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## The Editor's Notebook

*Seek the Lord*

By David Garick, Editor

*"Come," says my heart, "seek his face"; your face, LORD, do I seek!*  
Psalms 27:8

As Christians, we must always be seeking God. The Lord created each of us and desires to draw us to Him and to spend eternity with us. He loves us so much that He came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ to give us the means to overcome sin and to find everlasting life with Him. Christ seeks all of us to be His disciples. It is only fitting that we should also seek Him out.

How do we find Christ? Where do we encounter Him? Certainly, first and foremost we encounter Him in the Eucharist. His Body and Blood become real in our presence and are united with our bodies through the blessing of holy Communion. We encounter Him in prayer. As we search deep within ourselves, Christ reveals Himself to us in very intimate ways.

But we are called to seek even more understanding of Christ. Even the Apostles, His closest followers, showed themselves unable to grasp the fullness of His divinity, and they lived, walked, and ate with Him every day. It was not until after His passion and resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit that they began to understand the real message He brought to us.

There are many ways that we can seek this greater understanding of Christ. One important way to do this is through pilgrimage. In the Fourth Century, St. Helena, the mother of the Roman emperor Constantine, was so overcome by her conversion to Christianity that she set out in her old age to visit Palestine and to discover the holy places where Jesus lived, died, and rose again. Fellow pilgrims still do that to this day. Praying at the site of His incarnation, walking in His footsteps across Galilee, standing where Mary stood at the foot of His cross, laying

a hand on the stone where His body was laid and resurrected. These actions all make Christ much more real to the Christian pilgrim. On page 10 of this issue of *Catholic Times*, you will read Deacon Hector Raymond's account of his recent pilgrimage to those places.

But the Holy Land is not the only place where a Catholic can travel to encounter Christ. It can come in Rome and the other cities around the Mediterranean where the apostles, evangelists, and church fathers built the church we know today. Throughout the centuries, the Holy Spirit has blessed artists with the inspiration to create painting, statues, windows, and architecture that convey a deeper understanding of Christ. This artwork is available in countless churches, cathedrals, and shrines. On Page 12, you will travel with Father Theodore Machnik as he explores the spiritual wealth in the churches of Poland.

Our Holy Mother has made herself known to individuals throughout the centuries, always to lead people to a deeper knowledge of her Son. We find an encounter with Mary and with Christ when we visit places like Lourdes in France and Fatima in Portugal. On Page 20, you will read of Father Stash Dailey's journey to those important shrines.

A pilgrimage need not be to the other side of the world. It may be as simple as a visit to a nearby church where you may encounter Christ in a different way, see Him in a different view. We must not be content with the notion that we have found Christ and that is enough. Changing your perspective makes all the difference.

*One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the LORD's house all the days of my life, To gaze on the LORD's beauty, to visit his temple. Psalms 27:4*



## The Catholic Foundation partners with women's and men's conferences to provide buses

The seventh annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 in the Voinovich Building at the State Fairgrounds. This year's theme will be "Delight Yourself in the Lord (Psalm 37:4)." Speakers will include Kimberly Hahn, Sister Miriam James, SOLT, and Olympic cross country skier Rebecca Dussault.

The 17th annual Columbus Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled at the same location on Saturday, March 1, "Be a Man of Courage" will be the theme, with speakers Damen Owen of the Theology of the Body Institute; Father Tony Stephens, talking about the sainthood cause of Korean War chaplain Father Emil Kapaun; Fr. William Casey, CPM; and Columbus Bishop Hartley High School football coach Brad Burchfield.

This year, through a partnership with The Catholic Foundation, the women's and men's conferences are working to eliminate any financial barriers that might prohibit anyone from attending. The Foundation will provide transportation for each deanery outside of Franklin County to facilitate attendance to the conferences. Additionally, the conferences will provide financial support to anyone unable to pay the cost of admission.

The Foundation will be providing

reimbursement of as much as \$400 per deanery to secure buses to and from the event. Deaneries need only to provide their parish conference representative with a receipt requesting reimbursement.

In recent years, Newark Blessed Sacrament Church charged a small fee to transport women to the Catholic Women's Conference. Blessed Sacrament parishioner Kathy Wilson said she enjoys riding the bus with other people because it provides new experiences.

"It gives us time to get to know new people in our church or from other parishes and to visit with those whom we are familiar with," she said. "Then on the way home, it affords an opportunity to share about the conference."

She said it is a convenient way to travel to Columbus without having to worry about the problems that come with making her own arrangements.

"It is so nice to not have to worry about the wintry roads, directions on how to get there, and parking," Wilson said.

The Catholic Foundation is working to secure additional funding, should more buses be needed.

To register for the women's conference, visit [www.columbus-catholicwomen.com](http://www.columbus-catholicwomen.com), and for the men's conference, go to [www.columbuscatholicmen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicmen.com).

Correction - A story in the Jan. 12 Catholic Times about Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish incorrectly said the parish has Masses with a praise choir on the third Sunday of each month at 11:15 a.m. The parish no longer has a praise choir.

## Front Page photo:



Pilgrims, including Deacon Hector Raymond of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, on the Sea of Galilee last September.

Photo courtesy Deacon Hector Raymond

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## CELEBRATION OF CUM CHRISTO'S ANNIVERSARY OPENS

The Cum Christo movement began a yearlong celebration of its 50th anniversary in Columbus with a Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany at Holy Cross Church. The Mass was highlighted by the presence of six concelebrating priests, five deacons, and two members of the Protestant clergy.

The most recent Columbus Cum Christo weekly gathering, known as an *ultreya* (Spanish for "onward"), took place on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington and is one of several such events the movement hopes to have during the year at sites away from its center in the former Holy Cross School. *Ultreyas* usually take place at the center each Wednesday.

Other special Cum Christo events scheduled this year include a day of reflection at the Martin de Porres Center on Saturday, Feb. 15; a seder meal at First Congregational Church on Wednesday, April 16; a Mass and *ultreya* at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church on Wednesday, June

11; an appreciation dinner with Bishop Frederick Campbell on Sunday, Sept. 7; and a closing celebration Mass for the anniversary with Bishop Campbell at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Cum Christo weekends, which last from Thursday evening to Sunday, are scheduled this year at the center from March 13-16 and Oct. 9-12 for men and from April 3-6 and Nov. 13-16 for women.

The weekends include quiet time, meditation, discussions, Scripture readings, prayer, song, and chapel weekends. Participants in the interfaith program are asked to complete one weekend in a lifetime and are then encouraged to continue their involvement through *ultreyas*.

More than 9,000 people in the Columbus area have taken part in the past 50 years in the weekends, which ask participants to take the lessons they have learned during the four days and use them as lay leaders in the church and as people helping transform the secular



Priests, deacons, and Protestant clergy members attending a Mass at Holy Cross Church to open the 50th anniversary of the Cum Christo movement in Columbus were (from left): first row, the Rev. Bobbie Campbell, Deacon Joseph Meyer, Father Michael Reis, Father Charles Cotton, Father Jerome Stluka, and Deacon Greg Eiden; second row, Deacon Jim Rouse, Father Justin Reis, Father Vincent McKiernan, CSP, Deacon Dick Bauman, Deacon Tony Bonacci, the Rev. Scott Marier, and Father Patrick Toner.

Photos courtesy Cum Christo

culture.

More information on the movement is available at [www.cumchristo.org](http://www.cumchristo.org).

## BISHOP CAMPBELL TO LEAD BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Bishop Frederick Campbell will be conducting a six-week Bible study program for young adults ages 22 to 40 in the undercroft of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., on Sundays following the 5:15 p.m. Mass, starting Jan. 19. Additional dates for the class are Feb. 2 and 16, March 2 and 16, and April 6.

The program will have no set topic, but will be a general study of Scripture, led by the bishop. It is scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Pizza and light refreshments will be provided for the opening program, with refreshments available at subsequent events.

Paul Davis of the diocesan Office for Divine Worship said it was the bishop's desire to start the program in hopes of encouraging some of the young adults who attend the cathedral's 5:15 Sunday Mass to become more involved with the Catholic Church.



Musicians participate in the 50th anniversary Mass for Cum Christo in Columbus.

## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Giants

Did you pray for all the concerns we looked at during the past week? Social issues and concerns can be a very real challenge for us, or they can be easily ignored and rationalized as someone else's problems. And besides, why can't everyone just take care of themselves like we do? Bringing an end to, or at least greatly easing the burden of poverty, striving for world peace, embracing and helping immigrants, standing against violence, and praying for protection of the unborn are all issues for which we can dedicate some time throughout our busy week. Every one of these concerns can be found in our diocese, our community, our parish, and our homes. This is where it begins, and this is where it can end. We are the Body of Christ, and together, we keep our arms open and not behind our backs. This is not an exclusive club. This is the same Body of Christ that we find in the Word of God and in the Eucharist. With one another, we are Doers of that Word.

At one time or another we have all heard or seen various forms of the phrase "We stand on the shoulders of giants." In general, this reminds us that we would not enjoy the blessings of this life if not for those giants who came before us. And hopefully, our children and grandchildren will be proud to stand on our shoulders. I cannot personally see myself as any type of a giant. But I do admire so many others around me, and with the many good and faithful stewards I encounter, I am blessed to learn from these giants. Specifically, the Diocese of Columbus is blessed with so many giants humbly going about their lives, living and practicing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of you reading this column are counted among those. To cite individuals risks leaving out many who are good stewards. But I have four giants in particular who have left us recently, and I want to share their stories. They have incredibly broad shoulders.

Dr. Frank Dono died on July 14, 2013. He was a leader in obstetrics and gynecology in Columbus for more than 50 years. He served on the board of the Pontifical College Josephinum, and he and his wife, Marilyn, were recipients of the first Pope Leo XIII Good Shepherd award. He Dono also served the diocese as a Knight of Malta, a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, a board member of Women's Care Center, a member of the Serra Club and the Catholic Medical Association, and a volunteer at JOIN. Barney Lawless died on Nov. 6. He was a member of the Society of Professional Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He was a staunch advocate of Catholic education and served on the boards of Tuscarawas Central Catholic elementary and high schools, and St. Joseph and Sacred Heart schools in Tuscarawas County. His support in that part of the diocese and beyond is legendary. Milt Schott died on Nov. 13. He was an entrepreneur and a sales representative for industrial products. He served on the boards of the Schott Foundation, The Catholic Foundation, the Boys and Girls Clubs, JOIN, and Cristo Rey High School. We would not have that special presence of Cristo Rey today without Milt's support. Pat Davis died on Dec. 15. He was the superintendent of the hundreds of buildings and other facilities throughout the diocese. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Pat went out of his way to support Catholic education at all levels. I can say that all of us have been touched and impacted by Pat directly or indirectly. His attention to detail as a professional and his warmth and love for educating our future leaders are unmatched. Our practical challenge is simple. Pray that our lives of service and stewardship might come close to those of Frank, Barney, Milt, and Pat. And pray for broad shoulders to carry on their legacies.

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### FOUR SCHOOLS EQUALS ONE CHAMPIONSHIP

In early November, four parochial schools – Columbus St. Cecilia, St. Mary Magdalene, and Trinity, and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – had a problem. None of them had enough eighth-grade girls interested in playing basketball to form a team in the Diocesan Recreation Association.

This is not typical, but far from uncommon. To avoid game cancellations, the DRA requires teams to have at least seven players. By eighth grade, however, boys and girls start to narrow their interests, and fewer and fewer choose to play a particular sport. This can make it can be difficult for a school to have a team, especially in smaller schools.

These four schools were determined to give their girls an opportunity to play in their final year before entering the ultra-

competitive world of Ohio high school basketball. To achieve this, they pulled together interested players from each of their schools and conducted tryouts. With the blessing of the DRA, they created two teams – one for the competitive division and one for the recreation division.

While they fielded teams, they did not know what they had. But during the Christmas holidays, they were pleasantly surprised. Named the Western Knights, this amalgamation of players won the St. Matthew holiday middle school tournament. In doing so, they took 14 girls from four schools, created two teams, and amassed one championship – so far.

**Photo:** Western Knights players and coaches are (from left): first row, Payton Ritterbeck, Kaitlyn Wolfe, and Morgan Ritterbeck; second row, Kim Lloyd, Allison Poe, Shelby Tracy, Nikki Hawkins, and Dani Hall; back, coaches Rob Wolfe and Tim Clark.

## Bethesda Ministry Dinner

Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix will be the featured speaker at a dinner sponsored by the Bethesda Healing Ministry to mark its 20th anniversary of helping people deal with the pain of abortion. The event will take place Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St.

Bishop Olmsted is a former rector-president of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus and was instrumental in the founding of the Bethesda ministry.

Columbus Bishop Frederick Campbell will serve as honorary chair of the event and Father Michael Lumpe, diocesan vicar for priests and Rector of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, will

be the master of ceremonies. Music will be provided by the Kells.

There is no charge for the dinner, but guests will be extended an opportunity to make a financial gift to the ministry.

Registration is available by Wednesday, Feb. 5 online at [www.BethesdaHealing.org](http://www.BethesdaHealing.org). Groups wishing to host a table may contact Diana Davis at [ddavis@aol.com](mailto:ddavis@aol.com) or call (614) 898-9520.



## Lecture on Ancient Scripture Texts

Father David Monaco, CP, associate professor of Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical College Josephinum, will present a talk titled "How Did They Do That Without Computers? Textual Analysis in Antiquity" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30 in the college's Jessing Center, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, as part of the PCJ Priests, Poets, and Philosophers lecture series.

Father Monaco, a native of New York, was ordained in 1990 as a member of the Passionist order of priests. He holds an undergraduate degree in history from Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., a master's degree in divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and

a licentiate in sacred Scripture from the Pontificio Istituto Biblico in Rome. His studies culminated in a doctorate in Biblical studies from the University of Chicago, a degree he pursued while teaching as an adjunct at Dominican University in River Forest, Ill. He joined the Josephinum faculty in 2011.

For more information, call (614) 885-5585.



## Martin Luther King Celebration

Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 660 S. Ohio Ave., will host its annual Martin Luther King Day celebration at noon Monday, Jan. 20, with Msgr. Eugene Morris, director of sacred liturgy at the Pontifical College Josephinum, as guest speaker.

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.

Msgr. Morris holds graduate degrees in theology and church history from Kenrick School of Theology in St. Louis and a licentiate in sacred

theology from the Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselm in Rome. He is pursuing doctoral studies in Mariology at the University of Dayton's International Marian Research Institute.

Msgr. Morris, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, joined the Josephinum faculty in 2010 as director of sacred liturgy for the college's seminary and assistant professor of theology for its school of theology.

For additional information, call (614) 252-5926 or go to [www.hrsj.org](http://www.hrsj.org). The celebration will be broadcast live at noon on Martin Luther King Day at [fatherwagner.com/live](http://fatherwagner.com/live) and will be available afterward at [www.fatherwagner.com](http://www.fatherwagner.com).

## ODU Hosts St. Thomas Aquinas Convocation

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies will host its annual St. Thomas Aquinas convocation at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 at the Matesich Theater in Erskine Hall on ODU's main campus. To register for this free event, contact the center at (614) 251-4722 or [ambrosim@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:ambrosim@ohiodominican.edu).

The keynote speaker, Sister Sharon Zayac, OP,

will present a talk titled "Reflections on Earth Justice: That We Might Live."

"This timely presentation will offer insights into our responsibilities as keepers of the earth and will help us to understand where our work in ecological issues falls in our justice agenda," said Sr. Mattie Sterner, OP, director of ODU's Center for Dominican Studies.

## MISSION MARATHON



High-school students from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory, St. Francis DeSales, and Bishop Watterson and several grade schools participated in a mission marathon on Friday, Jan. 3. More than 350 brown-bag lunches were assembled and donated to Faith Mission. Pictured are (from left) Caroline Leithauser, Westerville St Paul School; Nicholas Eramo, St Charles; Carly Auletta, Dublin St Brigid of Kildare School; and Joe Heller, St Charles.

## Digital Danger Program

The Columbus St. Andrew School advisory board's parent speaker series will sponsor a program on "Digital Danger: Keeping Your Kids on Track" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road.

Speaking will be Dr. Tim Conrad and Upper Arlington police officer Don Stanko, authors of *Digital Danger: If You Think Your Kid Is Safe Online, Think Again*. They note that social media can be a powerful tool if used properly. Hundreds of millions of people across the world use social media, but not all are using it safely.

Conrad and Stanko will share strategies to improve the privacy and safety of social media use and will address ways that a child's digital footprint can impact college and career aspirations. For more information, contact Beth Kelly at [emk@columbus.rr.com](mailto:emk@columbus.rr.com) or (614) 205-9430.

## Prayer Meeting

A citywide prayer meeting sponsored by the Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal will take place Saturday, Feb. 8 at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road. The theme will be "A Year of Charisms and Grace for the Church." Mass at 9 a.m. will be followed by the prayer meeting at 9:45 and fellowship at noon. More information is available at the website [www.cccolumbus.org](http://www.cccolumbus.org) or by calling (614) 237-7080.



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## UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN; PEACE SIGN CONCERNS



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
Catholic News Service

**Q.** I know I speak for many, many concerned grandparents who put their children through Catholic school in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s, foolishly trusting that the schools were still truly Catholic, as they were when we attended them.

I am not naive; I remember the late 1960s, when we lost the wonderful, devoted nuns who taught me and my friends. But now we agonize over our precious grandchildren, who are not being baptized because their parents were never really taught the faith. (I feel terrible guilt now that I didn't go over their religion texts thoroughly.)

My question is this. I desperately want my precious eight-month-old grandson to be baptized. If I ask a priest to do so, I'll probably be turned down. Can I baptize him myself, or would that baptism be valid only if there were danger of imminent death? (God forbid.) (San Francisco)

**A.** Like you, I regret that the days are long gone when we had large numbers of women religious staffing our parish schools. I, though, am still a strong believer in the value of Catholic education. From direct experience, I am familiar with Catholic schools today, which are staffed by faith-filled laypeople, using texts that are theologically solid and turning out students who are academically proficient and spiritually sound.

As for your grandson, I, too, am bothered that he is not yet baptized, but you should not baptize him yourself. First of all, for a baptism to be done licitly (i.e., lawfully) in a non-emergency situation, it is required by the *Code of Canon Law*, in No. 868,

that at least one parent (or the person responsible for raising the child) must consent and that there be a well-founded hope that the child will be raised in the Catholic faith.

Technically, if you were to perform the baptism yourself it would be "valid" -- i.e., it really happened, provided you had the right intention. But it would violate church law. Even if it were lawful for you to perform the baptism, I would advise against it.

If the child's parents were to find out, they could be legitimately resentful, which would drive them further from the faith and make it less likely that your grandson would ever be raised a Catholic.

My guess is that you are worried that, should the child die without being baptized, he could never enter heaven. You should lay that worry to rest. The church has never defined limbo as dogma, and the current *Catechism of the Catholic Church* suggests in No. 1261 that we can confidently entrust an unbaptized infant to the mercy of the Lord, knowing that God wants all people to be saved and that Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Surely, though, the ideal is that the child be baptized soon and raised a Catholic, so you should look for an appropriate opportunity (perhaps you've done this already) to explain to the parents how much your faith means to you, how it has helped to guide your life and how deeply you desire that your grandson might have that same gift.

Don't discount, either, the importance of prayer. For decades, Monica -- with daily prayers and many tears -- pleaded with God to guide her son Augustine to the

Catholic faith, and he became, in the end, one of our greatest saints.

**Q.** I would like to know the church's official stance on the peace sign. My daughter attends an all-girls Catholic school. Recently, I saw a picture on the school's website where students and the nuns who teach them had lined up to form the peace sign.

That sign has clearly had a troubling past. Even if one were to discount the allegations that it is satanic, why would we promote a symbol designed by a man who was an avowed atheist and communist?

Why not instead promote peace through Catholic doctrine and the symbol of the cross? (Titusville, N.J.)

**A.** There is no "official" church stance on the peace sign. It was designed in 1958 by a British commercial artist named Gerald Holtom, who had been commissioned by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND).

Holtom combined the semaphore flag signals for the letters "N" and "D," within a circle symbolizing the earth. ("N" is two flags held in an upside-down V and "D" is one flag pointed straight up and another pointed straight down.)

The CND was headed at the time by philosopher Bertrand Russell.

Russell rejected Communism, which he said was "undemocratic," but was an admitted atheist and felt that religion served to impede the development of knowledge. In 1970, the conservative John Birch Society published pamphlets comparing the peace sign to a satanic symbol of an upside-down "broken" cross.

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

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## DIALOGUE PROGRAM HAS LASTING IMPACT

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Some of the most lasting effects of the Second Vatican Council in the five decades since it took place have been the increase in lay participation in church activities and the spirit of interfaith dialogue which the council encouraged.

Among many ecumenical activities which resulted in the years following the council was a series titled Living Room Dialogues, based on a book by the same name. The book was issued jointly in 1965 by the Paulist Press and the National Council of Churches and was edited by Father William Greenspun, CSP, a Paulist priest, and William A. Norgren, longtime executive director of the NCC's commission on faith and order. Two subsequent editions of the book followed in the next five years.

Fifteen interfaith, interracial Living Room Dialogue groups were formed in the Columbus area in the mid-1960s as a result of the book's encouragement that people get together

in their living rooms to sit down and talk about their faith experiences and the similarities and differences between their denominations.

The area's original Living Room Dialogue group had 16 participants -- six Catholics, three Lutherans (one apiece from a different synod of the church), two Presbyterians, two Methodists, and one each from the Church of Christ, the United Church of Christ, and the Episcopal Church. Several of the Protestant members also had Baptist and Quaker backgrounds in their past.

Members of the group visited each other's churches and enjoyed an evening service at the Pontifical College Josephinum. They attended lectures at the Jewish Center and visited Temple Israel in Columbus. They also helped bring about 70 people on the east side of Columbus together for an impromptu interfaith prayer service at St. Philip Church for a dying boy and his family.

As the years went on, the group became involved in many other activities, including a joint Vacation Bible School involv-

ing St. Philip Church and Shady Lane Presbyterian Church that drew more than 400 students. Other ecumenical programs of various types led to greater knowledge of group members' faith traditions and, in at least some cases, to reconciliation among family members and friends who had been split because of interfaith marriages or disagreements about attending different churches.

The atmosphere of dialogue spread by the group also led to a change in the annual women's interfaith tea which had been sponsored for a number of years by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Church Women United, and the Federation of Jewish Women. In 1971, the meeting took place at St. Therese's Retreat Center, and its atmosphere changed from one of "tea and pastries" to one of deeper sharing, reflecting the ideals of the ecumenical movement.

In 1972, Bishop Clarence Elwell appointed a Living Room Dialogue group member as one of two diocesan representatives to Key '73, an interfaith event sponsored by the Ohio Council of Churches.

A group known as the Upper Room Prayer Group was formed to help one of the original Living Room Dialogue members who was fighting cancer. It gathered original writings and poems into a prayer book which was sold to the public, with the profits being given to The Ohio State University's cancer clinic.

Inevitably, as a result of time, death, people moving out of the area, and other everyday things, the Living Room Dialogues ended, but their spirit continued. Members of the original group continued to work with Church Women United and the Metropolitan Area Church Board into the 1980s.

Beyond that, they remained active in programs with the Pickerington Ministerial Association and with monthly dinners and bingos sponsored by Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, as well as monthly outings that parish conducted for residents of the Kirkersville Nursing Home, including trips to Clippers baseball games, the Columbus Zoo, the circus, and picnics.

One family in the group, through a DCCW program for foreign students, invited two young people from Hong Kong attending St. Mary of the

Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) to a picnic which resulted in an ongoing 40-year friendship with one of the students. That student married a Buddhist, leading to more interfaith dialogue.

Some of those in the group helped make comforters and bed rolls for the homeless at a weekly gathering of the Senior Citizens of Reynoldsburg (SCOR) from 1999 to 2012. The SCOR group used a pattern from Sister Camilla Smith, OP, who lives at the Mohun Health Care Center, and on any given week included Catholic, Buddhist, Methodist, Jewish, Baptist, and Lutheran members combining faith and friendship. While making an untold number of comforters and bed rolls, the SCOR group also contributed nearly \$4,300 to organizations from many denominations.

Today, people who trace their interfaith activity back to the Living Room Dialogues are involved in the Joseph's Coat clothing and furniture ministry, which is a joint effort of four Reynoldsburg churches -- St. Pius X, Messiah Lutheran, Parkview Presbyterian, and Reynoldsburg United Methodist. They also attend monthly meetings of the Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence, which meets at a different place of worship once a month for an hour of evening prayer.

A recent effort to bring the 16 members of the first Living Room Dialogue back in touch with each other found that eight had died. Responses were received from six members and from some of the volunteers at the Vacation Bible School. Some artifacts of the group, including a banner and pictures, were placed in a folder and given to Father Vincent McKiernan, CSP, who plans the prayer services for the anti-violence group.

All those who responded to the request to recall their Living Room Dialogues agreed that the program played a significant role in their lives and had a lasting impact on their views of other faith traditions. One respondent summed her feelings up in a poem she wrote about a church steeple, saying "Friendships have bonded in the shadow of a spire/Caring hearts, sharing hearts, growth and full of desire. Let a steeple anywhere be a hopeful and loving thought/Of our celebration of God's eternal gifts, as we ought."

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*Answering God's Call***LOST BIBLE LEADS TO A LIFE OF SERVICE TO GOD****Friar Felix O'Donnell, FFI**

by Tim Puet

Through a Bible that was lost, a Columbus hotel clerk found his way to a life of service to God.

Friar Felix O'Donnell, FFI, a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate, grew up Catholic in Fremont, graduated from Ohio Dominican University, and had a variety of jobs, working at various times as a personal trainer and a nurse and spending 11 years in the hotel business. During that time, he went through periods when he did not practice the faith, even though he was convinced, especially through studying the works of St. Thomas Aquinas, of the truth of Catholic teaching.

"Intellectually I was a Catholic, but I hadn't undergone a moral conversion," he said. "I was still stuck in my sins. Then one day, I found a Catholic study Bible in the lost-and-found area of the hotel I was working at. I'd look at it every day and wonder who brought it in, but for a long time, I resisted picking it up. Eventually, I decided that it wouldn't hurt to take it home because nobody was likely to claim it, and if someone did, I knew where it was.

"This was around 2005. I started seriously reading that Bible, and it led me to become a more active Catholic. A couple of years later, I began praying the rosary, and ultimately reached a point where it hit me like the proverbial bolt of lightning that I wanted to dedicate my life totally to God. But I wasn't sure how to do it. I didn't know whether I wanted to be a priest, but wasn't sure what other options were available."

Friar Felix was going to Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral at the time and was a member of its vocations committee. In that role, he met Mother Margaret Mary, the founder of the Children of Mary religious community of women in Licking County.

"I first met her after a noon Mass at the cathedral, when the group consisted of about four sisters," he said. "I was struck by their prayerfulness and realized she was someone I needed to talk to. Through her, I learned about the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate and thought their life might be what I was looking for. While I was promoting vocations to religious life for others, I was being led to my own vocation."

The Friars of the Immaculate, founded in 1990, are a community dedicated to prayer,

poverty, and penance, following the Rule of St. Francis and the example of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan who volunteered to die in place of another man at the Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz in 1941. Before his death, St. Maximilian was well-known in Germany as the founder of a group called the Militia Immaculata, which promotes the practice of individual consecration to Mary, as outlined by St. Louis de Monfort.

The friars live in community and their possessions are few. As St. Maximilian said, even their ash-blue robes are not their own, but are given them for their use. They don't have bank accounts or money in reserve, but ask for alms and depend on God to provide what they need through people's generosity.

In that regard, they are similar to the Franciscan Brothers Minor who currently live at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church. What makes them distinctive, both among Franciscans and other orders, is their total consecration to the Blessed Virgin in the manner of St. Maximilian "so that she may transform them, like St. Francis, into Jesus crucified, that they may be consumed in the conquest of all souls to God," as stated on their website, [www.marymediatrix.com](http://www.marymediatrix.com). The order has about 400 priests and brothers worldwide. A related order of sisters also has about 400 members, and there also is a third order for laypersons.

Brother Felix, 39, said he considered being a priest of the order, but after going through the discernment process, he determined with the help of his spiritual director and his superior that he could best serve God in the role of a brother. The process began with a year as a postulant, which concluded when he was invested into the order as a novice on Sept. 7, 2012 and received his religious name.

He submitted three possibilities for that name, with his superior making the final decision. Brother Felix said the name chosen was the one he was hoping for because Felix is Latin for "of joy." He was specifically named for St. Felix of Cantalice, who lived in the 16th century and was one of the original Capuchin Franciscan friars.

Four other men became Friars of the Immaculate at the same time as Brother Felix. One of them, Brother Gabriel (David) Mesina, originally from Toronto, joined Brother Felix last month for talks at Columbus St. Patrick

Church and St. Joseph Cathedral and at the Maria Stein Retreat House in western Ohio on vocations and consecration to Mary.

Brother Felix is serving at the order's Mount St. Francis Hermitage near Binghamton, N.Y., while Brother Gabriel, 25, is at the Marian Friary in New Bedford, Mass., where he is studying for the priesthood. As novices, both are continuing their discernment in anticipation of taking final vows as members of the order in three or four years.

Like Brother Felix, Brother Gabriel said that he was raised Catholic before drifting away from the faith, and that praying the rosary played a key role in his return and his decision to enter the religious life.

"I had a good high school teacher who made me realize that if I wanted to be truly happy, I'd start living my faith, and this would produce the happiest life I could have," he said. "Eventually, I joined the Militia of the Immaculata and took part in its first youth retreat in Canada, I received the Eucharist there for the first time since I was a kid and really knew in my heart, not just my head, that I was receiving Jesus.

"Then I consecrated myself to Our Lady and began praying the rosary, something I never could have imagined myself doing. My sinful attachments fell away, I began going to Mass and the sacraments daily, and that planted the seeds for my vocation."

Their distinctive dress and lack of possessions make the friars stand out in the secular culture. "A lot of people have misconceptions that we don't contribute to society," Brother Felix said. "We go out and people are looking at us like we're from outer space, but you get used to it. At the same time, our robes also are a great evangelization tool. People see us and instinctively ask us to pray for them or others. This is our mission. Every Franciscan of the Immaculate is a missionary, and that's how we contribute, through prayer and through urging people to go through the process of Marian consecration."

Noting that the friars were visiting Columbus just before Christmas, he added, "The whole story of Christmas and of our salvation hinges on Mary and her Immaculate Conception. The quickest way to Jesus is through Mary, and there is no better way to discover and to know her than consecration to her."

**Discussion on hunger and housing**

The social concerns ministry of the New Albany Church of the Resurrection will sponsor a panel discussion on hunger and housing for the working poor from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, in the parish ministry center, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

The event will include guest speakers from the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Voices of the Poor program, Habitat for Humanity, the Village Coalition Against Hunger, the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, and Gahanna Residents in Need.

They will be providing information describing who the working poor are and presenting facts about substandard housing in central Ohio and the impact of increased hunger on area neighborhoods.

People wishing to participate in the discussion also are invited to attend the church's 5 p.m. praise Mass and a pasta meal afterward. There will be no charge for either the meal or the program. The registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 27. For more information, call (614) 855-1400.

**Stress Program**

Who among us doesn't have some kind of stress to manage? Join clinical counselor John Moore at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace on Friday, Jan. 24 for an afternoon of learning the basics about stress – what it is, what effects it has on us, and strategies for how to manage it.

The program will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24 at the center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Free-will donations to benefit the center's work will be accepted.

For more information or to register, call (614) 512-3731.

**Pray the Rosary****Being open to God's grace**

Often on New Year's Day, people make resolutions. According to a survey by the University of Scranton's Journal of Clinical Psychology, about 48 percent of Americans usually make resolutions, while only about eight percent successfully keep them. Tops on the list? Losing weight. Getting organized, spending less and saving more, and enjoying life to the fullest are next. Staying healthy, learning something exciting, and quitting smoking follow. Helping others achieve their goals, falling in love, and spending more time with family round out the Top 10.

I'm not a list maker, but there are a few exceptions: If I don't make a grocery list, I end up buying too much, and when I travel, I make a list of what I should pack. When working on a

long-term writing project or composing a talk, I make notes, an unorganized brainstorming list at first that eventually takes shape.

At the beginning of the new year, I sometimes open my journal, jotting down thoughts and goals for the months ahead. This year's inspiration came as I shared the first dinner of 2014 with a small group of friends. Before eating, we joined hands, while one spoke a blessing beautiful in its simplicity and breadth. Fitting for a new year, it included those present as well as friends and family far away, the gift of creation, the food and the hands that prepared it, and thanksgiving for the Holy One who sustains all.

The words that stayed with me as I drove home later that evening were

**GRACE IN THE MOMENT**  
Mary van Balen

the ones inviting us always to be open and receptive to grace, God's Self, as it is given. This thought suggested a resolution different from those that commit us to change something in our lives, that depend on our activity. We can do or not do something to achieve those goals. For example, many of us can develop the discipline necessary to eat less and more healthily. We can give our best efforts toward quitting smoking, learning something, or spending more time with family and friends. These things require us to do something.

The resolution playing in my mind that night was different. It called me to still my heart, not so much to do something as to be something: to be open, to be ready. I can't make grace come; I simply receive it when it does.

Unlike watching pounds drop away on a scale or playing a game with your family, becoming receptive to grace is not something we can see or measure. Sometimes, even when grace fills our hearts, we don't know it.

This kind of "resolution" requires faith – faith that the Holy One is always pouring out divine life, faith that this fountain-fullness never runs dry, faith that my soul is capable of holding such

a precious gift.

Always being open to receive grace differs from typical resolutions in another way, too. While many New Year's promises call us to transform ourselves into something "better," the resolution of openness tells us we are already "good" – good enough that God trusts us with divine life. We don't do the changing. It is life that changes us.

Many images filled my head as I considered this resolution of openness: A flower turned to catch the sunlight. A cup filling with spring water. A hand held palm-up in prayer. My favorite is a candle, hollowed out by flame, holding light.

I am a candle burner. I use unscented beeswax candles, lighting them when I pray and often when I write. Their constant burning is my constant prayer and recognition that what comes out onto the paper comes as much from the Spirit as from the head.

I know that the longer the flame burns, the deeper the well, and the deeper the well, the more glow passes through the candle's wall until it is all light. I imagine God's grace is like that. The longer we hold it in our hearts, the deeper it makes the space within. The deeper that space, the more grace we can hold and share – God's New Year's gift to us all.

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**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Open House**

Investigate the opportunities at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 3752 Broadway, which is hosting an open house from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, for parents of prospective students in preschool through eighth grade.

The program will feature students at work in classrooms doing explorations in science and demonstrations in math. Middle school students will perform in a talent show following the open house.

Students at the school participate in outdoor programs so they can experience and appreciate the environment. Technology is integrated into classroom instruction, with teachers and students using i-Pads and SMART boards.

Those who would prefer a daytime visit are invited to come to the school from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 to see classes in action. For more information, call (614) 875-6679.

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# HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

By Deacon Hector Raymond  
*Pickerington St. Elizabeth Parish*

In July, I received a call from my brother that was about to change the way I looked at the Holy Land and the mysteries of the rosary.

My brother, Father Wilfred "Willy" Raymond, CSC, director of the Family Theater organization, told me that he was going on a Steve Ray pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Aug. 31-Sept. 9 and that I needed to go. My head began to spin and I was wondering how I was going to afford such a trip on such a short notice. My wife assured me that we could handle it and that, because of problems with her feet, she would not be able to accompany me. Things quickly began to fall into place, and soon I was on my way to the Holy Land.

You may recall that violence in Syria was escalating and the U.S. was on the verge of taking military action. Thank God that the

Holy Father called for prayers for peace and that action was not taken at the time (I believe the prayers of the world helped hold off any military action).

Pilgrimage leader Steve Ray arrived in Israel a few days early to reassure us that Israel was safe and that he would not put us in harm's way. We arrived, trusting in God, and we were eager to walk in the footprints of Our Lord and Our Lady. I was accompanied by good friends Bill Sharon and his wife, Lorraine Rossi-Sharon. We had an uneventful trip to Israel and landed in Tel Aviv after an overnight trip. We were greeted by Steve and Janet Ray and 90 or so other pilgrims, including my brother. It was already late afternoon as we boarded luxury buses to the Ron Beach Hotel on the banks of the Sea of Galilee. We had a few moments to check in and get ready for Mass on the banks of the sea. Can you imagine celebrating Mass where Jesus walked on the water?

Bishop Robert Vasa of Santa Rosa, Calif., was the celebrant, and this deacon was late arriving because I had to go to the room and get my alb and stole. After Mass, we had a wonderful meal consisting of many local dishes, then off to bed for the night. I could hardly sleep for the excitement – after all, the Golan Heights were just across the sea. We could see the other shore. That was day one.

Day Two. We went up Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. As a deacon, I was privileged to proclaim the Gospel where the event actually took place. Peter, James, John, Moses, Elijah, and Jesus were in this same place. We went to the Church of the Annunciation, to the place where Gabriel announced to Our Lady that she would bear and give birth to our Savior, the actual place where the Word became flesh. We then traveled to Cana, and I kept my wife in mind as Bishop Vasa presided there over the renewal of wedding vows. I could see the six stone jugs being filled to

the brim as Jesus performed his first miracle. What a wonderful, full day packed with the mysteries of God! We did have some free time to take a breath or two. I joined many others, mostly children, in actually swimming in the Sea of Galilee. The water was warm. I could imagine Peter walking on water and then sinking because of his lack of faith.

Day Three. "Could it get any better?" I wondered. You bet. We began with Mass where Jesus proclaimed the Beatitudes. I again proclaimed the sacred word of God. On this mountain, here in this place, Jesus gave us instructions on how to live. My brother gave the homily. My mom would have been proud of her two boys. I know that pride is a sin, but this was good and getting better. We loaded back onto the buses and headed to Caesarea Philippi and the source of the Jordan River. We saw the "gates of Hell" and heard the story of Peter being named the rock and receiving the keys. He was also told to "get behind me, Satan." My, how things can change in a hurry. We then traveled through the hilly terrain to the Syrian border. It was peaceful, except for the show of strength by the Israeli military. They didn't bother us. All was safe and peaceful. I felt safer than in some of our major cities.

We then traveled to a Druze village and had some delicious Druze bread filled with hummus (a Middle Eastern and Arabic food dip or spread made from cooked, mashed chickpeas blended with tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and garlic) and other great fillings. The village was peaceful, children were riding bicycles, and teenagers were milling about. I can't remember the name of the village but it was near Mount Hermon. We returned to Galilee, where we had dinner at the Auberge Shulamit restaurant. We had roasted lamb, danced, and imbibed on exquisite wine.

Day Four. Can it get any better? Yes Just wait and see. We

began with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. I could imagine seeing Jesus and the Apostles aboard their fishing boat, Jesus sleeping, and the storm raging. I felt the calm Jesus brings to all of us when we have faith in him and trust him. Steve Ray gave his talk on "defending the Eucharist" while on the boat ride. After the amazing ride, we landed at the Church of the Primacy of Peter, where we spent some time just taking it all in. This is actually the place where Jesus cooked fish on charcoal fire for Peter and the Apostles after his resurrection and said "Peter, do you love me? Feed my sheep."

We then went to a local restaurant, where we were offered a menu item called St. Peter's Fish. The fish had eyes and had to be deboned. It was delicious! I ate it for the experience, but I like the way it is prepared in our restaurants. What a meal! Then it was up to Jerusalem. How the people of Jesus' time traveled long distances still amazes me. We were exhausted and were traveling in air-conditioned buses. We then went to the Church of the Visitation and heard the story of Elizabeth and Mary and of John the Baptist leaping in the womb – a real walk through the rosary. Then came a highlight of the trip. The Franciscans gave us a solemn entry into the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. I was overwhelmed by the combination of the music, the incense, the tears, the passion of Christ, and the Resurrection.

Day Five. We arrived very early at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Bishop Vasa, Father Willy, another deacon and I went to the sacristy and vested for a solemn high Mass. Again, I was privileged to proclaim the Gospel (the Easter story) outside the actual tomb of Jesus. After a short homily (we were in a short window, others were waiting to celebrate Mass), the four of us actually went into the tomb. Bishop Vasa and Father Willy concelebrated Mass, and the other deacon and I assisted. I have never felt the presence of the Lord any more



Sisters of Charity in Jerusalem's Old City

than I did that morning.

Someone told me that when we came out of the tomb, our faces glowed like that of Moses. I think it was because it was a little warm and stuffy, but who knows? That is how I felt inside. We had our picture taken on the crusaders' steps outside the tomb of Christ. We then loaded onto buses for Bethlehem and its olive wood store and factory. We had to go through a strong security checkpoint. The wall around Bethlehem looked out of place. The poor people of Bethlehem are locked in behind this wall, which looks like something like the Berlin Wall. This is an issue that must be resolved. These people are prisoners. We had lunch in Bethlehem. Again, the cuisine was wonderful. We then returned to our beautiful hotel just outside the walls of Jerusalem – the Notre Dame Hotel, owned by the Vatican.

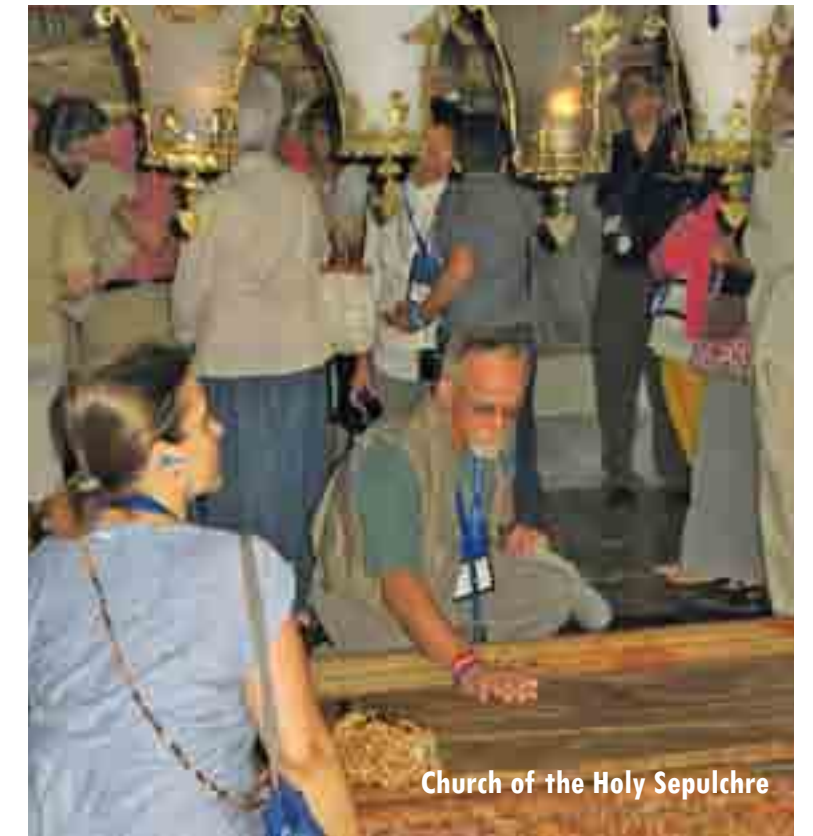
Day Six. We visited the Mount of Olives and Mount Zion. How do you describe the place where Jesus spent his last hour before being handed over to be crucified? We actually saw an olive tree that may have been there when Jesus was shedding blood that fateful night. The place was beautiful, and from the mount, you could see the Temple and the walled city of Jerusalem. Steve Ray gave us a guided tour from a high place near the Mount of Olives. From that vantage point, he was able to give us the entire history in 30 minutes of the chosen people, Jerusalem, and the life of Christ.

Day Seven. Again, we arose early and went into the walled city of Jerusalem (it was still dark). We followed the Way of the Cross and stopped at each station. Bishop Vasa led the Sta-

tions. One moment stood out. Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed three Sisters of Charity walking toward one of the gates. I thought of how much Mother Teresa lived her life in the shadow of the cross and how she showed us how we should walk our Way of the Cross. All of this was coming together for me. I could just imagine Jesus and Mary, the women, Simon the Cyrene, and the others who were along the way. How am I to respond to the call I have received?

We went back to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where we were privileged to place our hands in the very spot where the cross of Christ stood on Good Friday. Steve said that if we could go back 2,000 years, our hands would have come back with blood on them – a sobering reminder of where we were. We also went into the Upper Room – not the actual Upper Room, but a building that had been built over the spot. I could imagine Jesus breaking bread with the apostles at the institution of the Eucharist. What a day. It wasn't over yet. Steve Ray invited the runners in our group to follow him on a tour around the walled city. I couldn't resist. I am a runner and it was a challenge. Steve took us on a 60-minute tour that included stops at each of the gates. That was a run to remember.

Day Eight. We were on our way to the lowest point on the globe, the Dead Sea. The view was beautiful and stark. There were Bedouin camps all along the highway. The temperature rose to almost 110 degrees. We stopped at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We then went to the Jor-



Church of the Holy Sepulchre

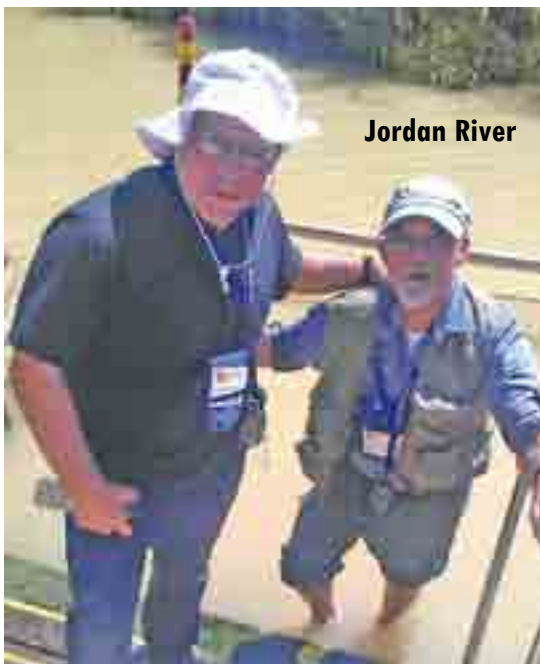
dan River, where we renewed our baptismal promises. Bishop Vasa led the renewal. We had a chance to wade into the place where John the Baptist baptized the Lord. We then traveled to Jericho, passing a sycamore tree much like the one Zacchaeus climbed to get a glimpse of the Lord.

Off in the distance, we saw the Mount of Temptation. We had a wonderful lunch at the Temptation Restaurant, then it was off to the Dead Sea and a swim on the sea. I guess you could call it a float and not a swim. It was amazing. We had to get a lesson on how to lay down so we could float and not roll over and get salt in our eyes. It was fun. We cleaned up, and then it was off for a camel ride. Wow! The ride was an adventure. It is very interesting to watch how the camels literally got down on their knees so we could mount them. We lost one pilgrim in a fall. Bill's pride was hurt more than his back. Then it was off to the hotel and a final meal, and to the airport for the trip home.

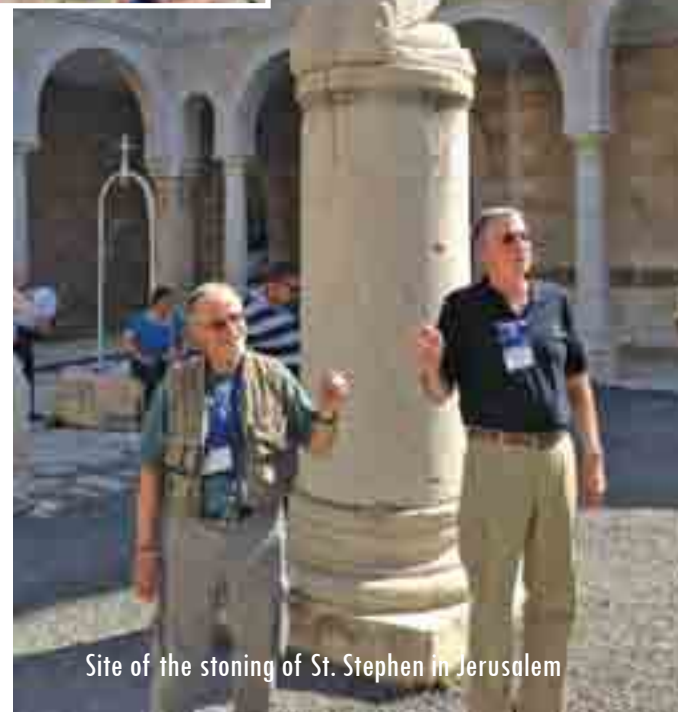
We were at the airport for about eight hours before finding out that our plane had mechanical problems and we would have to be put up for another night in Israel. This was a mixed bless-

ing. We would be one day closer to Sept, 11, and what was going to happen to us? To make a long story short, we spent a lovely day at a four-star hotel. They took great care of us with free meals. We also celebrated another Mass in one of the hotel rooms, and my brother presided. We again went to the airport for the flight home. After about five hours, the plane was airworthy and we were on our way home.

Steve Ray made one comment that will stick with me. He said, "Tourists go to Israel to see sites and eat strange foods; pilgrims see God and sense his presence. Tourists see the land and experience the culture; pilgrims feel the land and experience their Redeemer. Nowhere is this more powerful and life-changing than at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem." If you go, go as a pilgrim. You will experience the Holy Land as holy ground. And when you go up to the holy city, remember to join the psalmist in song: "I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem (Psalm 122:1-2)."



Jordan River



Site of the stoning of St. Stephen in Jerusalem

# KRAKOW

## Poland Excursion

**By Father Ted Machnik**

*Pastor, Circleville St. Joseph Church*

My trip to Poland last September was conceived at the moment of my conception, being born of parents of Polish descent. Both sets of grandparents came to this country in the early 1900s from Poland.

Planning for this pilgrimage really began in January 2013. I contacted Greg and Chris at Pinnacle Pilgrimages for their plan. This included one hotel (the Saski), using Krakow as our base. Day trips with the afternoon and evenings free to explore the city.

I wanted to see certain places while in Poland – Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Wieliczka salt mine, Czestochowa, and “Footsteps of John Paul II.” I originally planned to go in October, but Greg said their

weather is much like Ohio’s, and September would be much better. We opted for Sept. 11-19. I wasn’t sure how many pilgrims would be able to make the trip, so I asked, “What is the bare minimum number of persons?” “Ten” was their response. Our group was: from Columbus, Sister Joseph Leo Pietrowski, OP, and Earl Smigelski; from New Jersey, Jan and Ed Pease; from Circleville, Mike and Sharon Matthiass, Tom and Mary Kopec, Roy and Ann Strawser, Russ Kamler, and me. Whew, we just made it! Nice to travel in a small group.

After losing my passport and a variety of other travel-related mishaps, I left with the rest of the group on Sept. 11. I didn’t notice that my tickets had my name wrong. The airline sure



Church of the Apostles, Krakow

did! They had it “Maschnik” – one extra letter. The lady at the desk told me not to mention it as I went through security and maybe they wouldn’t notice. Right. They did. “One letter is not a red flag, but two is.” I just kept pointing out that the “a” and the “s” are right next to each other on a keyboard. That mistake didn’t delay me. Our group was on two different planes. Russ and I met Earl and Sister at the Columbus airport. We were flying to Washington. The others left a little before us to fly to Philadelphia, picking up the Peases. Do not watch “Why Planes Crash” on the Weather Channel before a trip! I did. That was stupid of me. Once in Frankfurt, we transferred to a smaller plane for the trip into Krakow. That was a small airport. It will be expanding, though. We arrived on Sept. 12.

Our hotel was really quite quaint. Old-fashioned elevator with the cage. Otis is a familiar company in this country and had worked on this thing. People in the hotel, for the most part, could speak English. And they have Wi-Fi! We did have a “Polish class” before going. We were maybe a block away from the piazza. It was beautiful and clean! No cars allowed after 10 a.m. Party in the piazza Thursday,

Friday, and Saturday nights made for a rough time to sleep. By the way, this is the largest piazza in Europe. There is a museum under it. Don’t go! They don’t want to let you leave! Others found it very interesting and informative. You will find out how they used to bury those accused of vampirism! There is a glass in the floor (very modern museum) with the skeleton of a purported vampire.

Krakow “is a great commercial and industrial center (fabric, leather, agricultural machinery, paper, and publishing) and an important railway junction.” It was not bombed during World War II! All

of the old buildings are still standing (and look great!) – some more than 1,000 years old; for instance, Wawel castle. Many of the buildings in the city have niches with statues of saints. A member of our group said that in our country, the owners would have had to take them down. No one in our group found the statues offensive. We had Mass daily in my room right before going to supper. On our drives to various destinations, we couldn’t help but notice all the roadside shrines to the different saints. They practice their religion and it is reflected in

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Piazza in Krakow

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their church buildings – clean, beautiful, and well-attended.

Ooops. On Friday, Sept. 13, I accidentally slept in! Might have been that it was Friday the 13th. Free breakfast at the hotel was from 7-9 a.m. I was awakened by a phone call at 9 a.m. asking where I was (in bed, of course). Tour bus was going to leave for our first day. Threw on my clothes, ran down the stairs, and made it on the bus. It was raining and I didn’t have my jacket.

First stop was Wadowice – the birthplace of John Paul II. There was a museum next to the church. This was where John Paul was baptized. Second stop was the Church of the Presentation, where he grew up.

Sister Joseph Leo, whose parents are from Poland, was most impressed by a bronze statue of John Paul outside the church. She described it this way in her Christmas letter to friends and family: “It

was as if he was standing there talking with you on a windy day. His robes are flowing out as if they are caught in the breeze. All this in bronze. Whoever did this statue did a marvelous job. Also in front of the church, the square has stone blocks embedded in the ground. Some of them are inscribed with the country and the date when John Paul visited them. I didn’t realize he has been to the States seven times.”

Third stop was Nowa Huta. We saw the convent of St. Faustina. It was at 3 p.m., and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy was being prayed in the old chapel. In Polish, of course. We walked through the new church, huge and modern. There are many chapels in the undercroft. One was a donation of the Eastern Orthodox Church. But St. Faustina’s remains are in the old chapel. They have perpetual adoration. We arrived back at our hotel and I was able to shower (much needed,

everyone agreed) and celebrated Mass in my room

Saturday, Sept. 14. I was up early and had breakfast with some of our group. Did I mention that breakfast at the hotel was free? Free is good; free is our friend. Then the three-hour tour – no, the skipper and Gilligan weren’t with us! Walking tour of the city. Some of the churches weren’t open yet. High points were the seminary, Wawel castle – beautiful church where the kings were crowned and buried; some saints, too, like St. Hedwig. Pope John Paul had said Mass at one of the side altars (I touched these altars – it made me feel connected to the saints). We also saw the papal apartment and the university. Tour ended at noon.

We had Mass in my room for the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. It made me think of the triumphs of the Polish people over their many adversaries. Some of us went on a walk again to St. Flavian Church. Again, perpetual adoration in the rear of the church. As we were getting ready to leave, a parishioner (maybe the church lady who cleans) told us to go around and see the altar where John Paul II had Mass. The kneeler held his zucchetto

and rosary under plexiglas. I touched the altar. This was the church Father Karol Wojtyla was first assigned as a priest. In Krakow, you can hardly walk one block without coming to another church. And all are in beautiful condition. They were setting up for the evening’s party at the piazza. All ages come to these gatherings. What a great idea.

Sunday, Sept. 15 and we were headed to Czestochowa. Road construction and detours took us longer to arrive. It was jam-packed with faithful pilgrims and Polish people for Mass. Schedule was Mass every hour on the hour! Adding to the numbers were the leaders of the Solidarity movement and high officials of the Polish government. Television crews were there, also. Our guide was concerned that we might not be allowed in the sacristy. The heads of state were in there. They did allow us to go through! We entered the sanctuary immediately by the altar with the icon! You see, most of the pilgrims only get to see the icon through a screen back by the entrance of the sanctuary in the church. We were up close and personal. Went to the museum there and saw the various “dresses” and crowns for the icon.

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A strong basic knowledge in facilities management, mechanics, plumbing, roofing, facility inspections, concrete, carpentry, electrical and painting is essential for this position. Other required skills include excellent oral and written communication, ability to multi-task and establish priorities, exhibit initiative, responsibility and flexibility, ability to maintain all information highly confidential.

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

# John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 49:3,5-6  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34

One of the “Servant Songs” from II Isaiah greets us in the return to Ordinary Time. As we have repeated many times, it is not possible to say with certainty who the prophet meant when he wrote of “my servant.” Suggestions included an unknown individual in some unknown future moment. Perhaps it would be some future king on Israel’s throne. Some have suggested that the servant was a personified Israel as a whole, who had undergone such suffering over the years. Still others suggested the prophet meant himself.

From Sunday’s reading, one can see how and why scholars might think the prophet was speaking of himself as the instrument of the Lord’s light to the nations. The song was written during the Babylonian Exile, and he harkens to a time when the exiles would return and the message of the Lord’s salvation would reach the ends of the earth.

Although most Gospel selections in this liturgical cycle are from Matthew, today’s Gospel is John’s account of the testimony of the Baptist, identifying Jesus as the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” This is the first such testimony John the Baptist gives about Jesus, and he does it as Jesus “comes toward him.” It is thus unclear whether the Baptist directs this statement to Jesus directly or to bystanders. If it is addressed to Jesus directly, then it is a confession of sorts. If it is said about Jesus, then it is an attempt to explain to others who Jesus is.

John testifies further that he saw the spirit remain upon him when he was baptized, and now John con-

fesses boldly, “This one is the Son of God.” It remains to address these aspects in greater detail.

“The Lamb of God” could mean the lamb which belongs to the Lord, much as Isaiah spoke about a servant “of the Lord.” However, it could also mean the Lamb provided by God, as in the paschal lamb, ultimately tracing back to Genesis 22, where God provided Abraham with a ram to offer in sacrifice instead of his son Isaac.

Readers will note that this lamb will take away the “sin” of the world. The revisers of the *Roman Missal* use “sins of the world” twice in the Gloria of the Mass, three times during the Agnus Dei, and once before receiving Communion, when the priest addresses the congregation: “Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. ...” Apparently, it was done for consistency rather than scriptural accuracy. In John’s Gospel, the Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world.

The sin of the world is usually understood as the condition of sin, whereas the “sins” are understood as individual acts. It is evident that individual acts continue to plague the human condition. It is arguable whether the “condition” of sin has been removed. Yet as an ongoing affirmation – that is, that the Lamb of God does take away the condition of sin (and individual sins, as well) – the statement seems clear.

Commentators have spent years and uncountable numbers of words trying to explain what John the Baptist understood by this. It seems to me more germane to try to figure out what the evangelist meant. All speakers in the gospels are the pawns of the evangelists. The roles assigned and the lines spoken (if any) are determined by the respective evangelist, not by the individual speakers. Thus, we can hardly worry about what the Baptist thought, since he left us no written record. Preachers of the Word have many areas to explore with these readings.

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## 2014/15 Internship with the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S. Catholic bishops.

This year, CCHD is offering a local paid internship with the diocesan Office of Social Concerns to help promote the work of CCHD and to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty.

The internship will provide practical work in carrying out the mandate of CCHD, opportunities to develop relationships with community leaders, reflection on Catholic social teaching, and opportunities for sharing the experience with other CCHD interns.

The salary is \$12 per hour and requires eight to 12 hours per week from August to May (with a lot of flexibility).

Catholics with good writing ability and an interest in Catholic social justice are encouraged to apply.

Visit the website of the Office for Social Concerns at <http://www.colsdioc.org/Offices/SocialConcernsOfficefor.aspx> to download the application. The application and resume should then be sent to Erin Cordle, diocesan CCHD director, at [ecordle@colsdioc.org](mailto:ecordle@colsdioc.org), by Friday, Feb. 21. For more information, call (614) 241-2540.

## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
1 Samuel 15:16-23  
Psalm 50:8-9,16-17,21,23  
Mark 2:18-22

TUESDAY  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 89:20-22,27-28  
Mark 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY  
1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51  
Psalm 144:1-2,9-10  
Mark 3:1-6

THURSDAY  
1 Samuel 18:6-9,19:1-7  
Psalm 56:2-3,9-13  
Mark 3:7-12

FRIDAY  
1 Samuel 24:3-21  
Psalm 57:2-4,6,11  
Mark 3:13-19

SATURDAY  
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22  
Psalm 117:1-2  
Mark 16:15-18

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 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](http://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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

## Our Faith Is Far Different Than a Myth



THE TIDE IS TURNING  
TOWARD CATHOLICISM  
David Hartline

Those who push “the new atheism” in academia and our popular entertainment culture state that religion has just become more sophisticated through the centuries to make many of us feel better, especially those who feel their life is just endless toil. It sounds like a logical argument, until you get to the facts and realize the Judeo-Christian model flies against this theory. For example, while child sacrifice was common in the Middle East during the early days of Israel, it was condemned in Judaism. The belief in one God was unique to Israel.

During the time that Jesus walked on the earth, belief in the Greek and Roman gods was prevalent in southern Europe and the Mediterranean. In these religions, man was basically a nuisance to the gods, who fought among themselves for power and who lived in various lofty earthly locations such as Mount Olympus in Greece. To placate the restless humans, the gods allowed people to engage in blood sport and various illicit sexual activities.

Look at the contradiction between this and the teachings of Jesus. Divorce was commonplace until Jesus said otherwise. Yet Jesus told us that in heaven, although we would know everything, the married state would not be required, because it was created solely to fortify us on earth. You just can’t make this stiff up, as was done by the primitive religions. There is a sound reason for all these ideas.

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Again quoting from Sister Joseph Leo, “The cathedral is magnificent. When you first get to the threshold, all you see is white and gold and lights. It is so bright and beautifully decorated, compared to all the dark churches we had visited. The left wall and ceilings have paintings that are in bright colors and the right upper wall is all windows. I didn’t count the chandeliers, but there were lots of them. I felt I was on the threshold of Heaven.”

We attended Mass. I stood near a couple with a baby, guessing the child was about a year old. The baby had a pair of glasses with massive lenses. I prayed, too, for this child during Mass. Someone timed the homily at 18 minutes (Ha). It was all in Polish, of course. I told our people I’m gonna start having 20-minute homilies! After the Mass, most everyone had left. But we were on our way. On the way home, we went to a national park. In it was a small Catholic church built over a creek. It was a very small church building, so most of the people attended Mass outside in front of the church. Awesome. Tomorrow is the salt mine. I can hardly wait to see all that salt! Hope we get samples!

Sept. 16. The salt mine. How I wish it were mine. One of the best tours we

have experienced. Not a far trip from Krakow, but really worth the time spent. Our tour guide was to be giving this tour for German television. At the start, for those who wanted or needed, there was an elevator to take them to the start point in the mine. Number of stairs – more than 400. The salt in its raw form wasn’t white. More like marble. We saw some statues of saints and other notable persons (Copernicus, for example, who had even visited the mine).

The cathedral in salt was beyond belief. Everything was carved out of the salt – the chandeliers, altars, pews, statues, all of it. There are more than 20 chapels in the mine. We saw three, besides the cathedral. It is also an active Catholic church for Mass on Sundays and for weddings, too. We could have had Mass at the last chapel, but I didn’t know beforehand. I didn’t bring my Mass kit. Mass again was in my room. Went to supper but couldn’t find “The Dog in the Fog,” a restaurant we saw a couple of times driving to our hotel.

Sept. 17. We had all voted to go to the mountains in southern Poland. Rode a tram to the top of a mountain. We asked a group of young hikers to take our only full-group picture. Once the fog lifted, the view was wonderful. Group split up

scoffed at Christian ideas wanted later in life to make sure all was right with God. One such person was Joseph Campbell, the famous sociologist and historian, who studied various societies and had a special interest in their religious practices. You may have seen him with Bill Moyers on PBS in a landmark series titled *The Power of Myth*.

Campbell was raised Catholic, and, though he never renounced his faith or religion, his basic message was that all religion was the same, though it did lead us to a better way. However, as Campbell became ill later in life, he eagerly accepted the sacraments and spoke of the Church in terms one could hardly say sounded like a “shared myth.”

Christianity in general and Catholicism in particular are unique to the world and could hardly have been dreamed up by the smartest among us. Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, as well as the various miracles attributed to Him and the work of His mother in various miraculous apparitions, speak of something that is far different than a myth. We might want to think about this and remind those around us who have fallen into this error. God is love and truth, and no one can explain away all that He has given to us.

Hartline is the author of “*The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn*” and a former teacher and administrator for the Diocese of Columbus.

It is rather interesting that some people who have



Main gate at Auschwitz

and my subgroup went to a stone church. Adoration was in progress. The other group saw a log church. Later, we were determined to find “Dog in the Fog.” We got lost and I asked a tour person for directions. He wasn’t sure! We did find it. Tables were quite close and business was thriving.

Sept. 18, last day in Poland. We went to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Words cannot describe the feelings you get hearing what happened here. What a sad, horrific time for humanity. To see the hair, shoes, suitcases, and pictures of the individual human souls is heart- and soul-wrenching. To see the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe,

seeing the spot where this saint offered his life for another’s, goes beyond words, too. Then, walking through the places where others walked to their deaths cuts to the soul.

The day was calm, clear, and quiet. It was devoid of sound. The places were cemetery-like. Except there were no stones marking the individuals who were killed. They took even that away from them. Children up to the age of 15 were taken immediately to the gas chambers! In their memory, we must never forget this atrocity.

Love life. Love others. Love God. The journey continues home.



# Pray for our dead

**AKEN, Kate, 60, Jan. 2**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**ALLERDING, Lois, 91, Dec. 18**  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**BARKLEY, Jeannette, 89, Jan. 3**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**BUSCH, Betty, 93, of Lancaster, Jan. 7**  
Holy Family Church, East Tawas, Mich.

**CLIPNER, Mary K., 67, Jan. 11**  
St. Mary Church, Chillicothe

**CRITES, Donald P., 80, Jan. 11**  
Holy Family Church, Columbus

**DeFRANKS, Leonie M., 92, Jan. 2**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**DiGIROLAMO, Michael, 73, Jan. 8**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**FARRY, James E., 91, Jan. 4**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

**FIA, Air Force Master Sgt. (Ret.) Samuel J., 79, Jan. 9**  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**FINNEGAN, Lawrence L. Jr., 55, Jan. 6**  
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

**FREED, Irene K., 58, Jan. 10**  
St. Mary Church, Delaware

**FRYE, Barbara, 83, Jan. 4**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**GLASGOW, Scarlet, 8 weeks, Dec. 18**  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**HAWLEY, Elizabeth K., 93, Jan. 12**  
St. Michael Church, Worthington

**HUFFMAN, Rosemary A., 82, Jan. 6**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

**LANCIA, Beverly R., Jan. 6**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**LINDSAY, Alice E., 61, Jan. 1**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**LOMBARDO, Joseph A., 92, Jan. 12**  
Christ the King Church, Columbus

**MANGINI, Velma, 93, Jan. 11**  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

**MANNIS, Paul E., 84, Jan. 9**  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**MARTINELLI, Dennis, 54, Dec. 18**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**MASSARELLI, Ruby, 82, Dec. 28**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**McLOUGHLIN, Beverly J., 78, Jan. 6**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**MICHAEL, George W., 91, Jan. 10**  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

**OTWORTH, Earl W. “Bud,” 92, Dec. 16**  
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

**PASTIER, Thomas J., 80, Dec. 18**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**RAFTERY, Bryan S., 50, Jan. 4**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**RIZEK, Judith A., 74, Jan. 4**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**SEGNA, Kathy, 59, Jan. 5**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**SMITH, Edison, 81, Jan. 13**  
St. Edward Church, Granville

**WASHINGTON, Irene T., 85, Jan. 8**  
Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, Columbus

## Rita A. Weilbacher

Funeral Mass for Rita A. Weilbacher, 90, who died Monday, Dec. 30, was held Friday, Jan. 3 at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, Columbus. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born April 18, 1923 in Columbus to Charles “Max” and Mary (McDevitt) Bender.

She was a founding member of Columbus St. Gabriel Church and its longtime sacristan. She also was a

## Harry White

A funeral service for Harry White, 88, who died Tuesday, Dec. 17, was held Friday, Dec. 27, at Centenary United Methodist Church, Columbus. Burial was at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born June 6, 1925 in Rome, Ga., to George and Evelyn (Glen) White. He was employed in the maintenance department at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School for more

## Mary Jo Ritzenhaler

Funeral Mass for Mary Jo Ritzenhaler, 62, who died Sunday, Jan. 5, was held Thursday, Jan. 9 at Hilliard St. Brendan Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was employed as a secretary to the late Msgr. William Maroon, the parish’s former pastor, for about five years and was a longtime volunteer at

## COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

Ohio Dominican University is hosting College Goal Sunday to help students apply for federal financial aid. The free event will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 9 in Erskine Hall on ODU’s main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

This event is presented by the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and endorsed by the Ohio Board of Regents. Volunteers will help complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial aid professionals will be available to answer questions. Register at [www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org) or (614) 251-4778.

member of the parish’s Altar Rosary Society and choir.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George. Survivors include daughters, Marsha (Bill) Highfield, Elaine (Scotty) Adams, and Cheryl (Steve) Hatem; brother, Bob (Norma); sisters, Maxine (Bill) Gehring, Sue, and Sylvia; eight granddaughters; one grandson; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

than 20 years, retiring in June 2013, and previously worked for Xerox Corp.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Charlene (Hutchins); brothers, George, Glen, Leon, and Robert; and sisters, Mattie Baker and Julia Jones. Survivors include a daughter, Gail (Floyd) Dixon; a brother, Ben; a sister, Elizabeth Mundy; a grandson, and a granddaughter.

St. Brendan School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Virginia (Boecher) Campbell. Survivors include her husband, Paul; daughters; Stacie (Ryan) Callihan, Alissa (Brian) Reynolds, and Virginia; brothers, Thomas and Michael; and five grandchildren.

The FAFSA is the key to funding a college education and to helping families overcome financial barriers that otherwise would prevent students from attending their desired institution.

The Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators is a non-profit, professional organization for individuals actively engaged in the administration of financial aid within the state of Ohio for higher education. It strives to offer resources to students, families, and high school advisers to promote higher education and increase awareness of financial aid opportunities.

# 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**

## JANUARY

**18, 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**

**Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd’s Corner**  
4 to 5:30 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk with theme of hopefulness, facilitated by Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP. Registration deadline Jan. 16. **614-866-4302**

**19, SUNDAY**  
**Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family**  
After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. **614-221-1890**

**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. “All Shall Be Well: Get-

ting to Know Julian of Norwich” with Anita Davidson of the Corpus Christi Center of Peace. **614-488-1971**

**St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans**  
1:30 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. Meet downstairs. **614-282-4676**

**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**

**Bible Study With Bishop Campbell for Young Adults**  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Undercroft, St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. First of six Bible study programs with Bishop Frederick Campbell for young adults ages 22 to 40. Additional dates: Feb. 2 and 16, March 2 and 16, April 6. Pizza, refreshments provided. **614-221-4640**

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

**20, MONDAY**  
**Martin Luther King Day Event at Holy Rosary-St. John**  
Noon, Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist, 660 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Celebration in honor of Martin Luther King Day, with parish’s Gospel choir, and Msgr. Eugene Morris, Pontifical College Josephinum director of sacred liturgy, as guest speaker. **614-252-5926**

**21, TUESDAY**  
**Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc**  
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church’s respect life committee.

**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**

**22, WEDNESDAY**  
**Respect Life Mass and Rally for Life**  
10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass in observance of the day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through abortion, and of prayer for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, followed at noon by the annual Rally for Life at the Statehouse, sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life, to express support for pro-life activities on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.

**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**

**Tina Butler Retirement Reception at de Porres Center**  
2 to 4 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Reception for Tina Butler, who is retiring as center director on Jan. 31. **614-416-1910**

**St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans**  
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. Elizabeth Bowen, OFS **614-276-1953**

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

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

**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**

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

## 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**

**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**

**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 and featuring representatives from several area agencies. Preceded by 5 p.m. praise Mass and complimentary pasta meal. Registration deadline Jan. 27. **614-855-1400**



## EAGLE SCOUT

**Paul Murdock, a Johnstown resident and a junior at Columbus St. Francis de Sales High School, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on Wednesday, Jan. 8. His Eagle service project consisted of painting and remodeling one of Junior Achievement of Central Ohio’s Biztown mock businesses in downtown Columbus. He is the 38th Scout to earn Eagle Rank from Troop 317 since the troop was reconstituted in 1994. The troop is chartered by Gahanna St. Matthew Church. Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School**



MOVIE REVIEW

# MARY OF NAZARETH

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

The story of the Gospels unfolds through the eyes of the mother of God

in *Mary of Nazareth* (Ignatius Press Films), a beautiful, often moving depiction of the life of Mary from her childhood through the passion and res-



urrection of her son.

Italian director Giacomo Campiotti (2002's *Doctor Zhivago*) has produced a handsome and respectful film, with a gifted international cast and some luminous cinematography shot in Tunisia. The script, by Francesco Arlanch, more or less follows the biblical account, with a few intriguing departures, inspired by apocryphal writings, that heighten the drama.

For example, we are told that King Herod (Andrea Giordana) heard a prophesy of a girl who would one day bring forth a savior, prompting him to terrorize Judea, in a precursor to the slaughter of the innocents. Mary's parents, Ann (Antonella Attili) and Joachim (Roberto Citran), hide their young daughter, keeping her safe.

Mary (Alissa Jung) is a joyful but special child, one whom dogs and snakes fear. Her parents are happy, but often perplexed. After Mary's betrothal to Joseph (Luca Marinelli), and the Annunciation, a resigned Joachim tells Mary, "Forgive me. I always knew you were a mystery, but I never knew how great a mystery."

The Nativity (unfortunately, Joseph misses the birth, as he leaves the cave to fetch water) is beautifully rendered. Mary possesses a strong, almost psychic bond with her young son, aware when he is hurt or in danger, and experiencing visions of his future Passion in her mind.

Once Jesus (Andreas Pietschmann)

begins his public ministry ("He couldn't stay and be a carpenter forever," Joseph says), Mary is always present, strong and compassionate, helping when she can. But when she asks him for assistance with the wine at Cana, she later worries that she was impulsive, forcing Jesus to act before he was ready.

Mary shares not only her son's ministry, but also his pain. Every blow during the scourging is felt by Mary, as is the slow agony of crucifixion. She literally crawls up the hill of Calvary on her hands and knees to be near her dying son.

The depictions of the slaughter of the innocents and the Passion are graphic, even harrowing, which pre-teens might find upsetting.

But for the rest of the family, *Mary of Nazareth* makes for an enriching catechetical experience that's both inspiring and entertaining. The film is fittingly dedicated "to all mothers, whose life-giving, sacrificial love, like Mary, changes the world."

*Mary of Nazareth* is available for sponsored screenings in theaters and is expected to be released on DVD later this year. For more information, visit [www.maryfilm.com](http://www.maryfilm.com).

*The film contains several scenes of bloody violence and death. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents.*

*Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.*

## NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Pilgrims climb to touch the Black Nazarene during a procession in Manila, Philippines. The wooden statue, carved in Mexico and brought to the Philippine capital in the early 17th century, is cherished by Catholics, who believe that touching it can lead to a miracle.  
CNS photo/Romeo Ranoco, Reuters

A woman dressed as a character from a Nativity scene puts a lamb around the neck of Pope Francis as he arrives to visit the Church of St. Alfonso Maria dei Liguori in Rome.

CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters



Sister Elizabeth Ryan, an Irish member of the Faithful Companions of Jesus who trains teachers, sings with children alongside Nyachingowk Laa in 2010 at a Catholic school in Malakal, South Sudan. Sister Elizabeth was trapped in Malakal during heavy fighting between rebel soldiers and government troops that broke out just before Christmas.

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# LOURDES & FATIMA

## PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES

**By Father Stash Dailey**

*Administrator, Columbus Holy Family Church*

**“Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms”**

— From Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*

The desire for union with Christ compels individuals to journey step by step through life with confidence — a confidence in the truth that there is a meaning to everything one will experience. At certain moments, the Christian realizes the need to reaffirm this confidence and to re-establish an awareness of his or her deep-seated orientation toward the Lord Jesus. Those moments vary, based on the person and his or her life journey.

One way to foster an awareness of this desire is by leaving the ordinary and journeying toward the extraordinary. This journey to a place outside the normal experience of life is in some basic way the fundamental definition of a pilgrimage. To become a pilgrim is to acknowledge that the Lord invites us to become transformed into what He desires for us, to allow Him to meet us in our daily life and draw us unto Himself in a new place,

into a new state of existence.

This past summer, a group of Catholics from across the Diocese of Columbus, and in fact the whole nation, made its way to Fatima and Lourdes. Some left for these places of prayer to renew their devotion to the Blessed Virgin. Others left to intercede on behalf of a loved one, and others in search of an escape from the day-to-day pace of life. What awaited each individual was something far greater than any of them could have prepared for.

This particular group was guided by Father Jordan Turano, OP, former pastor of Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church, and Father Stash Dailey, administrator of Columbus Holy Family Church, as a part of the larger United States national rosary pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. While our trip began by visiting the site of the Eucharistic miracle of Santaren in Portugal and spending a few days in the quiet, restful oasis of the Portuguese city of Fatima, it was evident early on that a pilgrimage is not a vacation. It is an opportunity to grow in dependence upon the Lord, to entrust yourself completely into His loving providence, and to abandon one’s own definition of self-sufficiency. Enter-

ing into a pilgrimage means you enter into a time where the Lord will strip you of that which you take for granted, so you can become more centered upon His presence in your life.

While in Fatima, we were struck by the absence of throngs of pilgrims and the hush over the city. While this was a bit surprising at first, it provided a beautiful environment for visiting the people of the area and touring the streets between the hotel and the shrine church. Gathering nightly with pilgrims from around the world to pray the rosary in front of the little chapel where Our Lady appeared gave all involved a moment to give thanks for the universality of the Church.

One of the highlights of our trip to Fatima was the opportunity to walk through the olive tree grove where Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in 1917. This area is only steps away from where an angel appeared to the same children a year earlier. This hillside is much the same as it was then. The serenity of a moment of prayer before the place where Our Lady appeared is a gift given to each pilgrim by Our Lord.

As if the time in Fatima was not enough of a blessing, our pilgrimage headed off to Lourdes to join with the much larger contingent of the national pilgrimage. There was much time spent in vocal prayer and quiet meditation, but there was also the necessary dose of humor which goes a long way in keeping the human heart focused on the grace of being a pilgrim, and not on the delayed flight or changed baggage policies.

Wherever we went, the pilgrimage’s Dominican and diocesan spiritual fathers were there to assist, guide, and guar-



Grotto at Lourdes

antee that no pilgrim would be left behind or walk alone. The grace of Jesus Christ was present through the special gift of His priests walking and talking the pilgrims through the journey from the past to the present moment.

Upon arriving in Lourdes, we were greeted by great crowds seeking the consolation that only Our Lord can grant. There was the constant and perhaps even eerie chant of the *Ave Maria*. One was greeted by it upon rising from bed, guided throughout the day, and even put to sleep with this angelic greeting being sung throughout the village and echoing up to the mountains. As pilgrims would leave their hostels and hotels for the domain of the sanctuary in Lourdes, they would begin to chant this hymn, or even just the melody, thus carrying on the everlasting and ongoing greeting that is owed the Mother of God.

Many of our pilgrims journeyed to the miraculous baths of Lourdes, where they would be bathed in the waters of the grotto. All joined in the celebration of holy Masses offered in a variety of places, for there was much to do and much to become in this city of Our Lady. The opportunity to

climb the mountain and make the Way of the Cross or walk to one of the many cloistered monasteries and join with one of several communities of nuns was present day in and day out. There were invitations to walk through Lourdes and see the places that were relevant to the life of St. Bernadette or to join other pilgrims for gelato or coffee. Regardless of how people spent their time, there was always a return to the desire to be near Our Lord in the tabernacle or in the moments of adoration and exposition.

It is said that everyone who journeys to Lourdes receives a miracle — that in some way, everyone is restored to that which was originally desired by the Lord in His love for us. For many, there are physical restorations that occur, but for all, there is a spiritual restoration. Many are deeply touched by the evening rosary where thousands walk in procession from the grotto to the front of the rosary basilica by candlelight. Many are struck by the daily procession of Our Lord in the monstrance at 5 p.m., followed by Benediction, and still others are struck by the peaceful coexistence of so many people from differing parts of the world.



Procession at Fatima