroud seem to confirm this. But if that were so, then why did saints such as St. Francis and Padre Pio have stigmata wounds on the palms of their hands rather than their wrists? (Glen Allen, Va.)

A. In the 1930s, Pierre Barbet, a French physician, conducted a number of medical experiments regarding the crucifixion of Christ. One of his observations was that nails driven through the palms of Jesus would not have supported the weight of his body on the cross. Barbet theorized that instead, the nails were driven into a hollow spot (biologists call it "Destot's space") among the bones in the heel of the hand at the top of the wrist.

Some commentators challenged that conclusion. They pointed out that Roman execution techniques also included tying the wrists to the crossbar by ropes and that the nails through the palms were meant not to support the weight, but simply to increase the pain.

In the 1990s, research by Dr. Frederick Zugibe of Columbia University came to a different conclusion. He theorized that the nails could have been driven into the palms at an angle, exiting at the wrists. He said this would have supported the body's weight and would be consistent with the location where most of the stigmatics had displayed their wounds and with how artists had depicted the Crucifixion throughout the centuries.

Group programs at St. Matthew

Gahanna St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Rd., will be offering four group programs this fall for people dealing with various situations in their lives.

All four – *DivorceCare*, *GriefShare*, *DivorceCare for Kids*, and *Single & Parenting* – have a one-time charge of \$30, including a workbook.

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group which wants to help walk alongside recently divorced people and help them through one of life's most difficult experiences. It will meet on Sundays from Sept. 15 through Dec. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the church's St. Cecilia Room. For more information, contact Mike Workman at (614) 269-7098 or Loretta Seipel at (614) 575-1507 or at lseipel1947@yahoo.com.

GriefShare, a bereavement support group, will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. on Mondays from Sept. 16 to Dec. 9 in the St. Cecilia Room. Contact Mary Lager at mary0613@hotmail.com for more information.

DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) is designed to help children from five to 12 years old heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce by provid-



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

The Shroud of Turin, considered by many to be the actual burial shroud of Christ, shows a blood print in the location of the bones of the wrist. But it should be noted that the imprint on the shroud is from the back of the hand and could depict only the exit area of the nail and not its entrance.

Most of the stigmatics throughout history, though not all, have shown the wounds of Jesus on their hands. Padre Pio, for example, had large sores in the center of his palms. However, St. Francis of Assisi, the earliest stigmatic whom Christian history records, was described by his first biographer, Thomas of Celano, as having his wrists and feet pierced by nails.

Obviously, then, the precise position of the nails in Christ's body is not a matter of faith, and theories vary. As to why most of the stigmatics have received the wounds on their palms, some have observed that since centuries of history had displayed the nail marks in that location, stigmatics would have most clearly understood that they were being asked to bear the wounds of Jesus.

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

ing a safe and neutral place for them to recognize and learn to share their feelings. This group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays from Sept. 12 to Dec. 5 in the church's Spirit Room. For more information, contact Michele Melaragno at mmelaragno_sopcc@um.att.com or Jennifer Shonk at jwright.sopcc@gmail.com.

The *Single & Parenting* program offers real-world answers to important questions single parents face every day, such as "Can I be successful as a single parent?", "How do I maintain order and structure in my home?", "My kids don't obey; what do I do?", "How do I deal with the financial pressures I am facing?", "Why does God allow me to suffer this way?", "Does God care about the problems I have as a single parent?", "How can I interact with my former spouse?", and "Will my children succeed as adults?" This group also will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays from Sept. 12 to Dec. 5 in the church's counseling center. For more information, contact Melaragno at (614) 442-7650, extension 3, or email mmelaragno_sopcc@um.att.com.

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Franciscan adds dual degree program

Employers recently ranked engineering second highest among the bachelor's degrees most in demand. This fall, Franciscan University of Steubenville is beginning to meet this demand through its new engineering dual degree program.

The program allows students to take mathematics, science, pre-engineering, and liberal arts courses at Franciscan, then finish engineering studies at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Dayton, or Gannon University, earning degrees from both Franciscan and the partner university.

Students can earn a degree in biomedical, electrical, mechanical, or environmental engineering, or one of many other engineering program options.

Franciscan also is accepting candidates for an online Master of Business Administration program.

In addition to the educational components that characterize a comprehensive MBA, the Franciscan online MBA is unique among its peers because of its virtuous and faith-based approach, grounded in Catholic principles, said

Dr. Michael Welker, chair of the university's business department.

"The common sentiment is that God doesn't care about business, that it's OK to lead a divided life, which leads to corruption. In Franciscan's online MBA, business ethics will be overtly woven into every course," he said.

"The professors will convey Catholic social teaching, from the *City of God* by St. Augustine to Thomas Aquinas' *Treatise of Happiness*, and the social doctrine from Pope Leo XIII to Pope Francis. The strategic vision of the program is that God calls us to business in order to participate in his creative and redemptive work that leads to the flourishing of humanity."

Next fall, the university expects to begin offering an online master of arts degree in catechetics and evangelization. The program will draw upon the international reputation of the university's graduate and undergraduate theology and catechetics programs, which are known for their depth of content and adherence to the teaching authority of the Catholic Church.

There's much to do and learn at Madonna University

Students of Madonna University, a Franciscan institution in Livonia, Mich., on the western perimeter of metropolitan Detroit, can choose from more than 100 undergraduate and 35 graduate programs that will prepare them for careers as nurses, sign-language interpreters, forensic scientists, teachers, psychologists, entrepreneurs, television anchors, social workers, musicians, clinical lab technicians, sport managers, police officers, dieticians, video producers, business leaders, graphic designers, and much more.

Through internships and co-op programs, students try out their careers to ensure a good fit. More than 35 student groups provide opportunities to gain experience and learn from others with similar interests.

One of the biggest advantages of a Madonna education is small classes. The student-faculty ratio is 12-to-1, so Madonna students enjoy more personal instruction from faculty who are dedicated to student success. Professors know students by name and go the extra mile to help them succeed.

From the writing center and technol-

ogy lab to disability resources and tutoring, there are abundant academic support services. Broadcast and cinema arts students received three Emmy awards this year, and the College of Education earned an exemplary rating on teacher preparation performance scores and tied for number-one in Michigan.

Madonna's Champions of Charac-

The online MA in catechetics also will engage busy adults through the use of Web 2.0 tools which will enable students to learn the material and collaborate with professors, experts in the field, and one another.

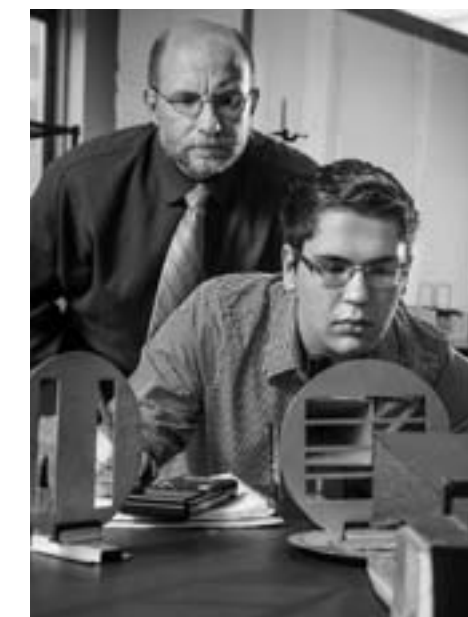
To further enhance the engagement and collaboration, students will participate in short on-campus residencies during their studies.

The university sees this program responding directly to St. Francis of Assisi's call to "rebuild Christ's Church" through making Franciscan's uniquely dynamic and orthodox catechetics program around the world.

Work is under way on a \$5 million expansion to Finnegan Fieldhouse, the university's main athletic facility.

The fieldhouse was built in 1992, at a time when Franciscan had 700 fewer students and no NCAA athletics. Today, the fieldhouse needs additional capacity to meet the needs of students, faculty, staff, intramural athletics, and 16 NCAA and intercollegiate programs.

More than 13,000 square feet of the existing building will be renovated, and



15,000 square feet of new space will be created.

The centerpiece of the project will be a 5,100-square-foot fitness center, complete with the latest cardio equipment, free weights, an aerobics room twice the size of the current one, and a strength, performance, and flexibility training room.

The fieldhouse expansion will be completed by the summer of 2014.

ter athletics program fields 11 men's and women's teams, all of which were selected as 2012-2013 Wolverine-Hoosier Conference scholar teams. Student-athletes posted a combined grade point average of 3.36 while taking courses totaling more than 4,500 credit hours. The university's new athletic complex is home to men's and

women's soccer, men's baseball, and women's softball.

Students are invited to check out Madonna's graduate and undergraduate programs, find out about scholarships and financial aid, and apply on the spot, during a special program from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2. RSVP online at madonna.edu/visit.

Thomas More College has new president

Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, Ky., welcomed its new president, David A. Armstrong, on July 1.

In an academic year of firsts for the college, the Mary, Seat of Wisdom chapel was completed and dedicated in December 2012 as the centerpiece of the campus. A state-of-the-art education center and lodge was completed at the college's Ohio River biology field station in Alexandria, Ky., and was introduced at an open house last fall.

The education center and lodge complement a biology field station, located 30 minutes from the main TMC campus, which performs biological research on the Ohio River.



John Carroll University partners with Lake Erie College

John Carroll University and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine have partnered to enable talented students to gain acceptance to both institutions. The osteopathic college's medical, dental, and pharmacy schools together reserve as many as 20 seats each year specifically for John Carroll students.

High school seniors who meet application requirements may apply for early acceptance to the osteopathic college while they are applying to John Carroll, which is located in the Cleveland suburb of University Heights. Depending on their career path, students may choose from Lake Erie campuses in Erie, Pa., or Bradenton, Fla. The early acceptance program also provides students with the flexibility to apply to other medical or professional schools, if they prefer.

John Carroll's Boler School of Business is offering a new pre-MBA scholars program, which grants dual admission to John Carroll's undergraduate and fifth-year master of business administration programs for exceptional high school students at the beginning of their undergraduate careers.

Students selected as pre-MBA scholars will earn two degrees in five years (undergraduate and MBA), enabling them to embark on their career paths with significant real-world business experience.

They also will participate in special career development sessions to help them develop career goals, create a career action plan, participate in resume reviews, and learn interviewing and networking skills. The student's professional development will culminate with



the completion of an internship experience with an organization or company.

Xavier focuses on sustainability

Xavier University in Cincinnati continues its focus on sustainability. The *Princeton Review* and the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council selected Xavier as one of 322 green colleges in the U.S. and Canada.

Xavier's sustainability committee, its approval of the American college and university presidents' climate committee standards, new construction to LEED Silver standards, BikeXU, the university's community garden, sustainability mini-grants, and three new sustainability majors for fall 2013

were cited as reasons for Xavier's inclusion.

The new majors are sustainability: economics and management; economics, sustainability and society; and land, farming and community.

On May 1, the university welcomed Greg Christopher (pictured) as its new athletic director. Coming from an athletic background, he gave up football because of too many concussions and began to focus on the academic side. He be-



lieves an athletic conference should consist of teams with common ideology and similar core beliefs.

On July 1, Xavier became a member of the new Big East Conference. The move puts the university and its athletic teams on a higher platform, which means more and better exposure and awareness for both. It gives coaches, student-athletes, and recruits an opportunity to compete and win at the highest level.

ODU named a top "Return on Investment" institution

Ohio Dominican University is one of the top institutions in the state when it comes to lifetime return on investment (ROI), according to Affordable Colleges Online (ACO).

ACO ranked Ohio Dominican in the top 11 percent (40th of 389) of Ohio colleges analyzed for its "Highest ROI Colleges in Ohio" list. ACO's rankings are based on criteria including net tuition price, graduates' average starting salaries, and whether the institution is a fully accredited, four-year, not-for-profit institution.

ACO provides prospective college students and their parents with information and resources to help them manage the cost of obtaining an education. It's the first website to offer comprehen-

sive lists of "most affordable colleges" in different categories. The top 44 ROI-ranked universities in Ohio may be viewed at www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/ohio/.

"We are proud that Affordable Colleges Online selected ODU as a top institution in Ohio with regard to its students' lifetime return on investment, and recognizes ODU's dedication to providing its students a quality, valuable, and fulfilling education," said Dr. Peter Cimbalic, ODU president. "This ranking is a testament to ODU's record of providing students with an outstanding academic experience that prepares them for rewarding careers that demonstrate the true worth of their ODU education."

"These are important lists for

prospective students to consider," said ACO founder Dan Schuessler. "We've sifted through comprehensive data sources to find colleges and universities in Ohio that offer a high-quality education with consistent, long-term payoffs in the workplace."

To compile information, ACO used information from NCES, the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education; IPEDS, the primary federal source for data on colleges, universities, and technical and vocational postsecondary schools; Carnegie Classification, a framework widely used in the study of higher education; and PayScale.com, a leading provider of career-related data on a national, state, local, and individual basis.

PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum is well-positioned for another year of excellence in seminary education.

The seminary continues to enjoy a steady rise in enrollment, which has increased in each of the past five years.

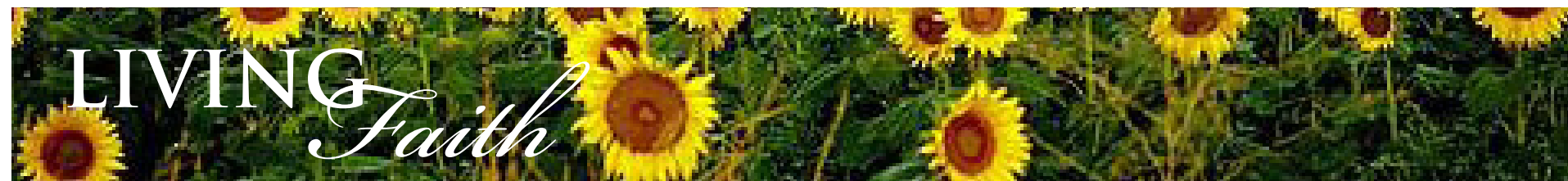
The 2013-14 year of formation began with 217 seminarians—the highest in more than 40 years. Twenty-seven dioceses in the United States, one religious order, and a missionary diocese in Asia entrust the Josephinum with formation of their future priests.

The year 2013 marks the Josephinum's 125th anniversary of educating priests for the Church. The coming year will see a variety of special events, including a fall open house, a holiday benefit concert, and the third annual Clergy Who Cook program.

In addition, many renowned scholars and public figures will give presentations on campus, including Archbishop Augustine DiNoia, OP; Shawn Carney; Father Jared Wicks, SJ; Father Francis Martin; Dr. Robert George; Father Joseph Koterski; and Father James Schall. All lectures are free and open to the public.

A vast majority of ordained and lay faculty members return this fall to resume their service at the Josephinum.

The institution continues to thrive under the leadership of Msgr. Christopher Schreck, a priest of the Diocese of Savannah, Ga., now in his second year as rector-president.



The grace of friendship

The invitation appeared in my email: A birthday party for Mike. I've known him since I was 18. Then we both played guitar, sang, wrote songs, and energized the local folk Mass movement after Vatican II. He and his wife, Patty, welcomed me into their home, and I babysat for their young children who clamored for Mike's attention when we practiced music there. Patty always came to the rescue. Over the years, my guitar has seen less use. Mike's is always humming.

Having made adjustments to my work schedule, I picked up a friend and we drove together to the party. Mike was turning 75.

"Couldn't miss this," I said as we traveled from one small town to another.

My friend nodded. "There are plenty of things in life that are hard, that bring tears. We must celebrate the happy moments. What brings life and joy," he said, his voice as Italian as the gift of wine resting at his feet.

Light and Irish music poured out of the American Legion as we walked toward the door. The evening was an embarrassment of riches: greetings, hugs, and friends gathered to tell stories and catch up on one another's lives.

Food and drink kept coming, and everyone joined in a refrain written for the occasion. Mike, Nick, and Anne, who have been singing together for years, treated us to a few songs while the singing Ladies of Longford took their break. More music. More conversation.

Driving through night on my way home, I thought



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Mary van Balen

about friendship. What is the grace of friendship? What moves someone out of the mass of acquaintances into that treasured group? Into one's heart and soul? Sometimes a friend, like Mike, is someone known for decades. On the other hand, I spent a week last year in Seattle with a friend I had known for just three weeks while attending the same school of theology during a summer session 10 years ago.

It's not how long I've known someone; it's how we've "been with." It might be through difficult times.

"When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us," Henri Nouwen wrote in *The Road to Daybreak: A Spiritual Journey*, "we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand."

I have a friend who has spent much time and energy creating a safe space for women to be with other women, to listen to each other's stories. That's enough. It's more than enough. Problems aren't solved, but the women are present and listen with hearts as well as ears.

Sometimes, as at the party, friends share joy and celebration. They laugh at our jokes and look at our photos. Always, they are "with."

Friends tell me the "theme" of my writing is "being present," everything comes back to that. It's true. But it's true because that's where we find God and Grace and what matters. That's where friends are made.

In her book *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century*, Joan Chittister recounts an ancient tale of the Holy One and a disciple who is looking for direction. Despite the answers that enlightenment is happening every moment, in every place, wherever one looks, the disciple is frustrated: "Why don't I see it? Do I have to look in a special way?"

The Holy One assures the seeker that the ordinary way of seeing is fine. When the disciple protests, "Isn't that how I always look?" the answer comes: In order to look, you have to be there, and the disciple is usually somewhere else.

As I pulled into my driveway, I gave thanks for the friends who grace my life -- the people who have taken time to be with me, to look at stars, walk beaches, sing songs, hold my hand, and to sit with me as I looked uncertainty in the eye and leaned into it instead of running away. I gave thanks for those who shared food and wine, laughter and tears, good books and movies, and doing nothing in particular.

They showed me the face of God.

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Lourdes University helps students to map their academic plan

Lourdes University, a Franciscan institution with about 2,200 students in the Toledo suburb of Sylvania, this year is introducing a program designed to assist all first-year students in their transition into college life, challenge them to develop and apply critical thinking and communication skills, and help clarify academic paths for success.

FYE 100: The Lourdes Experience, is a required three-credit course for freshmen. It will include a dinner and book discussion, a chance for students to map their academic life plan at Lourdes, a skills inventory and feedback session with the school's career services office, a Franciscan journey with the campus ministry, a service learning project, and campus life events and reflection projects.

The university also is launching several new course groupings and degree programs. These include two sociology tracks, in family studies and

urban life; a master's degree program in organizational leadership, being hosted at Owens Community College; a part-time master of business administration program; and three new tracks in environmental science: ecology and conservation, environmental chemistry, and general environmental science.

In addition, the university has established an office of global learning, which will be offering a five-week program in Tully Cross, Ireland, in the summer of 2014. In January, Lourdes will conduct its intensive J-Session, which allows students to complete a full-semester course in 10 days.

Athletically, men's and women's lacrosse and cross country are being added for 2013-14, and the men's baseball and women's softball and golf teams received NAIA All-Academic honors, meaning they had grade-point averages above 3.0.





Top: Dr. Peter Cimbolic, Ohio Dominican University president (center), with first-year students Crystal Paul of Dublin and Nelson Wagner of Columbus.
Center: Students head for classes at the Ohio Dominican campus in northeast Columbus.
Right: Students in an introductory health and nutrition course listen to instructor Julie Dallas.
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OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

NEW PROGRAMS, QUALITY OF STUDENTS PROVIDE MOMENTUM

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, *Catholic Times*

Ohio Dominican University's leaders use the word "momentum" to sum up what's been happening on campus in the last few years.

The word carries with it a sense of moving forward, getting better while on the way to greater things. It's a particularly fitting description for the wide-ranging changes that have taken place in the three years since Dr. Peter Cimbolic became the institution's president.

"Some of the changes are obvious," Cimbolic said. "We've added new academic programs every year to meet the demands of students and the job market. We are particularly proud of the partnership we've just entered into with Ohio University's college of osteopathic medicine.

"We opened the new Battelle Hall for science just after I became president in 2010. A year later, we completed the renovation of the school's other science building, St. Albert Hall. We've become better-known athletically, especially since joining NCAA Division II in 2010. Our teams are competitive and their record academically is among the best in the nation.

"But perhaps the most dramatic change, one that's not so obvious, has been in the quality of our undergraduates. We've made a concerted effort to become a highly selective institution, admitting very strong students, and our academic profile shows that effort has been successful."

Nicole Evans, director of undergraduate admissions at the university, said the typical member of this year's freshman class had a 3.3 grade-point average in high school and an ACT composite score of 22, compared with a nationwide average of 20 or 21. She said both those numbers were the highest in her 11 years at the university.

She also said total undergraduate and graduate enrollment this year was around 2,800 – about the same as last year. Evans said it's significant that the total has remained stable, since the birth rate in the early and mid-1990s, when today's college students were born, was lower than it had been in previous years. The total

includes about 500 Columbus-area students who take part in a dual-enrollment program in which they can attend ODU classes while still in high school.

"We're now rated in the top tier of comprehensive universities in the Midwest by *U.S. News and World Report*," Cimbolic said. "We're also in the top 11 percent of colleges in the state when it comes to return on investment, as ranked by Affordable Colleges Online. In non-academic terms, that means we're recognized as giving 'more bang for your buck.' U.S. Department of Education figures also show that total out-of-pocket expenses for students here are less than for virtually all of Ohio's state universities."

The university said the total cost for the typical resident student for this academic year is \$42,170, including \$28,932 for tuition and fees. Slightly fewer than 20 percent of students are on-campus residents, with that number growing in recent years. The ODU financial aid office said 96 percent of students receive some type of financial assistance from the university or other sources.

"We're proud of the greater attention we're starting to receive nationally as we continue our tradition of providing a great Catholic Dominican liberal arts education," Cimbolic said. My enthusiasm for the university's mission and identity continues to grow. The vibrancy of the university is palpable, and we're continuing along a path of clear and conspicuous positive momentum."

The recently announced partnership with Ohio University means that beginning in the fall of 2014, as many as 10 ODU freshmen each year will be assured of acceptance into OU's osteopathic college as long as they maintain grade-point averages of 3.7 overall and 3.6 in undergraduate science courses. They can attend ODU for three years and complete their senior requirements during their first year of medical school, or can choose a four-year option at ODU, then attend OU medical campuses in Athens, Dublin, and Cleveland.

"This will provide a great opportunity for students and will help address the need for primary-care physicians in Ohio, particularly in its rural areas," Evans said. "State figures show that 64 of Ohio's 88 counties are in need of physi-

cians. Since most ODU students stay in Ohio after graduation, we hope this program will help fill that need."

ODU this year has added a bachelor's degree program in biopsychology and recently received full state approval for master's programs in sport management and exercise science, which will be offered in January. The 2014-15 academic year will include new bachelor's programs in insurance and risk management and software engineering, plus a master's program in medical practice management.

All the medically related additions are in response to the growing need for health-care professionals. "Seven of the current top 10 careers for growth are in the health sciences," said John Thistlethwaite, assistant professor of anatomy and psychology. "The new programs we've developed and the revisions we've made in some existing programs are in response to discussions we've had with people locally in related fields. For instance, we revamped our biology curriculum after talking with representatives from the Scotts lawn care company, Abbott (Laboratories), and Battelle (Memorial Institute)."

"The master's in medical practice management was brought up through discussions with university trustees who are in the medical field, so we know the medical community is greatly excited about it," said John Naughton, ODU graduate admissions director. "It's the same way with sport management and exercise science. We perceived a great need in the market. Ohio State has the only program in the area in those fields, and they can't enroll enough people to meet the demand."

The need for physician assistants is another example of a medical area where demand is far outpacing supply. Two years ago, ODU became the first institution in central Ohio to offer a master's program in physician assistant studies. It was an immediate success, with 120 applicants for 50 slots in a two-year program. Today, the number of applicants has increased to 600, with Naughton saying it's likely to grow higher.

ODU seniors Zach Werner (left) and James Kasseh examine a skull during a human anatomy class taught by Dr. Brad Nelson.

"The physician assistant program raised the bar for our other master's programs (in business administration, liberal studies, education, theology, and teaching English to speakers of other languages), and for the university as a whole," Naughton said. "It made a lot of people aware for the first time that we're sort of a hidden jewel here, offering wonderful opportunities in a small-college setting."

Except for the physician assistant program, which is for full-time students, the university's other graduate programs are designed for working professionals, with flexible class times, online and evening options, and opportunities for people to form a group and take one class at a time in sequence to obtain an MBA. ODU has about 700 graduate students.

The university's Learning Enhanced Adult Degree (LEAD) program offers associate's and bachelor's degree business programs, as well as the MBA, at sites on campus, just north of campus, and in Dublin. LEAD includes the PATRIOTS program, which offers military veterans tuition discounts and scholarships, helps them transfer previous college credits, and provides them support as they apply the discipline and practical experience they received in the military to student life.

As a Dominican school, founded in 1911 by the religious order now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace, ODU

is guided by the Dominican motto: "To contemplate truth and to share with others the fruits of this contemplation." It bases its educational philosophy on the four pillars of Dominican life: prayer, study, ministry, and community.

Nine years ago, it adopted a core curriculum based on those pillars, with students required each year to take a three-credit seminar course on one of four related subjects: "What Is Human Nature?", "What Is the Common Good?", "What Is Justice?", and "What Truths Have We Learned?" In addition to the seminar, lectures and other campus activities are scheduled to reflect one of the themes.

This year, "What Is Justice?" is the main theme, mainly because of the upcoming appearance of Wil Haygood, a Columbus resident and former ODU student who is returning to the university on Thursday, Sept. 12, to launch his book *The Butler*, an expanded version of a series of stories he wrote for *The Washington Post* about Eugene Allen, a White House butler who served eight presidents. The stories inspired the recent motion picture of the same name, starring Oprah Winfrey and Forest Whitaker, which was the most popular movie in the nation for two straight weeks.

"Education, especially a Catholic education, is more than learning a bunch of facts and coming out in four years with a piece of paper," said Theresa Holle-



Sister Joan Franks, OP, vice president for mission and identity, at Ohio Dominican's "Spirit of the Springs" statue.

ran, ODU vice president for academic affairs. "It's there to make you look at the big questions, to consider human nature, our place in the universe, our relationships to God and to each other. That's what our seminars are all about. They take students from different disciplines, allowing them to see things in different ways, examine those different views, and grow."

Ohio Dominican's athletic program has mirrored its academic changes, with the university's introduction of football in 2004, that program's success, and ODU's subsequent move from the NAIA to the NCAA all helping raise its profile among sports fans and the general public. The football team finished 8-3 last year and is expected to have another strong season in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, considered by many to be the strongest league in Division II.

ODU offers eight men's and eight women's sports and has about 400 student-athletes, 60 percent of whom surpassed a 3.0 GPA last year. The 2012-13 women's basketball team led the way with a cumulative 3.699 GPA, a mark unmatched by any other college in the NCAA's three divisions or the NAIA. "And they were competitive on the floor," Cimbolic said. "I'm more proud of that than of anything you can imagine."

Cimbolic often describes ODU as an "unapologetically Catholic" university. Helping it continue to be that way is Sis-

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ter Joan Franks, OP, who recently was appointed as the university's vice president for mission and identity, succeeding the late Sister Catherine Colby, OP.

Sister Joan first came to what was then St. Mary of the Springs College in 1959 and has been on campus at various times in each of the subsequent six decades. Her longest tenure at ODU came when she was a philosophy teacher from 1995-2005. She held the same position at a seminary and a university in Kenya for three years before coming back to Columbus in July.

"Every time I come back, it seems the campus has grown again," she said. "I think we had three buildings and a motherhouse when I came here the first time." In the nine years since she was last at the university, the Battelle Hall construction and St. Albert Hall renovation have been completed and a student center named for retired Bishop (and interim ODU president) James Griffin has opened. As part of a strategic plan finalized in 2012, the university cafeteria is being remodeled, plans for renovation of the campus theater are being discussed, and other long-range changes are being considered.

"My job is to make sure the students, faculty, and staff understand what it means to be a Catholic university and to be faithful to the vision of Christ and the spirit of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*," Sister Joan said, referring to Pope John Paul II's apostolic constitution issued in 1990 regarding Catholic institutions of higher learning.

"I'm in an ongoing conversation with everyone here, including the president, about our mission, reminding them to seriously take into consideration the church's position and to stay faithful to it while also presenting other positions.

"One of the great things about us is that because we are a Catholic univer-

sity following the Catholic tradition, no topic is forbidden. We don't have to be as constrained as some public institutions, where talk of religion is something that's discouraged. Here, we're totally free to examine and proclaim our dignity as human beings created in God's image," she said.

It's a freedom that's important to Chris Liebold, an ODU senior from Fremont. "As someone who's always been very involved in the church, I love the fact that I can 'talk Catholic' in class," he said. "You realize how Catholic social teaching applies to so much of your life and to public policy, in things like environmentalism and paying attention to the poor. It really makes you appreciate the church and what it stands for."

"I went to Mass with my parents every Sunday, but I was probably like most Catholic students and didn't pay a whole lot of attention to the faith," said Kelly Litt, a senior from Mansfield. "But my eyes were opened through things like the seminars.

"I found myself on a search which ultimately strengthened my faith. I became closer to Catholic tradition. That led me into things like going on a mission trip to El Salvador for a service project. I also had a chance to study in Rome. I would have felt lost on a larger campus, but this was perfect for me because it allowed me to be on a first-name basis with everybody, even the president," she said.

"This wasn't where I expected to go, but I found out about it at a track meet and wanted to stay in track in college, so I came here. Now I wouldn't want to go anywhere else," said Malik Tuck, a junior from Medina. "You have a new, great home for four years, you get a great education, everyone knows you, and you feel you're in a community full of big brothers and big sisters. Everyone has your back."

Job fair at St. Paul Church

The Stewardship Employment Ministry will sponsor its 11th job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St.

The ministry was founded in 2008 and follows Christian principles of stewardship and charity in its use of prayer, education, training, and networking to help people who suffer from joblessness or impending joblessness or find themselves underemployed.

Nearly 900 people have become gainfully employed as a direct result of the ministry's programs, said its founder, Thomas Nann. Its most recent job

fair took place in April, drawing 23 companies and resulting in employment for 66 people.

Besides conducting job fairs twice a year, the ministry conducts weekly educational and networking meetings at several parishes in the Columbus area and has a website where resumes and job offerings may be posted.

Employers wishing to participate in the October job fair are asked to contact Nann at tnannsem@gmail.com. More information about the Stewardship Employment Ministry is available at its website, www.stewardshipemploy.org.

Walsh University's Gaudium Symposium explores Vatican Council's vision of joy and hope

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), Walsh University in North Canton will present the *Gaudium* Symposium, an exploration of the council's vision of joy and hope for humanity. The event is named for *Gaudium et Spes* (Joy and Hope), one of the defining documents of the council, which was designed to bring the spiritual and intellectual resources of the Catholic tradition to bear on the most pressing social, economic, and political challenges of today's world.

The lectures will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are free and open to the public, and free parking is available.

Dates, subjects speakers, and sites are as follows:

Monday, Sept. 9 -- The Challenge of Atheism

Dr. Andrew Kim, in the Barrette Business Center, Room C.

Wednesday, Oct. 2 -- Marriage and the Family


Dr. Donald Wallenfang, in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel.

Monday, Nov. 4 -- The Role of the Church in the Modern World


Dr. Joe Torma, in the Barrette Business Center, Room C.

This special series is part of the Walsh University Lifelong Learning Academy. The academy's programs are recognized by the dioceses of Youngstown and Cleveland for religious education credit. The academy also will make inquiries to other dioceses for students seeking credit.

For more information, email cseeman@walsh.edu or visit www.walsh.edu.



The Center for Dominican Studies Presents



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Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies will host a four-week series on spirituality. Presenters will explore several aspects of spirituality in our times through the lens of both peace and justice.

Mark your calendar. Each event will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m.:

- **Sept. 26:** Spiritual but not Religious: What's the meaning?
- **Oct. 10:** Spirituality Only on Sunday: Is that all there is?
- **Oct. 17:** Dominican Spirituality: How is it unique?
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Admission is free but registration is requested. Questions? Call 614-251-4722.

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Online university 'reignites enthusiasm' for faith, says its president

By Betty Ellen Walter/Catholic News Service

Catholic Distance University's programs "reignite a passion for being Catholic," said Marianne Evans Mount, president of the online university, based in Hamilton, Va.

"Many Catholics have advanced degrees in their professional fields, but they're operating at a third-grade level when it comes to their faith," she said, adding that the university provides "an education that is textured, deep, and transformational."

Students from all 50 states and 60 nations have earned degrees from Catholic Distance University or taken its courses and seminars.

It was founded on Aug. 22, 1983, as the Catholic Home Study Institute, educating exclusively through distance education and using correspondence courses to educate the laity.

The university has evolved into a nationally accredited, U.S. Department of Education-recognized institution of higher education. It offers three degree programs: a master's in theology, a bachelor's degree completion program in theology, and an associate's degree in liberal arts, with a concentration in Catholic studies.

"Our reach is worldwide," Mount said. "For example, we are working with a religious community of sisters in Nigeria and we've just completed a pilot project with the Archdiocese of Dublin."

Bishop Paul S. Loverde of the Diocese of Arlington, Va., chairman of the board of trustees, said the university is "committed to handing on the authentic teachings of the church, the Catholic intellectual tradition, and our rich cultural heritage as Catholics" and "reaches people at all stages of life and circumstances at their convenience."

Nearly 1,000 students are enrolled in courses and seminars. Classes range from basic introductory courses in the Bible, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, canon law, church history, and Catholic theology to classes that reintroduce students to the time when Jesus walked the earth.

Courses and seminars also include catechetical classes to fulfill continuing education requirements for volunteer catechists at parishes and for employees of Catholic dioceses. Students include deacons, as well as young men and women in formation for religious life who lack a background in fundamental theology.

The school partners with the dioceses of Brooklyn, N.Y., Grand Rapids, Mich., Toledo, Ohio, and Arlington, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services to provide education and catechetical formation to the laity.

"Our diocesan partners see us as experts in online faith formation, encouraging and supporting continuing education for busy Catholics working in the world, for parents, and those who assume leadership roles in parishes and dioceses," Mount said.

George Barlow of Binghamton, N.Y., is one such student. After serving in the Army from 1973 to 1975, Barlow earned an associate's degree at Broome Community College in 1978, followed by a career as a city police officer. At the time of his retirement in 2006, he was the confirmation instructor for two Catholic churches in his community.

"I saw Dr. Mount on EWTN, and she was talking

about a new class on the revised Catholic catechism," he said. "At that moment, I said, 'Sign me up.'"

Barlow is now three courses shy of earning a catechetical diploma from Catholic Distance University.

Students find the school appealing because they can fit course work into a busy lifestyle.

"I can drive an hour north or an hour south to find a Catholic college, but why would I do that if I can take a CDU class in my own home?" Barlow said. "The professors are excellent, and I like that the teaching focuses not just on the 'what,' but on the 'why.' This is very helpful to me when I am in front of high-school students discussing something in the news that they think is cool, but is totally against our beliefs as Catholics."

The school's typical student works full time or has a family that is home-centered, caring for young children or elderly parents. The average age is 45.

The common thread in the curriculum is the online campus -- www.cdu.edu -- and course rooms connected through the Internet. Students choose the format and length of study. Online group courses are similar to what is offered at traditional universities, with classes beginning in September, January, and May. During the 12 weeks of instruction, students log into their course rooms at their convenience to complete assignments.

New approach to teaching math at ODU

Ohio Dominican University mathematics students are taking a new approach to learn material as they never have before.

Dr. Anna Davis, associate professor of mathematics at ODU (pictured), has developed a cutting-edge interactive database concept, titled *txt-ure*, which is aimed to make the teaching process more effective and efficient while making education more affordable. The name is derived from combining the words "text" and "lecture."

"Personalized education and face-to-face interaction between faculty and students is at the heart of this approach," Davis said. "In addition, *txt-ure* enhances the traditional classroom experience by utilizing the internet, social media, and video."

Davis said *txt-ure*, when fully implemented, could allow small colleges and universities to offer additional academic opportunities while keeping the cost of education down. Often, specialty classes cannot be offered on a consistent basis because of low enrollment. Utilizing *txt-ure* could eliminate that problem, as it allows professors to conduct several small classes in the same classroom at the same time.

Students still attend class in a traditional setting; however, each "class" includes groups of students enrolled in different courses. Within these groups, students discuss the material and solve problems, while the professor is available to answer questions. "Last semester, I had eight students in one course and two students in another course in the same classroom," said Davis. "We dubbed this our one-room schoolhouse (ORS)."

The ORS approach utilizes the flipped-classroom model, in which students complete reading assignments, practice problems and watch videos on their own, and at-



Courses are interactive and the professor posts questions and answers in a discussion area that can be viewed by all. Many courses come with audio and graphics, and online materials are available at any time.

Three-week online interactive seminars offer intense learning over a short period of time. Online on-demand independent study courses allow students to enroll at any time and work at their own pace, with automated testing under a course instructor's direction.

"Our faith is under attack in the secular culture; Catholics who live their faith are sometimes portrayed as simple, uninformed, or even irrational," Mount said. "A lot of Catholics who lack a rational understanding at an adult level for the teachings of the church end up walking away from the faith."

"Others who do not continue to nourish their faith and deepen their knowledge gradually begin to struggle with the demands of the moral teachings of the church. Rather than becoming evangelizers of the culture, as (Blessed) John Paul II challenged us, we become evangelized by the culture."

Catholic Distance University "reignites enthusiasm for being Catholic and turns armchair Catholics into true and fearless apostles," Mount added. "That's something worth being excited about."

tend class, where they discuss the material and get help from the professor and peers. By utilizing *txt-ure*, students work from an electronic textbook that includes links to videos of the professor discussing and explaining concepts and examples. It also incorporates a database component, which ultimately will house videos produced by professors in a variety of disciplines. These videos may be shared with students who are studying a variety of subjects.

"The new class setup is very time efficient," student Gillian Roth said. "With my busy schedule, it has made learning easier for me because I can watch lessons on my own time and go back to study and review them at any time. I have plenty of time in class to work on homework and get any help that I need with a group of classmates or one-on-one with my professor."

"In a typical classroom lecture, I do not have enough time to think of and formulate questions regarding the material," said student Anna Vonau. "Many times, I would leave a lecture with confidence in my knowledge of the material, only to get to the problem sets and struggle with applying the material. The flipped model has allowed me to learn the basic material before coming to class and work on problem sets during class time, with my professor and peers at easy access for questions and collaboration."

"My focus has completely shifted from preparing and delivering lectures to providing constant feedback and one-on-one attention to students," Davis said. "Students are much more engaged and develop a better understanding of the material when they are collaborating with their peers under the guidance of their professor."

For more about *txt-ure*, visit www.txt-ure.com.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Being a disciple demands a difficult decision



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Wisdom 9:13-18b
Philemon 9:10,12-17
Luke 14:25-33

The book of Wisdom was written in Greek, probably in the first century BC, even as late as 50 BC, according to some scholars. This is true despite the fact that it claims to be the Wisdom of Solomon, who lived nearly 1,000 years earlier.

It is thought that it was written for Greek-speaking Jews in the Egyptian city of Alexandria, which was a hub of great learning at the time. The author, similar to last week's work from Sirach, was trying to insist that Jewish wisdom was a valuable source for living, even in a city as culturally diverse as Alexandria.

The basic point is incontestable, that no one can know what the Lord God intends. We humans are incapable of it. Our minds are changing constantly, and even our bodies burden our souls, as any of us who are aging quickly can readily attest. For all that we do know, the honest among us know how much more there will always be to know. Yet, with the help of God's spirit, we at least are able to discern how we should act on earth.

This leads us to consider the Gospel passage which includes Jesus' instruction on the cost of discipleship. The severity of the cost includes "hating father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even one's own life." In addition, "whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." The severity of these demands merits further consideration.

Interpreters stress that discipleship requires a total commitment on the part of one who would be a dis-

ciple. The idea of "hating" one's family members seems so severe that we have to take a closer look. It is technically called a 'Hebraism.' In a similar passage in Matthew 10:37, we find the variance "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

The original saying of Jesus was in the Aramaic language, which would have been literally "to hate" all the various people. Here again, we are presented with the difficulty of the translation process and how difficult and often inaccurate a literal translation is. Matthew conveys the actual meaning of Jesus' words by translating them as he did. Luke sticks to an original harsh saying in order to preserve the literal saying of Jesus, which does not convey its meaning.

On the other hand, many argue that Matthew has softened the originally very difficult saying of Jesus about discipleship. Some think that Jesus often states something that immediately catches our attention, but fills in details (or not) later. The meaning may be that the disciple has to be ready to abandon all those close to him or her, in the unthinkable situation that they would be opposed to Jesus themselves.

The parables which follow are meant to illustrate the sayings. The one who wants to build a tower has first to assess the cost before the first stone is set in place. All the variables have to be considered before any other action can take place. Decision-making is an involved process, but success demands nothing less.

The same thing is involved if any leader ponders going to war. That leader must first assess how many are available to fight and what equipment there is available. Then the leader must assess the strength of the enemy. The whole thing demands assessment before engagement with the enemy.

Being a disciple of Jesus demands the same difficulty in deciding whether to abandon one's things and one's very self in order to become a disciple. The decision is never easy.

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Founders of Faith program

Somerset St. Joseph Church, the oldest Catholic church in Ohio, will be hosting its annual Founders of Faith program on the origins of Catholicism in Ohio on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15.

The program, sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, is for anyone aged 11 or older who is registered in Boy or Girl Scouting or Camp Fire programs in the Diocese of Columbus.

The program begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, concludes with Mass at 8 a.m. the following day, and includes overnight camping Friday and Saturday at the church grounds on State Route 383.

It features talks, meals, games, gravestone rubbing, and a tour of the church's museum. In each of four

programs, discussion will focus on the stories of pioneer leaders who brought Catholicism to the Ohio wilderness in the early 1800s.

A fee of \$23 per person covers meals, an emblem to be awarded at the end of the weekend, and other supplies.

Participants will need to bring their own tents, sleeping gear, and water bottle or camp cup. All other dining utensils will be supplied.

For more information, go to the Catholic Committee on Scouting website at www.cdeducation.org/oym/dccs and click on the "Founders of Faith" link, or call Chuck Lamb at (614) 882-7806.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Colossians 1:24-2:3
Psalm 62:6-7,9
Luke 6:6-11

TUESDAY
Colossians 2:6-15
Psalm 145:1-2,8-11
Luke 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY
Colossians 3:1-11
Psalm 145:2-3,10-13
Luke 6:20-26

THURSDAY
Colossians 3:12-17
Psalm 150:1-6
Luke 6:27-38

FRIDAY
1 Timothy 1:2,12-14
Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,11
Luke 6:39-42

SATURDAY
Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 78:1-2,34-38
John 3:13-17

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 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 III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Living inside the Bible



THE CATHOLIC
DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

The village of Pasierbiec is in the south of Poland, about 30 miles from the old royal capital of Krakow. Its church, the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation, is full of *votum* gifts testifying to favors received through the intercession of the basilica's namesake. (The church itself reminds me of a comment Pope John Paul II's secretary, now-Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, once made when we were looking at a photo album of new churches in Nowa Huta, the mill town built by Polish communists outside Cracow: "*Tropo* [Too much] Corbusier ...").

Outside the church, the priests and people of Pasierbiec have done something quite remarkable, however: They've recently constructed a stunning, contemporary *Via Crucis*, in which figures from modern Polish Catholic history are "inserted" into the traditional Stations of the Cross. The bronzes themselves are well-done, but what is particularly striking about the Pasierbiec *Via Crucis* is the idea that animates these sculptures—the idea that we can, and should, imagine ourselves living inside the biblical story. Or, if you prefer, the Pasierbiec *Via Crucis* is a powerful invitation to look at the world around us, including recent history, through lenses ground by biblical faith.

Some examples of this optic at work at Pasierbiec:

In the depiction of the fifth station, it is Blessed John Paul II, not Simon of Cyrene, who helps Jesus carry the cross.

At the sixth station, Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, the martyr-priest of Solidarity, relieves Jesus of some of the weight of the Cross while Veronica wipes the Holy Face. The message Father Jerzy preached during martial law in Poland—"overcome evil with good"—is

inscribed on the Cross.

At the seventh station, the second fall, the Lord is supported by Father Franciszek Blachnicki, founder of the Oasis youth movement in which tens of thousands of young Poles were catechized during holiday camping trips.

At the eighth station, where Jesus traditionally meets the women of Jerusalem, he now meets Stanislaw Leszczynska and Stefania Lacka, prisoners who rescued children born in the Auschwitz concentration camp.

At the ninth station, the third fall, the priest comforting the Lord is Blessed Roman Sitka, rector of the local seminary in Tarnow and a concentration camp prisoner (like several thousand Polish priests).

At the 10th station, Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, primate of Poland during the first 33 years of communist rule, holds the clothes being stripped from Jesus—an image that evokes memories of the cardinal being stripped of his freedom and his dignity during three years of house arrest.

Viewed close-up, the soldiers nailing Jesus to the Cross are obviously Roman; from a distance, their

helmets are eerily reminiscent of the familiar SS helmets of World War II.

And at the 14th station, two contemporary Polish martyrs witness the entombment of the Crucified One: Father Jan Czuba, martyred in the Congo, and Father Zbigniew Strzalkowski, martyred in Peru.

The dedication of this shrine, which reflects a thoroughly contemporary biblical faith, was led by the archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal Joachim Meisner, who once told me that German martyrs, not German theologians, would be the foundation on which Christianity in 21st-century Germany would be rebuilt after the horrors of the 20th century. Meisner's presence at the dedication was a powerful sign of the German-Polish reconciliation sought by Wyszynski and Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II, at the end of the Second Vatican Council. It also embodied the German prelate's conviction that Tertullian's second-century insight remains true, 18 centuries later: *Sanguis martyrum semen christianorum* (the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church).

The post-modern world is a wilderness of mirrors in which nothing is stable. Even maleness and femaleness, two "givens" throughout recorded human history, are now regarded as "cultural constructs" to be altered at will. Reason alone seems unable to offer a powerful antidote to a post-mod culture of unreality. To see the world around us from "inside" the biblical story of the human condition can be a reality check. It's one our culture and society badly need these days.

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St. Timothy Bible Camp



Columbus St. Timothy Church conducted its annual Bible camp on Sunday, July 28. It was led by the St. Timothy Revolution Youth, directed by Karen McGirty, and was directed by the parish's summer seminarian, Pushkar Baum. The theme was "Go Forth to All Nations." Photo courtesy St. Timothy Church

Pray for our dead

ABRAHAM, Charles T., Sept. 1
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

BALMERT, Frank, 91, Aug. 24
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

CARNEY, Paul L., 88, Aug. 31
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

CARPENTER, William G., 82, Aug. 26
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

CHAFIN, Philip A., 52, Aug. 28
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

CLANCY, Florence A., 88, Aug. 24
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

CLIFFORD, Lori L., 44, Aug. 24
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

DODSON, Charlene, 69, Aug. 22
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

DUPLINSKY, Helen, 93, Aug. 25
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

FLEMING, Catherine, 81, formerly of Columbus, Aug. 27
St. Ignatius Loyola Cathedral, Palm Beach, Fla.

GARBUGLIO, Frank, 82, Aug. 25
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

GARDNER, Mary C., 82, Aug. 27
Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark

GERLACH, Joseph M., 44, Aug. 31
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

GONDA, Edith J., 95, Aug. 28
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

GRANADOS, Antonio Jr., Aug. 27
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

GRZESKOWIAK, Harry, 74, Aug. 27
St. Joseph Church, Plain City

HOSTENSKE, Charles W., 66, Aug. 28
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

JOHNSON, Mary C., 77, Aug. 29
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KELLY, Laura C., 47, Aug. 26
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

MCCRADY, Scott R., 45, Aug. 21
St. Joseph Church, Sugar Grove

MCDONALD, James E., 81, Aug. 29
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

McGEE, Jeannette M., 84, Aug. 22
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

MOORE, Theresa A., 69, Aug. 26
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

MUIRHEAD, David M., 54, Sept. 1
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

PERONA, Sara J., 79, Aug. 31
St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House

REEB, Ralph J., 51, Aug. 29
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

SCHIRTZINGER, Patricia L., 80, Sept. 1
Holy Family Church, Columbus

SCHREIBER, Frances, 83, Aug. 27
St. Paul Church, Westerville

TROUT, Barbara, 76, Aug. 28
Holy Family Church, Columbus

WALLACE, Kathleen, 76, Aug. 25
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

WOLLENBERG, Rodney L., 85, Aug. 31
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

Patricia Carr

Funeral Mass for Patricia Carr, 82, who died Monday, Aug. 26, was held Friday, Aug. 30, at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church.

She was born May 17, 1931, in Columbus, to John and Mildred (Enright) Burns.

She was a graduate of St. Mary of the Springs High School in Columbus and received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from The Ohio State University, then taught kindergarten at Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem and Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare schools and in the Columbus and Dublin school systems. She also operated the Compu-Kids learning

center.

She was a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and of Delta Delta Delta sorority. At the time of her death, she and her husband, Dr. Richard Carr, lived in State College, Pa., where they were members of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by brothers, Lawrence and Dennis. Survivors include her husband; son, Breton; daughters, Kitsy (Tom) Fisher, Melissa (Ken) Merritt, and Alison (Davin) Carr-Chellman; sister, Nancy Rioux; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Deborah D. Pop

Funeral Mass for Deborah D. Pop, 59, who died Tuesday, Aug. 20, was held Thursday, Aug. 22, at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church. Burial was at Glen Rest Cemetery, Reynoldsburg.

She was assistant secretary at Colum-

bus Holy Spirit School for 18 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tony and Ethel Tarquinto; and a brother, Guy. Survivors include her husband, Eddie; son, Brian; daughter, Alicia; one grandson; and two granddaughters.

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SEPTEMBER

5, THURSDAY

Cradling Christianity Dinner at St. Charles
6:30 p.m., Walter Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Eighth annual Cradling Christianity dinner to raise funds for tuition assistance to Christian students in the Holy Land. Speaker; Bishop Frank Dewane of Venice, Fla. Preceded by Mass at 5:30 in college chapel. **614-459-5676**

6, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.
Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.
Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Meeting
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, with Bobby Wil-

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call Deacon Steve DeMers at 614-224-6530 or 800-511-0584.

'Happenings' submissions

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liams, founder of the Women's Care Center Foundation. Details at www.columbuscatholicmen.com.

St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of piroggi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods. **614-882-7578**

Bishop Campbell Blesses Run the Race Center
6 p.m., Run the Race Center, 880 S. Wayne Ave., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell blesses new home of Run the Race Club after-school program for young people in the Franklinton and Hilltop neighborhoods.

All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; prayer until 11:30 p.m.; private prayer until 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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

6-8, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Silent Retreat for Men at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Silent weekend retreat for men, sponsored by Catholic Laymen's Retreat League, directed by Father Mark Ghiloni. Theme: "Letting God Find Us in Our Daily Lives." **614-855-2105 or 614-268-0175**

St. Charles Combined Class Reunion
St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Combined class reunion, featuring classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, and 2008. Friday: all-classes stag beer-and-brats gathering in Walter Commons, football game against Columbus Eastmoor, class photos, "state of the school" update by principal James Lower. Saturday: ride along Alum Creek Bike Trail, 9 a.m., campus tour, 3 to 4:15 p.m., all-classes Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel, 4:30 p.m. Sunday: alumni golf outing, Riviera Country Club, 8205 Avery Road, Dublin. **614-252-9288, extension 21**

7, SATURDAY

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. **614-861-4888**
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. **614-512-3731**
Filipino Mass at Holy Cross
7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. **614-224-3416**

8, SUNDAY

Catholic Record Society Meeting
2 p.m., Parish hall, Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Catholic Record Society quarterly meeting, with Denison University philosophy professor

Anthony Lisska speaking on "The Triumvirate of 19th-Century Dominican Leadership: Kelly, Kearney, and McKenna." **614-241-2571**

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

Anti-Violence Prayer Service at de Porres Center
6 to 7 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Prayer service to end violence in central Ohio, sponsored by the Columbus Faith Coalition. **614-416-1910**
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**

9, MONDAY

Aquinas Alumni Luncheon
11 a.m., TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, Holy Family Jubilee Museum, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.
Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass. **614-406-2939**

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church.) **614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**
Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. **614-459-2766**

10, TUESDAY

'Encourage' Support Group Mass and Meeting
6 p.m. Mass, followed by 7 p.m. meeting of a new Columbus-area Catholic organization providing solace, support, and counsel for parents and relatives of those with a same-sex attraction. **614-372-5249**

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. **740-653-4919**

11, WEDNESDAY

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. **614-416-1910**
Blue Mass at St. Timothy
5 p.m., St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus. Annual Blue Mass honoring first responders and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell and sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 14345. **614-451-2671**
Shepherd's Corner 'Reconnect with Earth' Study Group
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. First meeting of "Reconnect with Earth" study group, exploring how values and beliefs affect the way we treat the earth. Also meets on Sept. 18 and Oct. 9, 16, 23, and 30. **614-866-4302**

12, THURSDAY

DivorceCare for Kids Support Group at St. Matthew
6:30 to 8 p.m., Spirit Room, St. Matthew Church, 807 Ha-

vens Corners Road, Gahanna. First meeting of 12-week DivorceCare for Kids support group to help children ages five to 12 heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce. Contact mmelaragno_sopcc@um.att.com or jwright.sopcc@gmail.com.

Single and Parenting Support Group at St. Matthew
6:30 to 8 p.m., Counseling center, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. First meeting of 12-week Single and Parenting support group offering answers to important questions single parents face every day. **614-442-7650, extension 3**
PDHC Annual Fundraising Banquet in Columbus
6:30 to 9 p.m., Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. Pregnancy Decision Health Centers annual fundraising banquet, featuring Peggy Hartshorn, president of Heartbeat International. **614-888-8744**

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. Speaker: Jake Tawney of liturgy website Roma Locuta Est on "Virtue: Changing the Way We Think About Moral Questions." **614-390-8653**

Discussion with Wil Haygood at Ohio Dominican

7 p.m., Matesich Theater, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Discussion on the writing process with former ODU student Wil Haygood, author of book "The Butler," and Steve Reiss, his former editor at The Washington Post, followed by book signing and reception. Reserved seating at www.ohiodominican.edu/HaygoodEvent.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Holy Cross
7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Father Ramon Owerla, CFIC. **614-531-3682**

13, FRIDAY

Catholic Social Services Breakfast with the Bishop
7:30 to 9:15 a.m., Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 N. High St., Columbus. Catholic Social Services annual Breakfast with the Bishop, with talks by Bishop Frederick Campbell and Matt Swaim of St. Gabriel Radio's Son Rise Morning Show on "Technology and Its Effect on Faith and Today's Society." **614-221-5891**

PDHC Annual Fundraising Banquet in Lancaster
6:30 to 9 p.m., Fairfield Christian Church, 1965 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Pregnancy Decision Health Centers annual fundraising banquet, featuring Peggy Hartshorn, president of Heartbeat International. **614-888-8744**

13-15, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Engaged Encounter Weekend
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Engaged Encounter marriage preparation weekend for all couples who are engaged or considering marriage. Register at www.engaged.org.

14, SATURDAY

Columbus Courage Chapter Day of Recollection
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Five Porticos, Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Annual day of recollection sponsored by Columbus chapter of Courage, a Catholic organization which helps those with a same-sex attraction live chase lives. Presenter: Msgr. Eugene Morris, director of sacred liturgy, Pontifical College Josephinum. Topic: "Chaste Living Through the Sacramental Graces." **614-372-5249**

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Meeting

Bobby Williams, founder of the Women's Care Center Foundation, will speak at the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club's monthly meeting on Friday, Sept. 6, at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

The Women's Care Center Foundation supports the largest organization of Catholic-based pregnancy resource centers in the United States, which includes two locations in Columbus. Williams will tell the story of his faith journey, which led him to sell his com-

pany so he could dedicate his energy and resources to the centers.

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

The club meets on the first Friday of every month except January, July, and August. For more information on the club or other activities of Columbus Catholic Men, go to www.columbus-catholicmen.com.

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New programs available at Walsh University

In response to emerging demand, Walsh University in North Canton is offering a master of business administration degree program with a specialty in entrepreneurship. Undergraduate students now can minor in entrepreneurship.

Other new majors at the university include environmental science, exercise science, graphic design, pre-physical therapy, pre-occupational therapy, and Spanish for health care.

In addition to the new programs available, faculty members at Walsh work with students to help them have meaningful internships in their chosen field of study and participate in global learning opportunities that are available in Rome, Uganda, Tanzania, and many other international locations.

The new program in entrepreneurship refines business leadership skills while developing ethics founded upon Judeo-Christian ideals and sound business practices. Graduates are able to quickly access problems and create viable and sustainable solutions in any context.

The environmental science major studies the effects of how pollution sources such as humans and industry impact na-

ture and the environment. Students will work to discover new ways to conserve and improve the use of natural resources and energy while using the current technologies of the profession.

An exercise science degree prepares students to work as a fitness instructor, personal or athletic trainer, or coach. The exercise science major is also an alternative route to a degree in physical therapy and occupational therapy.

Students majoring in graphic design will become technically competent, develop creative problem-solving skills, and create a professional portfolio that will help them begin their careers.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, demand for physical therapists will increase 39 percent by 2020. The pre-physical therapy program prepares students for a career as a physical therapist. Walsh also offers a graduate program in which students may pursue a doctorate in physical therapy.

The Labor Department says careers in the occupational therapy field are expected to increase by one-third in the next decade. Students majoring in psychology and interested in a career as an



occupational therapist with the intent to pursue a master's degree in occupational therapy can major in pre-occupational therapy. For students interested in postgraduate studies in this area, Walsh expects to offer a graduate program for eligible students to pursue a master of science degree in occupational therapy, starting in the fall of 2014.

As the nation's Hispanic population increases, the demand for Spanish-speaking health care providers grows. According to the U.S. Census Bureau,

the United States is the fifth largest Spanish-speaking country in the world.

The Spanish for health care major will produce bilingual health care providers. The benefits of care providers who speak the same language as the patient include greater patient understanding of diagnoses and treatment, and a better recovery. The new major also will help graduates pursue careers or graduate programs in nursing, dentistry, physical therapy, health care administration, or other medical fields.

Curriculum revision at University of Dayton

The University of Dayton is launching the first major revision to its undergraduate curriculum in more than 20 years. The university's Catholic, Marianist educational outcomes and core values are at the center of the new curriculum, which integrates the human aspect into every discipline and major.

For example, a sophomore engineering course, "Engineering Innovation and the Human Condition," brings together engineering, sociology, and philosophy to explore the effects and the ethical dimensions of inventions such as the automobile on society.

A new oral communication course is geared not to making speeches, but engaging in civil dialogue and discourse with others. The new curriculum was developed over six years, 45 new full-time faculty members were hired to help launch it, and more than 170 professors have developed more than 50 pilot courses.



"We did not merely tinker with or tweak what we already have," said Joseph Saliba, university provost. "We are building a new educational structure that will be a major feature of our identity as a university for years to come. If one of the purposes of a major is to prepare students for a career, the central purpose of the Common Academic Program is to prepare them for life."

Enrollment is rapidly growing at Notre Dame College

Notre Dame College, located in South Euclid, is a Catholic, coeducational, career-focused liberal arts college known for small class sizes and personalized attention for students.

The college offers more than 30 academic programs at the associate's, bachelor's and master's degree level in education, business, science, arts and humanities and nursing. Weekend, adult, and online classes are available and are popular options to the traditional on-campus experience.

New online programs include an accelerated RN-to-BSN program; master's degree programs in education and educational leadership; a teacher education evening licensure program; fourth- and fifth-grade endorsement; and bachelor's degree programs in education, early childhood education license, and mild/moderate intervention specialist license.

Also online, Notre Dame now offers a bachelor's degree in business administration with a management concen-

tration; a bachelor's in psychology; a master's in security policy studies; a graduate certificate in security policy studies; a certificate in competitive (business) intelligence; and a certificate in intelligence analysis.

A signature program is the Academic Support Center for Students with Learning Differences, an advocacy program for students diagnosed with ADD, ADHD, or dyslexia -- a group traditionally underserved in post-secondary education.

The ASC has been recognized nationally by Milestones (a national organization on autism/Asperger's), the International Dyslexia Association, and the Learning Disabilities Foundation of America.

Since Dr. Andrew P. Roth became university president in 2003, Notre Dame College has become one of the finest small, Catholic, residential, liberal arts colleges in the Great Lakes region. Total enrollment has grown in the past 10 years from 875 to 2,150.

Mount Carmel College Celebrating 110 Years of Excellence

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This year marks an exciting milestone for Mount Carmel College of Nursing in Columbus, as the Catholic institution of higher education celebrates its 110th anniversary.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross, recognizing that a professional program for educating nurses was critical to health care in the Columbus area, founded what originally was known as the Mount Carmel School of Nursing opened in September 1903. The first class of 13 members graduated in 1906.

In 1990, the school became a college, with its first bachelor's degrees conferred in 1994. The vision and inspiration to enhance Mount Carmel nursing education continued. Today, the college is among the largest baccalaureate nursing programs in Ohio and continues to experience record enrollment, with more than 1,100 undergraduate and graduate students.

In 2003, Mount Carmel initiated a master of science degree program, which now offers tracks in the specialties of adult health, nursing education, nursing administration, family nurse practitioner, and adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner. In 2004, the college opened its center for learning and education, housing state-of-the-art library, clinical, and classroom facilities.

To serve the expanding student population, new on-campus student apartments opened in 2007. One year later, Mount Carmel established its first satellite nursing education program at Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster.

A state-of-the-art clinical skills and simulation center was unveiled in 2012. The center is a collaboration between the college and Mount Carmel Medical Education to benefit students, medical residents,

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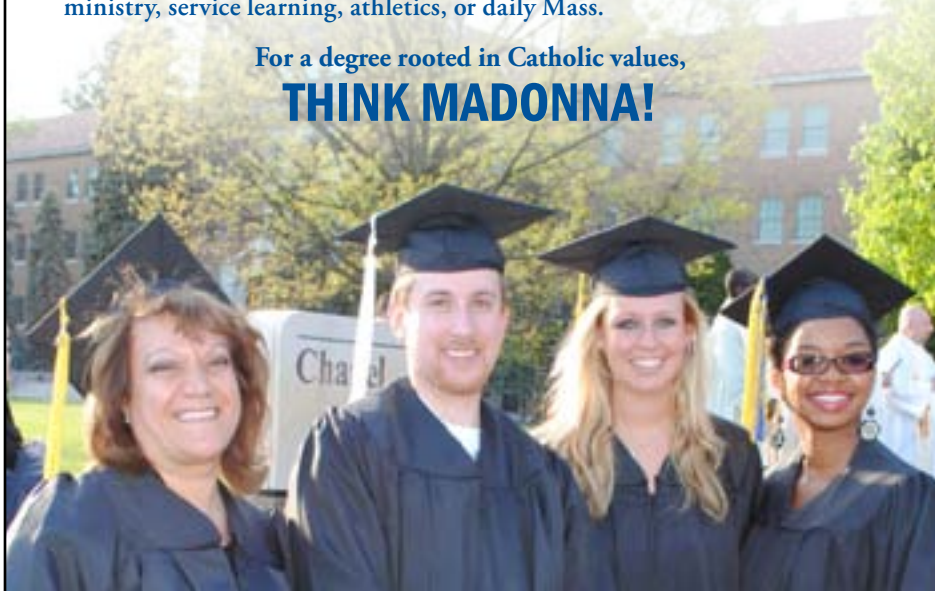


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Additional innovative programs include a highly popular online registered nurse-bachelor of science in nursing degree completion program, and, launching next year, a new online master’s track in nursing education.

After 110 years of educational excellence providing more than 6,000 dedicated and compassionate nursing graduates, Mount Carmel College of Nursing continues its mission to improve the health care and lives of individuals and the community.

To learn more about its undergraduate and graduate programs, visit www.mccn.edu or call (614) 234-5800.



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