The Editor’s Notebook

The Incarnated Christian

By David Garick, Editor

The final days of Advent 2015 are here. Soon, the star will beckon us to the lovely stable in Bethlehem where the Almighty are here. Soon, the star will the world. This life and death of ing. This human Jesus renewed suffering, and, ultimately our dy emotions, our daily work, our gradual learning, our failures, God, was also really human in shows Jesus, while being truly yet unborn son, John the Baptist. to both Elizabeth and to her as- first made His human presence than 100 miles each way. But in drive across town. Mary’s jour angel of the Lord had told her of ing for this event herself. The more than 2,000 years That is what we have been pre- -

Bishop Frederick Campbell installed 12 deacon candidates to the ministry of acolyte on Saturday, Dec. 12 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral at 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass for Grandparents Sunday. The ministry of acolyte is the final step toward ordination to the diaconate. An acolyte’s ministry is to assist the bishop, priest, and deacon at the celebration of Mass. Aatic celebrative liturgical events when needed. The candidates will serve as sac- tory of lector at this time last year. An acolyte can be a”on an extraor- dinary minister of the Eucharist anywhere in the diocese, not just at their home parish, and help properly the na- ves. Acolytes assist with the RomanMissal of sacred books and help the deacon prepare the altar. During this past year, one of the 12 men knew before the bishop and received the paten with hosts and the chalice as a sign that the sh are ministers of the altar. As part of the final year of incarna- tion, Bishop Frederick has appointed each deacon candidate to a neighboring parish to help the pastor as needed. The candidate is asked to spend time out of four weekends a month (or approximatively eight to 10 hours a week) at this parish, getting to know the pe- ple, assisting at the liturgies, and par- ticipating in other pastoral pro- grams. After another year of training, the acolytes can be ordained in November as permanent deacons of the diocese of Columbus. Pictured are (from left), first row, Don Frank Iannarino (Director, Office of the Diocesan Schools), Stephen Petrill (Dublin St. Charles); Matt Wessel (Columbus St. Peter); David Lozowski (Coshocton Sacred Heart, serving at Dresden St. Ann); Paul Albright (Brigade of the Holy Rosary serving at Columbus St. Peter); Bishop Frederick Campbell; (rear) (Sister of Perpetual Help), serving at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona, Tom Phillips (Columbus St. Thomas, serve- ing at parishes in the center city of Co- lumbus), David Baer (Maryville-Our Lady of La Salle), serving at Plain City St. Joseph.

Bishop Frederick Campbell officially opened the Holy Door at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, Dec. 13. He also joined Pope Francis and bishops at cathedral worldwide this week in beginning the celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The next 12 months in the Church will have a special emphasis on the works of mercy. Pope Francis has granted a jubilee indulgence to all through the Holy Door of any cathedral or other designated site in the coming year. A plenary indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal penalty due sins already forgiven and made present. Confession, receive Eucharistic Communion, pray for the Holy Father, and be absent from all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

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TRINITY “HOUR OF CODE”

A daylong workshop on the spiritual practice of journaling and a weekend retreat of the soul and spirit of the Faith Community are among events scheduled for the first two months of 2016 at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.

Young professionals group to attend NHL game

The Catholic Foundation’s young professionals group will attend the Columbus Blue Jackets’ NHL game against the Avalanche at Nationwide Arena this weekend. The group will host an open house for parents of prospective students from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sun. Jan. 10. The event will include tours of the school and opportunities to meet with teachers.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Fourth Sunday of Advent: “Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” (Luke 1:43) Today we hear the account of the Visitation of the Lord to Mary. This is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.

Fourth Monday: “Why should I be honored with a visit from the mother of my Lord?” (Luke 1:43) Today’s Gospel reading is the same as yesterday’s, the account of the Visitation. It is a moving account. We hear of Elizabeth’s reaction to Mary when she first realizes that Mary is carrying Jesus in her womb. We also hear of the reaction of Elizabeth’s unborn child. It is through this extraordinary encounter that we can appreciate the significance of what has happened. I will spend some time today thinking about ways in which I can give greater witness to God through my words and actions.

Fourth Tuesday: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...He has lowered down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.” (Luke 1:46, 52) To-day’s Gospel is the Magnificat, where Mary reflects on God in the world. She speaks of God’s actions in the past and how God will act in the future. Mary uses the terms “mighty hand” and “holy hand”. She invokes the words, “your Holy Child.” These are words that we can use in our lives. Mary uses the term “favor” which means favor and grace from God. She says, “He has done mighty things for me.” Mary says, “He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and exalted the lowly.” (Luke 1:52). This prophecy, spoken by Zechariah, is part of the prayer of the Church that is prayed by so many today. It is an opportunity here to reflect on our own journey through life. I spend some time today thinking about ways in which I can give greater witness to God through my words and actions.

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Q. I am the mother of three ad-
dult children, ages 5 to 15. We live in a small house with no extra
space. A year ago, we came to my mother-in-law's rescue when she was
having some problems and of-
f ered her temporary shelter until she could get on her feet. Now, though, she is still with us and
we need to do everything for her. She just sleeps, eats (she weighs
over 360 pounds), and talks on her cell
telephone. She interferes with the life of the family and refuses to help with any chores of the house. I am on dis-
ability myself, our family life is un-
healthy, and the children are suffer-
ing from her presence in our midst.
My question is this: Would it be un-
charitable for me to tell her to go live
on her own and to leave this house before I go crazy? (City of origin
withheld)

A. Your first obligation is to your husband and to your children. If, as you say, your mother-in-law's presence is seriously impacting your family's health and happiness, she needs to leave. And you need, very quickly, to have an honest conver-
sation with your husband as to how to accomplish this in a kind and moun-
table way (keeping in mind that there is, of course, a perfect way).

Can you help guide your mother-
-in-law into an alternate living ar-
ray of options? There are both local
priest or Catholic social services agencies who could advise you of some
suitable alternatives that would ad-
dress her physical and psychological
concerns. Far from prohibiting this course of action, charity in fact de-
mands it. The Paris bombings that took this catastrophic step for the greater good of your family.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Kovner at philkovich@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Al-
bany NY 12208.

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Many of us, I’m suspecting, have only a little, if any, churchgoing experience or knowledge of the rite of Penance. Many, in fact, will prudently and carefully avoid the boat full of snakes to which Jesus pointed us: “Go, and sin no more, or who could stand?” (Jn. 8: 11). This Jubilee year gets un-
der way. The corporate works include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, welcom-
ing the foreigner, healing the sick, vis-
iting the imprisoned, and burying the dead. The spiritual works of mercy in-
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giving offenses, bearing patiently with those who do us ill, and praying for the living and the
dead.

Let’s take a look at how we can prac-
tice the first two corporal works of mer-
cy toward the elderly on a material and a spiritual level. We’ll begin with our bodily needs.

Many people on fixed incomes subsist on foods that are less than ideal from a nutritional stand-
point. Fast foods and other processed items are generally cheaper than wholesome fresh food, but they also are lower in nutrients and higher in unhealthy ingredients such as sugar, fat, and sodium. There is a notable lack of food assistance.

The elderly may also experience mobility issues or the transportation needed to get out shop-
king. A regular basis, is much harder for them to obtain fresh foods. Here are a few ways we could help the elderly: Stop by to help find and give drinks to the elderly.

1. Take your elderly loved one or neighbor grocery shopping with you.

2. If that is not possible, offer to shop for him or her on a regular basis.

3. Gift the elderly with nutritious home-cooked meals.

In addition to delivering meals to them, take the time to dine with your elderly neighbors or rela-
atives at one of their favorite restaurants from time to time. Many widows and widowers lack the motivation to cook for themselves when they live alone. Having a dinner companion on a regular basis could both improve their health and lift their spirits (and yours, as well).

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BY TIM PUET
Reporter/Columnist/Place

The prophet Nehemiah was sent to Ju-
dsia by God around 445 BC to direct the people to rebuild the gates and walls of Jerusalem. In the book bearing Nehe-
miah’s name, they respond to his call by saying, “Let us set up our hands.”

“There were some naysayers among them, but the people, inspired by Nehe-
miah’s prophet and with the mis-
estimated to them, not being deterred by the many obstacles in their way,” said Father Anthony Dinovo, pastor of Worthington St. Michael Church.

Since the parish festival on Labor Day weekend of 2014, Father Dinovo and the parish have said Nehemiah’s “Rise Up Now!” command as their theme for bringing a new vitality to the parish through participation in sacramental life, evangelization, and service to others. The theme is carried out throughout the parish in its bulletins, on its website, and on ban-
ners and posters.

“It’s a call to action in many ways,” said parishioner Martha Bogue. “It encour-
ges people to not just sit and be passive. I think parishioners have been paying more attention to it as they have seen the mes-
sage repeated. We had a stewardship fair in October that provided a good example. It seemed a lot more people than at similar events in the past were expressing in-
terest in being part of parish groups.”

The theme also encourages people to learn more about who Jesus really is. The message says that Nehemiah will offer an opportunity to deepen that knowledge and to better understand their own mission as followers of Jesus through Bishop Robert Bar-
ton’s new DVD study program, “Protest, People, and King.” The seven-part series will be shown at the parish at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month from Jan. 7 to April 7.

Another adult education activity which began in the parish this year is the Tha-
lma Len’s Women’s spirituality program. Parishioner Alice Jamieson said 110 men regis-
tered for the program when it was offered in September, and 65 to 70 regu-
larly show up every Saturday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship, and teaching designed to help men grow in faith and be better leaders, husbands, and fathers.

This past May, the parish took part in a simple, but popular parish community-
year outreach by distributing hot dogs and lemonade to people on their way to and from Worthington’s Memorial Day pa-
rade, which passes by the church.

“That parish pastoral council thought this would be a good way to show our apprecia-
tion to people,” Bogue said. “We had a banner saying ‘Rise Up Now!’ and Santa in the Votive Cen-
trum. We had 500 hot dogs and gave them all away. This gave us a great opportunity to talk with lots of people, mostly young people, about what the parish does.”

The parish’s most familiar outreach ef-
fort is its annual three-day festival, a fix-
ture on Labor Day weekend since 1976. It’s the only parish festival in the diocese that weekend, drawing crowds from all over for what parishioner Alice Heller described as “sort of the last hurrah of summer, like it was when school didn’t start until the day after Labor Day.”

It’s an all-volunteer effort. “We call out bishops from the 1970s,” Jamieson said. “We don’t have outside help because we’ve always had a lot of enthusiastic people in the parish taking care of things. It’s great to see former parishioners and kids home from college coming back each year to support the diocese.” He said proceeds from the event usually are around $60,000 to $70,000 annually, with the money used for parish general expenses.

The festival is one of the many that include the diocese with a Friday fish fry dur-
ing Lent. “A couple things that are dis-
concerting about our fish fry is that it runs longer than most, from 5 to 8 p.m., and if one of the few we drive to service,” he said.

This past Sunday, the parish staff handed out the weekly bulletin, which this year includes a) St. Nicholas’ visits St. Michael School students on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015.

Below: Father Anthony Dinovo, pastor of Worthington St. Michael Church, and parishioners (from left) Alice Heller, Martha Bogue, and Alice Jamieson.


The festival also plans to start a separate group currently is studying the Epistle of St.

The Parish School of Religion for stu-
dents in public elementary schools meets from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Sundays, led by religious education director Kathleen Hightower. She also is in charge of Vacation Bible School at the church on Saturdays for children ages five to 10. It usually attracts about 100 children, and this year will meet on mornings from June 9 to 12.

For the past several years, St. Michael’s has offered a Mom’s Day Out program on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This faith-based babysitting cooperative allows mothers (and fathers) with young children a chance to meet other parents and share their concerns. Bogue said about 15 children come each week. “The families don’t have to be members of the parish,” she said. “But as the parents talk, it becomes another evangelization opportu-
nity. We’ve had at least one family join the church as a result.”

Knights of Columbus Council 11445 serves the parish in a variety of ways, in-
cluding sponsoring the fish fry, running a food tent during the festival, taking part in the Knights’ annual statewide Mea-
Sure-Up drive for the developmentally disabled, and working with the Knights of Columbus 15099, one of the state’s newest councils, which consists of seminarians from the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Parish music director and organist Ron Barrett leads a choir that performs periodically to local restaurants and sites such as the Hollywood Casino and Buckeye Lake (before its recent closing).

The parish Helping Hands organiza-
tion provides lunches on request for fu-
nerals, and for special occasions such as Father Dinovo’s installation as pastor in September 2012. A group known as the Ladies in Waiting assists with wedding rehearsals and weddings.

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The insignificant Bethlehem will produce a mighty king

Father Lawrence H. Hummer

Micsah 5:1-10a; Hebrews 10:5-18; Luke 1:4-8

ANNUAL ADVENT CONCERT
Sunday, December 20
at 3:00 PM
Grace Cathedral
The St. Dominic Parish
Bach Liturgical Dancers

Psalm 40:6-11, 12, 13-17

The Weekday Bible Readings

Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Psalm 136:1-2, 8ab, 9ab
Luke 1:39-45

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

We American Catholics are, in the main, notorious and jeered at in battle; our post-polite, post-drono and culture was a model of suffering with the guns. But his brother, the master of the council, found his counsel, not only because they knew him to be intelligent, pious, and gifted, but above all because he knew them to be good.

He took up a very difficult task in Chicago in 1997, at the end of the post-Vati- can II faction and the世纪中叶的新浪潮, he was its most respected American member. He was a gifted linguist who could speak to virtu- ally every fellow cardinal in a language he under- stood; he was manifestly a man of faith and deep piety, whose courage in battling post-polite, post-drono and culture was a model of suffering with the guns. But his brother, the master of the council, found his counsel, not only because they knew him to be intelligent, pious, and gifted, but above all because he knew them to be good.

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It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when it moves when it is not convenient to attend their regular parishes. The website MassTimes.org makes it easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the available geographic information on one page. It includes Mass schedules for 117,000 churches in 201 countries or territories. The website is available in 7 languages. It can be accessed at masstimes.org. The phone number is (207) 597-0900.

HAPPENINGS

CATHOLIC RADIO

DECEMBER

JANUARY
If you are going to be a priest serving a community as diverse and fast-paced as The Ohio State University, you’d better have your wits about you. And a sense of humor would be a good thing, too.

That’s just what the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center at OSU found in Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP. Father Vinny understood that you don’t have much time to get the attention of college students and get a message across to them. You need to be quick and pack a punch.

Many years ago, Father Vinny started inserting Vin-a-mins – short, clever spiritual messages – into the center’s Sunday bulletins. “Each one was meant to be a ‘spiritual vitamin’ for the week, hence the name Vin-a-mins,” Father Vinny said.

People enjoyed the little messages so much that Father Vinny decided to put them together in booklet form in 2008 to share with a wider audience. The Vin-a-mins collection consisted of 200 of his favorite spiritual messages. That little book was so successful that he followed it up in 2011 with a new collection, fittingly titled Multi Vin-a-mins.

Now Father Vinny is back with a third edition, Mega Vin-a-mins. Many of the 38-a-mins are delightful plays on words: “Awe” that you and I are “a we.”

Some drill home a point of scripture in startlingly few words: “You have duped me, O Lord” (Jeremiah 20:7). … The Lord is a duper. The Lord is a super duper!”

He also has included a group of messages in which he puts his own spin on the quotes of others: “Creatio Divina: ‘Sacred writings are bound in two volumes: that of creation and that of Holy Scripture’ – St. Thomas Aquinas. How revealing of God!”

Mega Vin-a-mins is printed with one message per page on heavy card stock. It is in compact form, much like a page-a-day calendar, with large rings for binding and a cover designed to serve as a stand, so your message of the day can sit on your desk, kitchen counter, or nightstand.

We all need to spend more time reading about our faith. We also complain that we don’t have time to do that. Well, everyone has time for a daily Mega Vin-a-min. And, you’ll feel better for it. It’s a great gift to get your new year off to a delightful and insightful start.

Father Vinny’s Mega Vin-a-mins are available, at Generations Religious Gifts, 1055 Dublin Road, Columbus, or the Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave.

BOOK REVIEW

MEGA VIN-A-MINS

Christmas in Italian Village

Sacred Heart Church
705 Hamlet St. December 24
4:00 p.m. Tejjil Mass – Sacred Heart
6:00 p.m. Tejjil Mass – St. John the Baptist
10:00 p.m. Mass during the Night – St. John the Baptist
10:00 a.m. Mass – Sacred Heart

St. John the Baptist Church
720 Hamlet St.

Pilgrims hold up images of Our Lady of Guadalupe during an annual pilgrimage in her honor at the cathedral in Cuidad Juarez, Mexico, on Dec. 12. The Vatican announced on Dec. 12 that the pope will visit Mexico from Feb. 12 to 17. His trip will include a stop in Cuidad Juarez, the city across from El Paso, Texas, that is known for drug-related violence. CNS photo/Jose Luis Gonzalez, Reuters

The casket of San Bernardino, California, shooting victim Tin Nguyen rests during her funeral Mass at St. Barbara Catholic Church in Santa Ana, California, on Dec. 12. Nguyen was one of 14 victims killed in a Dec. 2 mass shooting at a social services center in San Bernardino. CNS photo/Ted Tulen, Reuters

Advent Concert at St. Mary Magdalene features dancers

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Fans Ave., will host the Bakhtia Dancers from Columbus St. Dominics Church at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. A free-will offering will be taken. The purpose of the Bakhtia Dancers is to glorify God through their expression and movements in dance and to say “thank you” to him for all he is and all he has done, is doing, and will do in our lives.

December 20, 2015

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pope Francis walks forward to venerate an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe during a Mass marking the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican on Dec. 12. CNS photo/Paul Haring
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