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Hearing and Doing the Word

By David Garick, Editor



"Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does ... Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." James 1:22-27

That important command from St. James should never be far from our minds as Catholics. Christ calls us to heed His words, to take them into our hearts and then to express those words in our actions, to carry His love to the world around us. Every time we participate in the Holy Eucharist, we should be motivated to do just that. But sometimes it does us good to get some additional motivation and reinforcement.

That's what went on last weekend at the Catholic Women's Conference, and it will be repeated this weekend when Catholic men gather for their annual conference in the same facility at the Ohio Expo Center.

This edition of *Catholic Times* will share with you a small taste of the important message shared at

the women's conference. I am reminded of the story of the time Jesus went to visit His friends Mary and Martha at their home. Martha became perturbed when she was busy cooking for Our Lord while her sister just sat at His feet listening to what He had to say. Jesus defended Mary, saying that it was important for her to hear these things. He did not say that Martha was wrong to work hard at serving. But that first, we must hear the message. Then we can go forth and do the work of living the message.

That's what a conference like this helps accomplish. It reminds us of the Word made flesh in Christ, who dwells within each of us. But it also motivates us to action. As St. James tells us, we only can truly be part of His eternal body on Earth if we reach out every day, living as Christ taught us and serving those around us. And when we look into the mirror, we should see Christ. But when we walk away from the mirror and live the Word, we will not forget who we really are, and the world will see that as well.

If you have not attended a women's or men's or youth conference, put it on your schedule for the future. It is not the only way to grow in holiness, but it is a wonderful tool to bring us closer to Christ and to help us bring Christ to a waiting world.

Pope tells cardinals they are servants, not courtiers

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

Celebrating Mass with the newest members of the College of the Cardinals one day after their elevation, Pope Francis urged them to regard their new role not as one of worldly honor, but as an opportunity for humble service and sacrifice.

"A cardinal enters the church of Rome, not a royal court," the pope said in the homily of his Feb. 23 morning Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. "May all of us avoid, and help others to avoid, habits and ways of acting typical of a court: intrigue, gossip, cliques, favoritism, and preferences." "May our language be that of the Gospel: 'yes when we mean yes; no when we mean no,'" he said. "May our attitudes be those of the beatitudes."

Pope Francis celebrated the Mass with 18 of the 19 men he had raised to the rank of cardinal the previous day in the same basilica. Cardinal Loris Capovilla, who at age 98 is the oldest member of the college, was absent on both occasions for reasons of health.

The 18 new cardinals, clad in the green vestments of the liturgical season of ordinary time, sat in a near semicircle around the main altar. More than a hundred of their fellow cardinals, also serving as concelebrants, sat in rows at the front of the congregation.

Retired Pope Benedict, whose appearance at the previous day's consistory had surprised practically all the participants, did not return to the basilica for the Mass.

Pope Francis' call for humility echoed a letter he had sent the new cardinals shortly after the announcement of their elevation in January, telling them a red hat "does not signify a promotion, an honor or a decoration; it is simply a form of service that requires expanding your vision and enlarging your heart," and that they should celebrate their new distinction only in an "evangelical spirit of austerity, sobriety and poverty."

In his homily, the pope said that "Jesus did not come to teach us good manners, how to behave well at the table. To do that, he would not have had to come down from heaven and die on the cross. Christ came to save us, to show us the way, the only way out of the quicksand of sin, and this is mercy."

"To be saint is not a luxury," he said. "It is necessary for the salvation of the world."

Quoting from the day's reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, in which Jesus enjoins his disciples to love their enemies and pray for their persecutors, the pope said cardinals are called to live out that injunction with even "greater zeal and ardor" than other Christians.

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
Clergy Assignment

Deacon George A. Zimmermann, to Deacon Parish Administrator, St. Aloysius Church and St. Agnes Church, Columbus, continuing in diaconal service at Holy Spirit Church, Columbus, effective Jan. 1.

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2014 COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



BY TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

More than 2,600 women from throughout the diocese took advantage of the opportunity to delight in the presence of the Lord and in each other at the annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference.

The crowd – about 600 more than attended last year – again set an attendance record for the seventh annual conference and nearly filled the seating area of the Voinovich Center at the

state fairgrounds on Saturday, Feb. 22. The event was moved there this year because it had outgrown a smaller building elsewhere on the grounds.

Talks by principal speakers Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Kimberly Hahn, and Rebecca Dussault all were based on the theme "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

Sister Miriam James said in her opening talk that we should not be afraid of our desires because, in the words of St. Augustine, "The entire life of a good

Christian is in fact an exercise of holy desire. You do not see what you long for, but the very act of desiring prepares you, so that when he (Jesus) comes, you may see and be utterly satisfied."

"Don't settle for mediocrity," she said. "You're made for greatness because your Father is great. ... God stretches our desire because he wants to fill it with himself."

Addressing the subject of what it means to be a woman, she said a woman's "body and spirit reveal God to the world and emphasize receptivity to openness and grace. ... Her attentiveness to the person, recognition of the individual, intuitiveness, nurturing spirit, and being the guardian and bearer of life make the world humane, more fully human."

She spent much of her talk examining what she described as "the toxic standard of femininity" which says "you have to have the perfect marriage, the perfect career, and you have to look really good, and if you're broken, people won't love you."

"Nobody's like that," she said, then told her own story, which began with being born to "two high school kids

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Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT



Kimberly Hahn



Rebecca Dussault



Front Page photo:
More than 2,600 women attended the seventh annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Voinovich Center on the state fairgrounds.

CT photo by Ken Snow

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Mammon

Did we all survive the potential apocalypse last week? I suppose if we are still here to read this, then everything is fine. We continue to live as before, but if we think about our short time in this life, it can cause us to be a bit more focused on good decisions and activities that really matter. We cannot live life in constant fear and pessimism. Our mission is to live our lives to the fullest, and that includes having an impact in our own individual "worlds" that draws others to the salvation and eternal life promised by Jesus Christ. We want to be well prepared when the end does come. But we will always be prepared if we live the Gospel as good and faithful stewards, using our time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of others. That love and humility can only give way to the promise of Heaven. Using the three examples from last week, we must be the best Christian models we can be. First, we can work for the reasonable protection of animals, especially in zoos, but only after the respect for and preservation of all human life, from conception to natural death, is assured by each of us. Second, we can bash gay people all we want -- once we are perfect. Assuming we are not, let us love them as Jesus did when He reached out to everyone, even sinners like me and you. Third, I believe the United Nations could cease to exist tomorrow and the world would be a better place. But the reality is that it is far from perfect as an organization, and it is not going away. The Church will endure for eternity, and we have the promise of Jesus Christ that assures it. We must all choose to work together and bear the burden of our past mistakes by assuring a better future for everyone.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew that we cannot serve God and mammon. We currently hear those words for the eighth Sunday in ordinary time. So what is mammon? Mammon is wealth or riches. A mammonist is someone who pursues the same. Of course, Our Lord wants us to enjoy the good things of this world, and always within reason, with our priorities in proper order. As we prepare for the beginning of Lent and Ash Wednesday, we begin to refocus our attention on how out of line our priorities have become. Yes, it is nearly time for that annual season of prayer, fasting, and giving alms. In this Sunday's Gospel, and that of Ash Wednesday, Jesus provides some solid material for reflection and meditation: "Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your lifespan? Do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' Your Heavenly Father knows that you need them all. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself." "When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father."

Our practical challenge this week is to prepare well for Lent. Meditate on the readings, especially the words of Jesus in the Gospels this Sunday and Ash Wednesday. Try using these two words as a sort of mantra: mammon and manna. We must reject the temptation and allure of mammon, while seeking and yearning for the love of Jesus Christ, our manna from Heaven.

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



Bishop Watterson Scholar Candidate

Columbus Bishop Watterson High school senior Matt Neary has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars program. He is among 3,000 candidates identified for the academic portion of the program who have scored exceptionally well on the SAT or ACT college preparatory tests.

He also is a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist and earned the highest possible composite score of 36 on the ACT. Nationally, while the number of students with that score varies from year to year, less than one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT attain it.

This is the second straight year a Bishop Watterson senior has been chosen



as a Presidential Scholars candidate. Nicky DiCarlo earned the honor in 2013.

The Presidential Scholars program was established in 1964 by executive order of President Lyndon Johnson to recognize and honor some of the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. In 1979, the program was expanded to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional scholarship talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts.

Each year, a maximum of 141 students are chosen from among the candidates to become Presidential Scholars.

In April, 560 semifinalists will be announced, followed in May by the scholars, who will be honored in Washington in June.

Pregnancy Decision Health Centers Open House

Pregnancy Decision Health Centers will sponsor an open house at its newest caring center, located in the Ohio State University campus area, from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 8.

The center is at 22 E. 17th Ave., next door to a Planned Parenthood office. There are parking meters on East 17th Avenue, and the nearest Ohio State parking garage is across High Street, a couple of blocks north. This garage allows visitor parking on weekends for an hourly rate.

Since 1981, PDHC has provided coun-

seling and women's care services including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, testing for sexually transmitted diseases, accurate information about pregnancy, abortion and alternatives, connection to community resources, and post-abortion healing support

It also has locations in north Columbus, the city's Linden area, the west side of Columbus, Lancaster, and Pickerington.

All its services are confidential, and all except STD testing, for which a third-party lab fee is charged, are free.

Day of Renewal

The Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal will sponsor a day of renewal on Thursday, March 13 at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.

Registration will be at 9 a.m., fol-

lowed by confessions and praise and worship at 9:30, Mass at 10:15, a talk on "Roadblocks to Overcome," and a potluck luncheon.

For more information, please call (614) 914-8556.

"Band of Sisters" to be shown again

For those who missed the first screening of *Band of Sisters* by Chicago filmmaker Mary Fishman last October, the Martin de Porres Center in Columbus will present the film again on Thursday,

March 20, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The 2012 film features two nuns who advocate for the rights of immigrant detainees and deportees in and around a Chicago-area deportation center.

St. Brigid nominated as Blue Ribbon School

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School has been nominated as a Blue Ribbon School for the second time. The Council for American Private Education (CAPE) has submitted its nominations for the 2014 award to the U.S. Department of Education, and selections will be made in September.

The Blue Ribbon designation recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that meet one of two categories: high-performing or improving. St. Brigid of Kildare has been nominated in the high-performing schools category, which includes schools that have achieved among the highest scores in both reading and math, as measured by state or national standard tests in the most recent year tested, regardless of student demographics.

St. Brigid of Kildare received the Blue Ribbon award in 2008 in the high-performing category. It is the only school in the Diocese of Columbus to receive a second nomination in the last 10 years. In 2003, the Blue Ribbon program was restructured to place a stronger emphasis on state assessment data, requiring schools to submit a history of test results and attendance and curriculum data.

St. Brigid principal Kathy O'Reilly said it is an honor to be nominated a second time and that this is a recognition of the school's continuous commitment to uphold academic excellence.

To be eligible for the award, the school had to show performance on a nationally normed and/or state test in the top 15 percent nationally in reading/English language arts and math.

This is the second time St. Brigid has applied for the Blue Ribbon honor, as schools are eligible to receive the award once every five years.

"We're a Blue Ribbon school because we have blue ribbon teachers. We couldn't have this level of academic quality in our school without unselfish teachers who work tirelessly every day to meet the needs of our students, as well as our students who show up every day wanting to learn and use the gifts God gave them to excel," said Cindy Lombardo, the school's vice principal.

If the school receives the Blue Ribbon designation, representatives will be invited to attend the recognition ceremony this fall in Washington, where each school will receive a plaque and a flag to signify its exemplary status.



TUSCARAWAS CENTRAL MOCK TRIAL TEAMS ADVANCE

Two mock trial teams from New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School qualified for regional competition in Akron by winning both cases in district competition at the Tuscarawas County Courthouse. Black team members are Olivia Thomakos, Danny Price, Margaret Mary Nguyen, Jennifer Proctor, and Bryan Mahaffey. Gold team members are Sarah Layton, John Mohn, Alyssa Blickensderfer, Nick Gonano, and Bennett Triplett. Team legal advisers are New Philadelphia Municipal Judge Nan VonAllman and Steve Anderson. Both teams earned individual awards at the district level. Outstanding attorney awards went to Thomakos, Blickensderfer, Price, and Triplett, while Proctor, Layton, Nguyen, and Gonano received outstanding witness awards.

Photo: Mock trial team members and advisers from New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School are (from left): first row, Judge Nan VonAllman, Olivia Thomakos, Margaret Mary Nguyen, Jennifer Proctor, Alyssa Blickensderfer, Sarah Layton, and Steve Anderson; second row, Bryan Mahaffey, John Mohn, Nick Gonano, Bennett Triplett, Danny Price, and teacher Jennifer Calvo. Photo courtesy Tuscarawas Central Catholic HS

St. Andrew speaker series

The parent speaker series sponsored by the Columbus St. Andrew School advisory board will conclude with a talk on "Raising Mentally and Emotionally Healthy Children" from 7 to 8 p.m. March 11, at the Bryce Eck Center, 3880 Reed Road. The speaker will be Loren M. McKeon, consultant and program developer for McKeon Education Group, Inc.

All of us live in a fast-paced and often stress-filled world. Current research has asserted that people of all ages are reporting and experiencing stress and anxiety at an all-time high. Our children

are not an exception to this reality.

This presentation is aimed at assisting parents in recognizing signs of overload and developing intervention techniques to ensure that their children have the necessary skills to effectively navigate their daily demands. The goal is to give parents the tools to help their children continue to grow into mentally, emotionally, and physically healthy people of character.

For more information, contact Beth Kelly at emk@columbus.rr.com or (614) 205-9430.

Administrative Coordinator Position Available



The Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic individual to provide support to Foundation staff.

This position requires a well-organized individual, with excellent written and oral communication skills. Tasks vary greatly from day to day and could include the following: welcoming all guests, providing general office support (sorting mail, filing, preparing meeting minutes and confirming attendance, scheduling appointments, maintaining corporate calendar, handwritten and typed correspondence, maintaining office supplies, etc), financial support such as payables and bank deposits, meeting preparation and setup, and other departmental support as needed. Ability to work as a team and to assist others is crucial. Additionally, there is an event coordination aspect to this position which includes securing a location, ordering food and materials, room setup and on-site preparations.

Potential candidates must be proficient with Microsoft Office and possess an understanding of Catholic stewardship and philanthropy.

This position is full-time, hourly and includes a comprehensive benefits package.

Minimum of an Associate's Degree in business or related field, and 2 years office experience. Completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course and a background screening are required.

For a complete job description, please visit:

www.catholic-foundation.org

Part-Time Psychologist Wanted

The Tribunal Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus is seeking a licensed psychologist for its staff. It is a part time position (10 hours a week) with professional clinical diagnostic involvement in marriage nullity cases. There is no counseling. The work includes a preparatory reading of the case file, a clinical interview of clients, appropriate testing and interpretation and a report to the judge or judges asking for the involvement of a psychological expert. It is important and necessary that the psychologist have Christian-Catholic anthropology and understand fully the Church's teachings about marriage.

Resumes may be sent to the:

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Tribunal of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus
197 East Gay Street, Columbus OH, 43215
Telephone inquiries are welcome at 614.241.2500

Capitalizing deity pronouns; dating after a divorce



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

be adultery? (At this point in my life, I am quite content to spend my time with the Bible, but I was curious as to where I stood.) (Ilion, N.Y.)

A. I am assuming that you did not seek permission ahead of time for your marriage to be done in a non-Catholic setting and by a non-Catholic minister. Since you did not, your marriage ceremony was not recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.

As to whether it was recognized by God, I don't presume to know, but I do feel sure that God approved your leaving that man, especially since he was abusive and since you made a good-faith effort to try and make the marriage work. So, yes, you are certainly free to date.

If you ever decide to marry in the Catholic Church, you would first need to meet with a priest and do a bit of paperwork, which he would then submit to the diocese to have your first marriage officially declared invalid. (The technical term is "lack" or "absence" of canonical form.) This is a fairly simple process that in most dioceses has a turnaround time of only a few weeks.

I would suggest, though, that you do that sooner rather than later. Not only would it clear the way for you, should you ever decide to marry on rather short notice, but you might also feel a sense of closure and peace in putting that first marriage clearly in the past.

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

Q. Why are pronouns referring to Jesus no longer capitalized? Using uppercase would add clarity to many passages when a reader is trying to determine whether the word "he" refers to Christ or to another person in the account. We have no compunction about capitalizing "I." Yet the name at which every knee should bend is relegated to lowercase. (Decatur, Ill.)

guage translations of the Bible follow that same practice, including *The New American Bible*, which is the text used at Catholic Masses. Similarly, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* uses lowercase for such pronouns. That having been said, you are free, of course, to write it as you wish.

If you feel that capitalizing pronouns referring to God or Jesus shows greater respect, by all means do so. That is what I do when I put my Sunday homily on our parish website.

A. Whether to capitalize pronouns referring to the deity is largely a matter of personal preference and conviction, and there really is no "right" or "wrong." In the original languages of the Bible, the issue never arose.

Q. A few years ago, I fell away from the practice of my Catholic faith. During that time, I ended up marrying a man who was very abusive verbally and mentally. I divorced him recently, but not without waiting and praying for a change in behavior that would save the marriage.

In Hebrew, there were no such things as capital letters, simply an alphabet, and in the original Greek manuscripts, the text was written entirely in capitals. So it is not a matter of conforming to original texts.

The situation has brought me back to the Catholic Church, where I have gone to confession, have been attending Mass weekly, and reading the Bible daily.

Publishers must look for consistency, and English-language book and magazine publishers, for the most part, follow the *Chicago Manual of Style*, a widely regarded authority on grammar and usage. The style guide of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops notes that deity pronouns are lowercase in US-CCB publications.

I feel blessed to know that I have such a loving and merciful Savior and heavenly Father. But my question is this: When I married this man, we were married by his father, who is a pastor of a non-denominational church. (The ceremony took place in the minister's house.)

Similarly, Catholic News Service uses lowercase, as does The Associated Press.

Was this marriage recognized by God? And if I were ever to date again, would that

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Ss. Peter and Paul School Raises the Standards

STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. A STEM education takes these four disciplines, which are typically taught in isolation, combines them with real-world, problem-based learning, and integrates them into one learning experience.

A STEM curriculum is known for producing students who are innovative, pragmatic, critical thinkers skilled in making meaningful connections between school and the world around them. Evidence suggests that the fastest-growing and highest-paying jobs in the future will be in the STEM fields, requiring employees with excellent

problem-solving skills.

Teachers of Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul School understand the importance of a STEM education and are starting the journey to creating such a learning environment for their students. However, the school will not stop at STEM.

With the help of the National Catholic Educational Association and local supporters, the school is taking the initiative two steps further by adding arts and religion to the mix. Through this process, STEM is becoming STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math).

Through professional development,

community support, and great team efforts, the school will begin implementation of a STREAM education during the 2014-2015 school year.

Ss. Peter and Paul School is well-known in Jackson, Gallia, and Vinton counties for producing exemplary students who are prepared for life beyond the classroom. Through a STREAM

education, students will be given an opportunity that will help prepare them further for the needs and demands of our ever-changing world and workforce.

For more information about the school, go to its website at www.stspeterandpaulwellston.com or call the school office at (740) 384-6354.



SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL MARCH 5, 2014 ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:30 A.M. | 11:00 A.M.
12:05 P.M. | 5:15 P.M.

Ash Wednesday offertory to benefit the Joint Office for Inner-city Needs (JOIN)

~ REGULAR MASS AND LITURGY SCHEDULE ~

DAILY MASSES

Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m.
Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday, 5:15 p.m.;
Sundays: 8 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12:30 p.m. | 5:15 p.m.

WEEKLY HOLY HOURS (Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions)

Wednesdays (following the 5:15 pm. Mass), and
Thursdays, 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Wednesdays: Following the 5:15 p.m. Mass
Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

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MSGR. J. COLBY GRIMES SCHOLARSHIP

For the 12th year, the Shamrock Club of Columbus is honored to award five \$1,200 high school scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year in memory of Msgr. J. Colby Grimes, who was the club's chaplain before his death and a huge supporter of Catholic education.

These scholarships will be awarded to one student from each of the five Columbus Catholic high schools who is a current freshman, sophomore, or junior and who either has a parent or relative currently belonging to the Shamrock Club or is recommended by a current member of the club. If you do not belong to the Shamrock Club or don't know anyone who does, feel free to visit the club at 60 W. Castle Road and introduce yourself, and someone will sign your application. For hours of operation, go to the club's website at www.shamrockclubofcolumbus.org.

The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic success, leadership

skills, and community service, among other criteria.

The scholarship selection committee will interview two students from each school, as determined by the committee, on Saturday, April 26, with the top student from each school receiving a \$1,200 scholarship. The other students interviewed each will receive a \$300 scholarship, awarded from the tuition assistance fund of the diocesan Schools Office. All scholarship money will be sent directly to the student's school, to be credited to his or her tuition account.

The deadline for application is Friday, April 4. Applications are available in the guidance office at each high school or can be downloaded from the Shamrock Club's website, along with a cover letter explaining the application process. For additional information, contact Francis Doyle at (614) 766-8184 or e-mail him at fdoyle@columbus.rr.com.

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DIFFICULT MORAL DECISIONS IN BRAIN DEATH AND PREGNANCY

CNN recently profiled the case of a woman named Marlise Munoz, who was both pregnant and brain-dead. Its report noted that Munoz was “33 years old and 14 weeks pregnant with the couple’s second child when her husband found her unconscious on their kitchen floor Nov. 26. Though doctors had pronounced her brain-dead and her family had said she did not want to have machines keep her body alive, officials at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, argued state law required them to maintain life-sustaining treatment for a pregnant patient.”

The family sought a court order to have Munoz disconnected from the ventilator because she had shared that she never wanted to be on life support. It remained unclear, however, whether Munoz would have felt the same way about life support if she knew she were pregnant and nurturing a child.

As weeks on the ventilator turned into months, Munoz began to manifest overt signs of death: her skin texture changed, becoming cool and rubbery like a mannequin’s, and her body began to smell of deterioration. Maintaining a mother’s corpse on a ventilator requires significant effort and expense and imposes real burdens on family members, who would like to be able to grieve their loss and are not fully able to do so while their loved one remains in a state of suspended animation - deceased, yet not quite ready to be buried because she is still supporting a living child.

Munoz’s case raises challenging questions: Should the continued use of a ventilator in these circumstances be considered extreme? Could such life-sustaining measures be considered abuse of a corpse? These are hard questions, in part because people can give their bodies over to a variety of uses after they die. Some donate them to science so students can open them up, look around inside, and learn about anatomy. Others donate their organs to help strangers who need transplants. Similarly, a mother’s corpse - no longer useful to her - may be lifesaving for her child. Wouldn’t a mother, carrying a child in her womb, and having expended so much effort to foster that new life, naturally want to offer her child this opportunity to live, even after her own death? The medical literature documents several cases where such a child has been delivered later by C-section and fared well. Thus, it can clearly be reasonable in certain situations for medical professionals to make a serious effort to shuttle a pregnancy to the point of viability for the benefit of the sole remaining patient, i.e., the child.



MAKING SENSE Out of Bioethics

Father Tad Pacholczyk

As Munoz’s pregnancy approached 22 weeks (with 23 weeks generally being considered “viable” for life outside the womb), lawyers for the family declared that the child was “distinctly abnormal,” with significant deformities in the lower extremities. The child also was reported to suffer from hydrocephalus and a possible heart defect. Some commentators even speculated that the defects of the unborn child may have been “incompatible with life.”

In prenatal cases, depending on the likelihood of survival until viability, efforts may be made to at least offer a C-section and provide baptism. Often the family, with the assistance of perinatal hospice, can hold and name the child right after such a delivery, even as his or her brief life draws to a close. This can provide valuable healing and closure for the family.

Whether Munoz’s unborn child (later named Nichole by her father) had defects that were genuinely “incompatible with life,” or whether she would have simply been born with handicaps, is an important question. Extensive prenatal testing was rendered difficult by the machine-driven, ICU-bound body of Munoz. The possibility that a child might be born with handicaps, of course, should not become the equivalent of a death sentence for the unborn, as members of the disability community are quick to remind us. We should love and welcome those with disabilities as much as anyone else.

Public reaction to Munoz’s case ranged from strong support and hope that her child would be born to claims that hospital officials were treating her deceased body as an incubator to “preserve the fetus she carried.” In the end, a judge in Fort Worth ordered Munoz’s corpse to be disconnected from life support, even though the pregnancy had been successfully maintained for nearly two months and Nichole was a mere stone’s throw from viability. While it was clearly a difficult and heart-wrenching situation for all involved, including the courts, this legal decision seemed questionable, given the uncertainty surrounding Nichole’s actual medical condition and her apparent proximity to being able to be delivered.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org.

KNOX COUNTY VINCENTIANS PREPARE NEW MEMBERS

The Knox County conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, located at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church, participated in an orientation seminar for new members of the society on Sunday, Feb. 16 at Granville St. Edward Church.

The orientation was organized and conducted by members of the St. Edward conference of the society, including Greg Hintershied, president of the conference, and Kevin Murphy, a member of the conference, who was host and moderator.

The morning session of the program included an examination of the history, organization, rules, and operation of the society.

The afternoon session focused on training the new members on the nature of poverty and on proper procedures for conducting home visits.

The home visit is the society’s signature technique for distribution of funds to the needy.

Funds the society collects are allocated to families and individuals on the basis of need after home visits by chapter members, known officially as Vincentians, and approval by a chapter committee which determines how money will be spent.

This year, in less than two months, the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Mount Vernon has collected more than \$3,000 to aid disadvantaged families and individuals in the Knox County area.

The mission of the society is to bring concrete aid and comfort to the needy and the suffering of the local community.

The St. Vincent de Paul chapter in Mount Vernon is part of the Diocese of Columbus council of the society, which in turn is a part of its United States national council, based in St. Louis. The national council is affiliated with the international council, which has its headquarters in Paris.

The society has served those in need since it was founded in France in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam. It was established in the United States in St. Louis in 1845 and aids more than 12 million people in this nation every year.

Msgr. Morris to lead mission

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, will sponsor a Lenten mission from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each evening from Sunday, March 16 to Tuesday, March 18.

The mission will be conducted by Msgr. Eugene Morris, director of sacred liturgy at the Pontifical College Josephinum. His presentation will provide a deeper understanding of the Eucharist and spiritual insights into this great mystery.

Child care will be provided for parishioners attending the mission. Preregistration for child care is required by Thursday, March 6. Visit the church website at www.saintjohnsunbury.org for more information about child care or the mission.



The Promise of Lent



Finding Faith in Everyday Life

Sarah Reinhard

There’s been some mistake, God. We seem to have lost a few weeks this year, and rumor has it that Lent is right around the corner.

I AM NOT READY, God. I have just made a major life change, jumped off the proverbial cliff trusting you to catch me.

In the midst of the turmoil and uncertainty — and the surprising peace of experiencing you having it all under control — I just ... am not ready.

Then again, maybe I’m not ever ready. A few years ago, it was a sudden death that had me roiling. And there have been years that it’s pregnancy, and inertia, and ... well, it seems my list is never lacking.

How could I be ready, God? When will I ever feel ready?

Then again, when do I ever feel “ready” or

Mistakes, regrets, grief, and time travel

By Bill Dodds

Catholic News Service

I was sitting around a table with other widowers and widows when a phrase from my early parenting days popped into my head.

During these support groups, it’s not unusual to talk about the guilt a person feels. It comes out in questions such as: Why did I do that as her caregiver? Why didn’t I do this? Why did I say this to him the last time I saw him on the day he died suddenly and unexpectedly? Why didn’t I say that? Why didn’t I tell him just one more time how much ...?

The phrase that came to mind was “The time machine is broken.”

That’s what my late wife Monica and I used to say to our kids when they were going on and on about something that had happened. A sibling did this to him. A classmate did that to her. There was a missed recess or extra homework assignment because one student broke a class rule. It went on and on. Whatever it was, it was an outrage.

I hope Monica and I were patient when we pointed out that there’s no going back to change or fix things. Needless to say, none of our three ever answered, “Oh, thank you so much for pointing that out. I feel all better now.”

Humans want to change things, to fix them. We

“prepared” or “set” for whatever you have in store? I go to Mass thinking I’ll be fine, only to find myself sobbing like an idiot. I launch into a project thinking I know where it will take me, only to find myself at a completely different ending.

You’re full of surprises, God ... or maybe my expectations are not in line with your will. You want what’s best for me, but sometimes I’m not so great at cooperating, at letting you run the show, at following

your lead.

So often, I’m not paying attention to you first. I’m waiting for the lightning bolt or the unmistakable sign, forgetting that you speak in a whisper and you’re too polite to interrupt.

Lent’s coming up on me too quickly, but doesn’t it always? I fear the change you have in store for me, because however much I yap about thinking “outside the box,” I’ve made a comfy nest inside the box and I like it just fine, thanks.

Hold me, God. Lead me, God. Give me the courage to be the woman you want me to be this Lent and always.

*Sarah Reinhard is online at SnoringScholar.com and is the author of *Catholic Family Fun: A Guide for the Adventurous, Overwhelmed, Creative, or Clueless*.*

Logan St. John Right to Life Essay Winners



Logan St. John School students who won the Hocking County Right to Life essay contest, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 2299, are (from left) Christen Robers and Joe Martin, tied for first place; Emma Myers, second; and Faith Anderson, third.

Photo courtesy St. John School

Just call J.K. Mendenhall “the fish fry guy”

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, *Catholic Times*

On each of the six Fridays of Lent before Good Friday, J.K. Mendenhall can be found at a fish fry in the Columbus area – not just one, but three, sometimes four. Last year, he made it to a dozen. This year, he expects the number will be larger, thanks to the assistance of some *Catholic Times* readers.

“You can’t beat the atmosphere, and the price is right,” he said about Lenten fish fries in general.

“It all started about six years ago when I went to the fish fry at Worthington St. Michael Church for the first time and enjoyed the food and the atmosphere,” said Mendenhall, who lives in the Worthington area. “I didn’t know of any others because I’m not Catholic, but I heard about the ones at St. Matthias and Immaculate Conception in Columbus, so I tried those and liked them as well.

“What impressed me was that each one had a distinct atmosphere and one or two things that made each special. As I went to other churches, I kept finding out about more fish fries, so I tried those. Then I found out about the annual *Catholic Times* fish fry guide. Using it to help me, I started going to places all around northern Franklin County.”

It takes precise timing for Mendenhall to visit so many fish fries, because he’s blind and needs the Central Ohio Transit Authority’s Mainstream service to help him get around. A COTA van picks him up at home around 3 or 3:30 p.m. so he can make it to one of the churches that starts its fish fry at 4:30 p.m. He spends around a half-hour or 45 minutes at each stop, is picked up by the van, and heads for another church until around 8 p.m., when the last of the fish fries closes for the night.

He’s a familiar and welcome sight at the churches he visits because of his outgoing personality and the way he makes light of his sightlessness. Last year on the Friday before St. Patrick’s Day, he made his fish fry rounds wearing glasses with shamrock lenses as he joked with the people around him about “making a blind taste test” and remarked, “Even a blind man can see



this is good fish.”

Mendenhall, 64, was born blind in his left eye and lost sight in his right eye 34 years ago in spite of several operations at hospitals in Columbus and Memphis, Tenn., which attempted to save his vision. He’s retired after working as a vendor at the former Cooper Stadium (going back to the days when it was known as Jet Stadium in the 1950s and ’60s), and at St. John Arena, Ohio Stadium, and the state fairgrounds, and as a security specialist for the Columbus school board and the state of Ohio.

Last spring, he went to fish fries at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Elizabeth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Cecilia, St. Patrick, Immaculate Conception, and St. Matthias churches, as well as Westerville St. Paul, Worthington St. Michael, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, and Dublin St. Patrick Episcopal Church. “As a Seventh-Day Adventist, I try to keep things ecumenical,” he said. In the past, he’s also visited the fish fry at Columbus St. Andrew, but didn’t make it there last year.

Mendenhall said his favorite was St. Margaret of Cortona. “They claim to be the best fish fry in town, and everything about it is good,” he said. “It’s

not so much the fish, but the combination of everything. The fish at St. Margaret’s is frozen cod and perch from GFS (Gordon Food Service). You get big pieces and they’ll give you seconds. It’s not all you can eat, but you’re full after two pieces.

“They have good coleslaw with nice sauce, good baked potatoes, with french fries or steak fries as alternates, homemade desserts, coffee, tea, pop, and beer. One really nice thing is that you go in and pay up front, seating is nearby, and within two minutes, you’re being waited on. That’s important for someone like me. They also have a 50-50 drawing, have a raffle for a basket they give away at the last fish fry, and Girl Scout cookies are available when they go on sale. I wish more churches sold the cookies.”

Among the fish fries he has visited, Mendenhall has other favorites in several categories. They are: fresh fish, Resurrection, St. Cecilia and Our Lady of Victory; biggest pieces and variety, Resurrection, St. Vincent and St. Paul; baked potato, St. Margaret, Our Lady of Victory (“baked with olive oil and butter, delicious”), St. Elizabeth and St. Paul; fresh fish and potato combo, St. Cecilia; fries, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (“not dry, but juicy”); macaroni and cheese, St. Cecilia (“from scratch”), Our Lady of Perpetual Help

(“I like how they cook it the night before”) and Resurrection.

Other favorites include: soups, Resurrection; coleslaw, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (“from scratch”), St. Cecilia (“homemade with Marzetti dressing”), St. Margaret and St. Paul; overall atmosphere, St. Paul (“good live music”), Immaculate Conception (“music recorded, but nice”), Resurrection and St. Margaret; and value for money, St. Margaret and Resurrection.

Even the silverware comes under his scrutiny. “I appreciate Our Lady of Victory and Resurrection because they’re the only ones that use metal silverware,” he said. “Our Lady of Perpetual Help has the nicest plastic silverware, because it’s stiff and less likely to break.”

He also appreciates that the Grove City parish is willing to accept credit cards and is the only one of the churches he’s visited that does so, notes that St. Michael has a drive-through window, and describes St. Matthias and Columbus St. Patrick as “hidden gems” he thinks more people ought to visit.

He said he’s learned in talking with managers at the various fish fries that most of them get their fish frozen from GFS locally, while Resurrection, St. Cecilia and Our Lady of Victory obtain theirs fresh from Frank’s Fish Market on the west side of Columbus (check this), and St. Paul and St. Elizabeth work with GFS outlets in Cleveland and Cincinnati respectively.

He’d like to see all the parishes get together to form a purchasing consortium because he believes their combined buying power will get them a discount that would enable them to lower the prices they charge.

Now that he’s visited most of the fish fries in northern Franklin County, he’s expanding his horizons to the south and east this year, with the help of the *Catholic Times*.

A notice in the Jan. 26 issue which said he was looking for transportation to fish fries in other areas brought three responses, enabling him to travel this year to places such as Pickerington and Delaware that are a little out of his and COTA’s range. He’s looking forward to revising his ratings for fellow fish fry fans when next year’s *Catholic Times* fish fry guide is issued.

2014 CATHOLIC TIMES LENTEN FISH FRY



GUIDE





It's FISH FRY TIME!

Lent is almost upon us. The final Mardi Gras parties are under way. In a few days, Ash Wednesday will be here, ushering in a season of repentance and sacrifice. But it does not mean we will be totally without good times.

One of the great parts of Lent is the return of that wonderful Catholic institution, the Friday fish fry. Since you are going to give up meat every Friday, this is a great way to get something extra out of that discipline. The fish fry is a chance to not only make a personal sacrifice, but also strengthen your bond with your spiritual community by joining other Catholics at these weekly gatherings.

By spending time with your fellow parishioners at this weekly meal, you build the strength of the parish through fellowship. That is really important. But you can also benefit by visiting other parish fish fry dinners. It is a great way to experience the breadth of the Catholic Church. There are a number of local Catholics who make an annual event out of seeing how many different fish fries they can visit each Lent.

You will get some great food and meet a lot of wonderful new friends. So check out the listings in these pages and plan to visit your own or some other parish's fish fry every Friday. I hope to see you there!

David Garick
Editor

CENTER-SOUTH

• **COMMUNITY OF HOLY ROSARY / ST JOHN**
D&K Wedding Rentals and Event Center,
4177 East Broad Street, Columbus
MARDI GRAS
2/28 • 7-11 PM

• **CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH**
1111 E Stewart Ave, Columbus
SOUP DINNERS
3/21 & 4/11 • 6 PM
Before Stations

• **ST DOMINIC CHURCH**
453 N 20th St, Columbus
(Parish Center, rear of Church)
ANNUAL FISH FRY
Sat, 3/29 • 11 AM - 5 PM

• **ST LADISLAS CHURCH**
277 Reeb Ave, Columbus
SPAGHETTI DINNER
4/6 • 12-5 PM

• **ST PATRICK CHURCH**
280 N Grant Ave, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-7 PM

NORTHWEST

• **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**
1559 Roxbury Rd, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 4:30-7 PM

• **ST ANDREW CHURCH**
1899 McCoy Rd, Upper Arlington
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 4:30-7 PM

• **ST BRENDA CHURCH**
4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard (In School)
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11
4:30-7:30 PM

• **ST BRIGID OF KILDARE CHURCH**
7179 Avery Rd, Dublin (Hendricks Hall)
SOUP SUPPERS
Tuesdays 3/11-4/8
6-7:15 PM
Before Stations

• **ST CHRISTOPHER CHURCH**
1420 Grandview Ave, Columbus
LENTEN PASTA DINNERS
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-8 PM

• **ST JOAN OF ARC CHURCH**
10700 Liberty Rd, Powell
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11
5:30-7:30 PM

• **ST MARGARET OF CORTONA**
1600 N Hague Ave, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11
4:30-7:30 PM

• **ST PETER CHURCH**
6899 Smoky Row Rd, Columbus
(McEwen Gym)
PASTA DINNER
Sunday, 3/9 • 12:30-5:30 PM

NORTH HIGH

• **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
414 E North Broadway, Columbus
(Marian Hall)
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-8 PM

• **ST MICHAEL CHURCH**
5750 N High St, Worthington
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-8 PM

NORTHLAND

• **CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**
6300 E Dublin-Granville Rd,
New Albany (Ministry Center)
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5:30-8 PM

• **ST ELIZABETH CHURCH**
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-7 PM

• **ST JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH**
9633 E State Route 37, Sunbury (Social Hall)
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 4:30-7 PM

• **ST MATTHIAS CHURCH**
1582 Ferris Rd, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11
4:30-7:30 PM

• **ST PAUL CHURCH**
313 N State St, Westerville (Miller Hall)
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4
5-7:30 PM

WEST

• **HOLY FAMILY**
584 E Broad St, Columbus
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11
7:30 PM

• **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**
3752 Broadway, Grove City (School Cafeteria)
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-7:30 PM

• **SS SIMON & JUDE CHURCH**
9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson
MEATLESS SPAGHETTI DINNER
3/28, 4/4, 4/11 • 5-7 PM

• **ST CECILIA CHURCH**
434 Norton Rd, Columbus (School Hall)
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 •
5:30-7:30 PM

• **ST JOSEPH CHURCH**
670 W Main St, Plain City
Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5:30-8 PM

• **ST PATRICK CHURCH**
226 Elm St, London (at the school)
Each Fri; 3/7-4/11 • 4:30-7:30 PM

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St. Margaret of Cortona 1600 N. Hague Ave. Phone: 614-270-1894

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Every Friday from March 7 - April 11 • 4:30-7:30 pm

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All Fridays in Lent 5:00 - 8:00 pm

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Fish Dinner: Regular - \$6.00, Small - \$4.00
Macaroni-Cheese Dinner - \$6.00
Meal: Fish (or Mac/Chesse), Fries, Roll, Cole
Slaw (or Apple Sauce), and Beverage
Optional: Casserole Dessert - \$1.00 each

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EAST• **HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH**

4217 E Main St, Columbus

Each Fri; 3/7-4/11 • 5:30-7:30 PM• **OUR LADY OF MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**

5225 Refugee Rd, Columbus

Fridays; 3/7-4/4 • 5 -7 PM• **SETON PARISH**600 Hill Rd N, Pickerington
(Parish Activity Center)**3/7, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11
6-7:30 PM**• **ST CATHARINE CHURCH**

500 S Gould Rd, Columbus

3/7, 3/21, 4/4 • 5-8 PM• **ST MATTHEW THE APOSTLE**

807 Havens Corners Rd, Gahanna

**3/7, 3/14, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11
5-7 PM**• **ST PIUS X CHURCH**

1051 Waggoner Rd, Reynoldsburg

Fridays; 3/7, 3/21, 4/4 • 5-7 PM**OUTSIDE COLUMBUS**• **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

220 E North St, Kenton

SOUP SUPPERS**Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5:30 PM****Stations at 7 PM**• **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

1033 W 5th St, Marysville

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-7:30 PM• **ST MARY CHURCH**

82 E William St, Delaware (Beitel Commons)

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-7 PM• **ST MARY CHURCH**

K of C Hall - 1232 E Center St, Marion

Each Friday; 2/28-4/18 • 5-8 PM• **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

555 S Main St, Johnstown

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-7 PM• **CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

394 E Main St, Newark (School Cafeteria)

Wednesdays; 3/12-4/9 • 4:30-7 PM• **NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

1 Green Wave Dr, Newark

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 4-8 PM• **ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**

785 Newark Rd, Granville

Fridays; 3/14-4/11 • 5-7:30 PM
(Seniors 4-7:30)• **ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH**

66 Granville St, Newark

**SOUP SUPPERS Each Thurs;
3/12 - 4/9 • 6:15 PM**• **ST LEONARD CHURCH**

57 Dorsey Mill Rd, Heath

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-7 PM• **ST LUKE CHURCH**

7 W Rambo St, Danville (Community Center)

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 5-7 PM• **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH**

206 E Chestnut St, Mount Vernon

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 4:30-7 PM• **CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

1835 Dover-Zoar Rd, Bolivar

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 4-7:30 PM• **SACRED HEART CHURCH**

777 3rd St, New Philadelphia

Tuscarawas Central Catholic HS

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 4-7 PM• **SACRED HEART CHURCH**

Walnut St. & Park Ave., Coshocton

Friday; 4/11 • 4-7 PM• **ST JOHN CHURCH**

351 N Market St, Logan

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 4-7 PM• **ST COLMAN OF CLOYNE CHURCH**

219 S North St, Washington Court House

Each Fri; 3/7-4/11 • 4:30-7 PM• **ST JOSEPH CHURCH**

K of C Hall - 2489 N Court St, Circleville

**Each Friday; 2/28-4/11
4:30-6:45 PM****Stations at 7 PM**• **BISHOP FLAGET/ ST MARY**Bishop Flaget 7th & 8th grades will host at

St. Mary Family Life Center

40 E 4th St, Chillicothe

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 4-7 PM• **ST PETER IN CHAINS CHURCH**

2167 Lick Run Lyra Rd, Wheelersburg

Each Friday; 3/7-4/11 • 4:30-7 PM

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who weren't ready." She was adopted as an infant by a loving family in Washington state, became a star athlete who played volleyball for Nevada-Reno on a scholarship, but "became addicted to alcohol and lust. I wished I was dead because I thought God hated me," she said.

The turning point in her life came when she met a priest who "saw beauty where I saw brokenness," Sister Miriam James said. "I felt like a puzzle with a piece missing. Jesus found that piece in the gutter. He picked it up and made that puzzle complete."

"I stand before you because Jesus called me from brokenness, through a priest who loved me and through the prayers of my mother," she said, explaining that her mother entrusted her to Mary's care at the time when her life appeared to be spiraling out of control.

She said that in her own life, a lack of forgiveness for the people who harmed her had been her biggest block to a better relationship with God. She described unforgiveness as being "like drinking poison every day and hoping the other person dies," saying that it took her a long time to let go of this feeling. Once she was able to do so, she felt a tremendous sense of release.

"Don't give up on your children and grandchildren, those who seem lost" because they may have left the church or gotten involved in a harmful lifestyle, she said. "You may not see the fruits of your prayers on earth, but you will in eternity."

Kimberly Hahn quoted frequently from Scripture to illustrate her talk on the theme "Chosen and Cherished: You Are A Beloved Daughter of God." One such reference was from Proverbs 18:22: "He who finds a wife finds happiness." Hahn said that verse should make women realize "we are a grace, a gift from God to our husbands, and a man who values us has a heart for God."

Proverbs 31:30 says "A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised," Hahn said, then listed several other Scripture passages on fear of the Lord and said this was a term frequently misinterpreted.

The term does not refer to fear in the sense of being afraid, but to reverence and awe for the Lord, she said. "It is not a fear that leads to despair, but to hope."



Left: Women visit information tables during a break. Below: The conference drew many mother-daughter groups. CT photos by Ken Snow

She added that Muslims interpret this term in a different context and "see themselves as slaves to a master God. They'd find it blasphemous to call God 'Father,'" Hahn said. "In their view, life is useful, but not cherished, and God's law is like a taskmaster, not a law of love."

"God planned you and God planned me," she said. "He chose us from the foundation of the world – not just in a general sense, but specifically. We were made by love for love."

A dialogue in which lifelong friend Cindy Carter of Cincinnati played the part of God drew much appreciative laughter. Its message was one of giving everything a person has to God because it's God's anyway, and because this gives God the chance to give it back in greater measure.

"Your vocation is your husband, just as his vocation is you," Hahn said. "My path to holiness is not around (her husband) Scott, but through him."

Scott Hahn has taught theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville since 1990 and is one of the nation's best-known Catholic speakers and writers. He was a Protestant theologian until his studies convinced him of the truth of Catholic doctrine. He and Kimberly, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, have been married for 34 years and tell the story of their journey to Catholicism and the obstacles both had to overcome along the way in a jointly written book, *Rome Sweet Home*.

Kimberly said that when her father was preparing the couple for marriage, several years before that faith journey began, he told them that each would be the primary channel of grace for the other. She said that is an important thing to remember for anyone desiring to marry and that any woman should ask the question "Is he leading me to holiness?" when reaching the point where a relationship could lead to marriage.

"My hope and prayer is that you will know the pleasure almighty God has in you, his beloved daughter," she concluded.

The final principal speaker, Rebecca Dussault, was a member of the U.S. cross country skiing team in the 2006 Winter Olympics, was 2010 champion of the winter triathlon series sponsored by USA Triathlon, and continues to compete in that sport while raising four children with her husband.

Her talk, "Faithfully Fit: Empowering Catholic Women Toward Wholeness of Health" coincidentally was given on the last full day of this year's Winter Olympics. It combined parts of her own athletic experience with a broader message of physical and spiritual fitness in general.

"FIT" stands for 'Finding Interior Transformation,' she said. "You can become more fit in your life in many ways without making big changes in your lifestyle."

Some simple ways to fitness she mentioned included walking instead of driving for short trips, doing more stair-climbing, and line-drying wash instead of putting it in the dryer.

She said that if a woman wants to start doing workouts, she should find others who are interested so that they can exercise together and share encouragement and accountability.

"Get up and dress up," she said. "Your husband doesn't want to see 'Old Frump-a-Dump' when he comes home," she said to a burst of laughter. "But it's not about just the clothes," she added. "Impress Our Lord first with the way you dress and with the way you live. If we aim to take care of ourselves, we will eat well, dress well, pray well, and be well."

On the topic of spiritual fitness, she said she begins her day by consecrating

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it to God and makes a weekly Holy Hour adoring the Blessed Sacrament.

She often has her children with her when doing so. That means “sometimes when I leave church, I think, ‘Well, that was an unholy hour’” because of the distractions four youngsters ages one to 12 are likely to provide, Dussault said.

She said that the more she has abandoned herself to God’s will, the more she has come to sanctify the ordinary in her life, to recognize the grace that comes even in the midst of those “unholy hours,” and to “tweak the little things” to help her find God in the midst of everyday occurrences.

Dussault said that’s what one of her heroes, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, did throughout his short life. He was an avid athlete who died of polio at age 24 after living a life of mostly hidden service to the poor in Turin, Italy.

“I love competition rightly aimed,” she said, adding that she enjoys the challenge of continuing to compete not just for the joy it brings, but because it gives her an opportunity to talk about the faith and life lessons she has learned.

She also said that because her sports experiences taught her the dangers of a lifestyle that often leads to “beautiful bodies, but empty souls,” she understands Blessed John Paul II’s words that if sports do not serve God, they are “a fleeting pleasure, a useless movement of our bodies.”

“We need to reject the neopaganism that says everything is for the body,” Dussault said. “We’re building ourselves up for something else.”

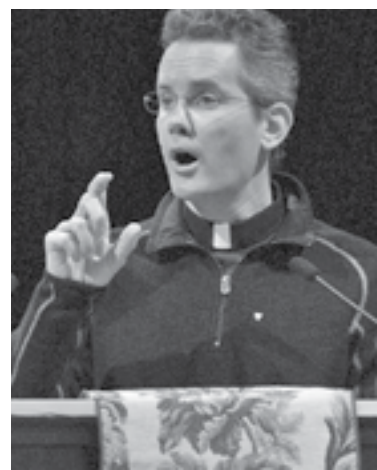
She concluded by quoting the final words of the Olympic creed, “The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well,” noting that they were inspired a talk made by Father Henri Didon, a friend of Baron



Elizabeth Ficocelli



Father Dan Dury



Father David Sizemore

Pierre de Coubertin, father of the modern Olympics.

The conference began with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell and ended for the first time with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration, concluded by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Catholic author and broadcaster Elizabeth Ficocelli, a Reynoldsburg resident, was master of ceremonies. In addition to the principal talks, remarks also

were given by Father Dan Dury, pastor of Columbus St. Catharine Church, on the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Father Stash Dailey, pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church, on enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes and on the Sacred Heart Congress scheduled Oct. 11 in Columbus; and Father David Sizemore, pastor of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, on Eucharistic adoration and the My House program for those struggling with addiction to pornography.

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- JUN 2** Fourth Luminous—The Transfiguration
- JUN 16** Fifth Luminous—The Institution of the Eucharist
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- JUL 21** First Sorrowful—The Agony in the Garden
- AUG 4** Second Sorrowful—The Scourging [Memorial of St. Jean Marie Vianney]
- AUG 18** Third Sorrowful—The Crowning with Thorns
- SEP 1** *Canceled* Labor Day
- SEP 15** Fourth Sorrowful—The Carrying of the Cross [Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows]
- OCT 6** Fifth Sorrowful—The Crucifixion
- OCT 20** First Glorious—The Resurrection
- NOV 3** Second Glorious—The Ascension [Feast of St. Martin de Porres, O.P.]
- NOV 17** Third Glorious—The Descent of the Holy Spirit [Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary]
- DEC 1** Fourth Glorious—The Assumption
- DEC 15** Fifth Glorious—The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

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VALENTINE'S DAY GIFTING

Students in Lindsey Miller's primary class at Columbus St. Joseph Montessori School made friendship bracelets for children at Nationwide Children's Hospital. On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 third-graders from the class delivered the bracelets to the children. Students pictured are (from left) Ava Neville, AJ Taylor, and Avry Overly-Sheterom. Photo courtesy St. Joseph Montessori School

New board members at The Catholic Foundation

The Catholic Foundation is pleased to announce that David Swift, Lou Ruscilli, and Mike Haller joined its board of trustees on Jan. 1.

David Swift is a Partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, LLP. A member of the law firm's tax group, he practices in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, and representation of tax-exempt organizations. Swift is a parishioner at Columbus St. Peter Church. He and his wife, Karen, have three children.

Lou Ruscilli is chief executive officer of Ruscilli Construction Co., Inc. He and his wife, Lisa, attend Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church. They have one child.

Mike Haller is the co-owner of the Haller Funeral Home in Chillicothe.

He is the chairman of the finance council of Chillicothe St. Mary Church and is a member of the finance council of Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School. He and his wife, Carol, belong to Chillicothe St. Mary Church.

The Catholic Foundation's board of trustees consists of 34 church, business, and civic leaders who represent various regions of the diocese.

The executive committee includes Kathy Houck, chair; Steve Denz, vice chair; Jim Vonau, secretary; John Igel, treasurer; and Ron Rowland, immediate past chair.

The Catholic Foundation, along with all the members of the board, welcome Swift, Ruscilli, and Haller as new trustees.

DeSales Student Exchange Program

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School has a proud tradition of hosting international students and exchange students from around the world.

The school's administrative team is looking to potentially grow this program from an average of five or six students per year to 20 students, giving more families the chance to be part of a tremendous cultural enrichment experience.

If you are interested in hosting a

young person for the 2014-15 school year, contact assistant principal Jim Jones at (614) 267-7808, extension 115 or jjones@cducation.org. An informational session will be conducted in the near future.

The school also would like to hear from anyone who is unable to host a student for the full year, but would be willing to do so during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter breaks or could assist a hosting family that has to go out of town.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Advice not to worry or accumulate is often unheard



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 49:14-15
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

“Zion said: ‘The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.’” This cry came as a result of the Babylonian exile, when Jerusalem, the city built on Mount Zion, and the Temple had been destroyed and her leading citizens had been marched into exile as the spoils of war.

The Lord responds through Isaiah the prophet, reflecting on the unimaginable situation of a mother forgetting her baby or being without tenderness for her newborn. The Lord says, “Even if that unthinkable situation were ever to occur, I will never abandon Israel.”

The perspective from which Isaiah writes is probably that of an exile waiting to return to his homeland in Judah. He hears the cry of his contemporaries uttering their complaints against the Lord for what they have found in their beloved Jerusalem. Isaiah offers these verses, with this image of God being like a mother protecting her infant, as a response.

As we return to Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount, we hear the famous saying about not serving two masters. It implies the relationship of a slave to his/her master. Jesus applies it to serving God or serving mammon (which is money or wealth or property in practical terms). This follows the earlier instruction of Jesus: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasure on earth ... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” The point is clear if we understand “serve” as meaning “be a slave to.” The whole idea of wealth is a human creation. To worship that which is made by human

hands is to worship an idol. Thus, we cannot worship the one true God and idols at the same time.

Matthew next teaches us not to be concerned about what we are to eat or drink or what we are to wear. That should bring guilt pangs when we think of what we accumulate in various types of clothing and footwear. The varieties and amounts of food and drink we see advertised and served up to us should give us pause, especially when we look at what goes uneaten. On the other hand, we balance budgets by cutting funds for food for those who need it. The arguments we hear revolve around cutting budgets for various governments so more people can have more money to buy more things so that more people can pile up more wealth (especially the ones who are already wealthy), and we do it by telling those who have no wealth and no hope of ever amassing wealth that they will have to do without some of the little they have.

Then we hear “Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.” We must ask ourselves “Who is worried about tomorrow?” Does the wealthy person of means ever worry about tomorrow? Does the hungry person without a home worry about tomorrow when he/she has no bread today? How much do the wealthy ever really worry about the poor in our midst?

Jesus addresses those who, like him, believe that God will care for them in the same way that God provides for the birds and dresses the flowers of the field. In this, he shares belief with all his contemporaries who saw God’s hand alive and involved in all of life. For such people, worrying about what God would provide was useless, because God always provides.

Worrying about the necessities of life, or worrying in general, has been the downfall of many a person of the type who seem to find no way out of misery and suffering. Jesus says not to worry. So why worry?

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

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“We love, therefore, those who are hostile to us; we bless those who speak ill of us; we greet with a smile those who may not deserve it,” he said. “We do not aim to assert ourselves; we oppose arrogance with meekness; we forget the humiliations that we have endured.”

The pope’s words recalled his previous day’s talk to the cardinals -- whose traditional scarlet garb is said to symbolize the blood of martyrs -- when he called on them to pray for “all Christians suffering from discrimination and persecution” and “every man and woman suffering injustice on account of his or her religious convictions.”

Following the Mass, the pope appeared at the window of his office in the Apostolic Palace and addressed a crowd in St. Peter’s Square before praying the noon Angelus.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
1 Peter 1:3-9
Psalm 111:1-2,5-6,9-10
Mark 10:17-27

TUESDAY
1 Peter 1:10-16
Psalm 98:1-4
Mark 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY
Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-6b,12-14,17
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

THURSDAY
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 9:22-25

FRIDAY
Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 51:3-6a,18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

SATURDAY
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 86:1-6
Luke 5:27-32

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 2, 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).

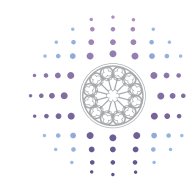
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

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 IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours



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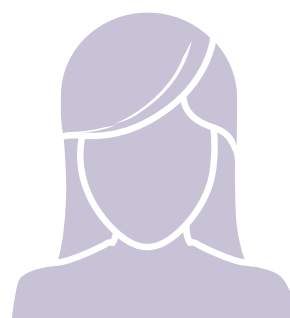
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Rediscovering the Martyrology



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

The Catholic Church began compiling “martyrologies”—lists of saints, typically martyrs—during the first centuries after Constantine. In the pre-Vatican II breviary, a reading from the Roman Martyrology, or what we might call the Catholic Book of Witnesses, was an integral part of the Office of Prime, the “hour” recited after sunrise. The day’s date was given, followed by a reading of the names of the saints commemorated that day, with information about each saint’s origin and place of death—and, if the saint were a martyr, the name of the persecutor, a description of tortures endured, and the method of execution. It was a bracing way to begin the working day and a reminder of Tertullian’s maxim that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.

It is somewhat ironic that the loss of Prime from the Liturgy of the Hours—and thus the loss of a daily liturgical reading from the Roman Martyrology—coincided with the greatest century of persecution in the history of the Church. It’s a point well-established but little appreciated within American Catholicism: We have been living, and we’re living now, in the greatest era of persecution in Christian history. More Christians died for the faith in the 20th century than in the previous 19 centuries of Christian history combined. And while the character of the persecutors has changed, from the lethal heyday of the 20th-century totalitarianisms to the first decades of the 21st century, the assault on the Christian faithful today is ongoing, extensive, and heart-rending.

Solidarity with the per-

secuted Church is an obligation of Christian faith. Reflecting on how well each of us has lived that obligation is a worthy point on which to examine one’s conscience during Lent. And that brings me to a suggestion: Revive the ancient tradition of daily readings from the Roman Martyrology this coming Lent by spending 10 minutes a day reading John Allen’s new book, *The Global War on Christians: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Anti-Christian Persecution* (Image).

The longtime Vatican correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter* and CNN’s senior Vatican analyst, Allen has recently moved to *The Boston Globe* as associate editor, where he (and we) will see if talent and resources can combine to deepen a mainstream media outlet’s coverage of all things Catholic, both in print and on the Web. Meanwhile, Allen will continue the Roman work that has made him the best Anglophone Vatican reporter ever—work that has given him a unique perspective on the world Church, and indeed on world Christianity. His extensive experience across the globe, and his contacts with everyone who’s anyone in the field of international religious freedom issues, make him an ideal witness to what he calls, without exaggeration, a global war on Christian believers.

That witness includes, in his book, a continent-by-

continent overview of anti-Christian persecution, a debunking of various myths about anti-Christian persecution, and some counsel on what can be done to support those who are literally putting their lives at risk for love of the Lord and the Gospel. Most poignant for Lenten reading, of course, are those parts of Allen’s book that truly are a contemporary martyrology: His telling of the stories of such martyrs of our time as Shabaz Bhatti of Pakistan, Ashur Yakub Issa of Iraq, the Tibhirine monks of Algeria, and the pastors and church elders who were crushed to death by a bulldozer in front of their North Korean place of worship.

In pondering these cases and the hundreds more that Allen cites, one gets a new understanding of “hatred of the faith,” that ancient *odium fidei* that identified the deaths of martyrs. *Odium fidei* expresses itself in many ways, of course, not all of them lethal. Allen’s close focus on those who really are at risk of life and limb for the faith is a useful reminder that, whatever the contempt orthodox Christians are called to suffer today for fidelity to biblical truth in the comfortable, decadent, and increasingly intolerant West, others are being called to suffer far more. Their witness should strengthen ours.

George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.



CATHEDRAL CONCERT



The Valparaiso (Ind.) University Chorale will be performing in Columbus as part of its 2014 spring tour.

The performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1 at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The performance will be followed by a reception which will include coffee and desserts. There will be no charge for the concert or the reception.

The chorale is among the top Lutheran collegiate choirs in the United States, upholding the highest standard of choral art through performance of the greatest choral literature of all eras. Dedicated to performing works that celebrate the university's Lutheran heritage, the choir also is noted

for the performance of significant contemporary works in their original languages and for the performance of music expressing multicultural perspectives.

The chorale has served four residencies at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany, and is the only collegiate American choir to enjoy such a strong relationship with the church of Johann Sebastian Bach.

The chorale returned in June 2012 for its fourth residency, marking the 800th anniversary of the church and its choir,

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Directed by Dr. Christopher M. Cock, the 48-voice ensemble maintains an active annual schedule of touring, performing, and recording.

Its recordings include: Traditions: Hymns, Motets and Folk Songs (1998); The Lutheran Chorale with Paul Manz (2000); Christ Child: Songs of the Nativity (2001); In Paradisum (2003); As It Is in Heaven (2006); Amazing

Day (2008); O My Soul (2010); and Star Still Guiding (2011).

The German newspaper Thüringer Allegemine reviewed the chorale's concert in 2007 as follows: "a first-class ensemble ... such a high degree of tonal unity, such sure intonation in the most complex and dissonant groups of chords, and such a precise feeling of dynamic shading."

In 2010, the Schwarzwälder Bote exclaimed, "Their heavenly and virtuosic performance enthused the audience," and the Schwäbisches Tagblatt hailed the chorale's performance as "masterful."

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LENTEN CONCERT

CRIES OF THE YOUNG

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church of Marysville will be featuring her 6th annual concert series event called "Cries of the Young." On Sunday, March 9 at 3:00 pm, hear the sad and sorrowful songs of Mahler's "Kindertotenlieder" sung by Mezzo Soprano, Lianna Williams. Lianna will also perform sacred and operatic works of Bach and Saint-Saëns. Joining her will be pianist and Parish Director of Music, Paul Melcher. This concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call (937)644-6020.

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Pope Francis leads a consistory at which he created 19 new cardinals in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Feb. 22. Retired Pope Benedict XVI attended the ceremony, making his first public appearance at a liturgy since his retirement. CNS photo/Paul Haring

Pope Francis blesses prisoners from Pisa and Pianosa jails during a private meeting at the Vatican on Feb.19. CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters



A man who was injured during clashes between anti-government protesters and riot police receives medical treatment inside St. Michael's Orthodox Cathedral in Kiev, Ukraine, on Feb. 19. Ukraine's political crisis escalated sharply, with more than two dozen people killed and scores injured in violent, often fiery battles between demonstrators and police in Kiev. CNS photo/Maks Levin, Reuters

Support Evangelization Programs among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut Communities in the United States

By **Leandro M. Tapay**

Diocesan Missions Director

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual Black and Indian missions collection will take place on the weekend of March 8-9. Funds from the collection will be used to support evangelization programs among the nation's Black, Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut communities.

Every year, the Diocese of Columbus receives funds from the collection to help its own Black Catholic Ministries program.

Recently, leaders of Black communities and Native American Indian mis-

sions from dioceses across the United States met in Birmingham, Ala., to discuss challenges their ministries face. The gathering was sponsored by the National Black and Indian Missions (BIM) and the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA).

Those leaders teamed up with Father Wayne Paysee, national director of the USCCB Black and Indian missions committee, to create an agenda which provided opportunity for professional growth and greater collaboration among participants. The agenda included a panel discussion on Black and Indian missions and presentations

on websites as tools for evangelization, the importance of maintaining Black ministry, developing a strong foundation for evangelization, and other topics.

It was stressed at the meeting that funds from the Black and Indian missions collection must continue to provide support for Catholic schools in African American communities. In past years, funds from this collection were what kept open the doors of some schools in Black communities and Indian missions.

A collaborative agreement was made to work on initiatives that would increase financial contributions to the Black and Indian mission collection, especially from the African American Catholic communities.

Father Paysee thanked the leaders for their efforts on behalf of academic

excellence and financial soundness at Catholic schools with a mainly African American enrollment. He also encouraged the participants to be more outgoing in inviting inactive Black Catholics to come back to the Church, and encouraged them to boldly share their faith with the unchurched in their communities.

Since 1881, proceeds from the Black and Indian mission collection have been distributed to dioceses as grants for supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut communities in the United States.

On behalf of Bishop Frederick Campbell and Father Paysee, I would like thank you for your generosity.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the weekend of March 8 and 9, the annual Black and Native American Indian missions collection will take place at all Masses. The national campaign for America's mission lands has been serving the Catholic Church in the United States since 1884.

From inner cities to outland reservations, missionaries have been living in communities which do not have the financial base to support the Church. Through our contributions, we work hand-in-hand with these missionaries who deliver the light of Christ to the impoverished, the isolated, and the long-suffering Black, Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut peoples of our home Church.


These communities exist in almost every diocese in the United States. Missionaries, religious, catechists, and devoted laypeople work tirelessly in parishes, missions, and reservations to promote the faith.

Every year, the Diocese of Columbus receives funds from this collection to help with the Black Catholic Ministries right here in our diocese.


I ask for your continued support of the Black and Indian mission collection.

Together, let us truly be missionaries through our sacrifice and the love of Jesus Christ we share.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus



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Exploring the Death Penalty

“My belief in God and my innocence (kept me sane).”
— Joe D’Ambrosio, former death row inmate

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies and Office of Academic Affairs invites you to The Death Penalty in Our Penal System.

Guest speakers will be Joe D’Ambrosio, a lifelong Catholic and army veteran who sat on death row for more than 21 years, and Father Neil Kookoothe, a Cleveland priest who helped argue Mr. D’Ambrosio’s innocence.

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The Death Penalty in Our Penal System

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