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The Editor's Notebook

The Way of Christ: A Road We Must Follow

By David Garick, Editor

Christmas is over. It has been a glorious time. How wonderful to celebrate the most incredible gift of all time. God Himself takes human form to redeem us, to become one with us for all eternity. But, sadly, many of us never really unwrap and make full use of that gift of Jesus Christ. Salvation is not a condition randomly dropped upon us in which we are passively awarded eternal life. Christ Himself is a gift that becomes part of us and allows us to participate in His divinity, but only if we truly accept it.

The Mass readings during these early days of Ordinary Time help point us to just who Jesus Christ is through an exploration of the beginnings of His ministry, and they explain how we play a part in that ministry.

Jesus summarizes that in one sentence. It is the theme of His entire public life: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

He calls us to "repent" or to reform our lives. He does not merely present a set of rules to follow. He does not demand a retreat from the world. His call is more universal and demanding -- a total change of heart, a complete transformation of one's life, a radical decision for God. In His parables, He calls us to go beyond being listeners and to live in a manner that is vastly different from the world around us. Such a radical decision means that the mystery of Jesus becomes our plan of life, our interpretation of the very meaning of life.

Then He continues, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." All of our questions about human life are answered in the person of Christ, a reality that we share

through His very presence with us in His Word and the sacrament of the Eucharist. This reality can only be really expressed by doing the will of God.

In this Sunday's scripture readings, we hear this foretold by Isaiah: "Anguish has taken wing ... the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." In the Gospel reading from St. Matthew, we hear of Jesus beginning His ministry by approaching Simon and Andrew on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. He did not just preach the message of "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He went beyond that and called them to follow after Him. The command was not just for them. It is for all of us. We are called to not only hear the words of Jesus, but to incorporate Jesus into the core of our lives and be transformed to live as Christ lived. Our Lord said, "Behold, I come to do your will, O God." In His time of agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, He repeated, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." Through Christ, we are called to go beyond our own wills and live in accord with the will of God. Through that, we find true joy and eternal happiness.

Learning to do that does not happen overnight. We all have to learn how to build the teaching of Christ into our lives. This issue of *Catholic Times* explores how that is being done through the educational programs at Bishop Rosecrans High School in Zanesville.



SINGING, DANCING, PRAISE AND PRAYER HIGHLIGHT DR. KING DAY CELEBRATION



Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church hosted its annual Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, Jan. 20. The parish has been celebrating Martin Luther King Day every year since 1986, the first year the holiday was observed, making this service one of the oldest Martin Luther King Day events in Columbus.

The event included a prayer service celebrated by Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Holy Rosary-St. John; music by Vernon Hairston and the combined gospel choirs of Holy Rosary/St. John, St. Dominic, and St. Thomas parishes; liturgical dance by Richala Thompson, Taylor Myles, and Tyler Myles; readings of quotations from Dr. King;

and remarks from Msgr. Eugene Morris, director of sacred liturgy at the Pontifical College Josephinum, who was principal speaker for the event.

Msgr. Morris told the gathering, "During a troubled time of our country's history, the line between truth and fiction became blurred. But for Dr. King, nothing was more powerful than the truth of Jesus Christ, which began with his own baptism and which helped him stand in the midst of the people -- his people first, then the nation, and, in truth, the whole world. He proclaimed what needed to be proclaimed."

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Nine days of prayer part of Roe v. Wade anniversary events for 2014

By Catholic News Service

For the second year in a row, the U.S. Catholic bishops are sponsoring "Nine Days for Life: Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage," which began on Saturday, Jan. 18 and conclude on Sunday, Jan. 26, as part of several events marking the 41st anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion virtually on demand in the U.S.

"Since that tragic decision, more than 55 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss -- often in silence," says a posting on the website www.9daysforlife.com.

Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said on Jan. 15 that the number of abortions since the 1973 decision reflects "with heartbreaking magnitude" what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture."

"Yet our society relegates abortion to a matter of personal choice, often denying the integrity and even the recognition of the personhood of unborn children," he said. "However, we have great trust in God's providence."

Cardinal O'Malley urged all Catholics to participate in the nine-day pro-life novena.

The 9daysforlife website offers participants several ways to sign up to receive directly a daily simple novena with different intercessions, brief reflections, and suggested acts of reparation via email or text message or by using an app for smartphones.

Several resources for prayer and activities -- as well as the full reflections for each of the nine days -- are available online in the "Pro-Life Activities" section of the U.S. bishops' website, www.usccb.org.

By participating in the pro-life novena and calling "upon the Lord for the healing and conversion of our nation and those impacted by the culture of death," Cardinal O'Malley said, "we are also reminded -- through the very act of prayer

-- of our beautiful dependence on God and his deep love for each of us."

Wednesday, Jan. 22 was the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions in the *Roe* case and its companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*. Once again on that date, the National Mall in Washington was the site of the annual March for Life marking those rulings. Thousands of pro-lifers descended on the nation's capital for the rally and a march to the Supreme Court building immediately afterward. The march had adoption as its theme this year.

On the eve of the annual march, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, and The Catholic University of America's Office of Campus Ministry sponsored the annual National Prayer Vigil for Life at the shrine.

Cardinal O'Malley was the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass which opened the vigil. Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput was the celebrant and homilist at the vigil's closing Mass on the morning of the march.

In Columbus on that date, Bishop Frederick Campbell was celebrant and homilist at the annual diocesan Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, which was followed by a rally in front

of the Ohio Statehouse. The marches and rallies in Columbus and Washington took place just after this issue of the *Catholic Times* went to press. Coverage of both will be featured in the Feb. 2 issue.

More than 50,000 people are expected to gather on Saturday, Jan. 25 for the 10th annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco.

"The pro-life spirit is truly alive in San Francisco, and the Walk for Life West Coast continues to be a wonderful way for those who care about women and their babies, born and unborn, to show that life is the only choice," Eva Muntean, the event's co-chair, told *Catholic Times* in San Francisco, the newspaper of that city's archdiocese.

San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone will deliver the invocation for the walk at Civic Center Plaza. He has invited the priests and people of all the parishes and schools of the archdiocese to attend.

"The growth and enthusiasm surrounding the walk proves that our pro-life message continues to resonate with the culture to fill the void secular society creates when it excludes God, virtue and an understanding of the profound dignity of human life," Archbishop Cordileone wrote in preparation for the event.

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"So here we are. We talk about a legacy. We talk about what remains, what has endured, what may continue to need to exist or be fixed. Much has happened in our country since Dr. King was with us. In fact, I wouldn't be standing before you were it not precisely for this man.



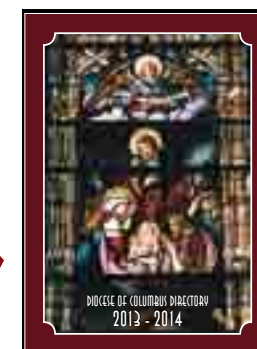
the road that we must travel, is the road of constant vigilance, recognizing the truth that we are nourished and sustained through the living God, through Christ. That's always been the answer, and will always be the answer. That's why he was able to do what he did. That's the legacy he left us."

"Many of the injustices he fought to overcome have been fixed. But perhaps the greatest legacy Dr. King has left us is the knowledge that we must continue to be vigilant of the need to hold fast to what it is that he did, for it could easily slip away. Because modern man is always finding ways to keep other people down. He is always finding ways to forget the fact that he is a child of God."

"The road that Dr. King traveled,

"So, as Our Lord Jesus Christ exalted in sacred Scripture, my brothers and sisters, rise and be on your way, for behold, now the hour has come. This is the hour for you to stand up and take your place. By your actions, you will be sealed and sanctified. You are a child of God committed to truth and justice. In the mystery of our Lord, pray for the strength and grace to be a witness, just as Dr. King was a witness. Amen."

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Risotto

Did you pray for the grace to have broad shoulders last week? We all have good examples of giants in our lives who have supported us and many others. We strive to be good and faithful stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the solid, strong Doers of the Word we exemplify help us along the way. Those shoulders of support are very important for us to nurture and grow. Our faith supports us, and we must support those whom we encounter each day, and even those who come after us. We focused on four giants in particular who left a lasting legacy of faith and good stewardship when they passed on. Be sure to find those giants in your own life to look upon as models. We do not have to face our challenges alone. Even Jesus Christ looked to others for strength and hope. He learned from Mary and Joseph and went to His cousin John to be baptized. He acknowledged strong faith in some of those whom He encountered. And he prayed earnestly to His Father for strength, especially when He knew His passion and death were near. As was His comfort, we know that the result for our salvation is the resurrection.

I love to cook. I am not sure how good I am, but my family is usually happy with what I concoct, and I have yet to make anyone ill. One of the things on which I thrive is cooking from scratch, without a recipe. I love to be daring and inventive, and to just create something with whatever I have available. At the same time, I am careful to use moderation, avoiding extremes and keeping the food relatively safe for most tastes. One of the things I enjoy making is a good risotto. The rice should be Arborio, and the process should be deliberate and not rushed. Once the rice is quickly sautéed in some olive oil and on the verge of browning, the hot chicken, beef, or vegetable stock is carefully ladled into the rice, a little at a time, until it is absorbed. Then the next ladle or two is added. This goes on for a good 30 to 40 minutes until the risotto is ready, creamy, and just right. Depending on the crowd or the other parts of the meal, additional items, such as white wine, can be added. The transformation from rice to risotto takes time and patience. It is worth the wait.

With the anniversary of Roe v. Wade this month, we focus on the respect for human life from conception to natural death. I was preparing to go on a rant about the evils and horrors of abortion when I was struck by a couple of thoughts. One was the loving message of Pope Francis, who has reminded us to be determined in our pursuit of what is right, while remaining steadfast and sensitive to many social justice issues. Another thought concerned the number of very important life issues there are. None of my rants will change these overnight. In the same way that a good risotto needs time, patience, care, and gradual ladles of stock, our practical challenge is to treat these issues like risotto. We do our best to sauté and brown the hearts of many, but if we come on too strong, they burn and may be ruined. When the time is right, we ladle in the prayer, love, and care that will transform and change the hearts and minds of many, one grain at a time. We can do so much with a good ladle and good stock. Like risotto, when their hearts and minds are just right, the change will be complete. This can be our resolute approach to respect for life. And as sinners, we can never lose sight of the ladles of change we need in our own lives.

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



SCOUT DAY WITH THE BISHOP

The diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting's annual Scout Day with the Bishop program will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will preside at the prayer service and will recognize all Catholic Boy and Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members who received religious emblems in 2013.

These include the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei awards for Cub Scouts; the Ad Altare Dei medal for Boy Scouts; the Family of God, I Live My Faith, Marian, and Spirit Alive programs for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members; and the Pope Pius XII medal for Boy and Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members.

Also honored will be recipients of the diocesan committee's St. Tarcisius, International Awareness, Santa Maria, Founders of Faith, Pope John Paul II, and Rosary Patch awards, for which Boy and Girl Scouts, Camp Fire members, and adult leaders are eligible.

Boy Scout Troop 50 of Marion St. Mary Church is the Bishop's Troop for combining active participation in religious activities with service to the community and to Scouting. Troop 295 of Columbus St. Timothy Church will re-

ceive an award of merit.

Receiving the Red Sash of Merit as the diocese's outstanding Catholic Scouts will be Sara Crosswell of Girl Scout Troop 50194 from Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and Troop 50 members Macray Brown, Alec Beickelman, and Zachary Lingo.

The diocesan Bronze Pelican award for adult service to Scouting will be presented to Bob Beasley, Dr. Michael Woolery, Dr. Tony Joseph, Sandy Joseph, Georgia McCoy, Matthew Montgomery, Edward Brown, Kevin O'Brien, Nick Linkenhoker, Deacon Christopher Reis, Ed Schneider, and Mike Hall, director of the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Receiving the national St. Elizabeth Ann Seton medal for service to Girl Scouts and Camp Fire will be Marilyn Magin. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting's St. George emblem for adults will be presented to Paul Beickelman, Ed Wiswell, Dr. Mark Darnell, and Father David Schalk.

All Catholic Scouts of the diocese are invited. Anyone planning to attend is asked to contact Hall at (614) 241-2565; Kevin or Becky Miller at (614) 263-7832, or Chuck Lamb at (614) 882-7806.

ST. PIUS X PARISH MISSION

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, will host its annual parish mission at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 and 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 3 and 4, featuring Catholic speaker and author Jon Leonetti, who has been featured and interviewed on many of the nation's top Catholic websites, blogs, and radio shows.

His intergenerational "Surge of the Heart" mission is designed to convey a



message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ by cultivating an intimate relationship with Jesus through prayer, the Sacraments, family life, Mary, and the saints, helping participants to discover the freedom Christ offers through his life and his love as they fall in love and stay in love with the living God.

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Fish fry enthusiast looking for help with transportation

A Columbus-area fish fry fan is looking to expand his horizons, but needs some help with transportation.

J.K. Mendenhall of the Worthington area has become a connoisseur of Lenten fish fries in the last few years. He says you can't beat the atmosphere and the price is right. He's blind, but that hasn't deterred him. With the help

of the Central Ohio Transit Authority's Mainstream service and the *Catholic Times* fish fry guide, he made it to a dozen different church fish fries last year. He says there's something interesting about each of them. Some of his comments will be published in the annual *Catholic Times* issue featuring parish fish fry dates and times.

He has become a familiar and welcome sight at churches around downtown Columbus and northern Franklin County – attending three, and sometimes four, fish fries each Friday night during Lent. He's heard good things about some of the fish fries in the southern and eastern part of the county and in the outlying counties and would like to see what they have to offer, but needs a way to get there.

Mendenhall is looking for transporta-

tion assistance on one or two Fridays next Lent from someone who would be willing to take him to places such as Pickerington, Delaware, or West Jefferson that are a little out of his and COTA's range. He walks with a cane and needs someone to warn him of any obstacles because of his blindness, but has no mobility issues otherwise.

Anyone who would be interested in providing him with this kind of help may call him at (614) 846-6446.

Pray for immigration reform

A Holy Hour to pray for immigration reform will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30 at Columbus St. Stephen Church, 4131 Clime Road. Our Catholic bishops remind us that now is the time for the nation to enact comprehensive immigration reform.

For more information, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540 or the Catholic Latino Ministry at (614) 262-7992. For more information about Church teaching on immigration, visit www.justiceformigrants.org.

migrants.org.

The Catholic Church in the United States is an immigrant church. Along with the nation, it has grown as successive waves of immigrants have come to this country. Immigrants helped build the nation and continue to do so today. As Congress debates immigration reform, we are asked to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and pray for a just and compassionate solution to fix the broken immigration system through comprehensive reform.

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"The Widescreen Life: Getting the Big Picture"

A Parish Mission for St. Patrick Catholic Church, Columbus

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With Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.

Fr. William "Bill" Price Garrott, O.P., a native of Hagerstown, MD, is a Dominican priest of the Province of St. Joseph (eastern United States). He obtained his B.S. in chemistry from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, in 1986 and worked in the field of technology transfer before entering the Order of Friars Preachers in 1988. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1994 and has served in various parish and campus ministries of his province. In 1999 Fr. Garrott obtained a Masters in spiritual theology from the University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He served 8 years as director of vocations and is now a full-time itinerant preacher. Utilizing his keyboard and guitars, Fr. Garrott has preached over 50 parish missions throughout the United States.



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LET US PRAY

by: MICHELLE LEMIESZ

Director, Office for Divine Worship

Sacrosanctum Concilium and Architecture

In 1979, my family moved from the city of Buffalo, N.Y. to the suburb of Cheektowaga. While the move provoked many changes, one that stood out was the stark contrast between the parish we came from and the one we were to attend. Transfiguration, the parish where I grew up, was architecturally traditional. The church boasted tall spires, depictive stained-glass windows, elaborate statuary, and three very elaborate altars. The main one, which served as the altar of repose, had a large scene of the Transfiguration painted in the center. It was simply magnificent.

I can't really say the same of the "new" parish, St. Barnabas. The building was two-story, rectangular, and flat. The first floor held the church, while the second floor held the school. The "stained-glass" windows were also rectangular and made up of plain colored glass. There was very little statuary, and large felt banners adorned the sanctuary, which was paneled. It was simply uninspiring, and when the church was rebuilt in the '90s, it was even worse.

Today, both parishes are closed – Transfiguration reduced to ruins in the inner city and St. Barnabas renovated into a school for the mentally challenged. Sadly, that is the state of many churches in dioceses throughout the nation.

I am sure that many people reading this can identify with my story. One of the things I have frequently heard from people is their disappointment with the architectural environment of churches that were built from the late '60s to the '90s. Most people say they are a far cry from the churches they grew up in; others simply say that they are uninspiring and cold. I have even heard some say that "Catholics have tried too hard to fit in with their Protestant neighbors."

There are many reasons why dioceses changed the way their churches were being built. Many people say it resulted from the changes implemented by Sacrosanctum Concilium and Vatican II. Yet Sacrosanctum Concilium itself says very little in this regard. It refers to the building of new worship spaces twice, noting: "And when churches are to be built, let great care be taken that they be suitable for the celebration of liturgical services and for the active participation of the faithful" (SC 124), and "there is to be an early revision of the canons and ecclesiastical statutes which govern the provision of material things involved in sacred worship. These laws refer especially to the worthy and well planned construction of sacred buildings, the shape and construction of altars, the nobility, placing, and safety of the Eucharistic tabernacle, the dignity and suitability of the baptistry, the proper ordering of sacred images, embellishments, and vestments" (SC 128).

I think it is safe to say that some confusion existed in the minds of ecclesiastical leaders, architects, and liturgists on how "active participation of the faithful" was to be fostered. Did they interpret the need to read "the signs of the times" as a call to modernity and a rejection of the past as being irrelevant to the times?

It appears that the tension of the past 50 years is beginning to be resolved, as Catholics want "churches that look Catholic" and architects are responding to that call. The vision of the Second Vatican Council encourages us to create churches that help us understand the reality of making the Body of Christ visible on earth sacramentally and theologically. May we be willing to accept that call.

Completing Christ's sufferings; reluctance on handshake



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Catholic News Service

Q. When I was reading evening prayer recently, I came across a quote about our filling up what is lacking in the suffering of Christ. For a few years in the early 1950s, I was a Trappist monk at Gethsemani, and I have read a fair number of spiritual books since then. But now I am 80 years old and can't seem to remember what that sentence means. What could possibly be lacking in the suffering of Christ? (Audubon, N.J.)

A. The passage to which you refer is taken from Paul's letter to the Colossians (1:24) and is translated in the Bible as follows: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church."

This does not mean that the sacrifice of Jesus was incomplete. In fact, the letter to the Hebrews says in 10:14: "For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated."

What it means is that, for whatever reason, God has chosen to involve us, as followers of Jesus, in the work of redemption. Pope Pius XII said in his 1943 encyclical *Mystici Corporis Christi* (in No. 44): "This is a deep mystery ... that the salvation of many depends on the prayers and voluntary penances which the members of the mystical body of Jesus Christ offer for this intention."

Paul was writing to the people of Colossae while he was in prison, one of his several forced confinements for the sake of the Gospel. Except for the night between Holy Thursday and Good Friday, Jesus never suffered that same indignity.

So in a real sense, Paul was adding his particular sacrifice to that of Christ. By accepting our sufferings and setbacks

willingly, the mystery of Christ's passion continues in us and our own lives become redemptive.

Q. Sometimes I feel uncomfortable exchanging a handshake when it is time for the sign of peace, or I might have a cold and I don't want to chance spreading germs. How do I -- politely -- not shake someone's hand? (City of origin withheld)

A. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, which is the church's official guide to the celebration of Mass, has this to say about the sign of peace in No. 82: "There follows the rite of peace by which ... the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the sacrament."

It goes on to explain that the particular manner of the exchange is left to the discretion of national conferences of bishops "in accordance with the culture and customs of the people."

That guideline is worth quoting, not only in that it denotes the purpose of the gesture, but because it shows that the sign of peace is an ordinary and expected part of the Mass. In the U.S., the gesture most commonly used is a handshake (which is far less expressive than in the early days of the church, when the custom in the western Mediterranean world was to "greet one another with a holy kiss").

If you are under the weather and concerned about spreading germs, it would certainly be acceptable for you to greet others simply with a word of peace, perhaps with a whispered explanation, "Sorry, I have a cold."

It sounds to me that in your case, you may feel uncomfortable shaking hands with a stranger, even when you're not sick. You should not feel compelled to do so. I would suggest, so that you're not misunderstood, that you take care to greet those surrounding you with a warm smile and a wave.

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

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POPE PIUS XII SCOUT RETREAT ATTRACTS YOUTHS

Fifteen young people received the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's Pope Pius XII medal following a weekend retreat sponsored by the diocesan Scouting committee at the Top O' The Caves Lodge in the Hocking Hills.

The medal program deals with how different life choices (single, married, religious, and ordained), occupations, and ministries in the church are their own vocations and how each is a call from God. The youths and trained counselors took part in discussions on current issues facing the church, individuals, and society as a whole. Mass was celebrated during the weekend by Father Matthew Morris of Worthington St. Michael Church.

Participants in the Pope Pius XII program, generally of high school age, are Catholic Boy Scouts who have earned the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem or Catholics taking part in the Venture Scouting program, which includes young men and women. Deacon Christopher Reis of Columbus St. Catharine Church said he was impressed by how bright and personable the weekend's participants were, by their sense of holiness, and by their zest for life as an adventure, as promoted through Scouting activities.

Taking part in the weekend were Chad Anderson, Powell St. Joan of Arc Church; Jon Anderson, Westerville St. Paul; Abbie Bates, New Albany Church of the Resurrection; Alec Beickelman, Marion St. Mary; Charles Benton, Thomas Benton, Anna Benton, and Marko Jesenko, Johnstown Church of the Ascension; Tim Dalton, Columbus Holy Family; Nick Faga, Pickerington St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; James Leach, Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare; Joey Smith and David Wood, Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona; Patrick Sprigler, Columbus St. Andrew; and Diego Villares, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X.

Counselors were Anna Williams, Anna Pugh, Jacob Smith, Evan Schmittgen, Kevin Miller of the diocesan Scouting committee, and Deacon Reis.

Next year's Pope Pius XII program will take place Friday through Sunday, Jan. 9-11 at the same site. Anyone interested in taking part may contact Deacon Reis at deaconchris@stcatharine.com or go to the Scout committee's website at www.ceducation.org/oym/dccs.

Photo: Participants in the Pope Pius XII Scouting weekend pause during a hike in the Hocking Hills.

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ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Loren Brown

Respect Life Fund



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."

This verse from Jeremiah 1:5 demonstrates why the Respect Life movement is so important to our Catholic faith.

It tells us that God intentionally created each of us and chose to give us life. At the moment of conception, God blessed us with His presence by declaring our life sacred, and we should do everything in our power to protect that gift.

This week marks the 41st anniversary of *Roe v Wade*. On the anniversary of that U.S. Supreme Court decision, our diocese joins dioceses across the nation in observing a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Each year, Greater Columbus Right to Life holds a remembrance at the Statehouse following Bishop Campbell's Respect Life Mass.

However, as Catholics, our effort in defending and protecting God-given life isn't limited to one day. Many organizations in our diocese work tirelessly to protect the unborn.

Greater Columbus Right to Life offers a sidewalk training program that teaches the basics of fetal development and pro-life apologetics to enable volunteers to speak to women and men in a way that is prayerful and loving, encouraging them to make a choice for life.

Most of us are also familiar with Birthright, Kinder Women's Care Center, and Pregnancy Decision Health Center (PDHC), which all offer pregnancy counseling and support services. In Licking County, we have Heartbeats, and in Pickaway County, there is Elizabeth's Hope.

The list goes on and on, but the point is that many wonderful organizations strive to give a voice to the unborn.

At The Catholic Foundation, we also feel strongly about protecting God's great gift of life. Last year, thanks to a generous donor, we established the Respect Life Fund in support of organizations that protect life, from conception until natural death.

We were able to make our first grants from the fund last month as part of our focus grant awards. In December, we awarded more than \$20,000 to pro-life organizations as part of the focus and Edmond J. Goold grants.

Throughout the year, we make individual grants to many of these same organizations on behalf of our donor advised fund advisers. Last year, we provided more than \$70,000 to local organizations that work to protect the creation of life.

We need your help to do more with the Respect Life Fund. Consider this: a one-time gift of \$5,000 to the fund will provide nearly \$19,000 to these organizations over the course of 50 years! If five people give a \$5,000 gift now, we could provide an additional \$95,000 in support of pro-life organizations during that time.

So as we mourn the *Roe v Wade* decision this week, consider offering a remembrance gift to the Respect Life Fund. Visit www.Catholic-Foundation.org/RespectLifeFund to donate online. Even if you are unable to give now, consider including the Respect Life Fund in your will, so that you can support these organizations beyond your earthly life. Let us thank God for the wonderful gift of life!

"You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!" (Psalm 139:13-14)

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

Brain-dead patients prompt new questions about end-of-life decisions

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

Recent conflicts in California and Texas between physicians and the families of patients considered to be brain-dead have prompted new questions about end-of-life decisions.

The nationally publicized case of 13-year-old Jahi McMath in Oakland, Calif. and the less-well-known case of Marlise Munoz, a 33-year-old pregnant woman in Fort Worth, Texas, provide a teaching moment to help clarify Catholic teaching on the determination of death, according to the leading Catholic bioethical organization. The cases are distinctly different, but each pits health care professionals against relatives of brain-dead patients.

McMath's family transferred her from Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland to an undisclosed location on Jan. 5 to continue medical treatment despite the issuance of a death certificate on Dec. 12. Her doctors had declared McMath to be brain-dead following complications after routine surgery for sleep apnea.

McMath's mother, Nailah Winkfield, has said her Christian beliefs require her to remain open to the possibility that God will perform a miracle and restore her daughter to health.

Munoz, who was 14 weeks pregnant when she collapsed at home in November and was deprived of oxygen for as long as an hour, is being kept on life support at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth against the wishes of her husband and parents. Hospital officials say they cannot remove her respirator because a Texas law prohibits doctors from withdrawing "life-sustaining treatment" from pregnant women.

Munoz's husband, Erick, sued the hospital on Jan. 14. The motion filed in Tarrant County District Court says Erick "vehemently" opposes keeping his wife on life support and would like to bury her.

But the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia said in a Jan. 7 statement about the McMath case that nothing in Catholic teaching would contradict the determination of death by the teen's physicians, using "the rigorous application of neurological

criteria."

Those criteria can include "a complete lack of blood flow to the brain, the absence of any electrical activity of the brain, the absence of cranial nerve response and the ability of the patient to breathe on her own," the statement said.

If the facts in the McMath case are being accurately reported in the media, the center's statement said, the determination of death has been made "by physicians repeatedly and rigorously applying the neurological criteria" and confirmed by an independent, court-appointed pediatric neurologist from Stanford University.

"If this is accurate, at this point there would be no moral obligation for a hospital or physician to perform any procedure on a corpse such as placing a feeding tube or trying to stabilize the bodily functions that are kept working using mechanical means," it added.

The Munoz case in Fort Worth is complicated by several factors -- her pregnancy and the inability of her unborn child to survive outside the womb; the law passed in Texas in 1989 and amended 10 years later that requires continuation of life support for pregnant women; and federal health privacy laws that restrict any sharing of information with the media without the permission of Munoz's family, which the hospital says has not been granted.

Even if Munoz's physicians have determined her to be brain dead, there is another patient to consider, said Marie T. Hilliard, director of bioethics and public policy and a staff ethicist at the National Catholic Bioethics Center. The unborn child cannot survive without receiving oxygenated blood from his or her mother until he or she reaches at least 23 or 24 weeks of gestation, Hilliard said.

The unborn child's surrogate decisionmakers -- which in the Munoz case would apparently be his or her father, Erick Munoz, 26 -- must act in the child's best interests in determining whether continuing medical treatment would be disproportionately burdensome on the patient, the family, and the community in relation to the anticipated outcome, Hilliard said.



Perpetually Yours

What does forever mean? How do we measure something that has no time or place? *Webster's Dictionary* describes perpetual as being in constant motion, happening at all times and everlasting. When we come to think of the many things offered to us by sheer nature, do we understand what is taking place? In our short lifetime, God offers us many opportunities to get to know Him and to become closer to Him. Why, then, are we constantly struggling with this relationship? Many of us go through life with blinders on and cannot see the water through the trees. In today's society, there are so many obstacles placed before us. Distractions seem to occupy our time and delay us in seeking out those answers we so desperately need. In my limited

capacity and in my time here on Earth, I have found it a necessity to find the time for reflection, to be by myself in a quiet place and to try and reconnect with the environment and elements that surround us.

Remember the song *Love Is All Around Me*? We adore our family, the color of the sky, the scent of a candle, or our first car. These things enrapture us and bind us together. We are all part of the bigger picture and united by our common belief in everything that is good about each other. It might be mind-boggling to venture that what we touch, feel, or sense is God. He is in the wood from the table from which we gather to eat, the grass under our feet, and the very air we breathe. True love, and not this puppy

love so prevalent in our throwaway society, is what Jesus preached so long ago: "Won't you spend an hour with me?" It was His belief that contemplation was not only good for the spirit, but for the mind and body as well. It gives us the opportunity to recharge after a hectic day, to reflect on a past occurrence, or to remember a time when we the world was young. Call it luminosity for the soul. We exercise our bodies; why not our minds?

Establishing that link with God brings much contentment, satisfaction, and healing. It also provides us with the many blessings bestowed upon the



Lighting the Way
Joseph Thomas

church faithful for this simple act of prayer. St. Teresa of Avila once said, "To converse with You, O King of glory, no third person is needed; You are always ready in the Sacrament of the Altar to give audience to all. All who desire You always find You there, and converse with You face to face."

The need for such a connection to someone or something greater than ourselves has never been as grave as it is today. We need to find ways we can bridge those gaps between gender, race, inequality, language, and ignorance. We can sit together, side by side and without saying a word, coming closer to understanding and recognizing the significance of each other.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament allows us the freedom to worship without boundaries and without the limitations we so selfishly put upon one another. For a moment in time, we are all equal before God, placing our sins and our prayers in place before His altar.

Frightening as this may seem, it becomes a release. There has always been a true sense of calmness as I left the adoration chapel. It is not as hard to fill an hour as you may think. In time, an hour is but a fleeting moment in the fabric of eternity. To the people of St. Matthew Church and to the world, believe me when I say that you will change. You might not notice it at first, but you become a little kinder, a little more tolerant, and a little more loving to the people around you. Take a little diversion from life and you may find yourself saying to Him, "I am and always will be 'Perpetually Yours.'"

May you find revelation in the silence of prayer, may your hour before God be one of the best of your life, and may His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas is a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church.

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Jennifer Mallett, who has been principal at Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School for the past two-and-a-half years and joined its faculty in 2006.

“A SMALL SCHOOL WITH A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY”

Story by TIM PUET, *Catholic Times* Reporter



Rosecrans students (from left) Alayna Ricketts, Anna Boggs, Nate Steele and Logan McLoughlin say the most appealing things about the school are its record of academic excellence and its small size. CT photos by Jack Kustron

BISHOP ROSECRANS HIGH SCHOOL

The principal of Bishop Rosecrans High School in Zanesville says what's special about her school can be summed up through the events of the 2013 football season – a year in which the team didn't win a game after making the state playoffs the previous year, yet made history in its own way.

“The football team showed our students, parents, and alumni that although the school is small in size, it has a strong sense of community,” Jennifer Mallett said. “There was some concern for a while that we might not have a team, but everyone rallied around it, to the point where we ended up with more players at the end of the year than the beginning and we played the first true home game in the school's history.”

The season was expected to be a difficult one because only 13 players – barely enough for a team – showed up for the first practice. The best players from the previous year's team had graduated, and the size of this year's senior class is much smaller than the class of 2013.

“We wanted to do a ‘meet the team’

night to encourage people to support the team, and that led to something I never would have imagined,” Mallett said. “We started with that basic idea, but a few people went beyond that and said ‘Why not a home game here at the school?’ and took it from there.”

The Bishops usually play their home games at Zanesville High School and have a contract to do so until 2017. But on Aug. 31, for the season's opening game against Belpre, the practice field behind the Rosecrans buildings became the team's home field for a night, complete with portable lights, bleachers, a scoreboard, and a large crowd.

“It was an important day for us because it was a way of showing ‘Yes, we can do this,’” Mallett said. “Afterward, more students went out for the team. When I asked them why, the general response was ‘because our classmates need us.’”

Athletic director Tim Rucker said the original team of 13 players grew to 19 – 18 boys and one girl – at its peak, with a final count of 16 because of injuries. “They knew they were outmanned, but

they played hard, and the season was positive in a lot of ways in spite of our record,” he said. “Only two seniors from that team will graduate, so we expect to be more competitive next year.”

The practice field improvements also benefited the Rosecrans soccer team, which moved its home games to the school site from a city park for 2013 and will continue to play there. Rucker said a similar move is being considered for football once the contract with the public high school ends, though “nothing is set in stone.”

“I love this school, and what happened with the football team is a great example of why I feel this way,” said Mallett, an educator since 1991, who has been principal at Rosecrans for the past two-and-a-half years. “It's the kind of place where once you're here for a year, it's like you've been here forever and it feels like home.”

Mallett, a Zanesville native, came to the school as a Spanish teacher in 2006 from Mexico City, where she was living with her mother. “Growing up here, I knew about Rosecrans, but never paid much attention to it because I wasn't Catholic,” she said.

“I was happy where I was, but Father Leo Connolly (pastor at the time of St. Nicholas Church, located across from the school) persuaded me to give Catholic education a try, and the atmosphere here made me feel so welcome and comfortable that I stayed. Not only that, but I started taking RCIA classes. A year after I came to Rosecrans, I was baptized a Catholic.”

Catholic secondary education in Zanesville goes back to 1887, when St. Thomas Aquinas Church added a two-year high school to its elementary school. St. Nicholas did the same in 1895, with both eventually becoming four-year schools. They combined in 1950. The consolidated school was named for the first bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Sylvester Rosecrans, and was located in the St. Nicholas School building, which now serves middle-school students of Bishop Fenwick Elementary School.



Teacher Mark Baker leads discussion in a world history class. The school's 116 students are mainly from Muskingum, Perry, and Guernsey counties.

The current school consists of two sections, completed in 1965 and 1971. The 50th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the older section was celebrated on Jan. 12 with a rededication ceremony. At the time it was built, it was known as the Catholic Youth Center and included a gymnasium, locker rooms, a chaperone room, five classrooms, an all-purpose room, a lobby and concession, a storage room, and an Olympic-size swimming pool.

Various changes have been made to the building over the years, but the pool remains as its most distinctive feature and is open to the community every day, serving as host to swim teams from Rosecrans, seven other high schools, and local swimming clubs, as well as offering a variety of water-related activities.

The school had about 285 students when it was founded, with enrollment reaching a peak of about 400, plus another 60 in the area vocational school, in the mid-1970s. The closing of several industries in the Zanesville area since then resulted in a loss of population and a decline in the number of students.

Enrollment for the 2012-13 academic year was 150, with a senior class of 50 members. For the current school year, the school has 116 students in four grades, with 37 expected to graduate. Mallett said that's an unusually low number and that enrollment should return to last year's levels in the future, based on the class sizes of elementary

schools feeding into Rosecrans.

The school's students come mostly from parishes in Muskingum and Perry counties in the Diocese of Columbus and Guernsey County in the Diocese of Steubenville, with some also from eastern Licking County. Mallett said 78 percent are Catholic and 22 percent non-Catholic, with 84 percent receiving some form of tuition assistance.

Tuition is \$5,650 for participating members of a Catholic parish and \$6,650 for others. The school's largest fundraiser is a dinner-dance and auction which this year will take place on Saturday, March 8. Tuition assistance also is provided through the school's own foundation and annual fund, family trusts, a car raffle, the Knights of Columbus, and Bishop Fenwick School.

Statistics provided by the school show that the average first-quarter grade-point average for students this year was 3.42 and their composite score on the ACT college preparatory test was 23.1, two points higher than the state average. More than \$2.35 million in scholarship money, an average of about \$47,000 per student, was offered to the 2013 graduating class.

Students say the combination of academic achievement and the school's small size are what they like most about Rosecrans. “From what other people tell me, the relationship with my teachers is a lot better than I'd probably have at a

larger school,” said senior Nate Steele. “It's also nice to feel like you're part of a community where everyone knows everyone else.”

“My parents chose Rosecrans because the academics are so much better here and because I'm Catholic,” said Logan McLoughlin, a junior and a member of a half-dozen student organizations. “I'm happy they did, because I've always felt encouraged to get involved in anything I want here and I've tried to do just that. It turned out this was a perfect fit for me.”

“It's like you develop a second family, especially those of us coming from Cambridge (23 miles from Zanesville) or elsewhere in Guernsey County,” said senior Alayna Ricketts. “There's always someone willing to give you a ride home or to have you stay with them if that's necessary.”

Senior Anna Boggs is president of the school's Key Club and a member of the varsity soccer and softball teams, quiz team, and National Honor Society, and a student government representative. “I don't think I'd be nearly so involved in a bigger school,” she said. “I had a friend who had to move to a bigger school near Cleveland, and she says the atmosphere is totally different. There's not that closeness. I like being part of a school where everyone's involved in something.”

This year, Rosecrans adopted the house

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system that's become a part of other Catholic schools such as Columbus Bishop Hartley, Lancaster Fisher Catholic, and Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller. Math teacher Sue Maxwell said students are divided into four houses consisting of about 30 students each and named for the writers of the four Gospels.

Each house is further divided into three nine- or 10-member mentor groups from multiple grade levels, which meet for 10 minutes every day. Group members work with each other on coordinating service projects, providing academic help, and planning prayer services and other events.

"The mentor groups allow us more one-on-one time with each student, giving us an opportunity to provide pastoral care on a daily basis," Maxwell said. The house system allows for both cooperation and competition, with the houses competing all year for points based on performance and participation in activities. A cup will be presented at the end of the year to the house with the most points.

Mallett said the school has been planning for the house system for the past couple of years, using Hartley as an example, as a way to help meet its accreditation goals. "It's been more successful than I thought," she said. "The students love how it gives more of them the opportunity to be leaders. It's done a lot to really make them feel this is their school."

Posted prominently in the school's main hallway is a sign saying "(The) Bottom line is ... we stand with



Left: Students in Crystal Bensonhaver's music class. Right: NERF guns help teacher Kim Prindle display physics principles.



others because He (referring to Jesus) stood for us." That phrase has been adopted as the school's motto this year for its service projects, which this year are being performed primarily in cooperation with the Starlight programs sponsored by the Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Some of those projects include helping Starlight participants at their jobs and writing members of Congress to promote funding of research into what causes certain disabilities.

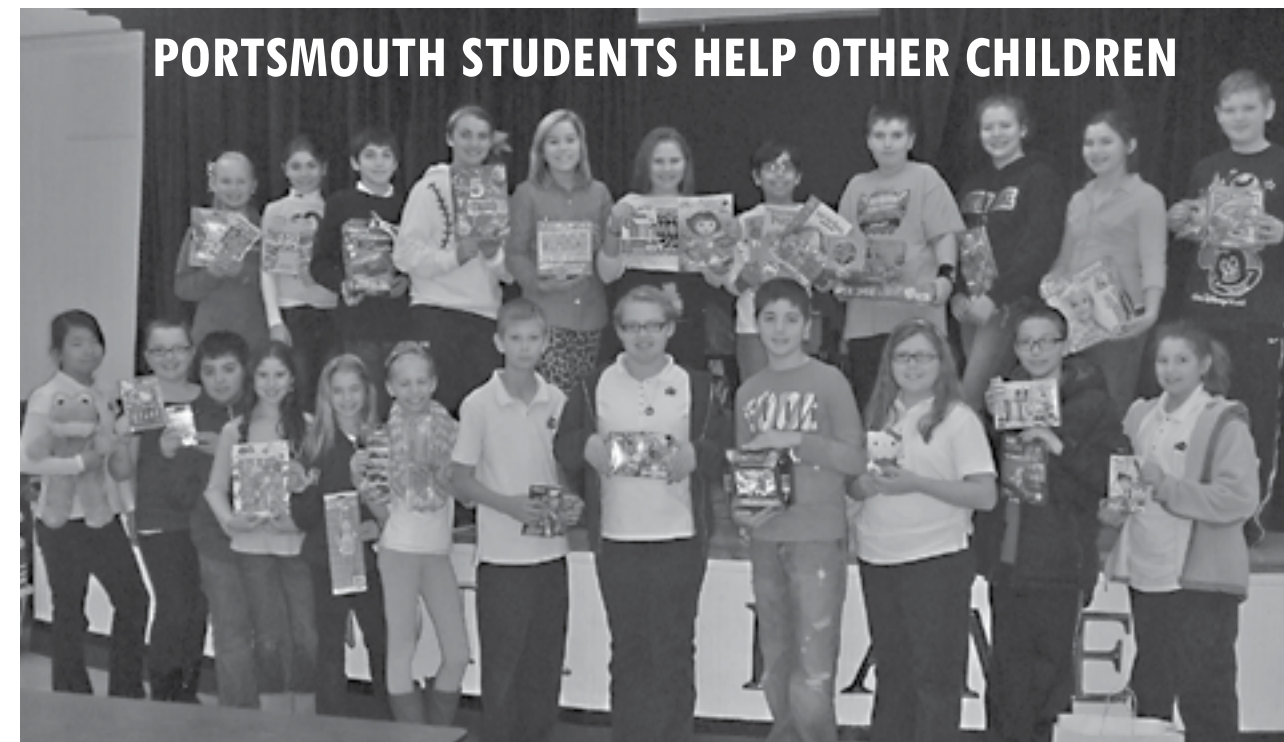
This year, the school has added a robotics team which is designing a robot that will travel an obstacle course to complete tasks and shoot baskets. The robot will be taking part this Saturday, Jan. 25, in

a competition against similar devices at Zane State College. Other student organizations include chess, archery, drama, environmental, and Spanish clubs and a mock trial team.

One of the school's largest extracurricular groups is the Peer Ministry, whose 26 members focus on providing ways for all students to live out their faith. Ministry participants help organize twice-monthly all-school Masses, Advent and Lent programs, and the school's annual daylong retreat, which will take place in March at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford.

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PORTSMOUTH STUDENTS HELP OTHER CHILDREN



Portsmouth Notre Dame Elementary School fifth- and sixth-graders recently completed a project in cooperation with the Southern Ohio Medical Center. Each child was asked to earn money to purchase a small toy or book to donate to the SOMC pediatric unit for children who needed medical care during the Christmas season and the early part of 2014. Teachers for the fifth-grade class (pictured above) are Willa Tanner and Christy Layne, and Anne Emmett and Sherry Blackburn are the teachers for the sixth grade (at left).

Photos courtesy Notre Dame Schools

Young adults respond to Bishop Campbell's new Bible study course

Fifty-eight young adults gathered in the undercroft of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, Jan. 26 to explore Scripture with Bishop Frederick Campbell. This was the first of a six-week Bible study program at the cathedral for adults ages 22 to 40. The sessions are taking place after the 5:15 p.m. Sunday Mass, which has been a popular Mass for young people. Additional dates for the class are Feb. 2 and 16, March 2 and 16, and April 6. The program has no set topic, but is a general study of Scripture, led by the bishop. It is scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and refreshments will be provided.

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Knox County Vincentians mark anniversary

The Knox County chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, located at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church, celebrated its first anniversary at the church on Sunday, Jan 19.

The chapter, which has 14 active and 16 associate members and is associated with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Columbus, collected more than \$25,000 during its first year of operation. The money was distributed to disadvantaged families and individuals in the Knox County area.

Funds are allocated to qualified families and individuals on the basis of need after home visits by chapter members, known officially as Vincentians, and approval by

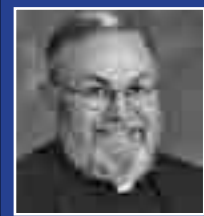
a chapter committee assigned to determine how the money will be spent.

The funds usually are allocated only to pay rent or utility fees, but can sometimes be used for one-time expenditures, such as emergency vehicle or housing repairs. Recipients need not be St. Vincent de Paul Church members.

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to bring concrete aid and comfort to the needy and the suffering. Chapter officers are Tony Speigel and Brian Robinson, with a secretary to be appointed. For more information, contact Deacon Tim Birie at (740) 392-4711, extension 6.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

The kingdom is proclaimed and disciples are called



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

The *Revised New American Bible* translation of the opening verse of Sunday's reading from Isaiah clarifies a very confusing verse in the original Hebrew text. It reads "There is no gloom where there had been distress. Where once he degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, now he has glorified the way of the Sea, the land across the Jordan, Galilee of the nations."

Unfortunately, the Lectionary preserves the unintelligible "...for there is no gloom where but now there was distress" and places this as what would be Isaiah 9:1.

In 735 BC, Israel and Syria (called Aram) had joined together Judah. Isaiah warned Judah's king not to fear the two kingdoms which were coming against him and promised that a son would be born to King Ahaz who would be a sign that Isaiah's words were true. This was the famous passage in Isaiah 7:14: "... the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, will name him Emmanuel."

Zebulun and Naphtali were tribes which settled in the northern regions which made up part of the kingdom of Israel. "The seaward road" in Sunday's reading is a technical expression in Hebrew (*derek hayyam*), which could mean either the road alongside the sea (perhaps the Mediterranean) or the road leading to the sea (perhaps the Dead Sea). It is ambiguous. "The District of the Gentiles" is literally "the Galilee of the Gentiles." The Hebrew word *Galilee* means literally "a ring or a circle," and thus, a district.

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Peer Ministry members also are renovating the school's chapel, located in the former chaperone room of the school's older section. In addition, they provide support for students who have suffered the loss of family members or others close to them and for the school's large number of students from other nations.

Rosecrans has 12 foreign students this year and generally averages 12 to 15 per year. They come from China, Brazil, Korea, Vietnam, and Taiwan, said English teacher Mark Dosch, a Rosecrans graduate who has taught at the school there for 42 years and is coor-

The prophecy seems to refer to the end of Assyrian power which had absorbed the northern kingdom of Israel in its wake. Isaiah envisions a time when those dark days are over, and he connects it to the birth of the child who was prophesied in Isaiah 7:14.

Matthew incorporates some of this passage, finding yet another Old Testament passage fulfilled with the arrival of Jesus. Clearly by this time, the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali had been absorbed into the general region of Galilee. Because Capernaum was squarely in the midst of this region, it suits Matthew to cite the Isaiah passage.

Matthew will identify Jesus as the light which has shown, and he then has Jesus take up the preaching of the Baptist: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Most commentators suggest that Jesus speaks of the kingdom of "heaven" rather than the kingdom of "God," to avoid using the word God. There is no way of knowing whether that is the reason or not. We can only say that Matthew used "kingdom of heaven" with only four exceptions, whereas Mark always spoke about the kingdom of God. Luke followed Mark in referring to the kingdom of God.

Simply stated, this kingdom language is derived from Daniel 7:13-14, which speaks of "one like a son of man" who would receive "dominion, splendor and kingship" to set up on earth an eternal kingdom. That kingdom would ultimately belong to God and is part of the central message of Christianity, along with a call to repentance and belief in the resurrection of Christ.

The episode concludes with the calling of the first disciples to help in the task, making them "fishers of men" instead of continuing as fishermen. The expression is almost universally translated as "fishers of men," but should properly be "fishers of people" (using the Greek word *anthropos*, which means human beings, not specifically males). Because they were identified as "fishermen" and because there is a clear play on words in Greek, "fishers of men" will continue to be used.

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inator of its exchange student program. He said the students are referred to Rosecrans through one of three federally approved agencies.

"Foreign students come to the United States because they want a diploma from one of our prestigious universities, and they come to Rosecrans because we've gained a reputation as a school which will help them reach that goal," he said. "We're known for providing the type of safe, Christian learning environment that's hard to find at many public schools. We incorporate our Catholic beliefs in every aspect of education, and this is what these students are looking for."

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
2 Samuel 5:1-7,10
Psalm 89:20-22,25-26
Mark 3:22-30

TUESDAY
2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19
Psalm 24:7-10
Mark 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY
2 Samuel 7:4-17
Psalm 89:4-5,27-30
Mark 4:1-20

THURSDAY
2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29
Psalm 132:1-5,11-14
Mark 4:21-25

FRIDAY
2 Samuel 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17
Psalm 51:3-7,10-11
Mark 4:26-34

SATURDAY
2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17
Psalm 51:12-17
Mark 4:35-41

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2014

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); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

What popes can and can't do

A good friend habitually refers to *The Wall Street Journal* as his "favorite Catholic newspaper"—a bit of whimsy not without foundation, given the openness of the *Journal's* op-ed pages to serious Catholic argument on numerous issues. But just as Homer occasionally nods, so does America's best newspaper. And on Jan. 2, the *Journal* nodded, big-time, in this description of why Pope Francis was one of the "People to Watch" in 2014:

"After raising expectations for shifting views toward homosexuality, divorce, the environment, and society's obligations to the poor, the pontiff is expected to also undertake bureaucratic reform at the Vatican, as well as the possible expansion of the role of women in the Church."

By my count, and bypassing the unnecessarily split infinitive, there are four errors in that one sentence, plus one grave misconstrual of ecclesiastical "roles."

Although it is very difficult for those who see Catholicism through political lenses to grasp this, popes are not like presidents or state governors, and doctrine is not like public policy. Which means that a change of papal "administration" does not—indeed cannot—mean a change of Catholic "views." Doctrine, as the Church understands it, is not a matter of anyone's "views," but of settled understandings of the truth of things.

Nor are popes free agents who govern by the seat of their pants, if you'll permit the phrase. Prior to the completion of Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, Pope Paul VI proposed adding to that seminal document a sentence stating that the pope is



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George Weigel

"accountable to the Lord alone"—an effort, I suspect, to protect papal authority and freedom of action from potential civil or ecclesiastical encroachments. But the council's theological commission rejected Pope Paul's proposed amendment, noting that "the Roman Pontiff is ... bound to revelation itself, to the fundamental structure of the Church, to the sacraments, to the definitions of earlier Councils, and (to) other obligations too numerous to mention."

Those "other obligations" include honoring the truth of things built into the world and into us. At an academic conference years ago, a distinguished Catholic philosopher remarked (perhaps hyperbolically) that "If the pope said that '2+2 = 5,' I'd believe him." An even more distinguished Catholic philosopher gave the correct, and far more Catholic, response: "If the Holy Father said that '2+2 = 5,' I would say publicly, 'Perhaps I have misunderstood His Holiness's meaning.' Privately, I would pray for his sanity."

Popes, in other words, are not authoritarian figures who teach what they will and as they will. The pope is the guardian of an authoritative tradition, of which he is the servant, not the master. Pope Francis knows

this as well as anyone, as he has emphasized by repeating that he is a "son of the Church" who believes and teaches what the Church believes and teaches.

Thus the notion that this pontificate is going to change Catholic teaching on the morality of homosexual acts, or on the effects of divorce and remarriage on one's communion with the Church, is a delusion, although the Church can surely develop its pastoral approach to homosexuals and the divorced. As for the environment and the poor, Catholic social doctrine has long taught that we are stewards of creation and that the least of the Lord's brethren have a moral claim on our solidarity and our charity; the social doctrine leaves open to debate the specific, practical means by which people of good will, and governments, exercise that stewardship and that solidarity and charity.

And "the role of women in the Church"? No doubt various Church structures would benefit by drawing upon a wider range of talent (regardless of gender) than the talent pool from which Church leaders typically emerge. Still, in an interview with *La Stampa* before Christmas, Pope Francis made it clear that identifying leadership in the Church with ordination is both a form of clericalism and another way of instrumentalizing Catholic women. Flying a Vatican desk, Francis was suggesting, is not the acme of discipleship.

As for Curial reform: *Oremus*, as we used to say.

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London St. Patrick's new activity center blessed

Bishop Frederick Campbell presided at the blessing and dedication of London St. Patrick Church's new parish activity and recreational center earlier this month. With the bishop are Deacon Tony Bonacci (left) of Plain City St. Joseph Church and Deacon Cyrus Haddad, a son of the parish who is in his final year of seminary studies before his anticipated ordination to the priesthood in May. Father Mark Ghiloni, pastor, said the dedication of the center, which is attached to the parish school, marked the completion of many years of effort by parishioners. The \$1.8 million project was paid for through donations from parish members and the return of Bishop's Annual Appeal funds collected by the parish in excess of its annual goal. The center includes a gymnasium large enough to allow the parish to host Diocesan Recreation Association events for the first time. It also can be used as a site for dinners and receptions. A stage, concession area, and rest rooms are included in the facility. Other priests at the dedication were the pastors of Madison County's other churches — Fathers William A. Metzger of West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude and Patrick Toner of Plain City St. Joseph — and Fathers Theodore Sill and Donald Maroon, former St. Patrick pastors. Photo courtesy The Madison Press, London



Pray for our dead

ALLEN, Travis L., 83, Jan. 11
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

BALTZER, Deann M., 74, Jan. 14
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

BRANCH, Conchita, 90, Jan. 13
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

CHRISTIAN, Andrew J., 49, Jan. 12
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

COLE, Gavin T., 1, Jan. 18
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

COZAD, Trudy, 76, Jan. 17
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

ELLIS, Richard C., 77, Jan. 18
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

FARRY, James E., 61, Jan. 4
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

GERDEMAN, Elmer A., 91, of Columbus, Jan. 10
St. John Church, Delphos

GRAHAM, Marilyn V., 76, Jan. 7
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

HANGER, Dorothy E., 91, Jan. 20
St. Mary Church, Columbus

HOKE, Angeline M., 91, Jan. 14
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

JACKSON, Betty L., 85, Jan. 12
Sacred Hearts Church, Cardington

JENKINS, Sarah A., 66, Jan. 17
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

KISOR, Steve, 71, Jan. 15
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

McELLIGOTT, Rosemary, 84, Jan. 13
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

MENDENHALL, Sadie M., 65, Dec. 30
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

PODOLSKI, Edwin C., 83, Jan. 13
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

RITCHEY, Marianne, 87, Jan. 15
Pope John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

ROELLE, Robert H., 85, Jan. 18
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

SARVER, Wanda M., 88, Jan. 13
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

SCHELB, Myron, 96, Jan. 1
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

SHOVELTON, Kathleen, 52, Jan. 18
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

SNYDER, Rita, 89, Jan. 3
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

SULLIVAN, M. Jenell, 63, Jan. 4
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

SUMMERS, Lucille, 84, Jan. 14
St. Bernard Church, Corning

THOMAS, Barbara, 83, Jan. 2
St. Mary Church, Marion

THOMAS, William A., 85, Jan. 16
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

TOM, Barbara A., 83, Jan. 19
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

VANDERBILT, John E., 74, Jan. 16
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

WEIDNER, Harley R., 86, Jan. 14
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

Marguerite Krause

Funeral Mass for Marguerite Krause, 92, who died Sunday, Jan. 12, will be held Friday, Jan. 24 at Columbus St. Andrew Church. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She was born April 21, 1921 in Fargo, N.D., to George and Lucy (Savegeau) Gerdes. She graduated from St. Anthony High School in Fargo, and received a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's degree in English from the University of Minnesota.

She was a founding member of St. An-

drew Church, where she began Sunday preschool religion classes and coordinated them for many years. She also started the physical education program at St. Andrew School and taught in the Columbus public schools. After her retirement, she served as president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Richard, Robert, Lloyd, and Leon; and sister, Irene Heck. Survivors include a son, Gregory; a daughter, Marcia; and a granddaughter.

Memorial Mass

There will be a memorial Mass for Sister Mary Peter Sterwerf, OSF, at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 in Chillicothe St. Peter Church. Sister Mary Peter, 83, died on Dec. 11 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg, Ind. She spent two separate periods totaling 32 years at St. Peter Church and School, serving from 1986 until her return to the Motherhouse in 2011 as the parish's pastoral assistant.

NEW PROGRAM SCHEDULE

LOCAL PROGRAMS

WEEKDAYS AT NOON

St. GABRIEL
CATHOLIC RADIO
AM 820

	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
MONDAY	St. Gabriel's Trumpet with Chip Stalter	Family Sanctuary with Mary Ann Jepsen and Peggy Hartshorn
TUESDAY	The Seminarians	Answering the Call with Elizabeth Ficocelli
WEDNESDAY	The Catholic Doctors with Drs. Parker and Turek	Bishop Frederick Campbell
THURSDAY	Msgr. Eugene Morris	Raising Saints with Katy Wyatt
FRIDAY	Treasures of Our Faith with Local Priests	Foundations in Faith with Msgr. Frank Lane

TUNE IN ON AM820 OR ONLINE AT STGABRIELRADIO.COM

Grand Opening at Mount Carmel Grove City Campus



Mount Carmel Health's Grove City campus has opened its doors, bringing much-needed emergency care to patients in southwestern Franklin County. To mark this occasion, a grand opening ceremony took place on Jan. 9, with Bishop Frederick Campbell blessing the facility. Participants in the ceremony are pictured. The campus started accepting patients on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Photo courtesy Mount Carmel Health

H A P P E N I N G S

CLASSIFIED

“HOW DID THEY DO THAT WITHOUT COMPUTERS? Textual Analysis in Antiquity” Presented by Father David G. Monaco, CP Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture Pontifical College Josephinum Thursday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. Jessing Center, 7625 North High Street Free parking and admission For information: 614-985-2274

St. Charles Preparatory School ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER Sunday, Feb 9 - Noon -7 pm Spaghetti w/ meatball, salad, rolls, dessert & drink Adults \$10; Seniors \$7; ages 4-12 \$5; kids under 43 are FREE Carry out orders will be available

JANUARY

23, THURSDAY
Aquinas Day Convocation, Mass at Ohio Dominican 11 a.m., Matesich Theater, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Aquinas Day convocation, sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies, with Sister Sharon Zayac, OP. Topic: “Reflections on Earth Justice: That We Might Live.” Followed by Mass at 12:15 p.m. in Christ the King Chapel. 614-251-4722

Open House at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School 6 to 7 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 3752 Broadway, Grove City. Open house for parents of prospective students, featuring current students performing demonstrations in science and math and a talent show. 614-875-6779

24, FRIDAY
Bishop Campbell Celebrates Mass at DeSales 9:45 a.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass on the Feast of St. Francis DeSales. 614-267-7808

Stress Management Program at Corpus Christi 1 to 3 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Overview of stress management with clinical counselor John Moore. 614-512-3731

St. John's Hermitage Ambassador Award Banquet 6 to 9 p.m., Bridgewater Banquet and Conference Center, 10561 Sawmill Parkway, Powell. Second annual Evangelization Ambassador Award banquet sponsored by St. John's Hermitage. Speaker: Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches. 614-332-7410

25, SATURDAY
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

Catholic Social Services Spirit of Hope Gala 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Columbus Renaissance Hotel, 50 N. 3rd St., Columbus. 16th annual Catholic Social Services Spirit of Hope Gala, with cocktails, live and silent auctions, dinner, and musical entertainment. Black tie optional. 614-221-5891

26, SUNDAY
Family Day Mass at Ss. Augustine & Gabriel 10 a.m., Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, 1550 E. Hudson St., Columbus. Family Day Mass, followed by potluck and fellowship, particularly for former parishioners and those who never have attended Mass there. 614-268-3123

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education 10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. “Why Be Moral?” with Ohio Dominican University philosophy professor Larry Masek. 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

Open House at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School 6 to 7 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 3752 Broadway, Grove City. Open house for parents of prospective students, featuring current students performing demonstrations in science and math and a talent show. 614-875-6779

26-28, SUNDAY-TUESDAY
Columbus St. Patrick Parish Mission 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Parish mission with Father Bill Garrott, OP. Theme: “The Widescreen Life: Getting the Big Picture.” Rosary at 6:45, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions nightly. 614-224-9522

27, MONDAY
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry 6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study 7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. 614-459-2766

28, TUESDAY
Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting, with Father Jeff Rimelspach, pastor Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, speaking on the life of Blessed Junipero Serra. Reservations required.

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

29, WEDNESDAY
Bishop Campbell Celebrates Mass at St. Timothy School 9 a.m., St. Timothy School, 1070 Thomas Lane, Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates all-school Mass. 614-451-1405

30, THURSDAY
Holy Hour for Immigration Reform at St. Stephen 7 p.m., St. Stephen Church, 4131 Clime Road, Columbus. Holy Hour for immigration reform, sponsored by diocesan Office for Social Concerns and Catholic Latino Ministry. 614-241-2540 or 614-262-7992

31, FRIDAY
“Clergy Who Cook” at Josephinum 7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. “Clergy Who Cook” fundraiser for seminarians. 614-985-2234

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

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

Bosco Bash at St. Paul 3:30 to 9 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Annual Bosco Bash for sixth- to eighth-graders, sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, featuring keynote speaker Mike Patin, main presenter at 2013 diocesan youth rally. Theme: “Glory Revealed.” Mass, food included. Registration required through parish youth ministry leaders. 614-241-2565

Candlemas Service at Columbus St. Patrick 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lord's Presentation at the Temple, followed by blessing of candles and candlelight procession through church, with traditional Dominican chant and oblatio candelabrum, a special Dominican custom. 614-224-9522

Discussion on Hunger and Housing for the Working Poor 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Discussion on hunger and housing for the working poor, sponsored by parish social concerns ministry, featuring representatives from several area agencies. Preceded by 5 p.m. praise Mass and complimentary pasta meal. Registration deadline Jan. 27. 614-855-1400

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

2, SUNDAY
St. Agatha Adult Religious Education 9:40 to 10:40 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. “Canonization: How Do We Make Saints?” with Father Edmund Hussey. 614-488-1971

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education 10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. “Religious Liberty: The Right to Believe, the Right to Worship, and the Right to Witness” with Mark Huddy, director, diocesan Office for Social Concerns. 614-488-1971

Exposition at Church of the Resurrection Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession into chapel following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. 614-933-9318

Scout Day With the Bishop 3 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Annual Scout Day with the Bishop program, with Bishop Frederick Campbell honoring diocesan Scouts who have received religious awards.

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

FEBRUARY

1, SATURDAY
Mary's Little Children Prayer Group Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654

NFP Class at Newman Center 10 a.m. to noon, St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. First of five Natural Family Planning classes taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the sympto-thermal method. Cost \$65 per couple; preregistration required. Other class dates: Feb. 15, March 15, April 26, May 24. 614-241-2560

BOOK REVIEW

Books discuss link between religion, violence from varied viewpoints

“Shaking Hands With the Devil: The Intersection of Terrorism and Theology” by William J. Abraham

“The Global War on Christians: Dispatches From the Front Lines of Anti-Christian Persecution” by John L. Allen Jr.

Reviewed by Brian Welter
Catholic News Service

Like it or not, religion has always taken a central place in the world’s violence. While William Abraham’s *Shaking Hands with the Devil* and John Allen’s *The Global War on Christians* discuss very different issues, the authors share the same aim of reducing the stereotyping about religion and the religious that seems a constant in our secularized world.

Having grown up in Northern Ireland and witnessed the violence firsthand, Abraham points out many common fallacies, such as the assumption that the violence in Northern Ireland is religiously based, when in fact it is an ethnic issue.

This sectarianism divides “Protestants,” mostly atheists who identify with the United Kingdom, from “Catholics,” who dream of a united Irish republic.

Abraham is more philosophical and theological than political. He avoids taking sides and sees the people as being caught up in a process that is beyond them. Readers won’t be confronted by moralizing of any sort. Rather, he muses about the nature of violence, religion, and human behavior.

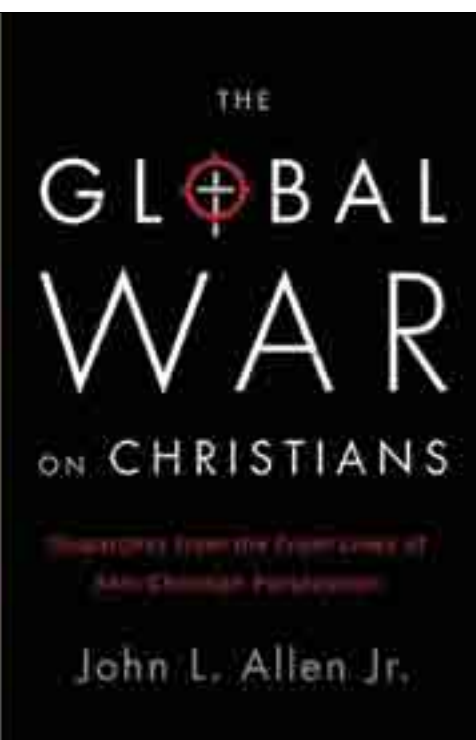
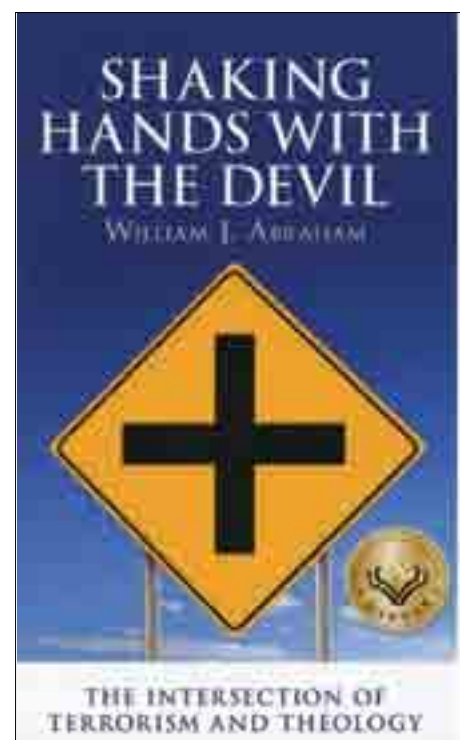
While Abraham only touches on the just-war theory made famous by St. Augustine, he offers much more balance to this important topic than Christian pacifists, whom he rejects as parasites living under the peace provided by those willing to fight for justice and

defend the weak.

He writes scornfully of the famous American Christian theologian Stanley Hauerwas: “His reductionist and simplistic descriptions of war are so obviously false that they undercut his claim to possess an exclusively privileged access to the truth about war through the church.”

Abraham’s treatment of Islamic terrorists echoes the entirety of the book in searching for nuance and honesty, rather than platitudes. He does ask if Islam itself is the problem, something the mainstream media and the governments of the West shy away from doing. He notes how devout the 9/11 terrorists were, including the religious preparations that they likely undertook just before they acted.

Readers who are used to weak-kneed Christian leaders will be satisfied with the author’s frankness.



The Global War on Christians offers a stark assessment of the facts gathered by Allen. The book is a wake-up call to comfortable Christians who have no idea how bad things are, even in the United Kingdom or North America. He quotes Chicago Cardinal Francis George’s chilling words: “I expect to die in bed, my successor will die in prison, and his successor will die a martyr in the public square.”

All areas of the world, including the Catholic nations Mexico and Brazil, have seen Christian martyrdom in recent years. Christians following the dictates of their conscience have often run afoul of local ranchers and government officials in the Amazon area, for instance. Often such believers are putting into action the teachings of Catholic social justice by fighting for the dispossessed.

Filling the book with anecdotes puts a human face on the suffering of so many.

We read of a Honduran pastor who was shot while walking his dogs, two days after the daughter of another pastor had been killed.

While discussing these sad episodes, Allen outlines a more precise definition of martyrdom than we commonly imagine: “Observers believe the pastors were not targeted because they were Christian, but were victims of robberies. Their choice to remain accessible in the environment, however, reflected a determination to live the Gospels despite obvious risks.”

An optimist, Allen adopts Tertullian’s famous phrase “The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church,” meaning that martyrdom leads to church growth. Yet this is a weak argument. Centuries of Christian martyrdom in Muslim countries have only brought a numerical and cultural decline of Christians in that area, however dedicated the small minorities remain. Likewise, formerly religious countries that fell under communism, such as the Czech Republic or Bulgaria, are largely atheist after decades of church persecution.

It is also an unconvincing argument because Allen fails to discuss the possibility that rapid church growth precedes and in some way provokes increased martyrdom, rather than the opposite. A swelling number of Christians invites persecution because believers are more visible than previously and are perhaps seen as a menace by political authorities who often have based their power on traditional social structures.

In any case, while both books are worth the effort, Allen’s is the one people will read to the last page, principally because of how timely it is and because of his references to real people.

Welter has degrees in history and theology and teaches English in Taiwan.



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Latin Patriarch Fouad Twal of Jerusalem raises the host during a Mass of Thanksgiving for 50 years of Catholic Relief Services’ presence in the Holy Land at the patriarchate in Jerusalem on Jan. 15. Also pictured are Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto, papal nuncio to Israel and Cyprus and apostolic delegate in Jerusalem and the Palestinian territories (left), and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of Catholic Relief Services. CNS photo/Debbie Hill

A clergyman holds a religious picture during a rally by pro-European Union protesters in Kiev, Ukraine, on Jan. 21. Ukrainian Catholic Church leaders appealed for calm as violent protests escalated after a government crackdown. CNS photo/Gleb Garanich, Reuters



A woman holding her baby prays at a shrine outside the cathedral in Bangui, Central African Republic, on Jan. 19. The nation’s transitional parliament has elected Bangui’s mayor, Catherine Samba-Panza, as interim president. She has the task of ending months of bloodshed. CNS photo/Siegfried Modola, Reuters



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL RECEIVES HEART-SAFE SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School recently became the first parochial school in the nation to receive accreditation as a heart-safe school.

The accreditation is a collaborative effort between the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation, the Fairfield Medical Center (FMC) Gordon B. Snider Cardiovascular Institute, and the Snider Community Heart Watch at FMC. It is granted to schools that meet specific criteria designed to ensure the safety of students and staff who may experience sudden cardiac arrest.

The criteria include pediatric sudden cardiac arrest risk assessments; care plans for students with a cardiac medical diagnosis; medical emergency response drills; automated external defibrillators (AEDs) available throughout the school; a CPR-trained staff to student ratio of 1-to-50 or better; CPR instruction provided to students as part of the curriculum; and annual education on sudden cardiac arrest in young people.

The school's principal, Martha Downs, said the willingness of her staff to complete the necessary steps and participate in planning and implementation of drills which were among the steps to accreditation made the process very easy. She also credits Knox Community Hospital in Mount Vernon with helping the school achieve the accreditation. The hospital teamed up with the school in August after Downs contacted Bruce White, the hospital's chief executive officer, who is a St. Vincent parishioner and the parent of a former student at the school.

"Bruce White referred me to Joan Sevy Majers, interim chief nursing officer of Knox Community Hospital, who also is the grandmother of four of my students," Downs said. "She got the hospital on board and they provided free training for all my staff and did free training for the eighth-graders. I was thinking this accreditation would be a yearlong process, but because of them, it happened within months."

During the process, the school also received support from Knights of Columbus Mount Vernon Council 847, which purchased new AEDs for the school and for St. Vincent de Paul Church through an FMC program that allows AEDs to be bought at well below retail price.

Downs said it's important for schools to achieve the heart-safe school accreditation because it could help save lives. As the daughter of Dr. Gordon B. Snider of FMC, who was the 2010 recipient of the Catholic School Virtues Fortitude award from the Diocese of Columbus, Downs grew up understanding the importance of CPR training and knowing how to operate an AED.

"People are not aware that having an AED and starting chest compressions can save lives," she said. "Through this process, the faculty and staff have discovered students who have had serious heart procedures and others with some significant medical conditions in which care plans were devised, making those students and the community safer."

Bob Williams, manager of cardiovascular services at FMC, said it has been very encouraging to see the growth of the heart-safe school accreditation program during the past year.

"What started as a pilot program locally has now expanded to a community an hour away," he said. "We are excited about the continued interest from schools, not only in Ohio, but in other states. It is terrific to see communities recognize the need to better prepare in responding to a person experiencing sudden cardiac arrest."

The FMC Gordon B. Snider Institute was formed in 2010, and heart-safe school accreditation was developed in 2012. Seven schools have received the accreditation, including two in Lancaster and four in Pickerington. For more information about the program, call (740) 689-6893.

Photo: The students of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School at an assembly honoring its accreditation as a heart-safe school. Photo courtesy Fairfield Medical Center