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CELEBRATES YEAR OF FAITH**

The Editor's Notebook

Harvest Time

By David Garick, Editor



The seasonal clock has taken a big turn this week. We have passed the autumnal equinox, nights are getting longer, days are getting shorter. The air has taken on quite a chill, especially at night. We were greeted a few days ago with a splendid full moon – the harvest moon.

Harvest time was very significant for our ancestors. This was the time for the payoff of the year's hard labor. Crops were ready to be brought in and stored or sold. It was a time to gauge how well we had done with our resources over the past year and hopefully to celebrate our accomplishments.

Modern society has lost much of that natural rhythm. Except for the relatively small number of us who work in agriculture, our calendar is no longer tied to a seasonal harvest. But we do still need to occasionally take a serious look at how we are doing with the resources entrusted to us. I am not talking about simply material resources, although that may comprise part of it. Rather, I am thinking in terms of what our Lord spoke of in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25: 14-30).

We know the story well. A master entrusts various amounts of money to three servants expecting them to use that money to make a profit for him. Two of the servants successfully double the amount given to them and they receive praise from the master. The third, out of fear, buried the money and then returned the original amount to the master. He was not praised for his conservative handling

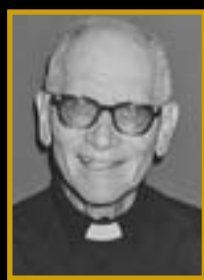
of the money but castigated because he had allowed fear to paralyze him and keep him from earning a return on the money.

The Lord has entrusted lots of things to us: money, natural talents, spiritual gifts, and the saving truth of the gospel. He expects us not just to conserve these things but to grow them. At the Last Supper, Christ speaks of his disciples bearing much fruit. Whatever labor we are involved in – economic, family, apostolic – the goal should be to develop, increase and grow what God has given us, for his honor and glory.

This inevitably involves taking risks. It means not letting the fear of failure and ridicule stop us from pursuing success. Faithfulness to God means having the courage to take bold initiatives, in pastoral life, family life, and business, to be creative, even entrepreneurial, to express our gratitude to God for all that he has given us by making it grow. It means using those resources wisely to accomplish our commission to bring more souls to Christ, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the sick and welcome the stranger. You have been entrusted with much. How is your harvest?

One place where we can see a good harvest for the Lord is at Holy Trinity parish in the beautiful rural hill country of Jackson County. You'll find that story on page 10 of this issue of Catholic Times.

FATHER JOHN J. OGURCHOCK, M.M. 1928 - 2013



Funeral Mass for Father John J. Ogurchock, MM, 85, a priest of the Marknoll order, who died Monday, Sept. 16, was held at San Roque Parish in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, on Wednesday, Sept. 18. A memorial Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant was held Thursday, Sept. 26, at Gahanna St. Matthew Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born Feb. 10, 1928 in Akron to John and Anna (Zeigler) Ogurchock.

He entered Maryknoll Junior Seminary in Akron in 1941. After three years of high school there, he moved on to the Maryknoll Apostolic College in Clarks Summit, Pa. He received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy in 1949, a bachelor of theology degree in 1953, and a master's degree in religious education in 1954, all from Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining, N.Y. He was ordained a priest in the Maryknoll Sisters' Motherhouse in Ossining on June 12, 1954.

Following ordination, he was assigned to Maryknoll's development department. He served in the order's promotion houses in Seattle and Brookline, Mass., for three years. In 1957, he was appointed director of the new Milwaukee development

house. Five years later, he was assigned to Bolivia, where he served for the rest of his life.

Following language and cultural studies at the Maryknoll Language School in Cochabamba, he served as assistant pastor first at San Roque Parish, then in Saavedra Parish and Cristo Rey Parish in Cochabamba. He then became pastor of San Antonio Parish in Riberalta (1968-78) before returning to San Roque as pastor (1978-81) and serving as pastor of the Marian Shrine in Cotoca (1981-83). In 1983, he was assigned to take over at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel in the middle of the biggest open-air market in Santa Cruz. He served as pastor there until his retirement in June 2001, then continued his ministry at the chapel until his death.

He frequently visited the Columbus area to make appeals for his mission and to visit his brother, Father James Ogurchock, a retired Columbus diocesan priest, who survives him. He was preceded in death by his parents and by two sisters, Sister Margaret Ogurchock, CSJ, and Sister Dorothy Ogurchock, CSJ.

Correction - The story in the Sept. 22 Catholic Times concerning the new principal at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School was incorrect. The principal for the 2013-2014 school year is Julie Freeman.

POPE'S INTERVIEW PROMPTS FLURRY OF MEDIA REACTIONS



Pope Francis greets a child as he arrives to lead his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. Addressing a group of Catholic gynecologists on Sept. 20, the pope condemned abortion as the product of a "throwaway culture." CNS photo/Paul Haring

A lengthy interview with Pope Francis published last week by a Jesuit publication has sparked a flood of news reports, as well as in-depth commentary from Catholic analysts.

Vatican analyst John Allen Jr. said that the Pope's recent comments are "not breaking with traditional doctrine, but trying to shift the church's emphasis from condemnation to mercy."

He noted that when the pope was asked if he "approves" of homosexuality, he responded with another question: "Tell me: when God looks at a gay person, does he endorse the existence of this person with love, or reject and condemn this person?"

This focus on the person is the key to understanding what the Holy Father is doing, Allen suggested. "In saying these things, Francis argues, he's doing no more than rephrasing the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which denounces homosexual acts but says homosexual persons are to be treated with 'respect, compassion and sensitivity,'" Allen said.

"In general, Francis seems to suggest he wants the church to come off as less judgmental and more pastoral, though without becoming morally lax," he explained.

Allen commented on a 12,000-word interview with Pope Francis conducted by Jesuit-run Italian newspaper *La Civiltà Cattolica* and translated into English by the U.S. Jesuit magazine *America*.

In the interview, released Sept. 19, the Holy Father explained that "the proclamation of the saving love of God comes before moral and religious imperatives," highlighting the need to proclaim moral truths in the full context of the Church's Gospel message rather than as isolated requirements to be imposed.

"We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contra-

ceptive methods. This is not possible," he said, explaining that this would not be the fullness of the Gospel, but instead a "disjointed multitude of doctrines to be imposed insistently."

While clarifying that he is a "son of the Church" and agrees with its teaching on these topics, he added that "when we speak about these issues, we have to talk about them in a context."

"The proposal of the Gospel must be more simple, profound, radiant. It is from this proposition that the moral consequences then flow," he explained. Otherwise, the moral teachings of the Church will lose "the freshness and fragrance of the Gospel."

Many media reports zoned in on the pope's comments on abortion and homosexuality. The Associated Press characterized the interview as "a dramatic shift in Vatican tone" that "contained no change in church teaching" but illustrated a clear break in style from the two most recent popes, "for whom doctrine was paramount."

Noted Catholic author and scholar George Weigel, however, said that those who were shocked by the content of the papal interview "haven't been paying sufficient attention."

infrequently hostile world," Weigel observed.

"The moral law is important, and there should be no doubt that Francis believes and professes all that the Catholic Church believes and professes to be true about the moral life, the life that leads to happiness and beatitude," he said.

"But he also understands that men and women are far more likely to embrace those moral truths – about the inalienable right to life from conception until natural death; about human sexuality and how it should be lived – when they have first embraced Jesus Christ as Lord."

Kathryn Jean Lopez, editor-at-large of *National Review Online* and director of Catholic Voices USA, suggested that the pope's call to "heal wounds" in the world is about opening doors and the renewal to which the Church is constantly called.

Writing articles for both Fox News and *National Review Online*, she noted that while many media reports focused on the few paragraphs dealing with

abortion and homosexuality, the lengthy interview covered a broad range of topics, including the importance of discernment, the pope's vocation and need for community, and his own sinfulness.

Lopez said that the Pope's words on homosexuality and abortion must be read in the context of his entire interview, as well as his actions. She pointed to the many instances in which the Holy Father has made headlines by making unexpected phone calls to individuals throughout the world – a single mother, a man struggling with the murder of his brother, a rape victim.

The pope's message on homosexuality was "very consistent and most urgently needed," Lopez said. "Christianity is about telling the truth and always with love and mercy and justice."

This message of mercy has been a theme of Francis' papacy since his very first Angelus address, she observed.

"Whatever your politics, be careful what you read into this," Lopez advised.

The pope lamented the "widespread mentality of profit, the 'throwaway culture,' which now enslaves the hearts and minds of many," and "requires the elimination of human beings, especially if they are physically or socially weaker."

"Our response to this mentality is a firm and unhesitating 'Yes' to life," he emphasized.

The Holy Father noted that the defense of life in all stages "has become in recent years a real priority of the Magisterium of the Church," especially with regard to the "most defenseless," the unborn, elderly, and sick.

He noted that, paradoxically, in medicine today, "the health professions are sometimes induced to disregard life itself" while at the same time trying to care for patients.

"The paradoxical situation can be seen in the fact that while the person is given new rights, sometimes only presumed rights, life as a primary value and basic right of every man is not always protected," he said.

But despite the culture's denial, the "final objective of doctor is always the defense and promotion of life," Pope Francis affirmed.

Pope Francis asks doctors to spread the Gospel of Life

Speaking to a group of gynecologists and obstetricians at the Vatican, Pope Francis affirmed that all human life has dignity and rejected the discarding of "defenseless" human persons through abortion.

"Every unborn child, although unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of Jesus Christ, the Lord's face," Pope Francis said, adding that like Christ, these aborted children experience the rejection of the world.

The Holy Father asked doctors "who are called to take care of human life in its initial phase" to remind people that "in all its phases and at any age, human life is always sacred."

"This is a commitment to the new evangelization that often requires going against the current," he added in his Sept. 20 address. "The Lord counts on you to spread the Gospel of Life."

Pope Francis emphasized the doctor's role in protecting and promoting all life, which, from the unborn to the elderly, "carries the face of Christ."

"In the fragile human being, each of us is invited to recognize the face of the Lord, who in his human flesh experienced the indifference and loneliness that often condemn the poorest" members of society, he said.



Front page photo:

Jackson Holy Trinity Church celebrated the Year of Faith with two parish missions this year, one of which was just completed.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Resilience

Did you pray at least one rosary this past week? I found it very relaxing and spiritual to pray in the car to and from work without the radio or iPod playing. And the rosary can easily be prayed hands-free. I prayed more than one rosary this week and hope that I can continue to do so. It was a striking change of pace to be in the spiritual mindset of the rosary in the car, compared with the feelings of anxiety, anger, impatience, making sure that other car is not going to get ahead of me, and so on that often are related to driving. Last week, we discussed findings from a study that may show an alarming trend for Catholic women. Their declining role as true anchors of our Faith – especially at home – cannot continue, whether the data are correct or not. Mary must have wondered about her role as she experienced the Passion, death, and Resurrection of her Son, Jesus Christ. But she never left His side. Has there ever been a more solid and true anchor of our Faith than Mary? Let us continue to pray for the steadfast example of our Catholic Faith in every one of us. Keep up a regular praying of the rosary, especially as we approach October, which is both the month of the rosary and Respect Life month.

How resilient we are as a Church! Looking at ourselves in 2013, discussing a study as we have for the past few weeks, and knowing our long history, we realize how much change, controversy, and diversity we have dealt with. But we always move forward, we always eventually land on our feet, and we never lose the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Statistics give us information from which to learn, but never tell the whole story. We remain resilient and resolved. To look at just a few more aspects of the study, we see and take note of the growing presence of Hispanic Catholics. Yes, the face of American Catholicism is changing rapidly, and we must embrace it with joy. How dare we even think about segmenting or even segregating our fellow Catholics? Most of us do not, but this is the Church of Jesus Christ, not a club with acceptance criteria. In 1987, Hispanics were 10 percent of the American Catholic population. Today, they represent more than 33 percent. Again, there must be resilience and not resistance. We face change and challenges, all of them dynamic, and our resilience makes us a deeper, richer, and more loving Church. The American Church also faces great challenges regarding geographic transitions – especially with parish closings and consolidations, a rapidly aging and declining population of priests, and financial pressure caused by a recession and payments related to sexual abuse by a very few members of the clergy. I have paraphrased some of this study, but there are many more details. To sum up, ponder this quote from the study: "The history of the Catholic Church is a history that exemplifies doctrinally reflexive change and underscores the centrality of change to its own self-maintenance as a living tradition. These surveys, spanning 25 years of American Catholics' attitudes on the broad range of dimensions of Catholic life, and the patterns evident in the data, speak to both the resilience and the dynamism of Catholicism."

Our practical challenge this week is to choose one of the items we discussed over the past few weeks and make a conscious effort to pray and effect a change in your outlook. Be resilient! For example, tell your wife, mother, girlfriend, teacher, or associate how much you appreciate their richness of faith for you, your family, and the Church around us. Or commit to praying and learning more about the Hispanic American Catholic Church, and why we are all the same in worship and in the Eucharist. Let us be resilient and dynamic, not resistant and stagnant.

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



WATTERSON MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

Twin Columbus Bishop Watterson High School seniors Matt and Megan Neary have been selected as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists for their exceptional academic ability and potential for success in college.

Approximately 16,000 semifinalists were selected nationwide, based on their scores on the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They have an opportunity to continue in the competition for about 8,000 National Merit Scholarships, worth about \$35 million, that will be offered next spring.

Matt plans to major in math and theoretical computer science in college. He is a member of Watterson's robotics club and business club and is the founder and owner of his own app development firm.



Megan plans to major in biology and English at The Ohio State University. She is vice president of fundraising for Watterson's National Honor Society, a member of the Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church youth group core team, and a candy stripper at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

ST. PAUL CHURCH CELEBRATION

Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 29, when Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate the 12:15 p.m. Mass and a reception will follow in the parish activities center. A special commemorative video and booklet are being prepared for the occasion.

In the 100 years since its establishment, the parish has flourished to become the largest in the Diocese of Columbus, with a membership of more than 4,700 families who worship in a new church building, dedicated in 2011.

The parish began as a mission of Columbus St. Peter Church in 1913, when Bishop James Hartley asked Father Hugh Ewing, pastor of St. Pe-

ter's, to establish it. It served about 60 Catholics whose homes were scattered among what then was farmland in northern Franklin and southern Delaware counties.

Seven Catholics gathered for the mission's first Mass in a rented room. Masses were celebrated in various Westerville buildings until Bishop Hartley made St. Paul's a separate parish under the care of the Capuchin Friars in 1931, when a church was built. A new church building was dedicated in 1968 and served the parish until the current church was completed. The bells from both earlier churches and the crucifix and Stations of the Cross from the second church are part of the present church grounds.

MARIAN DINNER

Bishop Frederick Campbell again will host the annual diocesan Marian dinner. The event will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, in the Bryce Eck Activity Center of Columbus St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road.

Women who may be considering a vo-

cation to the religious life will join their pastors, members of religious communities, and parishioners from the Diocese of Columbus for a meal hosted by Bishop Campbell and talks by the bishop and some of the religious-community members in attendance.

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Celebration Honors Valedictorians

The Holy Trinity Alumni and Friends conducted their annual celebration on Saturday, Aug. 24, at Somerset Holy Trinity School. This year, the group honored the valedictorians of Holy Trinity High School, as well as valedictorians from Thornville Sheridan, New Lexington St. Aloysius, and Zanesville Rosecrans high schools who graduated from Holy Trinity Grade School. They also honored It also honored the Holy Trinity classed of 1943 and 1953.

A display was created listing each of the 62 Holy Trinity valedictorians and their graduation year. Twenty-four valedictorians were from Holy Trinity High School, two were from St. Aloysius, one from Rosecrans, and 35 from Sheridan. Nineteen of the valedictorians were guests of the alumni association for dinner at the celebration.

The oldest valedictorian present was Catherine Flautt Nuck of the Class of 1943. Her memories of Holy Trinity greatly entertained the audience. The youngest and most recent valedictorian was Ethan Kehn of the Class of 2013, who was unable to attend. His brother Philip read a note of thanks for him. Philip was a valedictorian in the Class of 2009.

Other valedictorians also recalled fond memories and traditions of Holy Trinity School. The featured speaker for the evening was Perry County Common Pleas Judge Tina Boyer, a Holy Trinity School graduate, who was a valedictorian of her class of 1987 at Sheridan

High School.

Almost 200 people attended the event. The dinner was served by the Holy Trinity Home and School Association. Many parents worked together to prepare and serve the dinner. Students worked closely with their parents and the association in preparation and cleanup for the event.

There also was a silent auction and raffle. Part of the proceeds from the event are traditionally contributed to the Marty Hammond tuition assistance fund. The association also has contributed money to update the lighting and help with technology needs at the school.

Pictured are valedictorians who were present at the celebration (not listed in order of appearance in the photo):

Holy Trinity High School: Catherine Flautt Nuck, 1943; Marcella Decot McCaig, 1946; Freda Reichley Gaskins, 1948; Patricia Fleeer Sterner, 1950; Wilma Reichley Hudak, 1954; Rose Marie Funk, 1955; Helen Litzinger, 1956; Sandy Litzinger, 1957. St. Aloysius High School: John Bennett, 1964. Sheridan High School: John Lawrence Bever, 1971; Anne Bever, 1975; Christine Flautt Warbis, 1977; Carol Louise Sterner Krofft, 1980; Tina Marie Serner Boyer, 1987; Alicia Collins Sturgeon, 1991; Denise Shaw Maksimoski, 1993; Dawn Axline Conrad and Shannon Green Coconis, both 1994; Philip Kehn, 2009; Clare Clouse, 2012.

COURTNEY TRUDEAU, HOCKEY PLAYER AND OUTSTANDING STUDENT



Columbus Bishop Hartley High School junior Courtney Trudeau (pictured at left) will play again this season for the Pittsburgh Penguins Elite, a girls hockey team ranked 13th in the nation last season. She has competed with the team nationally and internationally, and strengthened her skills during the summer by participating in an elite training camp alongside members of the women's U.S. Olympic team. She had a 3.914 grade-point average and was recognized as outstanding English student of the year during her sophomore year.

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

Watterson Business Center

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, will dedicate its new business center classroom at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. The center is named in honor of the graduates who made it possible – commercial real estate entrepreneurs Mike Kenney and Nick King, both members of the school's 1993 graduating class.

The Kenney-King Business Center is a state-of-the-art facility designed to simulate a real-world business environment, with permanent white boards,

a SMART board, two flat-screen televisions, high-speed wireless Internet, a conference room, a stock ticker, and innovative work tables designed for collaboration.

Kenney and King, owners of Preferred Living, began working with the school on this project in 2011. In addition, Sheri Cook, chair of the school's business department, worked with Wayne Chang, Preferred Living chief financial officer, on an entrepreneurship and innovation curriculum.

Family Rosary Day

The annual diocesan celebration of Family Rosary Day will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at Columbus Christ the King Church, 2777 Livingston Ave.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will be the president, and the homilist will be Father W. Becket Soule, OP, JCD, professor of theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

Childhood Ministries Coordinator

Saint Paul the Apostle Church, a 4,500 family parish in Westerville, OH, in search of a Childhood Ministries Coordinator. This person will manage our Sunday Preschool programs for children aged 4-6, weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word and the annual Vacation Bible School program, working closely with the Director of Religious Education and the staff of the Parish School of Religion.

The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in a related field and at least three years' experience in work with young children. Experience in managing and organizing volunteers is required. Diocesan Catechetical Certification is highly desirable.

For more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education at St. Paul at (614) 882-5045, or by e-mail at pes@stpacc.org.

Mediums and Church Teaching; Altar Girls



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Recently I was watching a reality show that featured a "medium" who was communicating messages to a family from those who had already passed on. I have always been skeptical of this, but I was wondering what the church's stance is on this subject. (Galway, N.J.)

A. Mediums are psychics who profess to channel spirits of the dead in order to secure information to pass on to the living. Some mediums use this "gift" on a daily basis and often charge a fee for doing so.

The moral stance of the church is clear: The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in No. 2116: "All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to 'unveil' the future."

That same section of the catechism goes on to say that recourse to mediums contradicts "the honor, respect and loving fear that we owe to God alone." The catechism references the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy, which warns (18:10-11): "Let there not be found

among you anyone ... who consults ghosts and spirits or seeks oracles from the dead."

Having said that, I would not dispute that the souls of the departed may appear to the living and reveal the unknown. Padre Pio, the 20th century Italian saint, mystic, and stigmatic is commonly believed to have been visited with apparitions from souls of the departed. The difference, it seems to me, has to do with from which side the channel is opened: Padre Pio never actively conjured up such visions, nor even desired them, while mediums claim to have the power to do just that at will.

Q. I have seen Pope Francis quoted as saying that women should play a greater role in the church (although not as priests) -- especially in a church that views Mary as more important than the apostles, and our archdiocese recognizes that girls may be altar servers. So what could be the possible justification for our local pastor's allowing only boys to serve at Mass? (He is a new pastor, and three weeks before he even arrived at our parish, he published a notice on the front page of our

parish bulletin about this being his policy.) (Missouri)

A. In 1994, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a circular letter to the world's bishops clarifying that the current Code of Canon Law (published in 1983) allows for male and female altar servers. The letter, though, leaves it to each bishop to determine the practice in his diocese. A further clarification in 2001 notes that, though a bishop may decide to permit female servers, he may not require them -- so a local pastor winds up setting the rule for his parish.

In a few parishes in the U.S. (certainly the vast minority), a decision has been made to use only boys or men to serve Mass. In general, the few pastors who have chosen that option reason this way: Serving at the altar is often a contributing factor to a priestly vocation, so as many boys as possible should be given that opportunity. Most priests, though, would instead say this: If women can be lectors and extraordinary minister of holy Communion, how could you ever explain to a little girl that she can't carry the wine and water to the altar?

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

DeSales Merit Semifinalist



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School senior Claire Alexander has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program as a semifinalist.

She earned this recognition because of her scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in her junior year. She is eligible for one of about 8,000 National

Merit Scholarships.

Her school activities include concert choir, select women's choir, a capella choir, All-Ohio State Fair choir, swim team, golf team, Model United Nations, math club, National Honor Society, mock trial, Together in Christ youth group mission team, and Kids Rooted in Christ camp counselor.

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ODU Named "Military Friendly School" for Fifth Consecutive Year

For the fifth consecutive year, Victory Media has selected Ohio Dominican University as a military friendly school. The 2014 military friendly schools list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"This third-party recognition affirms ODU's long-standing support of military veterans," said Army Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Dennis Laich, ODU's PATRIOTS program director. "Our current veteran-scholars and veteran alumni

represent a tremendous asset to our university, our community, and our nation. We are committed to forging even stronger bonds with veterans in the future."

Ohio Dominican first launched the PATRIOTS program 20 years ago to meet the educational needs of returning Vietnam veterans. Through PATRIOTS, veterans can achieve their academic goals, pursuing either an associate, bachelor's, or master's degree.



The university reintroduced the program in response to the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, also known as the Post-9/11 GI Bill. ODU also offers veterans and their spouses a 25-percent tuition discount in its LEAD program for working adults, and is an active participant in the yellow ribbon program of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill enables quali-

fying veterans to earn a college degree or graduate degree. Depending on the number of active-duty months they have served, post-9/11 veterans in Ohio may qualify for as much as 100 percent of their school expenses, with allowances for monthly living expenses, books, and student activity fees. Veterans may receive as much as 36 months (or four academic years) of assistance.

For more information on the PATRIOTS program, visit www.odupatriots.com, or contact (614) 251-4500 or laichd@ohiodominican.edu.

Santa Maria Program for Scouts and Adult Leaders

Young people can get a taste of a sailor's life in the time of Christopher Columbus and earn a medal or a patch at the annual Santa Maria program sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Adults and students are eligible to participate in activities scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19 and 20.

A program for sixth- through 12th-graders and adult leaders will begin at 1 p.m. Oct. 19 at the auditorium of the Holy Family Jubilee Museum, 40 S. Grubb St., Columbus. It will conclude after the 9 a.m. Mass the following day at Columbus Holy Family Church, 584

W. Broad St.

A shorter program, for first- through fifth-graders, will begin at 3 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Holy Family parish center and conclude at 6:45 on board the replica of Christopher Columbus' flagship, the Santa Maria, at Marconi Boulevard and West Broad Street.

The theme of the program is "Discovery." Among other things, participants will learn about Columbus and the impact of his faith on his achievements. The program was inspired by the 1992 celebration of the 500th anniversary of Columbus' first landing in the New World, which brought the Catholic

faith to the Americas.

Each crew member will experience the personal challenge and reward of climbing the ratlines, safeguarded by others on the crew. The young sailors will find they have to work together if they are to succeed. Sail handling, knots, rope making, and grommet making are all integral parts of the adventure.

The evening "dogwatch" will include a snack and insights into navigation, ship handling, food, and supplies for the voyage. As morning dawns, crew members will have breakfast before continuing activities, swabbing decks, and storing gear.

At 8:15 a.m. Sunday, the crew will depart the ship to attend the Latin Mass at Holy Family Church. Participants will be awarded a medal attesting completion of their voyage.

A fee of \$36 (\$42 after Oct. 1) for the overnight program covers the cost of the medal, meals, lodging, program fees, and materials. The longer program is available for a maximum of 40 participants. Bring your own sleeping bag, pad, and mug. The fee is \$8 (\$12 after Oct. 1) for the shorter program.

For more information, contact cathcmtescouting@aol.com or call Chuck Lamb at (614) 882-7806.

Women's Retreat

The Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal's 27th annual women's retreat will take place from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 11-13, at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Its director will be Sister Mary Ann Schnaezer, SSND.

For more information, contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center at (614) 237-7080 or e-mail info@ccrcolumbus.org.

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40 Days for Life Campaign Keynote

Steve Karlen, outreach director for the North American 40 Days for Life campaign, will be featured at the keynote event of the 40 Days campaign in Columbus at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 in St. Mary Church, 684 S. 3rd St.

Karlen helped spearhead a statewide response in January 2009 in Wisconsin when it was revealed that the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics had reached an agreement to perform late-term abortions near campus. In response, he orchestrated demonstrations, vigils, and rallies that led to the plan being revoked.

He will be joined by local representatives of the 40 Days

program for a campaign overview and to share the news that several women every week have changed their minds about having abortions at Columbus-area clinics after talking to participants in pro-life vigils at the clinic sites. A reception in the church atrium will follow the program.

40 Days for Life is a campaign taking place in more than 500 abortion clinic locations across the world that focuses on peaceful prayer and protest to bring about the end of abortion. To date, more than 40 vigil sites have closed or stopped performing abortion procedures as a result of the campaign.

Greater Columbus Right to Life has sponsored the program in central Ohio since 2007. Currently, it is being conducted in front of the Founder's Center, 1243 E. Broad St., Columbus, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Sunday, Nov. 3.

Individuals can learn more about the campaign, sign up to pray as part of the effort, or join other pro-life efforts online at www.gctrl.org/40-days-for-life.





ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Loren Brown



Planned giving provides a boost to religious education

With our Catholic schools back in full swing, I am reminded how important it is to provide a solid religious foundation for our children. Many of our children attend Catholic schools or a weekly PSR program, and some parishes have a youth group and even have a youth minister on staff. As parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and godparents, we do our best to teach our children about our faith and to guide them on the right path.

However, at some point, our children grow up and are faced with making their own decisions about religion. Will they continue to attend Mass when they go off to college? Will they explore other denominations? Will they even go to church at all?

We must pray that we've provided a strong enough foundation to keep them yearning to learn more about their Catholic faith. But what do we offer to those who look to grow their faith during these formative years? It is so important that we provide support to our young adults during this time, as the future of our Catholicism depends on their faith and ties to the Church.

The St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbus does a great job of evangelizing to these young Catholics. As a campus ministry for The Ohio State University, the Newman Center is charged with promoting the mission of the church among an estimated 12,000 Catholic college students. It strives to provide meaningful evangelization opportunities that help students begin or revisit their faith journeys.

One way it achieve this is through its Buckeye Awakening retreat. This is an offsite, three-day Cursillo-based retreat where students deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflec-

tion, and peer activities. The experience is designed to foster an awakening to Christ's presence in students' lives, in the Church, and in the world.

The Buckeye Awakening is the Newman Center's most successful and impactful evangelization effort. More than 800 students have participated since the program began in 2009, and nearly every retreat had a waiting list. The success of this retreat is also evidenced by the fact that in 2011, the Newman Center had the largest percentage of student Mass attendees on record and had more students interested in RCIA. Every member of the student leadership core team went through Buckeye Awakening, making the retreat an effective gateway for church leadership.

The Buckeye Awakening is a great example of how we can engage our growing children at a time when they start making their own decisions about faith and religion. The Newman Center wants to keep the retreat affordable for those who wish to attend, but struggles with the rising costs of the program. For example, the meal costs are up 60 percent in the past four years. This summer, The Catholic Foundation awarded a Challenge in Changing Times grant to help the Newman Center offset some of the rising costs.

The Buckeye Awakening and similar programs are imperative to sustaining our faith through future generations. If you feel called to help support programs such as this, consider making a contribution to our Support for Catholic Education Fund. This fund provides aid to Catholic schools and parish programs for religious education through our responsive Focus grants process.

Loren Brown is President and CEO of the Catholic Foundation and a parishioner at Granville St. Edward Church.

ABBY ANDREWS RECOGNIZED

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School senior Abby Andrews (pictured with mathematics teacher Dominic Marchi) has been recognized with the 2013 Rensselaer Medal, as well as the Honda-OSU Partnership Math Medal Award. Both awards come with the potential for college scholarships.

The Rensselaer Medal was first presented in 1916 with two purposes: to recognize the superlative academic achievement of young men and women; and to motivate students toward careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The medal, which is the oldest prize of its kind in the United States, is awarded at more than 2,000 high schools throughout North America, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. Participating high schools are allowed to select one member of the junior class to be honored with the Rens-



selaer Medal which makes the student eligible for a scholarship at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

The Honda-OSU Partnership honor, awarded by The Ohio State University's college of engineering, supports initiatives in education, research, and public service. Selection for this medal is based on academic performance in mathematics through the end of the junior year for students in central and western Ohio. Recipients are eligible for scholarships.

THOMAS MERTON EVENT

Coming back to the Martin de Porres Center by popular demand, Merton scholar Sister Monica Weis, SSJ, will present "Turning toward the Planet: Thomas Merton's Ecological Conversion," on Tuesday, October 8, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thomas Merton's famous moment of spiritual insight at Fourth and Walnut streets in Louisville, Ky., taught him that he was related to all people and that they were all "shining like the sun."

Reading Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring* put Merton on a trajectory to discover his obligation to preserve the integrity of nature and to realize that social justice must necessarily include justice for the planet.

This ecological talk will build on Merton's love of nature and its influence on his spirituality by focusing on letters and book reviews written

during the last three years of his life.

Sister Monica, a Sister of St. Joseph, is professor of English at Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y., where she teaches American literature and rhetoric and serves as director of the college's master of arts in liberal studies program.

A frequent speaker at national and international conferences and past vice president of the International Thomas Merton Society (ITMS), she has written two books on Merton—*Thomas Merton's Gethsemani: Landscapes of Paradise (2005)* and *The Environmental Vision of Thomas Merton (2011)*.

To register by Monday, Oct. 7, call the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, at (614) 416-1910 or register online at www.martindeporrescenter.net.

Suggested donation is \$10.



God's Plan for Emily

By Gloria Butler

As I stood beside her bed, tears silently sliding down my face, I could not help but think just how much she had accomplished in her incredible life. I prayed, as I had never prayed before, that God would once again spare this special child. I just knew she had more to do here in our physical world.

Emily, my second grandchild of six who are living, is 24 years old. As a matter of fact, her birthday celebration was coming up as soon as she got through a relatively simple planned surgery. Emmy was admitted for same-day surgery to have a small pump replaced in her abdomen. The pump delivers a steady drip of a miracle drug directly to her spinal canal to relieve her from painful muscle spasms, a direct result of her "birth accident."

Emily is beautiful, with dark, naturally wavy hair, deep dimples, long, graceful hands, and normally, an impish grin. One of her favorite things to do is grab her grandpa's hat off his head! You see, Emily is what Children's Hospital calls a "train wreck." Because of a long period of no oxygen at birth, she suffered massive brain damage. She cannot eat, speak, swallow, stand, walk, or even sit up on her own. She lives at home with her parents, and is cared for around the clock by

people who love her unconditionally. She has never experienced a day without pain and can do very little.

What she CAN do is light up the room when she laughs at the antics of the Disney videos she loves so much! Today, a video plays, but Emmy isn't watching. She has been asleep for four days since the surgery. Something went wrong! The doctors do not know why she can't wake up, but are exhausting their technologies trying to find out. Meanwhile, Emily is not moving or making a sound. Worried is an inadequate word to describe the pain we are all feeling. Her parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and her sister, whose wedding is coming up, are beside themselves with heartache. Emily was to serve as "honorary maid of honor" for her sister.

Tests, tests, more invasive tests. Blood draws, MRI's, cultures, and more. Meanwhile, Emily is weak and has two infections and, as is customary, susceptible to more. They announce she is now in isolation, and we stay away to protect her and ourselves. Antibiotics cleanse her body of the culprits, and we can visit again. Her parents keep a constant vigil by her bedside, taking turns overnight, so they can be at their places of employment at least part of the time.

Days pass, a week, and another week, then back to

surgery, repeating what had been done, plus some. Into the third week, things begin to look better. Miss Em is waking up more as doses of meds are altered and carefully monitored, but she still is not moving or showing much emotion. We want our Emily back, and the note on the chalkboard from her mother to the staff states this!

The wedding was wonderful. Our special first grandchild was surrounded by love.

Our hearts and minds were torn between the happy celebration and the hospital, where wonderful nurses cared for her little sister.

We may never know exactly what happened. Possibly an overdose, a clogged tube, but Emily, going home at last, has a new set of "normals" that either will change as time goes by, or we will get used to them.

Either way, she is our gift from God. We are grateful that He chose two big, loving families to place her with. We know she still has much to do, and God confirms this by leaving her in our care. Like all of God's children, He has a special plan for Miss Em, and will reveal it in His time.

Gloria Butler is a parishioner at Plain City St. Joseph Church and is director of its St. Martin de Porres Outreach Mission Center.

How do we honor our priests?

By Tricia Kasson

I am privileged to be a nurse. It is truly an honor to be with people in vulnerable times of their lives. Most people are very appreciative of the care I provide, while others can seem ungrateful and unsatisfied. No matter how a patient reacts, it does not diminish or steal the fulfillment and purpose of my job. I did not become a nurse to hear "thank you." I became a nurse because it was what I thought God was asking me to do, and I wanted to help people. But usually a grateful patient makes the shift more enjoyable!

I begin with this personal reflection because it helps explain my answer to a question I recently was asked: "Tricia, what can we do for our priests?"

The question could create a misunderstanding. The role of the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church is the opposite of the way authority mostly works in today's society. A king has servants and a CEO has subordinates. They are on top of an organizational chart. In the Church, a young man becomes a priest to act in the person of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. The pope is often referred to as "the servant of the servants," the bottom of an organizational chart. It would seem disordered if my patients thought "How can I take care of Tricia today? What can I do for

her?" And as their nurse, I do not want them spending time and energy trying to take care of me. It is not their responsibility. I want them to think about getting better, and make that more possible with the care I am asked to provide. In a loosely similar way, it could be disordered if we try to serve the men who are asked by God to serve us. I wonder if the priests in the Diocese of Columbus would want us to spend time thinking about how to accommodate them, but would prefer that we thought about how to make ourselves better and were more open to fully receiving the gifts they administer to help make that more of a reality.

What gifts do they provide? Most significantly, through their hands, the faithful can participate and receive sanctifying grace found in the sacraments. St. Padre Pio said, "It would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than to do without the holy Mass." They are ordinary men asked to do extraordinary things. Because of this great privilege and responsibility, it becomes more clear why praying for priests' holiness and perseverance is necessary. If our faith rests solely on an ordinary human person, then we will always be left disappointed. But as Catholics, our faith rests on solid ground--the resurrected Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, who chose to make Himself vulnerable in the hands of a priest.

Just as my motivation and fulfillment as a nurse is not dependent on a person's positive response, neither is a priest's fulfillment or motivation. However, positivity and gratitude just make it easier. And we have many reasons to be thankful in the Diocese of Columbus.

So let us smile, thank a priest, maybe make a casserole, but I think our appreciation as a diocese needs to go farther. Growing up, when I received a gift from my parents, I would say "thank you." But what would my "thank you" mean if I stomped on the new iPod, threw it in the mud, and never even listened to the music? We often show our gratitude by utilizing the gifts we receive. More importantly then voicing our gratitude to priests, along with praying for priests, we ought to pray for a greater devotion and understanding of the sacraments. During the closing of this Year of Faith, let us participate often in the sacraments and pray together, "Lord, we believe, help our unbelief."

In conclusion, my simple answer to, "Tricia, what can we do for our priests?" is to continue praying for their perseverance and holiness and to beg God for a greater love for the sacraments in our own heart and in the hearts of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Columbus.

Tricia Kasson is a member of Columbus St. Patrick Church.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN JACKSON

A SMALL CHURCH WITH LARGE INFLUENCE

" ... IT'S REALLY NICE BEING PART OF A SMALL CHURCH BECAUSE EVERYTHING'S VERY PERSONAL"

- Parishioner Christine Le Fever



Top: Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, depicted in one of the stained glass windows at Jackson Holy Trinity Church. Bottom: The exterior of the church, built under the pastorate of Father Peter Thurheimer in 1880.

CT file photos by Ken Snow



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Holy Trinity Church in Jackson is relatively small in terms of size, but plays a big role in its community.

"With 140 families, comparatively speaking, this is not a large congregation for a Catholic church," said Father Joseph Trapp, the parish's pastor since mid-2004. "Even when you add Jackson County's other parish in Wellston (Ss. Peter and Paul), the number of Catholics in the county is a little more than 1 percent of the population. There are many more Baptists and Methodists, but they're scattered through many small congregations, so we're one of the largest churches in the county."

Father Trapp, president of the Jackson Area Ministries Association for two years and vice president for three years, said that a great ecumenical spirit exists among the county's congregations and that the parish is delighted to host a number of community activities as part of the association.

Those events include an annual prayer tea which is part of the group's weekly Lenten luncheon series, as well as community Good Friday and Thanksgiving services which are rotated among members of the association. Holy Trinity's Altar Rosary Society makes lunch and leads prayers during one of the weeks of Lent.

The largest annual event sponsored by the parish itself is its annual rummage sale, which benefits the Altar Rosary Society and takes place during the first weekend in August.

The sale has been going on for so long that even the oldest member of the parish, 90-year-old Rosemary Ross, can't remember when it started. "It was probably sometime in the early 1950s, maybe even in the '40s," she said. "It's just one of those things that's always been there, and you can't imagine the parish without it."

"It's something that gets everybody in the church involved," said Deanna Stroth, presi-

A monument to Father Thurheimer, pastor at Holy Trinity from 1879-89 and 1895-1923, stands at the center of the parish's Mount Olivet Cemetery.

CT photo by Tim Puet

dent of the parish Altar Society, the sale's sponsor. "People look forward to it every year, to the extent that it's really become part of the fabric of the community. This year, it became so large that it outgrew the parish hall and we added a second location in a storage unit owned by a parishioner. That worked so well that we're considering having smaller versions of the sale at other times of the year in the same unit."

Stroth said the Altar Society raised about \$3,500 at this year's sale. The money will be used for items including altar linens and flowers, food for funeral luncheons and for a breakfast of coffee and doughnuts on the first Sunday of each month, and gifts for young people who are receiving their first Communion or being confirmed.

In recent years, proceeds from the sale also have enabled the society to provide priest's vestments and a copy of the new edition of the Roman Missal for the parish. "Whenever Father needs something, he knows to come to us," Stroth said.

The parish also conducts regular collections for the Jackson Clothes Line and Food Pantry. In addition, several parishioners are involved with the event for which the community is probably best known, the Jack-

son County Apple Festival, which occurs almost literally on the church's doorstep. The church's downtown location is just a few steps away from the festival's and the city's most familiar landmark, a water tower painted to resemble an apple (complete with stem).

The festival, one of the oldest in Ohio, celebrated its 76th anniversary this past weekend, concluding on Saturday, Sept. 21. The following day, the parish reached a milestone of its own, beginning a four-day mission honoring the 125th anniversary of the first parish mission, which was conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers. A member of the same order, Father Richard Boever, CSSR, was the speaker for the anniversary mission.

This was the second mission to take place at the parish this year as part of the 13-month Year of Faith which concludes on Nov. 24. Sister Anne Flanagan, DSP, of the Daughters of St. Paul presented a Lenten mission at Holy Trinity and Zaleski St. Sylvester churches in February.

On another historic note, Jackson last month marked the 150th year since the raid in 1863 which brought Gen. John Hunt Morgan and his troops through the city as part of the only significant Confederate penetration into

Top: Holy Trinity parishioners (from left) Christine Le Fever, Deanna Stroth, Rosemary Ross, and Frank Ross, and Father Joseph Trapp, pastor since mid-2004.

Bottom: An interior view of the church, including the sanctuary and some Stations of the Cross.

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Ohio during the Civil War. Father Trapp said the opening prayer for the local commemoration of the raid.

Jackson County's two parishes, Holy Trinity and Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul, are less than 10 miles apart and have a similar number of families, but Holy Trinity has a larger geographic footprint, with its parishioners coming from most of the county and the Wellston parish consisting mainly of families from northern Jackson and southern Vinton counties. The elementary school at Ss. Peter and Paul serves both parishes, plus the one in Zaleski. In addition, several Holy Trinity parishioners are members of Ss. Peter and Paul's Knights of Columbus council and its Vintage Club for seniors.

About 30 young people take part in Holy Trinity's religious education classes, with about 20 kindergarten through eighth-grade students gathering every Sunday night during the school year and about 10 high school students gathering once a month.

"The small numbers mean everyone gets involved," said parishioner Christine Le Fever. "On Christmas Eve every year, we have a Mass featuring a presentation where the children act out the Gospel, and it takes everyone we have to fill out all the parts.

"We have a Halloween party every year. Last year, we sang Christmas carols at nursing homes in the area and we plan to do so again. The children also do the readings and the prayers of the faithful and make posters for several of the holy day Masses every year. Second-grade students have their first Reconciliation and first Communion here. For Confirmation, our students who were old enough joined those from Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help for a retreat and for conferral of the sacrament by the bishop."

Catholics first came to Jackson in the 1860s as the area became the center of the nation's charcoal iron industry, which in turn brought railroads. By 1900, the county also had become the largest coal producer in the state, with total output of more than 1.5 million tons of coal annually from 89 mines.

At that point, the county's population reached a peak of about 34,000. The county's last iron furnace was built in 1908. Southern Ohio's iron industry then began to decline

because of increasing competition from cheaper, higher quality Great Lakes ore.

By 1930, the population had declined by about 9,000 from the 1900 figure. The trend then began to turn upward again as producers of clay products employed more people in the 1930s and two companies began operating blast furnaces with the coming of World War II.

After the furnaces closed down in 1960 and 1972 respectively, other businesses came in to take their place. Today, the county's population of about 33,000 is only about 1,000 less than the 1900 peak.

The businesses which entered the county brought several newcomers to the parish over the years, including Le Fever, who came to

Jackson from Minneapolis about four years ago. She said she thought the transition from a large city to a small-town parish would be difficult, but found she likes the change.

"It turns out that it's really nice being part of a small church because everything's very personal," she said. "There's no assembly line here. Everyone knows the pastor really well, and he knows us and our needs."

As someone who has been part of the parish for 90 years, the last 63 of them with her husband, Frank, Rosemary Ross has seen much of its history. "I can remember when all the pews had numbers on them because people paid an annual fee to sit in a certain pew,"

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she said, adding that she's grateful to be part of a close-knit community.

"Although I can't get to church every week, I'm still interested in everything that goes on," she said. "Father Trapp brings the sacraments to me and my son comes with bulletins and prayer books, and other people from the parish stay in touch, so I still feel very much a part of things."

The parish's first resident pastor, Father Louis Grimmer, came to Jackson in 1875 and was followed four years later by Father Peter Thurheimer, under

whose leadership the current church was built in 1881.

He stayed in Jackson until his death in 1923, except for six years when he was pastor of a church in Pomeroy. A large monument to him is the centerpiece of the parish cemetery, about a mile and a half from the church.

Among the sons of the parish who have become priests are Father Patrick Rogers, pastor of Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, who was baptized at Holy Trinity; Father Matthew Hoover, pastor of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, who was confirmed in Jackson; and the late Father Michael Tabit, who died in 1998.

About 500 people are buried at the parish's Most Reverent Mount Olivet Cemetery (commonly known by the last three words of its name).

The grounds of the six-acre site are well-tended by several volunteers, led by parishioner Luke Hamad.

"The way the parishioners tend to the cemetery is very significant," Father Trapp said. "They've always felt a great sense of pride in maintaining the grounds, and that reflects how they feel about the parish and its history."



Above: Jackson Holy Trinity parishioner Patsy Swing displays an item from the parish's rummage sale, its largest annual event.

Right: Servers in procession for the church's Easter Sunday Mass.

Left: Young people from Holy Trinity Church take part in the parish's annual May crowning. (Photos courtesy Holy Trinity Church)



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Touching Little Lives

The Touching Little Lives (TLL) organization recently honored Florence McAvay (pictured fourth from left) on her retirement as work group coordinator for its location at the Columbus Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. She served in this position for more than 10 years, managing meeting details and coordinating projects. Pictured with McAvay are TLL volunteers (from left) Angela Vatre, Eileen Feldman, Theresa Juncewicz, Jean Reed, Lisa Rundag, and Linda Marshall.



cent of the money it raises goes toward buying supplies such as fabric and yarn to make clothing. The other nine percent goes toward postage, printing, maintaining equipment, and other necessary costs. The 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization has no paid employees.

This work group mainly finishes handmade quilts, which are then distributed to needy babies throughout Ohio. McAvay also facilitated generous donations of new baby items through the Giving Tree program sponsored by her church at Christmastime.

Touching Little Lives is a nondenominational group of volunteers who make and distribute handmade items for premature and needy newborns in Ohio free of charge. Last year, it donated nearly 40,000 items through 41 hospitals, pregnancy centers, and similar organizations throughout Ohio, including 26 in the Diocese of Columbus. It has donated more than 930,000 items to Ohio families since its founding in 2000 by Marianne Doty, a former resident of Circleville.

The organization has volunteers from throughout the state and as far away as Australia who contribute individually by mailing finished items to its office. It also has work groups meeting monthly at six locations in Chillicothe, Columbus, Delaware, Grove City, and Westerville. An average of approximately 100 volunteers per month craft quilts, blankets, caps, booties, gowns, undershirts, afghans, bibs, sleepers, and other items for babies.

TLL is overseen by a board of trustees and relies solely on donations. Approximately 91 per-

TLL depends on the generosity of the community and this year has received grants from the Kiwanis organization and General Electric Aviation, as well as donations of money from individuals and clubs to help continue its work. It recently was awarded a \$5,000 grant when longtime volunteer Betty Gallagher was selected by Nationwide Insurance as the company's volunteer of the year. She makes at least one hat and afghan per week during her free time and coordinates lunchtime stitching sessions involving other Nationwide employees.

Anyone can become involved with TLL by going to a work session or making items independently. Handmade items are preferred, but donations of new clothing and blankets also are accepted. The organization buys certain materials wholesale, so it always can use monetary donations. In addition, it is part of the Kroger Community Rewards fundraising program.

Sleepers and onesies, especially in newborn sizes, are always needed. There is less of a need for hats, booties, and similar items for premature babies because many are in isolettes, where a constant temperature is maintained and clothing often gets in the way of wires and tubes.

For more information about TLL, go to its website at www.touchinglittlives.org or email info@touchinglittlives.org.

ST. CHARLES SENIORS RECEIVE RECOGNITION



Photos/Left: National Merit Scholarship semifinalists (from left) Alex Ward, Tyler McMaken, Andrew Meder, and Sean Prendergast.

Below: National Achievement Scholars Zelalem Demere (left) and Elijah Williams.

Bottom: National Hispanic Scholar Angelo Rivera.

Photos courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School students Tyler McMaken, Ryan Meder, Sean Prendergast, and Alexander Ward have been honored as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Zelalem Demere and Elijah Williams were selected as National Achievement Scholars, and Angelo Rivera was recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar.

They qualified for the honors based on their scores on the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) they took last year.

Of the more than 1.5 million students who took the test, only 16,000 were named National Merit Semifinalists. They are competing with students nationwide for National Merit Scholarships totaling more than \$35 million.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 for outstanding black American high school students.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program identifies academically outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students. Each year, it honors about 5,000 of the highest-scoring students from more than 250,000 Hispanic/Latino juniors who take the PSAT/NMSQT in the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Mariana Islands, and the Marshall Islands, as well as U.S. citizens attending schools abroad.

McMaken plans to pursue degrees in physics and mathematics and minor in music. He is a member of the St. Charles jazz band, "In the Know" team, engineering team, and National Honor Society. He plays the organ for school liturgies, plays the piano at nursing homes, and volunteered at COSI presenting science shows and demonstrations for four years.

Meder plans to study chemical or biomedical engineering. He is an editor of the St. Charles student newspaper and a member of the engineering team and the National Honor Society. He has volunteered at the Westerville Area Resource Ministry and St. Lawrence Haven food pantry and as a tu-



tor at Columbus All Saints Academy. Prendergast plans to study biology or chemistry, is a member of the engineering team, plays CYO basketball, and is on the school's cross country and track teams. He has volunteered at muscular dystrophy summer camp and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

Ward plans to study chemistry in college at an undergraduate level, move on to medical school, and eventually become an orthopedic surgeon. He is a member of the National Honor Society and plays on the school's hockey team.

Demere is the captain of the "In the Know" team, a member of the National Honor Society, and an after-school tutor at All Saints Academy.

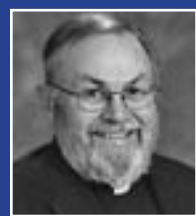
Williams plans to pursue biochemistry research in college. He is a member of the school's robotics team, serving as one of its programmers.

Rivera is a member of the cross country team and Cardinals for Life. He has been a volunteer for the March for Life and Run the Race and is involved with the youth group at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. In addition, he traveled to Guatemala and El Salvador this summer as a member of the St. Charles international service team.



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Words of warning to the wealthy of every age



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Amos 6:1a,4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

The stunning critique which Amos levels against the wealthy of his day sits like a stone marker, etched with words which live in every age where there exists a strain between rich and poor. It is not their wealth that condemns them, but their ignorance of the plight of the poor which will bring them down. In the end, it always will.

The luxury of eighth-century BC Israel shows how prosperous some in that society were. The ivory beds probably meant headboards made of ivory, or furniture with pieces of ivory built into the structure. Most people of that time would have been lucky to sleep on a mat woven from reeds.

Eating choice meats and the rest of it, while they refuse to see the downfall that is coming their way ("the collapse of Joseph") is what upsets Amos (and the Lord) the most. The well-off were feeling prosperous and "letting the good times roll." They could see no end in sight to the national prosperity, and Amos' gloom-and-doom message was falling on deaf ears.

The Lord announces through Amos that the rich and luxury-ridden will be the first to go into exile, and rightly so, he adds, as he announces that their "wanton revelry" (or as in the *Revised New American Bible*: "... and the carousing of those who lounged shall cease"). Ignoring the prophetic voice is done at their peril.

The classic follow-up to this first reading is Luke's

account of Lazarus and the rich man. Once again, the story is unique to Luke, so there is nothing to compare it with. The story stands on its own merits as a warning to the wealthy, in every age, never to take the poor for granted. Lazarus has no speaking part in the story, but as poor as he is, he has something the rich man does not have – a name – and his name is not forgotten when they both die, because Lazarus rests secure "in the bosom of Abraham," as the folk song has it.

The reversal of fortunes of the two main characters is a typical folklore motif, even though this is usually identified as a parable by most commentators. The rich man, of course, was blind to those reversals early on, as he still expects Lazarus to do his bidding in their post-death environment. Abraham makes clear that the reversal has taken place ("there is a great chasm ... to prevent anyone from crossing over").

The rich man still tries to manipulate Abraham to make Lazarus be a kind of messenger to his remaining brothers so that they do not wind up like him. At that point, Luke turns this into another quasi-prediction (or at least a reminder) of the resurrection by noting that if the rich man's brothers "will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

So what do we take away from these challenging reflections on the Word? We are reminded that there will be a judgment. How we deal with our neighbor, especially the poor among us, will go a long way toward determining what that judgment will be.

We should also note that the lead-in for this parable was Luke 16:14-15, where Luke had written, "The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all these things and sneered at him. And he said to them: 'You justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts; for what is of human esteem is an abomination in the sight of God.'" The words still apply, whether to Pharisees or to us.

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary, can be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

Fr. Scullin at St. James the Less Parish Mission

Columbus St. James the Less Church, 1652 Oakland Park Ave., will host a parish mission from Monday to Wednesday, Oct. 7 to 9, at 7 to 9 p.m.

The preacher/singer/songwriter for the mission will be Father Robert Scullin, SJ, who hopes to literally "strike a chord" in the hearts and souls of all who attend. He is pastor of Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit and is a former pastor of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John



Church.

Father Scullin's guided meditations on daily life experiences capture the common trials of aging, caring for loved ones, unemployment and loss through death. He will wrap them up in song, preaching, and prayer so people can experience the healing power of God's love.

For more information, call the parish office at (614) 262-1179.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
 Zechariah 8:1-8
 Psalm 102:16-23, 29
 Luke 9:46-50

TUESDAY
 Zechariah 8:20-23
 Psalm 87:1-7
 Luke 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY
 Nehemiah 2:1-8
 Psalm 137:1-6
 Matthew 18:1-5, 10

THURSDAY
 Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
 Psalm 119:8-11
 Luke 10:1-12

FRIDAY
 Baruch 1:15-22
 Psalm 79:1-5, 8-9
 Luke 10:13-16

SATURDAY
 Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29
 Psalm 69:33-37
 Luke 10:17-24

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 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 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable system for WWHO's cable channel listing. Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378) (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from 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); Noon, St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

Pope Francis: The Church is an Army Field Hospital

Not a week goes by without Pope Francis seeming to keep us all on our toes with some thought-provoking comments. In a 12,000-word interview in a Jesuit publication (*see story on Page 3*), Pope Francis tells the Church that we must try to get everyone to church so that they can be healed. The Holy Father, in typical Jesuit fashion, uses the metaphor of the battlefield, describing the Church as an army field hospital treating the wounded. Pope Francis has said he is not trying to change the teachings of the Church, but, rather, trying to bring people to church so that they may understand the Church's teachings.

Pope Francis tells us he is a sinner and reminds any of us with delusions of grandeur that we are all sinners. The instrument of treatment is confession, but to treat the wounded, we must get them to church, even though some groups of people don't feel welcomed by the Church, others don't think their way of living causes them to sin, and still others just don't think they need God.

Some of my relatives have been in battles, and a couple of them were even medics. They tell me that battlefield wounds come in many shapes and sizes, and some are more obvious than others. Some injuries are obviously horrifying because of the visibility of blood and organs. However, some injuries are less visible, with some combatants protesting that they aren't even injured when a well-trained medic is able



THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM David Hartline

to spot certain injuries, usually head trauma, before they are even apparent to the injured.

The job of the Church is to tend to the wounded, which, of course involves everyone living. The problem, as I mentioned above, is the not-so-visible injuries. Sin, loneliness, loss of a loved one, anger, lost loves, greed, addiction, etc., have taken their toll on the world; the wounded need to be treated.

Just as Jesus faced criticism, so do the successors of Peter, those whom Jesus put in charge on this earth; namely, the 265 popes since Peter. Some Catholics feel Vatican II, which took place in the early and middle 1960s, was all a big mistake, and if we just left things alone, the Church's teachings would be clear and the churches would be packed. These folks argue that before the 1960s, everyone knew the rules, and there were those who wouldn't come anyway and, by their non-attendance, would be boasting about their sin of rebellion. On the other side of the philosophical divide come those Catholics who say that if we

just didn't have so many rules or a hierarchy and just let people be themselves, everyone would be happy and not weighed down by sin. Obviously, both approaches are wrong.

We must avoid being like the older brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son, or the unrepentant thief on the cross who didn't feel he had sinned. This is what Pope Francis is getting at in his interview. He sees a world that doesn't believe it needs God because it sees God in technology, which is why Pope Francis often speaks of the need for the confessional. We are all injured by sin and need God, despite how fast our wireless Internet may be and how many iPhones and iPods we may possess.

Interestingly, the late Steve Jobs, who invented many of the Apple devices we own, has the Church to thank for his life. His birth mother was Catholic and placed baby Steve up for adoption when she felt she could not raise a child because of her trying circumstances. Steve Jobs later met her and thanked her and his birth parents for giving him the opportunity to change the world as we know it. The Holy Father is trying to remind everyone that they need God and His Church. Our job is to remind those we know of the invitation extended by Pope Francis.

Hartline is the author of "The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATION



Columbus St. Andrew School celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a spirit rally on Monday, Sept. 23. Each family group represented a Catholic virtue. Students are shown preparing to chant a cheer about the virtue of humility.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School



Fr. PETE GIDEON invites you to join him on Thursday, October 3 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mark Church, Lancaster, to learn about a tour he is leading



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BORN, Myla J., 87, Sept. 2
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

BURKE, Earl G., 84, Sept. 13
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

CIRIVELLO, Jeanette, 97, Sept. 20
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

FAEHNLE, Loretta J., 89, Aug. 27
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

FAEHNLE, Dr. Thomas M., 89, Aug. 20
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

LONG, Vicki, 71, Sept. 19
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

LOWRY, Dodie M., 89, Sept. 18
Pope John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

MALONEY, Daniel J., 74, Sept. 16
Holy Family Church, Columbus

McNAMARA, Monica, 67, Sept. 20
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

O'BRIEN, Thomas R., 68, Sept. 18
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

SHROPSHIRE, John, 73, Sept. 17
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

THOMAS, Donald L., 82, Aug. 29
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

TIBERI, Maria E., 21, Sept. 17
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

UNVERZAGT, Rita A., 86, Sept. 20
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

Sister Carolyn Thomas, SCN

Sister Carolyn Thomas, SCN, 77, a native of Fancy Farm, Ky., died at Nazareth Home, Louisville, Kentucky on September 20. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 in St. Vincent Church, Nazareth, Ky with burial in Nazareth Cemetery, Nazareth, KY. She had been a Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 39 years.

Sister entered the Ursuline Sisters of Maple Mount, Kentucky and make her first profession of vows on August 15, 1955. In 1974 Sister transferred to the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and made her perpetual vows in that congregation on August 1, 1975. As a Sister of Charity of Nazareth received a Master's degree in Scripture and Dogmatic Theology from Loyola University, Chicago in 1976; she received an STM degree in Scripture and Old Testament from Union Theological Seminary, New York City in 1982. Sister acquired a PhD in Scripture and New Testament from Ford-

ham University in 1985.

In Columbus, she served as Associate Professor of New Testament at Pontifical College Josephinum from 1992-1998. From 1998-2005 Sister served as Professor of New Testament and Biblical Languages in the School of Theology and Formation of Seminarians at the Josephinum. From 2005-2006 Sister served as part-time teacher at the Josephinum and at Ohio Dominican University as well as in the Catholic Biblical Literacy Program. From 2007-2011 Sister served as part-time Director of Eucharistic Ministers and as Pastoral Minister at St. Timothy Church, Columbus. In retirement Sister served in the Apostolate of Prayer at Nazareth Motherhouse and later at Nazareth Home,

Survivors include two brothers: James W. Thomas of Mayfield, KY and Julian B. Thomas of Salvisa, KY; two sisters: Jane Concinia and Bernadette Hughes, both of Scottsdale, AZ, and her religious community.

Diocesan Musicians Evening Prayer

Bishop Frederick Campbell, the diocesan music subcommission, and musicians from all over the diocese will assemble at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30, for the second annual diocesan

musicians evening prayer. All musicians and choir members from the diocese are welcome. Parish music directors are asked to RSVP to Paul Davis of the diocesan Office for Divine Worship at (614) 221-4640.

Sister Helen Welch, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Helen Welch, OSF, 88, who died Thursday, Sept. 19, was held Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity at Stella Niagara, N.Y. Burial was at the sisters' cemetery in Lewiston, N.Y.

She was born Feb. 18, 1925, in Columbus to the late William and Anna (Blaney) Welch. She graduated from Columbus Rosary High School in 1943, entered the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara on Jan. 30, 1946, professed her vows on Aug. 18, 1947, taking the name Sister Roberta, and received a bachelor of arts degree from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, N.Y., in 1961.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught or was principal for most of the

years from 1951-94 at New Lexington St. Aloysius Academy and Mount Aloysius School and at St. John, St. Peter, Sacred Heart, Blessed Trinity, and Our Lady of Victory elementary schools and St. Francis DeSales High School, all in Columbus. She also served at schools in the Diocese of Steubenville, New York state, and South Carolina. She was coordinator at the St. Leo Convent in Columbus from 1994-97 and was local minister at the Stella Niagara Convent in New York from 1997-2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Harold, Charles, William, and Thomas; and sisters, Catherine Gentile and Dorothy Stokes. Survivors include her sister, Sister Mary Frances Welch, OSF, and many nieces and nephews.



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SEPTEMBER

THROUGH NOV. 3, SUNDAY
40 Days for Life

7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Founder's Center, 1243 E. Broad St., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils. Individuals may sign up for one- or two-hour shifts. Churches, schools, and other organizations may select one day in which their representatives will cover all shifts. **614-445-8508**

26, THURSDAY

Ohio Dominican Spirituality Series
3:30 to 5 p.m., Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Spirituality Series lecture on "Spiritual But Not Religious: What's the Meaning?" with ODU theology professor Alison Benders. **614-251-4722**

'Catholicism' Series at St. Pius X

7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Part 1 of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" series. **614-866-2859**

'Reconnect and Come Home' Program at St. Paul
7 to 9 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Opening of seven-week "Reconnect and Come Home" program for inactive Catholics, led by Catholics who themselves returned to the church. **614-882-2109**

'Courage' Support Group Meeting
7:30 p.m., A Catholic organization providing support for individuals with same-sex attractions. **614-436-8676**

27, FRIDAY

All-School Mass at Mount Vernon With Bishop
11 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Church, 303 E. High St., Mount Vernon. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates all-school Mass for Catholic Schools Week. **740-392-4711**

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.

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H A P P E N I N G S

28, SATURDAY

Matthew Kelly Program at St. Edward
9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark Road, Granville. Program with Matthew Kelly, author of "Rediscovering Catholicism," on "Living Every Day With Passion and Purpose," with musical guest Eliot Morris. Tickets \$39. **740-974-9433**

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**

Friends of the Poor Walk
10 a.m., Alumni Stadium, St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Fifth annual Friends of the Poor one-mile walk, benefiting the St. Vincent dePaul Society. **614-314-4235**

Rally for Life in Pickerington
10:30 to 11:30 a.m., 692 Hill Road North, Pickerington. Rally for life, sponsored by PICKLife organization at location near Pickerington office of Complete Healthcare for Women, a clinic which performs abortions at another site. Details at www.pick-life.com.

DeSales 30th Anniversary Reunion
6 to 10 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 500 Metro Place North, Dublin. Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Class of 1983 30th anniversary reunion. Contact sasmith888@wowway.com.

29, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Talk on Lumen Fidei, Pope Francis' first encyclical, with Catholic journalist John Fink. **614-488-1971**

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. **614-861-1242**

St. Paul Church 100th Anniversary Mass
12:15 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass marking 100th anniversary of opening of church as a mission. **614-882-2109**

Pro-Life Youth Training Conference
1 to 5 p.m., Run the Race Club, 880 S. Wayne Ave., Columbus. Pro-life youth training conference with keynote Bryan Kemper of Stand True Ministries, sponsored by Crusaders for Life, Greater Columbus Right to Life, Run the Race Club, and Brian Muha Memorial Foundation. Information at www.gctrl.org/voices.

Healing Mass at St. Elizabeth
4 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Healing Mass sponsored by Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal, celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson, with Father Jim Coleman, Father Pete Gideon, and Msgr. Robert Noon as concelebrants. Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Preceded by rosary at 2:30 and praise and worship, with trained prayer teams available for personal prayer, at 3. Fellowship dinner after Mass. **614-237-7080**

English Choral Music at St. Colman of Cloyne
4 p.m., St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St., Washington Court House. Concert featuring baritone David Belt, parish choir, and singers from other area groups performing great works of the English choral tradition. **740-335-5000**

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston

Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. **614-886-8266**

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

30, MONDAY

Diocesan Musicians Evening Prayer
7 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Evening Prayer service with Bishop Frederick Campbell for all diocesan musicians and choir members. **614-221-4640**

OCTOBER

1, TUESDAY

Serra Club Life Awareness Youth Luncheon
11:45 a.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Annual Life Awareness Youth Luncheon for boys of eighth-grade and high-school age, sponsored by Serra Club of North Columbus. Speaker: Father John Rozembajgier, Josephinum faculty member. Followed by tour of college. **614-738-4233**

40 Days for Life Keynote Event at Columbus St. Mary
7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 684 S. 3rd St., Columbus. Local 40 Days for Life campaign keynote event featuring Steve Karlen, outreach director for the national 40 Days campaign. **614-445-8508**

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

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

Holy Hour for Immigration Reform at St. Paul
7 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Holy Hour for immigration reform, sponsored by diocesan Office for Social Concerns and Catholic Latino Ministry office. **614-241-2540 or 614-262-7992**

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**

3, THURSDAY

Founders Day Mass at Ohio Dominican
11 a.m., Christ the King Chapel, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. University's annual Founders Day Mass, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as celebrant.

'Band of Sisters' at de Porres Center
6:30 to 9 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "Band of Sisters," a documentary telling the stories of more than a dozen sisters from religious congregations across the United States, followed by questions and answers with its producer-director, Mary Fishman. Registration deadline Oct. 1. **614-416-1910**

'Catholicism' Series at St. Pius X

7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. "New Ardor," Part 2 of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" series. **614-866-2859**

4, 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 talk by Bishop Frederick Campbell. Details at www.columbus-catholicmen.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 pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods. **614-882-7578**

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.

5, SATURDAY

Catholic Women's Conference in Zanesville
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St., Zanesville. Second annual Catholic women's conference for the eastern portion of the diocese. Theme: "The Beauty of the Feminine: Called to Love." **740-453-3301**

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**

NFP Information Session at Newman Center
10 a.m. to noon, St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Information session for Natural Family Planning. **614-291-4674**

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**

Joseph's Coat Spaghetti Dinner
5:30 to 8 p.m., St. Pius X School, 1061 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Spaghetti dinner and silent auction to benefit Joseph's Coat clothing and household goods outreach of St. Pius, Messiah Lutheran, and Parkview Presbyterian churches in Reynoldsburg. **614-866-4386**

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CONCERT

Heinavanker

**Ancient Songs, Chants and Hymns
Vocal music from Estonia**

The 34th season of the Early Music in Columbus concert series opens with the vocal music ensemble Heinavanker on Friday, Oct. 4 in Mees Hall at Capital University. The concert begins at 8 p.m., with a pre-concert lecture at 7:30.

Heinavanker will perform runic songs, Gregorian chant, Estonian folk hymns, and Renaissance Mass settings from the 14th century. The six-member ensemble takes its name from the famous altarpiece of Hieronymus Bosch (1453-1516). This rare piece of art represents a huge wagonload of hay rolling through a world vexed by agony and greed toward destruction. However, atop the hayload, there sounds



beautiful music. Heinavanker has performed at music festivals and concerts throughout Europe and the United States.

The Early Music in Columbus concert series features regional, national, and international artists who specialize in music from the medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque periods on reproductions of historical instruments. Tickets are \$27 general admission, \$22 for seniors, and \$12 for students and may be purchased

through the website www.earlymusicincolumbus.org, at the door, or charged by phone. To order tickets by phone, contact Katherine Wolfe at (614) 861-4569, the CAPA ticket office (614) 469-0939, or Ticketmaster (1-800) 745-3000.

The Early Music in Columbus concert series is supported by funding from the Ohio Arts Council, the Greater Columbus Arts Council, and The Columbus Foundation.

FILM PREMIERE

Band of Sisters

The Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Road, Columbus, will host the central Ohio premiere of the 2012 film *Band of Sisters* from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3. Commentary on the film will be by its producer and director, Mary Fishman, who also will answer questions about the film and its production.

The film focuses on the life experiences and current-day stories of more than a dozen sisters from different religious congregations across the United States, many of whom have been central agents in the great social movements of our time.

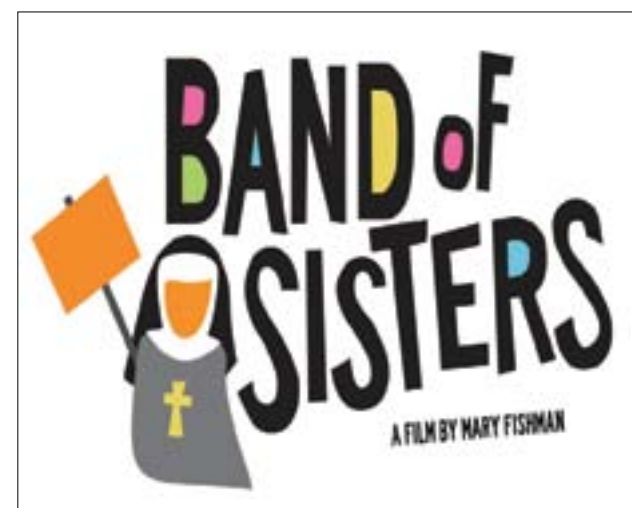
It has been 50 years since Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council to revitalize the church, and many Catholics will immediately recognize how the work of sisters in the U.S. has changed since that time. Fascinating scenes of convent life before Vatican II contrast in the film with those of sisters in the years after the council.

Band of Sisters travels with sisters who serve as organic farmers, environmental attorneys, peace activ-

ists, holistic health care practitioners, podcasters, and more. With poignancy, drama, and humor, the film fosters well-deserved recognition for its engaging characters and the thousands of sisters like them. A film that shows the sisters as they are, *Band of Sisters* is a deeply moving story of inspiration and hope for people of all faiths.

It represents Fishman's filmmaking debut. She attended Catholic elementary and high schools, where sisters were her teachers, but it was during the making of this film that they became her friends—and they're still her teachers.

In her previous career, Fishman was an architect and urban planner. She grew up in Chicago, graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in architecture and French, and practiced architecture in Chicago, in southern California, and in France. While in California, she attended UCLA and received a master's degree in urban planning. Returning home, she specialized in historic preservation and zoning for the city of Chicago's planning and development department.



She left her job to help care for her mother, and began work on *Band of Sisters* in 2004 after taking film courses at Columbia College and at Chicago Filmmakers. Making films is a dream come true for Fishman, joining her love of movies with her desire to work for social justice.

To register by Tuesday, Oct. 1, call (614) 416-1910 or register online at www.martindeporrescenter.net. Suggested donation is \$10.

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Pope Francis poses with young people during an encounter with youth in Cagliari, Sardinia, Sept. 22. CNS photo/Paul Haring



Sister Angelique Namaika, a member of the Augustine Sisters of Dungu and Doruma, embraces a Congolese child at a site for internally displaced people in Congo. Sister Angelique received the 2013 Nansen Refugee Award from the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Sept. 17 for her work with women forced to leave their homes in northeastern Congo because of long-term civil strife. CNS photo/Brian Sokol, courtesy UNHR



A member of the Pakistani Christian community holds a placard as he shouts slogans during a Sept. 23 protest rally in Lahore, Pakistan, to condemn the suicide attack on All Saints Church in Peshawar the previous day. At least 81 people were killed by two suicide bombers outside the historic church in Peshawar, prompting countrywide protests by Christians who condemned authorities for failing to protect minorities. CNS photo/Mohsin Raza, Reuters



Cardinal says USCCB continues legal, moral analysis of HHS mandate

By Catholic News Service

In a Sept. 17 letter to U.S. bishops, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to study the legal and moral implications of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate in the Affordable Care Act.

The USCCB also continues to "develop avenues of response that would both preserve our strong unity and protect our consciences," he said.

The letter from Cardinal Dolan, president of the USCCB, was a follow-up from a Sept. 10-11 meeting in which the bishops' administrative committee discussed the HHS mandate, among other topics.

The HHS contraceptive mandate, part of the Affordable Care Act, will require most employers, including religious employers, to provide coverage of contraceptives, sterilization, and some abortion-inducing drugs free of charge, even if the employer is morally opposed to such services. It includes an exemption for some religious employers that fit its criteria.

The bishops' "efforts are proceeding apace, and, as you know, include a careful legal and moral analysis of the final rule," Cardinal Dolan wrote. He said further discussion will take place at the bishops' fall general meeting from Nov. 11-14 in Baltimore.

"We are united in our resolve to continue to defend our right to live by our faith, and our duty to serve the poor, heal the sick, keep our apostolates strong and faithful, and insure our people," he wrote.

The final HHS rule on the mandate is an accommodation of religious ministries that do not fit the exemption. Contraceptive coverage for those accommodated religious organizations with health insurance plans is to be provided separately, either through health insurance companies or through third-party administrators who must ensure that payments for contraceptive services come from outside the objecting organization's premiums.

For self-insuring institutions, a third-party administrator would provide or arrange the services, paid for through reductions in federally facilitated exchange-user fees associated with their health insurance provider.

The mandate does not include a conscience clause for employers who object to such coverage on moral grounds.

The contraceptive mandate was to go into effect on Aug. 1, but the HHS final rule issued this summer moved the date of imple-



mentation to Jan. 1. Starting Oct. 1, people can begin selecting and apply for health insurance coverage choices.

In his letter to the bishops, Cardinal Dolan emphasized that the USCCB administrative committee was unanimous in its resolve to continue its struggle with the HHS mandate. He likewise voiced concern regarding the Catholic Health Association's "hurried acceptance of the accommodation," which he called "untimely and unhelpful."

"We highly value CHA's great expertise in their ministry of healing," Cardinal Dolan said, "but as they have been the first to say, they do not represent the magisterium of the church."

He said the final rule, which was issued on June 28, has "the same three basic problems" found in the original rule issued in February: a narrow definition of "religious employer" that "reduces religious freedom to the freedom of worship by dividing our community between houses of worship and ministries of service"; second-class treatment of such ministries through a "so-called 'accommodation'"; and a "failure to offer any relief to for-profit businesses run by so many of our faithful in the pews."

He stressed that the Catholic Church has long been a leader in providing affordable health care. "The bishops on a national level have been at it for almost 100 years, and our heroic women and men religious have done so even longer," he said.

But now, he pointed out, "instead of spending our time, energy, and treasure on increasing access to health care, as we have done for many decades, we're ... forced to spend those resources on determining how to respond to recently enacted government regulations that restrict and burden our religious freedom."

Cardinal Dolan said that "while much remains uncertain," the USCCB is continuing its efforts in Congress and in the courts, particularly since the mandate "lessens the ability of our ministries to give full-throated witness to our faith, a central mission of all Catholic apostolates."

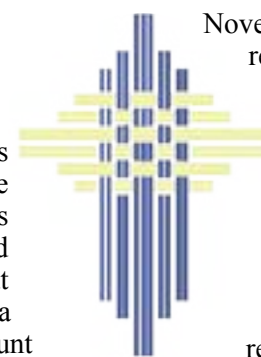
"As I've said before, this is a fight that we didn't ask for, and would rather not be in, but it's certainly one that we won't run from," the cardinal wrote.

The 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal... An Impact on the Parish!

By Michael Ames
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The 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal once again not only has reached its targeted goal of \$6 million, but has to date realized a total pledged amount of \$6.6 million. This is a fantastic achievement, and all those who have contributed and worked so hard to make this possible should be applauded. "Faithful To God ... Loving To Our Neighbor," the theme of this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, is wonderfully exhibited by the inspiring commitment of the faithful to support the ministries and programs that benefit so many people in our diocese and community. To date, 65 parishes have surpassed their stated goal for this year's appeal. This means not only that the ministries and programs of the diocese will be able to continue their important work, but also that the majority of parishes will realize a refund of all money given which exceeded the parish goal. These refunds can make a huge difference for many of our parishes in the maintenance of their facilities and the support of many of their programs.

Father David Schalk, pastor of Columbus Christ the King Church, said parishioners are motivated to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal because of the diocesan ministries that positively affect the parish. His parishioners so far have pledged more than \$25,000 over the parish goal for this year. By the end of last year's campaign, Christ the King had more than doubled its stated goal. This made it possible to undertake much-needed repairs on the parish's convent, which will house three sisters of the Missionary Servants of the Word, a religious order that will come to Christ the King in



November. This year, the refund money from the appeal will go toward remodeling the kitchen in the church basement.

Father Michael Lumpe, vicar for priests for the diocese and newly appointed rector of Columbus St.

Joseph Cathedral, served for the past six years as the pastor at Columbus St. Catharine Church. In the 2012 Bishop's Annual Appeal, the parish came just short of doubling its goal. This year, it has more than doubled its goal, which means the parish will receive a significant refund. Father Lumpe calls this "a planned, forced overage" of the Bishop's Annual Appeal which has enabled the parish to make many capital improvements.

During the past six years, it was able to replace the church air-conditioning and air handling system, tuck-point the exterior of the church, install a security system, replace concrete walkways and exterior steps, replace sections of asphalt in the parking lot, install parking lot and security lighting on parish grounds, and install athletic field fencing. This year, Father Lumpe and parishioners launched a three-year effort that will be completed under the new pastor, Father Daniel Dury, to provide needed repairs and upgrades to the interior of the church. To quote Father Lumpe, "St. Catharine parishioners recognize the importance of providing regular care, upgrades, and maintenance to their parish infrastructure. It's a reinvestment in the parish to be enjoyed by current and future generations."

Bishop Campbell is most grateful for the prayers and support of so many people in making the Bishop's Annual Appeal such a great success. We are a community of believers that are called to be "Faithful To God ... Loving To Our Neighbor."