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The Editor's Notebook

Home Sweet Home

By David Garick, Editor



I have many wonderful memories of Sunday dinners from my childhood. It was not like any other meal. It was a special time. Everyone was there — my mother and father, my brother and myself, always ... and often grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins. The meal was always special and the atmosphere was filled with love. It is an enduring memory of safety, of unconditional love and acceptance, of being in union with what was the center of my universe. This was home.

All of us, in one way or another, long for those feelings of love and belonging. But our human nature often gets in the way. We become so wrapped up in ourselves that we lose our connections to those around us, and, most importantly, to God. It goes back to the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve fell for the serpent's lies and decided that they could make their own judgments and took a big bite from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It was not enough for them to be in loving communion with God. They wanted to be God themselves. We know how badly that worked out for them, but each of us continues to make the same sad mistakes.

Christ explains this to us through the parable of the prodigal son. We all know the story very well of the young man who chose to abandon the comfort of life with his father and family to make it in the world on his own. We know the loneliness and despair he faced because of his decision. But we also know of his ultimate happiness when he once again sought love and reunion with his family.

Most of us have known the promise of Christ since childhood. We know what the church has to offer, both now and

in eternity. But we want to trust in our own judgment. We think we know what is best for us. For some, that may mean rejecting the faith altogether. For others, it may mean adapting to other faiths that fit our own notions of right and wrong, often influenced by popular culture. We may seek a belief system that seems to us more relevant to current lifestyles. We may not even leave the Catholic Church. We may simply drift away from Mass or even continue going to church, but only superficially accept the basics of the faith while living day to day according to our own desires. But when we do this, we lose the connection to Christ, and our lives lack that sense of total love and connection. Something is missing.

This week's Catholic Times is devoted to those Catholics who have missed that connection and begun the process of reuniting with the faith. At the heart of that process is the Mass. In the Mass, we take Christ himself — body, blood, soul, and divinity — into our mortal bodies. We unite ourselves with the very God who created all of heaven and earth. At the same moment, we also unite ourselves with every other man, woman, and child, living and dead, who have also shared the Eucharist. We are all equal parts of the living Body of Christ, the Church. We are united in one faith, which we accept in its totality because it is the true will of God, not merely what you or I or someone else thinks might be a better idea. We are united in love because we are united in Christ.

The Mass is the ultimate Sunday dinner. Welcome home!

Pope designates Sept. 1 as World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

Like their Orthodox brothers and sisters, Catholics formally will mark Tuesday, Sept. 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis has decided.

The pope said the day of prayer will give individuals and communities an opportunity to implore God's help in protecting creation and an opportunity to ask God's forgiveness "for sins committed against the world in which we live."

Pope Francis announced his decision to add the annual prayer day to the Catholic calendar in a letter to Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

The text of the letter, dated Thursday, Aug. 6, was released by the Vatican on Monday, Aug. 10.

Pope Francis said he was instituting the prayer day for Catholics because he shares the concern of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, who initiated a similar prayer day for the Orthodox Church in 1989.

Metropolitan John of Pergamon, who represented the patriarch at the public presentation on June 18 of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, had suggested there that all Christians join in prayer on Sept. 1.

"This would mark a step toward further closeness among them," he had said.

Pope Francis said Christians want to make their special contribution to safeguarding creation, but to do that, they must rediscover the spiritual



foundations of their approach to earthly realities, beginning with an acknowledgment that "the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature," but lived in communion with all worldly realities.

He said the ecological crisis is a summons "to a profound spiritual conversion" and to a way of life that clearly shows they are believers.

Quoting his encyclical, he said, "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

Pope Francis said the annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be a time for individuals and communities to "reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS TRANSFERS OWNERSHIP OF VILLAS AT ST. THERESE PROPERTY TO CARMELITE SISTERS

The Carmelite System, Inc., a Catholic not-for-profit health system sponsored by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, has reached an agreement with the Diocese of Columbus to assume ownership of the Villas at St. Therese assisted living facility, located at 25 Noe-Bixby Road, Columbus.

This transaction completes the process of transferring ownership of all facilities on the Villa campus. The Carmelite System assumed ownership of the Villas' independent living facility at 5253 E. Broad St. in November 2014.

The Carmelite Sisters have been charged with management of the Villas since 1998. The sisters and the diocese agreed that residents would be served most effectively by coordinating operations of the entire campus under one service entity. The sisters, with their unique expertise in senior care and long history of service within the diocese, combined with their management of the adjacent Mother Angeline McCrory Manor nursing facility, were the obvious choice as this entity.

"This transaction also allows for the possibility of expansion of the Villas concept of senior living for those of

moderate means in other parts of our diocese," said Msgr. Joseph M. Hendricks, president and chief executive officer of the diocese's retirement community program.

"It also ensures these facilities will continue to maintain their inherent Catholic identity, which is critical to so many of its residents, as well as provide senior facilities to our retired priests and religious, who have served our diocese so well through the years," Msgr. Hendricks added.

As in the past, the primary goal of the Villas is to provide affordable and comfortable housing for middle-income seniors, regardless of their religious background. While the facilities' current services will be subject to re-evaluation, there are no immediate plans to change any rates or fee structures at the Villas related to this transfer.

Sister Ann Brown, OCarm, who originally was appointed to manage the facilities in 1998, has been chosen as president and CEO of the new entity.

"The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm have been happy in our service within the Diocese of Columbus and our tenure at the Villas of St. Therese and Mother Angeline McCro-

ry Manor," Sister Ann said. "We are delighted that through this transaction, we will continue our 55-year ministry of medical and spiritual care for the elderly of the Columbus area."

The Villas at St. Therese independent and assisted living facilities, with 75 and 45 units respectively, were

established in 1998. Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, a 147-bed nursing facility at 5199 E. Broad St., named in honor of the foundress of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, was opened in 2005. The diocese's St. Therese's Retreat Center also is located on the campus, at 5277 E. Broad St.



Hermitage honors Fathers Wagner, Losh

St. John's Hermitage was created to recognize the devotion of the diocese's priests in acts of evangelization of the faith and to establish a place of retreat in rural southern Ohio where priests can find a sanctuary of relaxation, spiritual renewal, and confraternity among their brothers in Christ.

For the past four years, the hermitage has sponsored a dinner to honor priests who most notably express the call to evangelization. The 2015 Evangelization Ambassador Award was presented to Father Josh Wagner, pastor of the Community of Holy Rosary and St. John and of St. Dominic Church, both in Columbus. Father Wagner was cited for his outstanding work within his parishes and his extensive use of social media, public speaking, parish missions, a weekly televised Bible study group, and other means of outreach.

The organization also presented its first St. Paul the Evangelist Award for life-long devotion to spreading the Gospel to Father Joseph Losh. Father Losh was ordained in 1964 and began his ministry at Delaware St. Mary. He also has served at Coshocton Sacred Heart, Columbus Sacred Heart, Zanesville St. Nicholas, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wainwright St. Therese, Midvale St. Paul, Columbus St. Augustine, and LaRue St. Joseph. He is noted throughout the diocese for his work with the Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He is now retired and living at the Villas of St. Therese, where he still celebrates Mass.

Father Wagner, (left) and Father Losh are shown being presented with their awards by Len Barbe, St. John's Hermitage president. CT photo by Ken Snow

Cardinal Burke to speak at Steubenville on Family Synod

The Ordinary General Synod of Bishops will meet for the 14th time from Oct. 4-25 in the Vatican, addressing the theme, "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World."

As the bishops prepare to meet, the working document for their preparation and eventual discussion, the *Instrumentum Laboris*, has received much scrutiny.

Cardinal Raymond Burke, the cardinal patron of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, will deliver a keynote address on Tuesday Sept. 8 at Franciscan University of Steubenville concerning the synod and the issues it will address.

Following his talk, Cardinal Burke will be joined by eight experts in various fields of theology and philosophy. Members of the panel have all submit-

ted essays on various aspects of the *Instrumentum Laboris* for inclusion in a book to be issued by Emmaus Road Publishing of Steubenville before the synod.

The day will begin with a Pontifical High Mass in the Extraordinary Form (popularly known as the traditional Latin Mass) offered by Cardinal Burke at Steubenville St. Peter Church, with sacred music supplied by the university's Schola Cantorum Franciscana, directed by Nicholas Will, professor of sacred music, and accompanied on the organ by Franciscan student Andrew Barnick.

A large crowd is expected. Free tickets for the Mass may be reserved at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cardinal-burke-keynote-address-on-the-synod-with-panel-discussion-tickets-18227154911?ref=ebtn>.



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Westerville St. Paul Church pastoral associate Susan Bellotti (left) greets parishioners Terry and Beth Deinlein. Terry returned to the Catholic Church and Beth became a Catholic through the help of the parish's program for inactive Catholics.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Guild

The past two weeks had the answers to those contemplative questions on our minds here and there, I am sure. All the prayer and thought we put into living a better life by practicing our Faith is time well spent. We believe and have faith, but we also live it and put it into action. We love one another, and we model what that means for our own world, based on the life of Jesus Christ. After all, He said, "Love one another as I have loved you." And what does that mean? It means that we are challenged to give, to serve, and to deflect sin and evil where it is encountered and experienced. It also means that we first forgive, then seek forgiveness ourselves. Love can be tough, but Jesus challenges us as He did His disciples. He challenged the first to be called – Peter, Andrew, James, and John – to simply drop what they were doing and follow Him. He did the same to Matthew, who immediately abandoned his lucrative business of collecting taxes. He allowed Peter to sink after Peter was able to walk on water, and He knew Peter would deny Him three times. He asked Peter three times if he loved Him. When we overcome the challenges we encounter in life through love and forgiveness, they shape who we are, and strengthen us as good and faithful stewards of our gifts. When we have doubts, let us respond to living our Faith as Thomas did: "My Lord, and my God."

I met a colleague for lunch not long ago at a new restaurant in downtown Columbus. It is called The Guild House, and is another Cameron Mitchell entity. Those two things made me very curious – the name "guild" and the well-known quality of the company. Of course, the food was great, but I learned something about the name, too. It is called The Guild House because "guild" means that the food which is prepared for each meal not only is very fresh, but also is produced locally by a group of artisan partners. That is what the guild is. The highlight of the description of the restaurant says the partners are a "team of artisans for all seasons." They proudly source locally grown ingredients whenever possible. They say there is a lot of love on every plate, and they are anxious to share their unique collection of food from the guild with the customer. Call me weird, but I could not help but draw some immediate parallels to our beloved Catholic Church and Faith. Because food is universal, especially in this country, we can enjoy just about anything we want. Our Church is completely universal, and we enjoy the same Savior, God, liturgy, sacraments, and family throughout the world. Are we not a type of guild ourselves? We are a team of Christian artisans for all seasons. The seasons are liturgical. As our lives settle in to a more consistent day-to-day routine this September after the fun and excitement of summer, we begin to look ahead and plan liturgically for a new year – the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. We are gifted in our own unique ways, and as a strong, collective guild of Catholic Christians, we proudly act as local "ingredients" to further the life and evangelization of our Church and Faith.

Our practical challenge this week is to be a Christian artisan and to actively participate in our Catholic guild. We have a lot of love on our plates, too, and we must be anxious to share our unique love, forgiveness, Eucharist, and way of living with everyone in our local parish community and diocese. May we fulfill and witness to the Lord's great commission to go and teach all nations. Make our local guild proud.

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



'TEA AND LITERATURE' AT DE PORRES CENTER

The Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, will host its third annual fundraiser, "Tea & Company: Tea and Literature" from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

Dr. Ann Hall, a professor of English at Ohio Dominican University, will return as the speaker for the event. Following an afternoon tea menu and a brief history of tea, Hall will look at the importance of tea in the works of writers such as Henry James, George Orwell, Jane Austin, and Oscar Wilde. Special guests will join her in reading various passages.

For more than 10 years, the Martin de Porres Center, an outreach ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, has been serving the Columbus area. The center provides a variety of programming in the areas of spirituality, education, and personal growth, as well as reasonably priced rental space for not-for-profit groups whose mission is in

keeping with the center's.

Some of its recurring programs, such as the annual RCIA retreat days which take place each year on the two weekends before the Easter Vigil, aim to serve the needs of often-underserved groups. Other events have established the center as a place of welcome and hospitality for a variety of religious and civic organizations.

The center also has become known for its art exhibits, featuring a wide selection of artists and media. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward continued programming at the center.

A \$35 prepaid registration fee for the event is required by Monday, Sept. 14. Registration may be made in person, via mail by printing out the form on the center's webpage, <http://martindeporrescenter.net/content/upcoming-events>, or online by credit card. For more information, contact the center at (614) 416-1910.

Lay Carmelite Order: Local OCARM Chapter

Are you being called to a life of deep prayer? Are you drawn to a life of service following the call of Our Lord Jesus? Are you drawn to sharing prayer time with others like you in community? If you've answered "Yes" to these questions, you may be ready to become a part of the Third Order of Carmelites, a lay order.

Carmelite spirituality has as its patrons the prophet Elijah, who incorporated the spirit of contemplation and active service to the Lord, and Our Blessed Mother, the perfect disciple of Christ, under her title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Many well-known saints, such

as St. Teresa of Avila and St. Therese of Lisieux, "the Little Flower," are a part of the Carmelite tradition.

The Carmelite charism is threefold: First, the exercise of daily prayer deepened with meditation and contemplation; second, the practice of living out the Lord's mission of service; and third, the development of one's sense of community by being an active part of the local and worldwide family of Carmel.

If you're being called to Carmelite spirituality and would like more information about the local Carmelite chapter, contact Leslie Michaels at (614) 329-4656.

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ODU receives grant

The Ingram-White Castle Foundation has awarded Ohio Dominican University a \$50,000 grant to support replacement and enhancement of the technology and digital infrastructure on ODU's campus.

"Technology hasn't only changed the way we are entertained. It's also revolutionized the way we learn and access information," said Douglas Stein, ODU vice president for university advancement. "The Ingram-White Castle Foundation's generous contribution will help us upgrade our digital infrastructure so we can offer our campus community access to technology that is faster, more reliable, and up to date. We are grateful

for this wonderful investment in the future of our students."

"The Ingram White Castle Foundation is focused on feeding hunger, hopes, and dreams," said Erin Shannon, White Castle corporate relations manager. "We are honored to support an initiative that provides even more pathways for ODU students to reach their full potential."

Ohio Dominican University is a comprehensive, four-year, private liberal arts institution, founded in 1911 in the Catholic Dominican tradition by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The university has approximately 2,700 students and offers undergraduate degrees in 45 majors and 10 graduate degree programs.



Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan

It is the goal of the Diocese of Columbus to make the Church a place of safety: a place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our churches, schools, or facilities must be confident in this. Not one child or young person should suffer from abuse while at Church. In order to assure the safety of our youth, the Diocese of Columbus has enacted a complete program of protection. As part of this program, the Diocese of Columbus will provide appropriate, just, and pastoral care for anyone who has suffered the crime of sexual abuse of a minor at the hands of diocesan clergy or church employees or volunteers. The Diocese of Columbus will report any and all allegations of abuse reported to it to the authorities and will cooperate fully with those authorities.

Help is available: The Diocese of Columbus wants to hear from anyone who has suffered. If you wish to report an allegation of abuse or need pastoral and/or clinical care in order to begin or continue the process of healing from sexual abuse as a child at the hands of a member of the clergy or a church employee or volunteer, simply call the diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator. You can find contact information at the bottom of this notice. If you wish to receive a copy of the diocesan complaint form or any of the diocesan policies and procedures, simply call the number below or visit the diocesan web site at www.colsdioc.org

To contact the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator, call:

The Rev. Msgr. Stephan J. Moloney
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Death penalty forums set for Westerville, Chillicothe

Programs in Westerville and Chillicothe in the next few weeks will discuss the death penalty and restorative justice from a Catholic perspective. Both are two-night events and will feature speakers who have firsthand experience with the criminal justice system. They will be sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and Ohioans to Stop Executions.

The first series of programs will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8 and Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St.

Speakers on the first night will include Melinda Dawson, whose husband was wrongly convicted and later exonerated. She is board chair of Ohioans to Stop Executions. The second night's program will include Wendy Tarr, community organizer of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Restored Citizens and Communities for Change project.

The program at Chillicothe St. Mary Church, 61 S. Paint St., is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 15 and 16. Among the Tuesday speakers will be Terry Collins, former director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, who oversaw more than 30 executions and is speaking out in opposition to the death penalty. The Wednesday program will include Wendy Tarr and other speakers.

Ohio returns thousands of people from incarceration into the community each year. Those attending the programs will be able to learn about ways Catholics can support efforts to move from a system focused on punishment to one of restoration and second chances. The programs also will look at how the formerly incarcerated can better return to their families with the tools necessary to rebuild and restructure their lives.

Corpus Christi Film

Staying Indian in Ohio will be the next film in the "Movies That Touch Our Hearts" series presented at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. It will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10.

The documentary was produced by the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio and features interviews with

Columbus-area Native Americans. It will be followed by a conversation with representatives of the center. A free-will offering will be taken to support the work of the Corpus Christi center.

For reservations, call (614) 512-3731, go to www.cccenterofpeace.org, or email corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com.

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Abstaining from meat on Fridays; Laymen officiating at weddings



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Is it still required to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of the year? I was in Minnesota and read in a parish bulletin that this was true (i.e., all Fridays, not just during Lent.). Recently, my daughter was visiting from Virginia and said that she had heard the same thing. What is the truth? (Breese, Illinois)

A. The simple and direct answer to your question is “No.” Catholics in the United States are not required to abstain from meat on Fridays. But the full and fair response is more complicated. Catholics throughout the world are obliged to observe each Friday as a day of special penance in recognition of the fact that Jesus died for us on that day. The church’s *Code of Canon Law* (specifically Nos. 1251 and 1253) grants national conferences of bishops the authority to determine what, specifically, that penance might entail for Catholics of their countries.

In 1966, the bishops of the United States issued a “Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence” in which they removed the obligation for American Catholics to abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year. (The bishops said that on the Fridays during the season of Lent, they were preserving the tradition of abstinence from meat “confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice.”)

In 2011, the Catholic bishops of England and Wales restored year-round Friday abstinence as the rule for those nations. The U.S. bishops have not done so, although in their 1966 statement, people were strongly encouraged to adopt such a practice on their own. (“Among the works of voluntary self-denial and personal penance which we especially commend to our people for the future observance of Friday, even though we hereby terminate the traditional law of abstinence binding under pain of sin ... we give first place to abstinence from flesh meat. We do so in the hope that the Catholic community will ordinarily continue to abstain from meat by free choice as formerly we did in obedience to church law.”)

Lost in much of the discussion -- and, I would guess, in the understanding of many American Catholics -- is this: Abstaining from meat on Fridays is optional; doing penance on Fridays is not. If you choose to eat meat on Friday, you should -- in fidelity to church law and to church tradition -- substitute some other practice of self-denial. In this way, Christ’s passion and death on Good Friday is highlighted and honored.

Q. Two friends (who are in their 40s) asked me to “officiate” at their wedding. The bride is a baptized Catholic and the groom was previously married. They claim that a person can go online and become licensed in their state (in this case, Georgia) to perform weddings and some other ceremonies.

Though I was honored to be asked, I said no because I think that, since marriage is a gift from God, a wedding should be performed by a priest, deacon, or other ordained minister. That said, I am curious as to what the position of the church might be on a Catholic layman’s “officiating” at a wedding. (Atlanta)

A. I have seen websites, such as the one for Universal Life Church, which offer “on-line ordination.” A Catholic could not accept such an offer, even if his state were to recognize it, because it would imply that you had joined that church and that you are a minister of a non-Catholic religion.

You properly declined the invitation from your friends. As to whether a Catholic layman can ever officiate at a wedding, that is allowed under certain circumstances. A Catholic judge or justice of the peace, if authorized by the state to preside at civil weddings, may do so if those marrying are non-Catholic and not bound by Catholic marriage law with no obvious impediments to the marriage.

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

Men’s Luncheon Club Meeting

After taking a summer break, the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club will resume its monthly meetings on Friday, Sept. 4 with a talk by Bill Messerly, executive director of St. Gabriel Radio AM 820 in Columbus, on the subject “Be Still and Know That I Am God” (Psalm 46:11).

Messerly has been with St. Gabriel Radio since 2008. He grew up in Lancaster and is a member of Westerville St. Paul Church. He and his wife, Jenny, have four daughters.

The club meets on the first Friday of most months at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. Mass will begin at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and Messerly’s talk until 1 p.m. No reservations are necessary. A \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch and meeting.

For more information on Catholic men’s luncheons, visit www.columbuscatholicmen.com or contact John Schechter at jschechter@sbcglobal.net.

In the marriage case styled AREND IV - DEEM, 2015/0040, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of AMBER DAWN DEEM. The Tribunal herewith informs her of the case and invites her to contact REV MR JOHN R CRERAND, JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 02 SEPTEMBER 2015. Phone: 614-241-2500. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of AMBER DAWN DEEM is herewith asked to make this Citation known to her or to inform the Tribunal of her current address. Given this 30 day of AUGUST, 2015. REV MR JOHN R CRERAND, JCL, Presiding Judge.

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NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION HIRES NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Nancy (Winters) Bourne has been hired by the trustees of the Newark Catholic High School Foundation as the organization’s new development director.

She replaces Karen (Shannon) Dellner, effective Tuesday, Sept. 1. Dellner is retiring after 20 years with the foundation.

Bourne has been a legal secretary in Newark for more than 16 years. She is a Newark Catholic graduate, as are her parents and her children. She brings enthusiasm and a love and knowledge of the Newark Catholic community to her job.

“Nancy will be an outstanding ambassador for the foundation and Newark Catholic High School,” said Tom Marcelain, foundation board president. “She’s had the opportunity to interact with many people in the greater Newark Catholic community through her law firm work and volunteer hours at St. Francis de Sales (School) and Newark Catholic.

She has the skills, experience, and temperament to help the trustees grow the foundation through long-term giving and by increasing the foundation’s exposure.”

She is a member of Granville St. Edward Church and lives in Newark with her husband, Kelly, and two children, Kevin and Jenna.

The Newark Catholic High School Foundation was started in 1985 to preserve, further, foster, and maintain Catholic education for the young people of Licking County. It manages approximately \$2.7 million in assets and contributes to the general operating funds of Newark Catholic High School.

BIRTHRIGHT FUNDRAISER

Birthright of Columbus, a pregnancy support service, will present its annual luncheon and style show at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 in Mozart’s Restaurant, 4784 N. High St., Columbus.

A large, handmade afghan made by Sue Wilson will be raffled, as well as a 29-inch flat-screen TV. Many other items will be available in a silent auction.

Entertainment will be provided by Elizabeth and James Shannon. Tickets are \$35 and will benefit the Birthright offices at 41 N. Skidmore St. and 4766 N. High St. in Columbus, which provide free, confidential services to pregnant women.

Birthright also operates the In Review thrift store at 4768 N. High St. The store accepts contributions of clothing, household goods, books, jewelry, games, and other items. It is always in need of volunteers who would like to give a few hours to help.

Get one ticket or a table of eight together and join Birthright for a fun time and a wonderful opportunity to support the pro-life cause in Columbus.

For information or tickets, call Marge Kilanowicz at (614) 888-0917 or Mary Jo Mayhan at (614) 235-7465. The reservation deadline is Monday, Sept 14.

FROM THE DESK OF DR. JOSEPH BRETTNACHER DIOCESAN SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Dear Readers,

This is the first of many monthly articles being written to let you know more about what is going on in the diocesan Department for Education (DFE); more specifically, in the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS).

Topics of the articles will change from month to month. Future topics will include Catholic Schools Week, the mission of Catholic schools, academic excellence, leadership, governance, financial viability, and advocacy. This month, I will provide a reminder about the purpose for Catholic education and give an overview of how standards-based education (SBE) will be implemented in diocesan elementary schools during the next three school years.

Purpose for Catholic Education

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, of Vancouver, Canada, in his book, *The Holy See’s Teaching on Catholic Schools*, wrote about the purpose of Catholic schools from the position of the Church. He said the Church sees Catholic education as “a process that, in light of man’s transcendent destiny, forms the whole child and sees to fix his or her eyes on heaven.”

He describes the specific purpose for Catholic education as “the formation of boys and girls who will be good citizens of the world, loving God and neighbor and enriching society with the leaven of the gospel, and who will also be citizens of the world to come,

thus fulfilling their destiny to become saints.”

Our students learn about the supernatural and natural life of Jesus Christ so they will come to know and love more deeply the Lord their God with their entire heart, soul, and mind, and love their neighbor as themselves. The students in our schools deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. That is what sets us apart from non-Christian schools.

Standards-Based Education

Standards-based education focuses on educating every student to meet grade-level expectations. These expectations are based on the standards (statements of what students should know and be able to demonstrate) in our diocesan courses of study for each subject, and they are clearly communicated to our students.

These courses of study, which are formally updated every six years, can be found on our website, <http://www.cdeducation.org/CatholicSchools.aspx>, by clicking on “Resources for Parents” and then “Diocesan Course of Study Information.” Additionally, parents may access information on standards-based education by clicking on “standards-based assessment information.”

SBE is not new to our schools, as it has been around for the past 15 years; however, the degree of implementation has varied among schools. As a result, on March 25, at a meeting of all parochial school administrators and pastors of parishes with schools, Bishop Frederick Campbell announced, with the support of the OCS (see the letters on our website) that SBE will be implemented fully in all our schools within the next three school years. The intent of this article is to provide an overview of SBE, along with a timeline for full implementation.

Timeline for SBE

The three-year plan for implementing SBE is best summarized in the chart at left. You also may view the SBE transition plan on our website.

Overview of Standard Based Learning Process		
2015-2016 Foundation Setting	2016-2017 Developing Abilities	2017-2018 Implementation
Explain common vocabulary	Continue to create and revise quality classroom assessments	Standards Based Learning implemented K-8
Work with quality instructional techniques	Share scoring guides across the Diocese	Professional Development offered to all teachers and administrators
Determine specific standards for each school	Create scoring guides in other subjects	
Create scoring guide for each school	Review scoring guides as necessary	
Create quality classroom assessments aligned to the standards	Stratify Exceptional Learning, using scoring guides	
Spring of 2016 Combine the specific standards into a single Diocesan document	Review progress codes	
Align the Progress Report standards with the priority standards	Review Progress Report standards	
	Create quality classroom assessments aligned to the standards	

Boy Scouts visit the Rocky Mountains



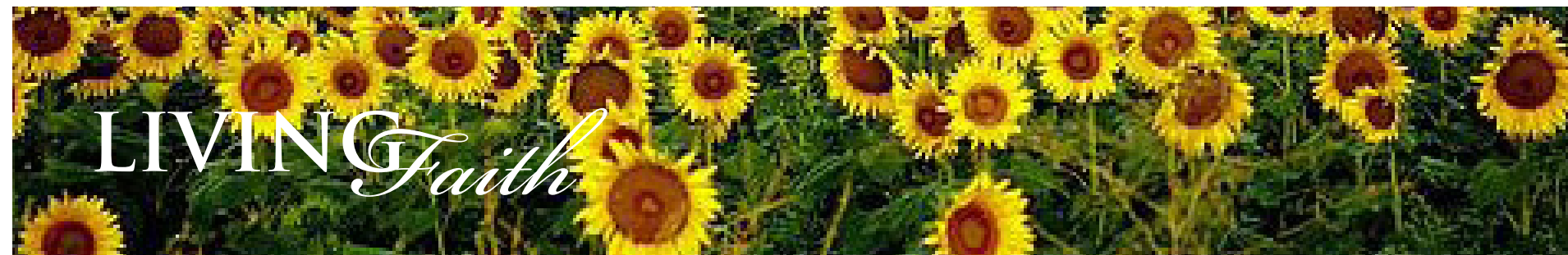
In July and August, the Boy Scouts of Troop 16 of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church took a train trip west to discover God's handiwork in nature. This photo shows the scouts at Avalanche Lake in Glacier National Park. Photo courtesy Boy Scout Troop 16

JIMMY DENNETT WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Six-year-old Jimmy Dennett, who is entering second grade at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School, was the national winner of a Christmas coloring book contest sponsored by the Catholic War Veterans, receiving cash awards and a gold medal. His entry actually ranked higher the farther it advanced. It finished third in the school's own competition, from which three entries were submitted for advancement, then was second at the state level for Ohio before receiving the national honor. The contest was sponsored locally in December 2014 by the CWV's St. Patrick Post 1963. The state contest occurred this past February, and post commander Mary Ann Janning received word of Dennett's national recognition in April. Janning presented Dennett with his award in June at his home in Pickerington, in the presence of family and friends. CWV youth programs are geared toward Christian beliefs and patriotism. They include the color-



ing book contest for kindergarten through second-grade students, poster contests for students in grades three to five and six to eight, and an essay contest for sixth- to eighth-graders. The national CWV also offers four college scholarships to high-school seniors who have a parent or grandparent who is a member of the Catholic War Veterans or who are a child or grandchild of a deceased Catholic veteran.



Does sex equal happiness?

By Father Patrick Toner

Sex equals happiness. That is the popular opinion. When a gay man comes out and professes his sexual preference, everyone says "I'm happy for you. Now you'll be happy and fulfilled." When a man and a woman marry, people wish that they will be happy ever after. Now they can engage in sex without a moral judgment hanging over their heads. The formula is "If you can find someone to have sex with, you will be happy."

About a month ago, I attended the 2015 National Courage Conference, where more than 350 people gathered for prayer, sharing, and encouragement. They all believe chastity is the key to happiness. The message was repeated many times by witness speakers who declared that chastity, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and the Catholic Church was the recipe for a fulfilling, happy life.

Courage is an apostolate, a ministry for persons experiencing same-sex attraction who wish to live

in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Courage was started in 1980 in New York and has grown to be an international work of the Church. Courage members attest that the Catholic Church does indeed love them and guide them to a fulfilling life. The two men and one woman who are featured in the movie *The Desire of the Everlasting Hills*, which is on YouTube, shared their journey from a gay lifestyle to grace—a story that was echoed many times by the speakers at the conference.

Courage provides an educational component, teaching the true meaning of who we are. As was stated by one writer, "I am not gay, I am David." A human person is more than his or her sexual preference. Why would one want to be labeled by who they have sex with? Do people go around proclaiming "I am an adulterer," "I am a child molester," or "I prefer incest"? Courage is about the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of our sexuality.

The goals of Courage describe what Courage is about: (1) To live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church's teachings on homosexuality (which are often misunderstood or misrepresented); (2) To dedicate our entire lives to Christ through service to others, spiritual reading, meditation, individual spiritual direction, frequent attendance at Mass, and frequent reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist; (3) To foster a spirit of fellowship in which we may share with one another our thoughts and experiences and so ensure that none of us will have to face the problems of homosexuality alone; (4) To be mindful of the truth that chaste friendships are not only possible, but necessary in a chaste Christian life, and to encourage one another in forming and sustaining them; and (5) To live lives that may serve as good examples to others.

Father Pat Toner is chaplain of the Columbus chapter of Courage. Visit Couragerc.org for more information.

"Come To Me," Jesus Says, "And I Will Give You Rest"

By Leandro M. Tapay

Peace in our life – we all crave it and seek it. But we often look for it in the wrong places. Jesus, the eternal Son of God, the One for Whom we were created, is the only One that can lead us to true peace.

Jesus knows our burdens – guilt, unconfessed sins, poor health, troubles in marriage, frustration over family situations, grieving the loss of a parent, a spouse or a child, the challenge of growing older and no longer being able to do what we once did, the fears and anxiety of making a career decision, to name a few.

We see that alcohol, drugs, sex, possession, position, work, and many other attempts to ease the burden we carry do not give us peace. Therapists and psychologists seem to help us deal with our pain. But they themselves cannot offer us the true peace our hearts crave.

Self- help books on finding peace are best sellers because of our burdens and because we all crave peace. How can we have peace in our hearts when we are living in a violent, chaotic world? How can

we have peace when we are living in an incredibly fast-paced world, a world with so much noise and so many distractions, a world that tells us in so many different ways that peace is just around the corner with the next achievement, the next milestone, the next title or promotion or award?

These are all good, but, unfortunately none of those things ever brings lasting peace. Our hearts yearn for something more. Some of us turn to Eastern religion of one kind or another or to the New Age movement while looking for peace in a chaotic world. Unfortunately, true peace cannot come from breathing techniques or from going deeper into ourselves.

True peace comes from entering into a dialogue with a God Who has made everything that is, Who is passionately in love with us, Who has sent His Son for us to destroy the power of sin and death, and Who longs to share with us not only the gift of His friendship, but the gift of His very life forever in heaven.

Peace comes from personally and intimately knowing that God loves you by name, from knowing that whatever cross you may be carrying in life right

now, He is offering you the grace and strength necessary to carry it, and from knowing that in the end, all will be well.

Peace comes from knowing God, from reading His Word, from making the time each day to talk to Him. In short, peace comes from prayer.

We see person after person struggle – for various reasons, to be sure, but in so many ways simply because they are not making the effort each day to sit down and talk to God for a significant amount of time.

If want peace, we need to make sure we are daily in prolonged dialogue with God. We need to understand that peace can only really come from Jesus.

Peace will come into our hearts when we commit ourselves to love our neighbors and share what we have with those in need, to read the Word of God daily, to go to Mass as often as we can so we can hear the Lord speak to us. "Come to Me," Jesus says, "and I will give you rest."

Leandro Tapay is director of the diocesan Missions Office.



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DIOCESAN PARISHES HELP INACTIVE CATHOLICS 'RETURN HOME'



The Catholic Church is by far the largest religious denomination in the United States. The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University said last year that 76.7 million Americans identify themselves as Catholics. Yet only 24 percent of Catholics say they attend Mass weekly or more often, according to a 2012 survey by the Pew Research Center.

Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis all have recognized the need to reach these inactive Catholics through a "new evangelization" — a process in which the church reaches out in a missionary way, one at a time and in large groups, with a message centered on Christ, showing how his teachings affect every aspect of life and displaying the mercy and forgiveness that have always been at the heart of that message.

In the Diocese of Columbus, several parishes each year conduct programs de-

signed to encourage inactive Catholics to return to the church by reaching out to them, listening to them talk about why they have left, responding to their concerns, and having others who had abandoned the active practice of the faith discuss why they came back.

Granville St. Edward Church has been offering such a program since the fall of 2004. It's based on the book *Returning Home to Your Catholic Faith: An Invitation* by Sally Mews. Mike Millisor, pastoral associate, said it takes place at his parish in the fall and just after Christmas and Easter each year because inactive Catholics tend to think more about the faith as Christmas and Easter either approach or have just been celebrated. This year, the fall program will begin on Oct. 11 or 18.

"We put a sign on the side of the road in front of the church and advertise about the program in the Granville and Newark newspapers," Millisor said. "There's nothing fancy about the sign, but it's surprising the difference it makes."

"People notice it. Church members already are asking me when the sign is coming up for the October program. And I don't know how many times people have told me they saw the sign and kept thinking about it. A common response has been 'I just wasn't ready, but the sign was a reminder, until it finally hit me that

I need to come back to the church.'

"Everybody who says they want to come back has a different force driving them," Millisor said. "Whatever the reason, it's the Holy Spirit at work. We've been doing this for 11 years. Sometimes you get six or seven people to take part, and sometimes it's just one or two."

"We tailor the program to the size of the class and to people's needs. Sometimes it runs for six weeks and sometimes for five, depending on the group. The most important thing is that we've been consistent about it every year. Having a regular program for returning Catholics is a commitment we made long ago, and that consistency has brought results."

Other parishes in the diocese with programs for returning Catholics include Westerville St. Paul, Sunbury St. John Neumann, Columbus St. Anthony, and the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center. Susan Bellotti, pastoral associate at St. Paul, said the parish's "Awakening Faith" program, based on a series by the Paulist Fathers, will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, with sessions continuing for the next seven weeks.

Bellotti said between 12 and 16 people usually come to the two-hour sessions. "That seems like a pretty good number, but in part that's because St. Paul's is the largest parish in the diocese," she said. "I know there are peo-

ple in the area we serve who say they have a problem connecting with the church because this is such a big parish, so we're always looking for ways to ease those concerns."

"People become inactive Catholics for any number of reasons. Some of it may be just laziness. Some people just move away and lose contact. Some sense they didn't learn the basics and just feel uncomfortable about it," said Bellotti, who has been at the Westerville parish for 14 years.

St. Paul parishioner Terry Deinlein said he was a "cradle Catholic" who began drifting away from the church after his mother died in 1967, when he was 19, and continued to do so through two marriages which ended in divorce. Both marriages were to Catholics, but "the practice of our faith was minimal to nonexistent," he said.

In 1995, he met a woman named Beth, whom he eventually married. She suggested two years ago that the couple attend a Mass at St. Paul, explaining that although she had a Methodist background, her fondest religious memories were of attending Masses with her maternal grandmother.

This led to enrollment in one of Bellotti's classes. Deinlein said he had many doubts about returning to the church. "Since my mom's sudden death, I had felt deserted by God and by the church," he wrote in the St. Paul parish newsletter. "I thought the church was arrogant, exclusive, and overall apathetic to my situation. After all, my two divorces seemed to be an irreparable chasm between the church and me."

"Then Father Charlie (Klinger, St. Paul's pastor) came to one of the classes and distributed a letter from him on behalf of the Catholic Church apologizing for the manner in which the church had treated lapsed Catholics in the past. Wow! Is this guy for real? Humble, apologetic, arms open wide! ... I began the journey of forgiving God and myself," he said. That led to Beth joining the Catholic Church at the 2015 Easter Vigil, with her husband as her sponsor and Father Klinger blessing the marriage.

Father Klinger's letter is an example of the attitude Pope Francis has urged the church to take toward inactive Catholics throughout the two-and-a-half years of his papacy. "I dream of a church that is

mother and shepherdess," he has said. "The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and warm the hearts of the faithful. It needs nearness, proximity."

Several commentators have noted that the pope's humility, simplicity, closeness to the poor, and efforts to update some church policies, while reiterating that the church's essential teachings remain unchanged, have caused people in general to take a more positive view of Catholicism.

"The Francis factor is real," Millisor said. "People have told me that every time they turn around, the pope is saying something they like. It's making them realize the church is not the negative institution they mistakenly thought it to be."

"From the day he was elected, people have been talking about Pope Francis," said Ed Orazen, a staff member of the Newman Center, located at The Ohio State University. "People will be paying even more attention to him when he comes to the United States in about a month. There's been plenty of talk about him in the program we have for returning Catholics."

At the Newman Center, that program is known as "Landings" — a name which describes its mission of "offering returning Catholics a safe place to land" and uses a balloon returning to earth as its logo. The next session starts Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. and continues for the next eight weeks through Nov. 17. Like the "Awakening Faith" series, it is a program of the Paulist Fathers, who have served the Newman Center and the OSU campus area since 1956.

It is not based on a particular book or video series, but is a reconciliation process allowing each participant to tell his or her story in a confidential, nonjudgmental environment, followed by group discussion usually centered on a particular aspect of the faith.

The program has a team of five people and is designed for participation by about five returning Catholics per group. At times when a larger number of people have taken part, it has split into two groups. "Everybody wants to tell their story," Orazen said. "After a while, people start thinking about and seeing things they haven't before, so the discussion becomes more interesting."

Most people who take part in the pro-



The St. Thomas More Newman Center (pictured) hosts the "Landings" program for returning Catholics, starting Sept. 29. Photo courtesy Newman Center

gram return to the church, "but sometimes, you get someone who tries, and in the end says 'I'm just not feeling it.'" Orazen said. "Those cases don't upset me, because at least people have made a sincere effort. We cannot judge the program solely by whether someone returned to the church. Sometimes, what happens here doesn't come to fruition for a year or two."

Orazen, 72, has worked with the "Landings" program for about five years and uses himself as an example of how Catholics can drift from the faith. "I was a Catholic all my life and raised four children. Then after they left, I just sort of gradually lost the spirit," he said. "You can be what's considered a faithful Catholic all your life, yet never make a real connection with people. Fortunately, I found that at the Newman Center, and it led me back."

Jill Newell, who has been in charge of the "Catholics Returning Home" program at St. John Newman for the past nine years, grew up with a strong anti-Catholic bias, but met a Catholic woman whose practice of the faith made her realize her view of the church was wrong. "I became Catholic because she had something special that was from God, and I wanted to be like her," she said. "Now I have a chance to show others the

beauty and strength of the church in the same way."

The program in Sunbury takes place twice a year, with the next session starting Sunday, Sept. 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and continuing for the following four weeks through Oct. 18. Besides conducting the two sessions each year, Newell also works one-on-one with people who express a desire to return to the church at times when the program is not offered.

Topics for the "Catholics Returning Home" series include the Mass; the Sacrament of Reconciliation; what the church believes on matters such as the Eucharist, the Creed, marriage, annulments, and abortion; and changes since the Second Vatican Council.

"We focus on the story of the prodigal son," Newell said. "Most people I've dealt with said they drifted from the church because of their marriage situation, or they left for college, got involved in other things, and just sort of let the church go."

"Generally, they come to classes with at least some kind of relationship with God. With one guy, we really started at ground zero. His big question was 'There are so many faiths. How can he know ours is right?' He came a long way, coming so far as to go to the Sacrament of Recon-

ciliation. But then his family moved, and I never heard any more from him. I often wonder what happened to him."

St. Anthony's program for returning Catholics will begin on Monday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. and continue for the following four Mondays, through Oct. 12. It is based on the Sally Mews book also used at St. Edward's. Religious education director Judy McElwee said the parish has been conducting it every year for seven or eight years, except for one year when there was no response.

"We're a small parish, so we've had one to four people taking part, generally one or two," she said. "That allows for plenty of opportunity to tailor the program to individual needs."

"Two people who took part in the first year and had been away from the church for about 20 years have become some of the most enthusiastic members of the team in charge of the program. Talking about their situations has helped many others feel comfortable about discussing why they became inactive. Mostly, it's not that they were fed up or had bad experiences. Life just got in the way, and after a while they felt a need to return. They had roots in the church as children, and they were being called to come back."



Left: A sign placed along the road next to Granville St. Edward Church has helped inactive Catholics decide to attend its "Catholics Returning Home" program. Above: Westerville St. Paul Church begins its "Awakening Faith" program on Oct. 1. Photos courtesy St. Edward and St. Paul churches



ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL LIFE AND LOVE FESTIVAL

More than 500 free orange backpacks filled with school supplies were given to elementary- and middle-school children at the annual Back to School Life and Love Festival sponsored by the Run the Race Center, an organization supported by several Columbus-area parishes. The distribution was part of an afternoon that included food, games, demonstrations, and activities. The center, at 880 S. Wayne Ave. in Columbus, is an after-school haven for at-risk children on the city's west side. The children participate in educational activities, Bible study, sports, music, and more, and receive hot meals and assistance with homework and life skills. The center also houses food and clothing pantries, and now offers a preschool for three- to five-year-olds. The center is part of the Brian Muha Foundation, which was established by Rachel Muha in honor of her son Brian, one of two Franciscan University of Steubenville students killed on May 31, 1999 by two men who broke into their off-campus home. For information about Run The Race or to volunteer or donate, go to www.brianmuhafoundation.org. Photo courtesy Sandy Bonneville

Program to support divorced people

Two Columbus-area parishes will be offering a pastoral support program for men and women who have suffered from divorce. The first session of "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide" program will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Columbus St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway. Sessions will continue each Wednesday evening through Dec. 9, with the exception of Nov. 25, the night before Thanksgiving. The 12-week program will feature 30-minute videos each week that cover divorce-related topics, such as grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the children, spirituality, and more. Whether you were divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, the program will offer valuable insight for everyone. More details and additional offerings may be found online at www.DivorcedCatholicColumbus.org.

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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE INSTALL NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

The new leadership team of the Dominican Sisters of Peace began its six-year term in an installation ceremony at the Martin de Porres Center on Saturday, Aug. 8, the Feast of St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order. About 250 sisters, associates, family members, and friends attended the celebration, which was webcast live to five other motherhouses and several other locations. The Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace is located in Columbus. About 140 members of the order live and minister in the Diocese of Columbus. Ohio Dominican University, the Dominican Learning Center, and the Shepherd's Corner environmental center are among the order's sponsored ministries. During its general chapter in April, the congregation elected new leaders for the period from 2015 to 2021. Sister Pat Twohill, OP, was elected prioress, and Sisters Therese Leckert, OP, Gemma Doll, OP, Gene Poore, OP, and Anne Lythgoe, OP, were chosen as councilors. Sisters Therese, Gemma, and Gene were elected to a second term. Sisters Margaret Ormond, OP, who had been

prioress, and Joan Scanlon, OP, completed their terms on Aug. 8. Sister Pat encouraged sisters and associates "to live in the present moment with passion and to remain focused on the direction set by the Second General Chapter." That direction, known as the Chapter Commitments of the Sisters, includes a call to:

- Study, contemplate, and preach God's revelation discovered in the unfolding mystery of creation and in Sacred Scripture.
- Create environments of peace by promoting non-violence, unity in diversity, and reconciliation among ourselves, in the Church and throughout the world.
- Promote justice through solidarity with those who are marginalized, especially women and children, and work with others to identify and transform oppressive systems.
- Create welcoming communities, inviting others to join as vowed members, associates, volunteers, and partners in the sisters' mission to be the

Holy Preaching.

- Foster God's web of life personally, communally, and ministerially by advocating and supporting just policies and decisions to reduce the impact of global climate change.

 "Pope Francis tells us that we are called to create a culture of encounter, a culture of friendship and relationship, a culture that fosters peaceful dialogue with those who think or believe differently that we and with those in need," Sister Pat said. The mission of the Dominican Sisters of Peace is to bring the Gospel to the world by being peace, building peace, and preaching peace. They include 528 sisters and 600 associates who minister in 26 states and in Peru, Honduras, and Nigeria in many areas, including education, health care, spirituality, pastoral care, prison ministry, and care of creation.



Dominican Sisters of Peace leadership (from left): first row, Sisters Gemma Doll and Pat Twohill; second row, Sisters Gene Poore, Anne Lythgoe and Therese Leckert.

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Portsmouth Notre Dame Elementary School students Mallery Logan and Ethan Kammer received statewide honors in a weather poster contest conducted at the Ohio State Fair by the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness. Logan, a fifth-grader, was the winner for her grade level, and Kammer, a sixth-grader, was selected as the overall winner. The committee will use his poster, with the message "Keep Calm and Weather the Storm," on its website and in materials throughout the year. He is shown with a traveling trophy which was presented by the committee and will be displayed at the school during the current academic year. Photo courtesy Notre Dame Elementary School

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Adult Bible Studies Fall 2015			
	The Psalms (Jeff Cavins)	Monday mornings	Sept. 14-Nov. 16
	The Gospel of St. Matthew (Jeff Cavins)	Monday mornings	Dec. 7-June 20
	Priest, Prophet, King (Robert Barron)	Wednesday mornings	Sept. 2-Dec. 2
	Alpha Campus Alpha	Thursdays & Sundays Coming again	Sept. 10-Dec. 6 June 2016

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Learn about developing a friendship with God and the power of prayer.

Paul Darrow speaks about Same-Sex-Attraction and how the Catholic Church is addressing the needs of such individuals in a faith-filled, sensitive, and compassionate manner through an organization called Courage. Dates for teen and adult presentations this Fall TBD. Contact the parish for more information.

Talks and Movies	
Sept. 3-17 (Thursdays)	Exploring the Church's Teachings on the Family
Nov. 16-Dec. 14 (Mondays)	Infancy Narratives
Dec. 3-17 (Thursdays)	Catholic Movie Nights



For more information about any of these programs, call the office at 740-965-1358 or visit the website at www.saintjohnsunbury.org

Adult Discipleship Groups		
Program	Begins on:	Target Audience:
Alpha	Sept. 10	All adults
That Man Is You! <i>The Spirit of Nazareth</i>	Sept. 16	Men
Walking With Purpose <i>Keeping in Balance</i>	Sept. 14	Women
Beloved	Sept. 12	Married Couples
Single Again <i>Catholicism</i>	Sept. 6	Single Again (those previously married)
Campus Alpha	June 2016	Adults 18-25
I.D. 9:16	Going on now	Young Adults

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Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
James 1:17-18,21b-22,27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Whenever nominees for the U.S. Supreme Court are vetted by the Senate, the question is always asked about whether the nominee intends to uphold what the “Founding Fathers” meant when they fashioned the Constitution. We can easily see what they wrote, but it’s not always so easy to understand what they meant.

Deuteronomy was written at least 500 years after the time of Moses, yet Moses is the speaker throughout the book. The intervening history between the time of the historical Moses and the time when Deuteronomy was written was complicated and vastly different from the time Moses roamed through the Sinai Peninsula with a group of former slaves.

Deuteronomy is presented as kind of a last will and testament of Moses before his death. He is reviewing the slate of all the Law that had been established by the Lord. It anticipates the taking of “the land, which the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you.” Their greatness as a nation is based on the belief that their God lives in the midst of them, and has given them the statutes and decrees of the Law as a testimony to the nations around them of their closeness to the Lord, whose will they obey.

All of this had already happened by the time Deuteronomy was written, so the book actually reflects the period of the seventh century BC, rather than the 12th century BC, when the “historical” Exodus is commonly understood to have occurred. The meaning and application of these words affected Deuteronomy’s present, not Israel’s past. The reality was that the northern kingdom (Israel) had been destroyed by the Assyrians, and many priests and other exiles fled to the south-

ern kingdom (Judah). Deuteronomy reminds one and all that the statutes and decrees of the Law are meant to be observed, lest the same thing befall the south, which already had seen the destruction of the north. The law that is being set before them “today” is the Law as it had developed over the five centuries since they had fled Egypt.

The Pharisees and scribes are the favorite whipping boys of the Gospels, even though Jesus shared many of the Pharisees’ views. The issue in Sunday’s Gospel is what constitutes law and what constitutes interpretation of law. Jesus objects to the “traditions of the elders” being considered equivalent to law. He defends his disciples on this distinction. How the Pharisees observed his disciples eating meals with “unwashed hands” we are not told.

Mark adds the instruction about what “all Jews” do as an explanation for readers unfamiliar with these customs. One is reminded of some of the liturgical rituals which are sometimes considered and observed as equivalent to Law. There is virtually no difference between the critique Jesus renders against the purification of “cups, jugs and kettles” and some of the more bizarre liturgical legislation that periodically arises.

However, given the widespread Essene movement of the time, whose members had vigorous laws of purification as part of the group’s traditions, it is not hard to suppose that some Pharisees and others had latched on to those customs as a sign of their superior status as practicing religious Jews. When they see Jesus’ disciples ignoring such customs, they go after the teacher.

Jesus quotes Isaiah to properly distinguish between talk and action. Disregarding God’s commandment in favor of human tradition is the height of hypocrisy. Jesus gives an example of this in the full text, but it has been edited out of this Gospel for Sunday. The focus instead is on all the evils which come from within people which actually defile them. Many scholars argue that the list was the work of the early church.

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Tuscarawas Pro-Life Rally

Beth Vanderkooi, executive director of Grater Columbus Right to Life, will be the featured speaker at the fourth annual Tuscarawas County Walk for Life on Saturday, Sept. 12 in New Philadelphia.

The walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., with prayer and a talk by Vanderkooi. Walkers will go to the county courthouse, which is a short distance from the church, for a rally, then return to the church for a closing prayer and refreshments. For more information, call the church at (330) 343-6976.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Psalm 96:1,3-5,11-13
Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
Luke 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY
Colossians 1:1-8
Psalm 52:10-11
Luke 4:38-44

THURSDAY
Colossians 1:9-14
Psalm 98:2-6
Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY
Colossians 1:15-20
Psalm 100:1b-5
Luke 5:33-39

SATURDAY
Colossians 1:21-23
Psalm 54:3-4,6,8
Luke 6:1-5

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2015

SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for 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 the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

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 (AM820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

The deeper issue at the Synod

Looking back on the controversy that preceded Pope Paul VI’s 1968 encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, I get the impression that there was an even deeper issue in play than the question of the morally appropriate means to regulate human fertility. Underneath that debate, another issue was being contested: How should Catholics do moral theology?

The forces pushing for a change in the Church’s longstanding rejection of artificial means of contraception were also pressing for the acceptance of a new moral-theological method, “proportionalism,” as the approved Catholic way of thinking through the tangled issues of the moral life. Those defending the Church’s traditional position were, by the same token, defending more classical ways of moral reasoning. The “change” people denied that there were “intrinsically evil acts,” arguing that moral choices should be judged by a “proportional” calculation of intention, act, and consequence. Defenders of the tradition held that some things were always and everywhere wrong in and of themselves.

In upholding the Church’s understanding that using the natural rhythms of fertility is the morally appropriate means of regulating births, Paul VI also was rejecting the proportionalists’ push to become the lead dog in Catholic moral theology – a rejection that would be underscored in 1993 by John Paul II’s encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* (*The Splendor of Truth*).

A brilliant article by a German Catholic philosopher, Professor Thomas Stark, suggests that the same dynamic – an argument beneath the argument – may be afoot in the controversies that will be aired again at



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

the Synod of Bishops in October.

In a painstaking analysis of the intellectual building-blocks of Cardinal Walter Kasper’s theological project, Professor Stark argues that, for Kasper, the notion of what we might call “sacred givens” in theology has been displaced by the idea that our perceptions of truth are always conditioned by the flux of history – thus, there really are no “sacred givens” to which the Church is accountable. To take a relevant example from last year’s synod: on Kasper’s theory, the Lord Jesus’ teaching on the indissolubility of marriage, seemingly “given” in Scripture, should be “read” through the prism of the turbulent historical experience of the present, in which “marriage” is experienced in many different ways and a lot of Catholics get divorced. That historically determined “reading” would lead, in turn, to a tempering of what once seemed settled: the Church’s understanding that those in second marriages, if their first marriages haven’t been declared null, cannot be admitted to Holy Communion because they are living in what is objectively an adulterous relationship.

Stark quotes Kasper to the effect that history is, well,

Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive



ten share with engaged couples that “we don’t pledge a vow before God and the Church for something that will be easy; we make the vow of marriage because we anticipate it being very difficult at times.” If 10 years in marriage and family ministry has taught me anything, it’s that marriage and family life is often difficult! What families need, now more than ever, is God’s mercy!

The parable of the Prodigal Son is really our own story. With the abundant availability of Internet pornography as well as a society that praises and encourages every form of immoral lifestyle, it is easier than ever to “squander our inheritance” and “leave the

Father’s house.” But the Lord never stops loving His prodigal children. He continually offers us the ability to confess our sins, reform our lives, and return again to the life of grace. Cardinal Carlo Caffarra once described Christ’s mercy by reflecting on the story of the woman caught in adultery: “Jesus, in order to overcome this evil, doesn’t condemn the person who has committed this act; rather he cures the person of this great evil and commands her not to enter into this evil again. ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go and do not sin again.’ This is the mercy of which only the Lord is capable. This is the mercy which the Church, from one generation to the next, announces.”

Opening our hearts to the mercy of Christ in Confession may make us a little uneasy at first, and yet we leave the confessional realizing that “His yoke is easy and His burden light.” Jesus meets us where we are, but He also

everything. Moreover, what happens in history does not happen atop a firm foundation of Things As They Are; rather, there are no Things As They Are. “History is the ultimate framework for all reality,” writes Kasper. For the cardinal, then, there seems to be nothing properly describable as “human nature,” a careful study of which will yield moral truths. There is only humanity in the flow of history. And just as there is no “human nature,” but only historical experience, so there is no Scripture understood as a “sacred given.” There is only the evolving reception of Scripture in a Church that is rafting down the whitewater rapids of history. Thus, Kasper can write without blushing that “the truth of the Gospel can only emerge from a consensus.”

Which seems in tension with the notion that the “truth of the Gospel” is a gift to the Church and the world from Jesus Christ.

The tendency of some older forms of Catholic theology to reduce theology to a string of logical equations was a problem. The 20th-century rediscovery of history as a source of theological reflection helped correct that tendency. But the Kasper approach, which is reflected in the German and Swiss bishops’ reports to the upcoming synod, absolutizes history to the point that it relativizes and ultimately demeans revelation – the “sacred givens” that are the permanent structure of Christian life.

And that is a serious problem.

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loves us too much to leave us there. Christ continually calls us to turn away from sin and to order our lives according to the “truth that will set us free.” Accepting the mercy of Christ never involves justifying our sinful actions and lifestyles, but rather a sincere desire to break free from sin, “relying not on our own strength, but on the help and grace of the Holy Spirit” (*Catechism* 1817).

Families are often faced with struggles and difficulties and long for peace and joy. It is only in opening our hearts to the mercy of Christ, through frequent reception of the Sacraments, allowing Him to heal and transform us, that our families will be able to find that peace and joy for which we long. May the coming visit of Pope Francis bring about an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our confused and broken society, so that all may come to know the love and mercy of Christ! The Lord continually awaits our return with open arms!

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Pray for our dead

ARMSTRONG, Dale V., 82, Aug. 14
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

BIEGLER, Albert G., Aug. 8
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

BURNS, Clara E., 98, Aug. 14
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

CAPPEL, Robert C., 84, Aug. 15
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

CARSTENS, Noreen, 68, Aug. 13
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

CIANCETTA, Dr. Victor B., 60, Aug. 11
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

COLBERT, Roger L., 62, Aug. 4
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

DAY, Cecilia B., 89, Aug. 9
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

DeLEONE, James F., 89, Aug. 16
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

DETORIO, Ellen, 84, Aug. 19
St. Joseph Church, Dover

FAHEY, Judy A., 72, formerly of Columbus, Aug. 16
Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Newton, Mass.

GEYER, Teresa M., 91, Aug. 2
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

GLASS, David A., 32, Aug. 15
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

GOODWIN, Matthew B., 24, Aug. 13
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

HERB, Frank X. Jr., formerly of Columbus, Aug. 11
St. Charles Borromeo Church, Port Charlotte, Fla.

HUFFMAN, Mary, 91, Aug. 16
St. Joseph Church, Dover

KARPAC, John A., 87, Aug. 12
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

KEELEY, Christian L.R., 85, Aug. 3
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

KERSCHER, Virginia E., 92, Aug. 8
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

KOHL, Mary E., 90, Aug. 14
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

MALDONADO, Luz, 75, Aug. 8
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

McGARVEY-KALMAR, Olga V., 77, Aug. 13
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

McKENZIE, Jack C., 83, Aug. 20
Church of the Assumption, Johnstown

MEIKLE, Rosemary, 92, Aug. 17
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

MILLER, Edward J., 90, Aug. 11
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

MOSIC, Ronald A., 76, Aug. 12
St. Paul Church, Westerville

OHM, Michael W., 54, Aug. 13
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

REA, Mary A., 88, Aug. 14
St. Michael Church, Worthington

RUMBERG, Randall G., 64, of Columbus, Aug. 11
St. Francis de Sales Church, Beckley, W.Va.

RUTH, William B., 93, Aug. 20
St. Michael Church, Worthington

SAPRANO, Anthony J. "Jeep," 73, of Gahanna, Aug. 15
St. Peter Church, Mansfield

SCHUELLER, Katharina, 93, Aug. 18
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

SHANAHAN, Kevin R., 56, Aug. 13
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

SMITH, Terry D., 62, Aug. 18
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

STEWART, Edith A., 5 days, Aug. 7
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

TERHANKO, Roselyn, 74, Aug. 5
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

THOMAS, Forrest G., 74, Aug. 14
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

WESTENBERGER, Robert F., 84, Aug. 21
Holy Family Church, Columbus

WOOTCHIE, Delores, 73, Aug. 20
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

Sister Mary Sheila Burson, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Sheila Burson, OP, 95, who died Saturday, Aug. 8, was held Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Jan. 21, 1920 in New Orleans and entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of New Orleans (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) on June 12, 1960.

Sister M. Marguerite Troxler, CSC

Funeral Mass for Sister M. Marguerite Troxler, CSC, 92, who died Friday, Aug. 14, was held Thursday, Aug. 20, in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana.

She was born Aug. 6, 1923, and was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, Marshall, Texas. She professed her final vows with the Sisters of the Holy Cross on Aug. 15, 1944.

Mary Ann Lindner

Funeral Mass for Mary Ann Lindner, 87, who died Monday, Aug. 3, was held Friday, Aug. 7 at Beaver creek St. Luke Church. Burial was at St. Bernard's Cemetery, Springfield.

She was born Nov. 24, 1927, in Evansville, Indiana, to Courtland and Camilla Corbin, graduated from New Harmony (Indiana) High School in 1945, attended Wittenberg University, and received a bachelor of science degree in home economics from Purdue University in 1951.

She was the secretary at Columbus St. Christopher School for about 15

Jo-Ann Jurgens

Funeral Mass for Jo-Ann Jurgens, 90, who died Saturday, Aug. 1, was held Wednesday, Aug. 12 at Columbus St. Philip Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Aug. 27, 1924 in Columbus to Joseph and Gertrude Sternecker, and graduated in 1946 from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University).

She worked for the Joint Organiza-

tion for Inner-City Needs for 20 years after retiring in 1989 from The Ohio State University, where she was a dietitian and an office assistant.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Augusta (Morey) Burson; brothers, Bartlett and Joseph; and sisters, Mary Gury and Olive Shaw.

Following her profession of vows, she ministered in an ancillary services position at Mount Carmel Medical Center in Columbus from 1944-48. She continued in similar positions in the East until 1977, when she completed a program in pastoral care. She served at Mount Carmel again from 1977-82 and continued working with the elderly at other locations until 1993.

years until 1980, then worked in the communications office of The Ohio State University until 2001. Earlier, she was employed by Rike's department store in Springfield and Ohio National Bank in Columbus. She belonged to the Columbus Rock and Mineral Society from 1958-2004, and was a member of the St. Christopher Church choir.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thomas; and sister, Margaret Wathen. Survivors include a daughter, Margaret (Mike) Herring; and two grandchildren.

tion for Inner-City Needs for 20 years after retiring in 1989 from The Ohio State University, where she was a dietitian and an office assistant.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Vonnie Rudd. Survivors include sons, Richard, Daniel (Pamela), and Mark (Cheryl); daughter, Julie (Terry) Allman; two grandsons; five stepchildren; and 10 step-grandchildren.

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AUGUST

27, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. **614-262-0390**

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart
7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and

30, SUNDAY

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**

Benefit Concert at St. Francis of Assisi

3 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Homecoming concert with singer-songwriter Abbie Stands, now of Allentown, Pa., piano and percussion ensemble, and parish choir, benefiting parish ministries and upkeep. **614-299-5781**

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H A P P E N I N G S

social period. Prayers for intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for bishops and priests. **614-372-5249**

Charismatic Mass at St. Matthias

7:30 p.m., St. Matthias Church, 1566 Ferris Road, Columbus. Mass sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, celebrated by Father Justin Reis, preceded by rosary at 6 and praise and worship, with personal prayer available, at 6:30. **614-500-8115**

28, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. **614-866-4302**

29, 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.

Serra Club of North Columbus Luncheon for Sisters
11:30 a.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Road, Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus luncheon for consecrated religious sisters of the diocese. **614-529-0230**

29-30, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Young Adult Retreat at Sts. Peter and Paul Center

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Columbus. Retreat for people searching for answers about faith, life, and relationships, sponsored by Charis, a Jesuit ministry for young adults, and diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. Cost \$65. **614-241-2565**

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SEPTEMBER

1, TUESDAY

Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting

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

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from

abortion or who has been through a recovery program. and wants to stay connected. **614-444-4411**

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. **740-654-6928**

3, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. **614-262-0390**

Holy Hour at Holy Family

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. **614-221-4323**

Catholic Foundation Grant Preparation Workshop

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. Grant preparation workshop for any organization planning to apply for a Foundation grant. Advance registration required. **614-443-8893**

Back in His Arms Again Meeting

7 p.m., Panera restaurant, 782 N. State St., Westerville. Monthly meeting of Back in His Arms Again group for mothers who have experienced the loss of a child.

3-5, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (items half-price Friday night and Saturday). Franklin County Fairgrounds, 4100 Columbia St., Hilliard. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items, benefiting Catholic and pro-life charities. **614-561-5300**

4, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

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Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Speaker: Bill Messery, executive director of St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.

No St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale

The monthly first-Friday sale of baked goods will not take place at St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church in Columbus, because of the Labor Day holiday.

Bishop Hartley Class of 1965 Reunion

6 p.m. to midnight, Jefferson Country Club, 7271 Jefferson Meadows Drive, Blacklick. Columbus Bishop Hartley High School Class of 1965 50th anniversary reunion. Cost \$55 per person. **614-866-5730**

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. un-

til Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

5, 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.

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. **614-372-5249**

Christ the King School Class of 1961 Reunion

9 a.m., Christ the King School, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Reunion Mass for members of parish school's Class of 1961, followed by socializing and 11 a.m. buffet luncheon at TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus. \$20 per person. **614-397-8434**

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**

Filipino Mass at Holy Cross

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

6, SUNDAY

Exposition at Church of the Resurrection

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

Run the Race Club Building Opens

4 to 7 p.m., Run the Race Club, 880 S. Wayne Ave., Columbus. Opening of club's new building to serve at-risk children on the city's west side. Tours provided. Bishop Frederick Campbell will bless the building at 6 p.m. **614-882-2334**

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8, TUESDAY

Calix Society Meeting

6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Preceded by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, across street from meeting site.

EnCourage Ministry Monthly Meeting

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THE DEMENTIA DANCE

By **Tim Puet**
Catholic Times' Reporter

Perhaps the most dramatic of all the scientific developments of the 20th and early 21st centuries is that most people's lives are much longer than they used to be. The most recent figures from the Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Health Statistics show that in the United States, the average lifespan now is nearly 79 years. In 1900, it was 47.

With more people living longer, it's becoming more common for both them and their children to have to deal with the health problems associated with being older. Dementia, a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life, is one of the most significant of those problems.

The Alzheimer's Association says one in nine people age 65 and older have Alzheimer's disease, the most common type of dementia. It affects about one-third of people 85 and older. All of those people require a caregiver.

The Dementia Dance by Columbus-based author Rosemary Barkes is one caregiver's story, told in 48 short chapters totaling 120 pages, which easily can be read in one sitting. It's a simple, but powerful story of how Barkes dealt with her mother's dementia. It begins on the day of her father's funeral in 2006, when her mother, who had been married to him for 70 years, asks, "Who died?"

From there, it takes readers through the realization that Barkes' mother already has been affected by memory loss for two years and needs more care than she can receive at home, the struggle (and the deception) necessary to get her to leave her home of 40 years in Mount Gilead for an assisted-

living facility which will provide her with the care she needs, and the adjustments which allow the author and her 85-year-old mother to accept the new reality of their lives.

Barkes says in the introduction to the book that caregivers for people with dementia "will be thrown into deep water without a life jacket. No answers will suit everyone's situation, and no job description exists. As a caregiver I quickly learned that I did not control the circumstances surrounding dementia. The circumstances controlled me. To get ahead of it – before losing my sanity – I learned to work hand-in-hand with the disease."

The final two years of her mother's life were spent mostly at the assisted-living facility, with periods at a rehabilitation facility and finally at a hospice. During that period, Barkes, her sister, and other family members learned how to deal with everything from trying to figure out how often to return their mother's phone calls to determining when to place her into palliative care for her final days.

Plenty of books look at dementia from a medical point of view, but Barkes views it from a much more personal level, talking about her mother's illness in a way that makes the reader feel he or she is sitting down with her at lunch or a community function.

The book doesn't minimize the difficulties of dealing with dementia, but also contains many moments of grace and humor, providing a candid, insightful, and hopeful view of a difficult process more and more people are likely to be going through in the next few years.

Barkes said it grew out of notes she began writing to herself as she observed her mother's transition to the

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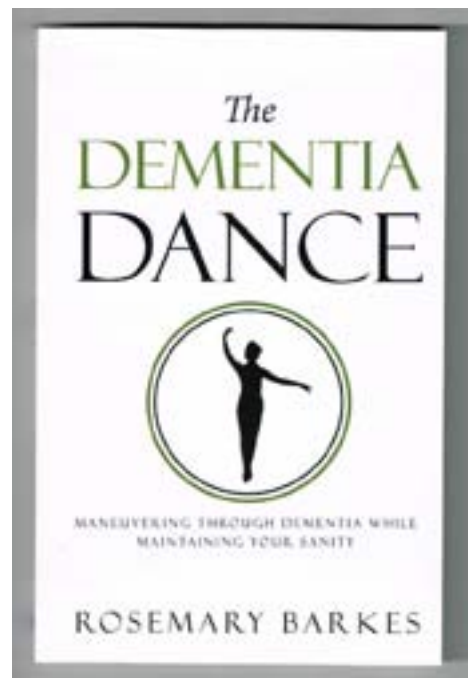


assisted-living facility. "I had been volunteering for several years at the nursing home where we took my mother, but I didn't realize until she became a resident of the facility that there were plenty of things I didn't know about how to communicate with the staff and residents there," she said. "So I began making notes.

"Mom received the best of care at the places she stayed during her final two years, so I had no issues with that. But a lot of things came up that I had never anticipated. For instance, I soon learned not to bring any valuables, because they easily might come up missing. It's not that the residents of any of the homes are thieves. They just see things lying around and pick them up because they don't realize the items aren't theirs.

"Staff turnover is another thing that can be difficult. People start and leave jobs all the time, but in a nursing home, it's more of a problem than at most places because of the relationships that are built up among patients, family and friends, and staff members. When a staff member leaves, you have to start over with that person's replacement, explaining the patient's and your particular concerns. It takes time to get used to each other."

Barkes said the most important part of dealing with someone who has dementia is accepting that person's situation. "You have to go where someone is in his or her mind, not yours," she said.



"A person may repeat something 100 times, but it's not because he wants to be annoying. He doesn't realize it.

"Another thing that's absolutely crucial for any caregiver coping with dementia is to reach out for help from others – especially people like pastors, neighbors, and friends from outside the family who want to help, but don't have as personal a stake as you. Don't be a martyr.

"And keep a balance in your life. A lot of people can't do that, but it's something a good caregiver must do. As painful as it is to deal with, you can't be so tied to someone's condition that you neglect the other people in your life."

The Dementia Dance was published in 2013 by Deep River Books. Barkes said it took five years to write it and to find a publisher. During that time, she also was dealing with health problems affecting her husband, who died earlier this year. In the past two years, she has been part of nearly 100 book signings at assisted living facilities, senior citizen centers, churches, galleries, and the International Christian Retail Show at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

For more information on the book and the author, or to purchase a copy, go to www.barkesbooks.com. The book also is available on amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and other online bookstores.

Book signings may be arranged by calling the author at (614) 875-7030. There is no charge for the signings; the book is \$15.



It's a given every year that at least one high-school football team from the Diocese of Columbus will reach the playoffs and make a long run in the postseason.

Nothing is different in 2015. As the season kicks off around the state this weekend, diocesan teams are striving to continue the tradition of excellence established by the players and coaches who preceded them at their schools.

Columbus Bishop Hartley, Columbus St. Francis DeSales and New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic reached the playoffs last season. Hartley advanced to the state semifinals, DeSales returned to the postseason after a two-year absence, and Tuscarawas Catholic was a playoff qualifier for the first time since 2009.

This year, Hartley returns a strong core of players and has designs on another playoff push, and DeSales is looking to make it back to the postseason for a second straight year.

Columbus Bishop Watterson is hoping for a bounce-back year. Lancaster Fisher Catholic and Newark Catholic are considered potential playoff contenders. Columbus St. Charles and Columbus Bishop Ready missed the playoffs last season and would like to make it back, and Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans and Portsmouth Notre Dame are aiming for improvement.

A brief look at each team:

St. Charles

St. Charles has 95 players, including 13 seniors, on its 2015 roster. The Cardinals finished 2-7 last year after making the playoffs in 2013.

"We had a really great offseason," senior lineman Pat McPherson said. "We're ready to compete for a conference championship and a playoff spot."

Coach Jeff Pharion, in his seventh season at St. Charles, said the Cardinals are seeing the benefits of new weight room facilities that helped the players improve their strength and conditioning during the offseason.

Defensively, St. Charles is moving to a 4-3 defense from a 3-4 to utilize a group of linemen who gained experience a year ago.

"I'd like to get an identity defense for our team," Pharion said. "We've been looking for it, and I think we may have found it."

St. Charles had a lead in the third quarter in six of its 10 games last year, but was hurt by second-half turnovers. Eliminating those mistakes is a point of emphasis in 2015.

"We're just focusing on getting through the game with no mental faults or breakdowns," senior quarterback Joe Maciejewski said. "I think we can quite successful with who we have on the field. We have a lot of talent both on the line and at the skill positions. We just need more confidence."

DeSales

DeSales advanced to the regional finals last year and finished with a 10-3 record.

2015 Catholic High School Football Preview

BY DOUG BEAN

The Stallions returned to the playoffs after falling short the two previous years, ending a run of 18 straight postseason appearances.

Coach Ryan Wiggins is optimistic about earning another trip to the playoffs this year, provided DeSales can manage its always-challenging schedule, which begins with four of five games on the road. Six starters on defense and four on offense return.

Among the talented players on the roster are running back-defensive back Austin Andrews, running back Jake Gilmore, and linebacker Ryan Corkrean. Andrews is a Michigan State commitment, Gilmore rushed for 1,100 yards last year, and Corkrean led the team in tackles.

"We're excited," said Wiggins, who has a 68-28 record. "I thought we had a lot of great things happen to us in 2014, and hopefully we can build on that momentum."

Longtime DeSales coach Bob Jacoby has returned to the school as an assistant. Wiggins' staff also includes former Westerville South head coach Rocky Pentello.

"Our goals never change," Wiggins said. "It's a day-to-day grind. We want to win the CCL, we want to make the playoffs."

Ready

Veteran coach Brian Cross returns for his second season at Ready with 46 players on the roster. The Silver Knights return five starters on offense and four on defense from a team that finished 5-4 last year.

"We're battling numbers just a little bit," Cross said. "A lot of freshmen and sophomores are going to have to contribute."

Ready won a regional title two years ago and would like to reclaim a playoff spot. Three of the Silver Knights' four losses last year were to teams that won at least one playoff game.

Cross will use a 4-3 base defense and a spread attack mixed with a wing-T on offense.

"We're just kind of like everybody else. We want to move the chains and we don't want to turn the ball over," Cross said. We want to be as physical as we can. We'd like to have a good, physical attack."

Watterson

The past two seasons have been an aberration for Watterson. One of the state's most successful programs produced just five combined wins in 2013 and 2014.

The players and coaching staff are determined to return Watterson football to its winning ways. They've adopted a "return to glory" motto for 2015.

"The ultimate goal for everyone in the room is to win a state championship," quarterback Stephen Markos said. "We have the mindset that we can go in and win every single game. We can win the state championship. People might say you went 2-8 (last year) and that's a lofty goal, but if you don't have that mindset and you don't have that will to do that, there's no way you're going to be able to do

that. If you get 11 guys on the field who can play with extreme energy on both sides of the ball ... if you can do that, you're not going to lose too many games."

Watterson is blessed with 105 players in the program, including five returning starters on offense and three on defense and a large class of 36 sophomores. The numbers give the Eagles some depth, which will be beneficial against a typically tough schedule.

"Personally, I'm fed up with losing," said senior linebacker-fullback Sam Lewis, a returning starter. "I think the whole team's attitude is we're mad. We're upset about what we've done these last two years and we're ready to go out and change that. Every practice we're bringing way more energy. We're going to play very hard and have a good season."

Dan Blejac, beginning his 13th year as head coach with an 88-52 overall record that includes a state title in 2010, will stick with the same offensive and defensive schemes that proved successful in the past, but will mix in some spread formations with a hybrid version of the wing-T.

Hartley

No program has enjoyed more success in the past decade than Hartley. The Hawks won a state title in 2010, finished as runner-up in 2013, and have established themselves as a perennial playoff power.

Last year, Hartley advanced to the state semifinals in Division V before losing to Canton Central Catholic.

Coach Brad Burchfield, beginning his eighth year at Hartley with a 75-16 record at the school, has 90 players on the roster and is excited about the season.

"I love our team," he said. "This is going to be a great, great team. I'm as excited about this team as I've ever been. We have great talent and ability. We return a boatload of starters. The camaraderie is fantastic."

Top returnees for the Hawks are linebacker and fullback Quri Hickman, who rushed for 1,548 yards and 28 touchdowns last year; quarterback Jake Ruby, an Ohio State baseball commitment who rushed for 1,149 yards and 11 touchdowns and passed for 823 yards and two TDs last season; Rian Anderson, a three-year starter as a defensive back and wide receiver; Ryan Reed, a four-year starter on special teams and a three-year starter on the offensive line; and kicker Ben Hawk, a second-team All-Ohio selection in 2014.

Rosecrans

Mark Johnston took over as head coach in July after Jay Campbell left for a teaching and coaching job at New Albany. Rosecrans has only 21 players on the roster and is coming off 0-10 and 2-8 seasons in 2013 and 2014, but Johnston thinks the Bishops have a shot at going 5-5 this year against a tough schedule filled with larger schools.

Rosecrans will be strong up front, with all of its starters on the offensive and defensive

lines returning. Running back Travis Johnston rushed for 1,204 yards as a sophomore last year.

"Had to piece it all together to get started and moving for 2015," Johnston said of Campbell leaving. "Tough way to get started, but the kids have adapted and are ready to move on."

With seven starters returning on offense, the Bishops plan to use a pro-style attack. The defense returns nine starters and will play a 4-4.

Newark Catholic

Newark Catholic is one of the most successful programs in Ohio high school football, with nine state championships, but the Green Wave failed to qualify for the playoffs last year, and that left a bad taste in their mouths.

To improve on last season's 5-5 record, Newark Catholic will have to navigate its way through a challenging Division V schedule.

Bill Franks, starting his 13th season as head coach, has depth at the skill positions and athletic ability that should help the Green Wave.

Fisher Catholic

Fisher Catholic is optimistic about the prospects for its first winning season since 2006. The Irish finished 3-7 a year ago, but return senior quarterback Jared Faulkner and a strong nucleus on defense.

Mike Yannotti takes over as coach this year, and senior Jared Faulkner, a first-team All-Ohio outfielder in baseball, returns at quarterback.

Tuscarawas Catholic

Tuscarawas Catholic is coming off an 8-3 season that included a Division VII playoff berth and the team's first postseason trip since 2009.

The team loses several all-state standouts from last year, but returns senior Eric Dahmen, a Division VII first-team All-Ohio selection in 2014.

The Saints open their 2015 schedule against Lisbon Anderson on Friday night and have non-league games against Weirton (W.Va.) Madonna and Rosecrans before beginning Inter-Valley Conference play against Strasburg on Sept. 19.

Notre Dame

After qualifying for the playoffs in 2013, Notre Dame finished last season with a 2-8 overall record and a 1-4 mark in Southern Ohio Conference play.

With 23 players on the roster this year, the Titans need to stay healthy to help them stay competitive. Like many other Division VII schools, they have a small roster but play with lots of heart and toughness.

Longtime coach Bob Ashley returns a core group that includes running backs Sam Kayser and Michael Collins and linebacker Aaron Bazler.

Summer reading program at St. Anthony



More than 50 students took part in this year's summer reading program at Columbus St. Anthony School, conducted by eighth-grade teacher Kelly Buzenski (far left) and librarian Claire Hatem (far right).

This was the fourth year for the program.

Every Wednesday during the summer, students met in the school library with Hatem and Buzenski to read and take accelerated reading quizzes on nearly 150 books.

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