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promote it under the guise of “alleged progress or presumed rights.”

Whatever is “technologically possible becomes morally licit, every experiment is acceptable, any population policy permitted and any manipulation legitimated,” he said.

Christian charities need to be aware of the current mentality and these ethical dilemmas so they can be prophetic and “critically vigilant” when cooperating with international organizations in development and other programs, the pope said.

Bishops and priests “have a duty to warn the Catholic faithful as well as all people of good will and right reason about these deviations,” he said.

Charities may have to “refuse funding and collaboration that are in contrast to Christian anthropology,” he said.

The Christian vision of humanity “is a great ‘yes’ to the dignity of the person called to intimacy,” faithful, humble and confident with God, he said.

The church also reaffirms “its great ‘yes’ to the dignity and beauty of marriage as an expression of the faithful and fruitful covenant between man and woman, and its ‘no’ to philosophies, such as that of ‘gender,’” he said.

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We are striving to enrich our faith so it becomes something we both know very well, and also understand. If we do not understand it, then living it becomes more difficult. We apply our faith to our daily lives, just as Paul does in his letters, and our knowledge and experience from scripture is put into practice in our vocations and jobs. Our strong faith provides a basis for which we can be strengthened. It is not about just saying, but about living. I am the Body of Christ, of which I am a member. We are all strong when we walk in step, and why we enshrine our faith. We prayer and hope for eternal life in Heaven with our God and our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can never give up hope. Our strong love is the catalyst. Without love, we do have any real substance or meaningful way of life. We need to have love, but do not have love, I am nothing. And as the song from the 1970s says, ‘I am the Body of Christ, and theHope more effectively: www.annusfidei.va. At the conclusion of this planned, aimed at the restoration of unity among all Christians. All invited to renew their efforts in effective adherence to the teaching of the homilies, catechesis, and addresses of the Holy Father. All are encouraged to participate in the work of the Vatican Council and the study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The first recommendations regarding the Year of Faith, provided by Benedict XVI and the Ordinary Synod of Bishops in October of 2012, constitute a universal call to strengthen the Church’s missionary activity and to promote understanding of Catholic doctrine. All believers are asked to participate as completely as possible in the Year of Faith.

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lowed to change your child’s godpa-
dents, if so, how to go about it.

You can ask someone to become your child’s godfather or godmother. If you asked that person to be your child’s godfather or godmother, your child would be baptized into the church. Their names are inscribed in the church and the world.

You should speak with your chil-
dren’s godparents about their
duties and responsibilities if they
have not already done so. You can encourage them to remain active in the Christian faith and life.

You can also speak with your child’s
parents about their role in raising
your child and your expectations
for their involvement.

If you would like to change your
child’s godparents, you should
consider contacting your parish
priest or a trusted religious figure
in your community. They can assist
you in the process of changing
godparents.

A change of godparents
should be handled with care and
consideration for the feelings
and well-being of all involved.

I hope this information helps
you and your family. Please feel
free to reach out if you have any
further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Father Travis Doyle
By Loren Brown

Following the Spirit, providing for those in need

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I keep a wood carving on my desk with the passage from the Gospel of Luke (4:18) “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

The Catholic Foundation welcomes seven new parishioners to its board of trustees. Join me in congratulating Frank Bias (New Philidelphia), Oscar Bibb, Michelle Curran (Dublin St. Brigild of Kildare), Dr. Timothy Garner (Macon St. Mary), Joseph Klima (Columbus Our Lady of Victory), Rich Kuhn (New Albany Church of the Resurrection), Dr. Usmaan Malik (Granville St. Edward Church), and Daniel Roe (Our Lady of Victory) on their new appointments.

We also continue to participate in more and more events that help to raise awareness of the Foundation. Our team is on pace to host 30 to 40 additional parish gatherings by the end of June, and we are looking forward to celebrating at our annualدل strik دة اخباره، وخليج. In June, we’re also supporting the Catho-

lic women’s and men’s conferences in February and March, respectively. If you attend, please visit us! Furthermore, we’re looking forward to having additional topics in our Conversation series of discussions, as each event out-

puts the past. Our next conversation will take place in April and will focus on the growing Latino presence in the diocese.

All in all, this year looks to be shaping up spectacularly. As I relay these “glad tidings” to you, it is important to also look at the next verse in the passage I quoted above. Luke 4:19 says, “and to proclaim a year acceptable to you, it is important to also look at the next verse in the passage I quoted above. Luke 4:19 says, “and to proclaim a year acceptable to you, and to give us a call at (1-866) 298-8893 or visit our
to resume praying, to pray earlier or later, alone or in community, with your own words, or with no words at all. It could be time to take a long, hard look at the thing keeping you from pursuing God’s will. You will need to kick or pada or are ready to press forward? Are you willing to cut and glue as many tiny pieces as Barbara wanted on the card table in her basement? Can you trust that all the labor may produce a masterpiece? Perhaps the difference between you and your better self is a matter of being less rushed in 2013 – more serene, more aware, more attuned. I’m anticipating the new year as never before. I can almost see the flood of light and purpose it will bring, shining all the less-important stuff out of view and demanding my best – someone wise, gentle, and strong.

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The church looks much brighter than it did two years ago. Father Wagner said that’s mainly the result of the win- dows.

He said the next major renovation will involve updating the building’s heating system.

He eventually hopes new lighting will be installed to better illuminate scenes based on the Book of Revelation that have been obscured by the effects of age and wear and tear on the glass. The window will cost about $30,000, he said. “I’d love to have the ceiling repainted, but that would run into six figures. Heating is more important.”

Father Wagner has been at Holy Rosary-St. John for about three years and also has been pastor of St. Domi- nican Church, also on Columbus’ east side, since mid-2010. Both are what he describes as “destination parishes – the type of parish where, to get here, people in many cases have to drive past one or several Catholic churches on the way.”

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We also hosted our first job and career fair for those who have registered for the program or are enrolled in it. In addition, we assumed management of the Bexley Outlet Mall, a statewide, self-financed literacy resource more than 90,000 people are helped by volunteers, but supported financially by the St. John Learning Center.

He said the center is looking for instructors to teach basic computer software programs, volunteers to facilitate job search and interviewing skills, and people with business, government, social services, education, or fund raising backgrounds to serve on its governing board.

The parish Women’s Group and the Ladies of St. Peter Claver are part of Pathways to Hope, an ongoing part of the parish and the diocese, including the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Underground Railroad Center in Cincinnati.

It also involved in the black history collectors official celebration in the United States, for all 27 years the holiday has been officially celebrated in the United States, the annual Martin Luther King Day Mass.

For more information and a video, go to www.1stChoicePT.us.

PRINCIPAL POSITION

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish School, a K-8 Catholic School is seeking a dynamic Catholic Educator for the position of Principal beginning the summer of 2013 for the 2013/14 school year. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish School is in the Diocese of Columbus and located at 3770 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio.

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The Ohio Dominican University’s Department of Dramatic Arts is seeking an Instructor of Foreign Languages to begin the 2013-14 academic year.

The Ohio University Foundation is seeking an individual to serve as Senior Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor (CFA # 7). Our University seeks to create a diverse and inclusive environment. We especially encourage candidates from underrepresented groups to apply.

Joe Batteus of Columbus St. Christopher Church has been selected as the 2013 diocesan Catholic Man of the Year. Bishop Frederick Campbell will present the award at the meeting of the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club on Friday, Feb. 1, at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave, following the 11:45 a.m. Mass. A $10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch

Cardinal says MLK’s witness shows need for cultural convergence

By Michelle Baucom

The momentous life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. indicates the important role of faith as the conscience of society, said Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, D.C.

“The voice of the Church is the voice reminded us all the things we ought to do,” said the cardinal at the archdiocese’s annual Mass celebrating the life and legacy of the historic civil rights leader.

The Jun. 19 Mass at Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Owings, Md., was provided as a onetime event for a recording. It’s staffed by volunteers, and supported financially by the St. John Learning Center.

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Cardinal Wuerl lamented “the present and the future.”

From the very beginning, human beings individually and collectively have a track record of placing ourselves at the center, too often oblivious to the needs and even the rights of others,” he said.

He “began with Cain and Abel” and has continued on to events that amount to senseless shootings and killings in multiple parts of our country.

We’ve been able to witness the life of the civil rights advocate, the annual Martin Luther King Day Mass.

We celebrate the life of the Church, has been a constant beacon in the darkness, a light for those seeking the right path and a support to those who have nowhere else to turn.”

This faith was embodied in the quiet, peaceful witness of Dr. King, showing that all men have equal rights because they are children of God, he explained.

He said that whereas the cadences of protest are prevalent now, the cardinal said, noting that this summer, the same force of the civil rights movement was able to evangelize a culture where racism was rampant and prevailing others urged the individual to do.

Cardinal Wuerl called believers to take responsibility for the nation’s future and its future as a moral community.

“Too often that was rooted in faith – faith in the power of the United States of America, and the general public.

We celebrate the life of this martyr for the Gospel, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., for his willingness to serve for the rights and the dignity of the human person, the cardinal said.

“Everything Christ has a voice crying out in the wilderness. We now have a voice that responded with the cadences of protest, proclaiming the voice of Jesus Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins,” he said.

The schedule is as follows.

Lectures are offered from Wednesday and Thursday, May 2, “What Does the Gospel Say About How We Should Love?”; and Thursday, May 9, “What Does the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Have to Say About Modernity and Our Troubled Nature?”

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Ohio Dominican University Hosts Statewide Free Financial Aid Event

Ohio Dominican University is hosting its first statewide financial aid event, inviting all Ohioans to apply for federal financial aid. The event will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, in Erskine Hall, on the main campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. For more information, contact Mass from Our Lady of the Angels, 614-758-4755 (Father Warren Charley), or 614-797-3913 (Father John Kuczala).

The free event is presented by the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (OASFAA) and endorsed by the Ohio Board of Regents. Volunteers from Ohio universities, high schools, community colleges, and other organizations will be on hand to answer questions and help attendees complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Families are encouraged to register for the event at statefinancialaid.org or call 1-888-233-6734. The FAFSA is the application that is required for students to receive federal financial aid, including the Federal Pell grant and student loans, as well as need-based state aid.

Ohio State University, as well as other educational institutions, is an important resource for students in need. The campaign for Ohio's students is about ensuring that all students in Ohio have access to the resources they need to succeed. Ohio State University is a leader in providing opportunities for students of all backgrounds and financial situations to achieve their educational goals.

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Sister Catherine di Ricci Sullivan, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Catherine di Ricci Sullivan, OP, 93, who died Tuesday, Jan. 24, was held Friday, Jan. 18, in the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace at 2016 S. Third Street, Columbus. She was born Aug. 18, 1918, in Defiance to David and Irene (Siler) Sullivan and was a graduate of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Toledo. She received a bachelor of arts degree in history from the College of St. Mary of the Woods in 1940 and a master’s degree in education from Xavier University in 1958 and continued to pursue her studies at several other universities over the years.

She entered the novitiate of the Mother of God of Notre Dame of Ohio in 1935 and professed her first vows in 1937. She taught at and was principal at Holy Cross Elementary School in Cincinnati before entering the novitiate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace in 1940. She made her profession of vows on Sept. 13, 1941.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she served as a nurse in Motherhouse’s infirmary (1943-46), the Mental Health Care Center in Columbus (1963-65), and the College of St. Mary where she was director of student health services (1965-90) and in pastoral ministry at Reynoldsburg St. Paul Church (1990-1995). She also served as a nurse and a clinical instructor at the University of Dayton in Ohio and Kentucky and studied at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis before she retired as a day nurse in the Motherhouse and moved to the Molon center in 2007. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, David. Survivors include her sister, Anne, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary L. Hendricks, 95, who died Friday, Jan. 19, was held Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Dublin St. Bridget of Kildare Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

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She was born Oct. 18, 1915, in Covington, Ky., to Vincent and Mary Agnes (Flynn) Feth and graduated from Columbus St. Patrick School (1930-42) and St. Joseph Academy (1943-62) and as the superior of the sisters’ convent in Washington, D.C., and Dayton, and as a member of the provincial administration.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband, Robert Meyer. Survivors include her sister, Helen (Robert) Luecke, one brother, Paul, four nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Sister Mary Eithne, SNDDeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Eithne, SNDDeN, 83, who died Thursday, Jan. 12, was held Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Mother Notre Dame Health Center in Cincinnati.

She was born Dec. 24, 1924, taking the name Sister Vincent Feth, SNDDeN, 97, who died Saturday, Jan. 12, was held Thursday, Jan. 17, at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Powell. Sister Anne Feth, SNDDeN

Sister Catherine di Ricci Sullivan, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Catherine di Ricci Sullivan, OP, 93, who died Tuesday, Jan. 24, was held Friday, Jan. 18, in the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace at 2016 S. Third Street, Columbus. She was born Aug. 18, 1918, in Defiance to David and Irene (Siler) Sullivan and was a graduate of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Toledo. She received a bachelor of arts degree in history from the College of St. Mary of the Woods in 1940 and a master’s degree in education from Xavier University in 1958 and continued to pursue her studies at several other universities over the years.

She entered the novitiate of the Mother of God of Notre Dame of Ohio in 1935 and professed her first vows in 1937. She taught at and was principal at Holy Cross Elementary School in Cincinnati before entering the novitiate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace in 1940. She made her profession of vows on Sept. 13, 1941.

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Sunday, Feb. 3; 3 p.m.

The next event in the concert series at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., will feature Roberta Gary, professor of organ at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and the cathedral’s organists. They will be joined by the Cathedral Chamber Orchestra in a program of works by Handel, Haydn, Bach, Mozart, and others. Admission to the concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, is a suggested $10 donation at the door.

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Marianne Cope in Kalapua, Molokai. The Mass was part of Hawaii’s final major celebration of the canonization of the saint, who worked with leprosy patients on Molokai.

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New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan (right) concelebrates Mass with Bishop Larry Silva of Honolulu (left) and other members of the clergy in honor of St. Marianne Cope in Kalapua, Molokai. The Mass was part of Hawaii’s final major celebration of the canonization of the saint, who worked with leprosy patients on Molokai.

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More than 25,000 people gather for a pro-life vigil outside the Irish parliament in Dublin on Jan. 19. The massive turnout appeared to surprise politicians and the mainstream media.

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Dr. Martin Luther King was a man of spiritual genius who used his moment in history to make a difference, and it is up to those who wish to carry on his legacy to do the same thing, Father Clarence Williams, CPpS, said at the 27th annual service in King’s honor at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. Joseph Church.

“Dr. King made this day,” Father Williams said in his homily. “He made it with his sacrifice and his love, and he taught all of us that. Like him, we can be in the right place at the right time to make a difference. We celebrate the fact that we have lived to see a day that could only be dreamed of, and we stop to say ‘Thank you, God, for sending us a dreamer.”

The service took place at noontime Monday, Jan. 21, at the same time that Barack Obama was taking his ceremonial oath for his second term as president, one day after his formal inauguration.

“This day really captures the meaning of Dr. King’s ‘I have a dream’ speech,” Father Williams said. “We are living Dr. King’s dream. … We celebrate the day of a great American as we inaugurate a great American.”

Father Williams noted that this will be the 50th anniversary of a “golden year” for the civil rights movement Dr. King led. Fifty years ago this June, the University of Alabama was integrated in spite of the attempt of Gov. George Wallace to block federal troops from enforcing the integration order. Two months later came the march on Washington at which Dr. King made the “I have a dream” speech, and three months after that, on Nov. 22, 1963, President John Kennedy was assassinated.

“Without Kennedy, we never would have had King,” said Father Williams, pastor of Columbus St. James the Less Church, who was the first black priest ordained in his hometown diocese, the Diocese of Cleveland. He has been a priest of the Precious Blood Fathers for 35 years, 30 of them in the Detroit area.

“We are challenged as a community of conscience to have that genius Dr. King had,” Father Williams said. He said that just as an athlete has what can be described as kinetic genius and a builder of churches has architectural genius, Dr. King had an existential or spiritual genius which enabled him to know his mission in life and to change history.

He said the use of that kind of genius is needed to day to deal with problems such as abortion and human trafficking. He noted that there have been 17 million abortions among blacks since the Roe v. Wade decision. “We have lost more people in this way than were lost in the Atlantic slave trade over more than 100 years,” he said. Concerning human trafficking, he said churches and women’s organizations need to do a much better job of speaking out against the practice than they have done so far.

Father Williams noted that Christianity could have ended with the Last Supper had the apostles not gone beyond the table in the Upper Room and gone out to change the world. “We need to ask … ‘Am I ready to go beyond the table and go with Christ?’ … We have the genius. God has the call,” he concluded.

Holy Rosary-St. John has conducted a service commemorating Dr. King every year since the federal holiday in his honor was established in 1987. This year, for the first time, it took the form of Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours instead of a Mass.

Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of the church, said this was done because most of those attending the service are not Catholic, and it allowed for the singing of more Psalms and other music in the “call-and-response” style found in African-American churches of all denominations. Musical selections were sung by the combined choirs of Holy Rosary-St. John and Columbus St. Dominic Church, which also has Father Wagner as pastor.

The program also included an opening procession to the sound of African drums, a meditation hymn with soloist Yolanda Connor, reading of selected quotations from Dr. King’s speeches by Benjamin Ingraham Dwyer, a recorded excerpt of a King speech, introduction of Father Williams by Marvenia Bosley, and the reading of intercessions by Richala Thompson.