CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
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The Red Mass

Correction

Sister Martha Eckstein, O.S.F. was incorrectly identified in a photo caption for a story in the May 10 Catholic Times concerning the 50th anniversary of her profession vows as a member of the Sisters of Francis of Mary Immaculate of Toledo, Ohio.

St. Martha Eckstein

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE FOR DIOCESEAN HIGH SCHOOLS


Columbus St. Charles – Friday, May 29, 6:30 p.m., baccalaureate. Columbus Graduating seniors: 140. Valedictorian: Sydney Hall. Salutatorian: Sydney Hall. Baccalaureate: Friday, May 29, 6:30 p.m., Watterson Cathedral.


MARIAN PREP – May 17, 2015

Graduation is up to us, it is a very special time. It’s especially poignant for me this year as I look at the bright young faces staring back at me in their caps and gowns. I realize half a century ago, you might have found me in the same situation. I was, not the detail; I had been the one with the English degree who was not going to college. I was the one who was going to be a teacher. You, however, are a constant reminder that things always get better. I understand that when you graduate from high school, I had spent my childhood doing drills in school for what we would do in case of a nuclear attack. The Cu- cumstion crisis happened while I was in high school. The image of the missile room hung cloud over everyone. We all feared what a devastating war could do at any time. Meanwhile, a shooting war was going on in Vietnam and some of our friends died in that conflict. And of course, I graduated back in 1965 when the Vietnam war was in full swing. But in spite of all that, I looked to the future with confi- dence. With the Vietnam war and the assassina- tion of President Kennedy, I didn’t have the sense of excitement and hopeful an- ticipation that I had. I know that there are a lot of storm clouds on the horizon. May 2015 will mark 50 years since my high school graduation. I would not have the chance to live in decades to come. I would not have the chance to go to college. I would not have the chance to see baseball with my friends. I wouldn’t have the chance to learn in the way that I would now. I would not have the chance to learn in the way that I would now. That’s something I thought about all the time. I knew that not everyone would have the chance I did. I knew that not everyone would be able to work at a summer job instead of play- ing baseball with my friends, as I had in earlier summers. I knew that in September, I would be waiting in line and my own, a hundred miles from family and friends and I would be living my own life. My parents would be providing emotional support and what financial support they could. And I knew that if I could not go to college, I was going to have to work and I didn’t have the chance to graduate in the way that I feared. I didn’t have the chance to get a job to make ends meet. I was ready and eager for that.

I hope that all of our new graduates will walk away from their graduation with that sense of excitement and hopeful an- ticipation that I had. I’m sure that there are a lot of storm clouds on the horizon for today’s graduates who are beginning to face a much bigger social change. Stability is unsettling. This
Wendy O. Ward Scholarship

Megan Springer, a senior at有不同的大学和高中, was named one of the over 150,000 who applied for nomination to the Academy. She was also named a recipient of the Wendy O. Ward Scholarship, a scholarship that provides financial assistance to students who are pursuing a career in the medical field. The scholarship is named after Megan's mother, who was a nurse until her passing in 2012. Megan is currently enrolled at Columbus State Community College, where she is studying to become a registered nurse. She hopes to use this scholarship to help support her education and fulfill her dream of becoming a nurse.
Thomas L. Smith Scholarship

John Collins, a senior at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, has been selected as this year’s recipient of the Thomas L. Smith Memorial Scholarship. The award provides $1,250 toward expenses related to the recipient’s first year in an institution of higher education that is administered by The Catholic Foundation, assisted by the diocesan Schools Office, with the Foundation paying the money directly to the institution the recipient plans to attend.

The scholarship may be awarded to a graduating senior from a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Columbus or a graduating senior from any high school in Ohio who is an active member of either Chillicothe St. Peter or Chillicothe St. Mary Church.

The application form for the scholarship specifies that it is for a student facing financial challenges who is the dependent of a single parent or guardian and who has demonstrated the ability to succeed in a Catholic high school. The recipient should also demonstrate a strong work ethic by consistently achieving above-average grades or having achieved above-average grades through continual improvement, the application says.

Collins is a member of Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church. He will attend The University of Notre Dame in the fall and major in aerospace engineering.

Honoring an unworthy parent: Living closer to God

Q I have a personal problem with the Fourth Commandment. I feel as if I have hurt you or allowing yourself to be manipulated by him. It does mean trying your best to forgive and keeping the lines of communica- tion open. I have heard stories of long-strained relationships being gently healed in later years when circumstances change and people begin to understand that they wish to pray that this is one of those stories.

A You are to be congratulated and inviolate. To have come to the conclusion that your daily existence depends on keeping the love of God and that God’s will offers the best chance at a happy life is something of a rar- ity. But most people mean to be self-evident truth that ought to be grasped readily, but many people say that they can live independently, without God. I only want to know the truth. (Mt. Alexandria, New Jersey)

The command from the Decalogue to “honor your fa- ther” does not mean that you ought to like the disastrous thing you find in him. What it means, though, is that you are obligated to treat him with civility and decency and with a measure of grati- tude for having given you life. In your present situation, that would mean doing what you rea- sonably can to ease your father’s suffering from old age and sick- ness. The word “reasonably” is key. You must be comfortable in the fact that your responsibilities to yourself and to your own fam- ily trump your obligations to your father, especially since his basic needs are being seen to by the as- sisted living staff, and so you can balance your duties between the two.

What he needs from you, prob- ably more than anything else, is a lot of understanding, a difficult journey and the assurance that he has need to be beat yourself up. My guess is that you’re already doing most of what you need to. Honoring your father doesn’t mean you need to let him know that he has hurt you or allowing yourself to be manipulated by him. It does mean trying your best to forgive and keeping the lines of communica- tion open. I have heard stories of long-strained relationships being gently healed in later years when circumstances change and people begin to understand that they wish to pray that this is one of those stories.

I am a freshman in high school and I believe in the Catholic Church way of life, but I still have a hard time influence our lives, and how can you have a closer relationship with Jesus? I have often thought that the decisions I make in my life, and the people I choose to be friends with, are going to take many years to incorporate into my life.

As you move through your teen- age years, you will surely draw even closer to God in your efforts to align your desires with the will of God. The Lord does influence our lives in several ways: in the inner com- fort and guidance we experience at quiet times and in prayer; with ad- visory issues in criminal justice and mon- itors; and in the opportunities he provides, through the as-counter- change in their lives; and in the changes in their families and lives. Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at St. Mary, St. Peter and St. Joseph’s 48003 St. Alburne, NY 12208.

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AS WOMEN ENJOY ANNUAL DCCW RETREAT

The Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women sponsored its annual silent retreat at St. Theresa’s Retreat Cen- ter from Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26. The theme for the retreat was the “Mar- ian Reception to God.” Katie Boesch, DCCW vice president, organized the ret- ret and Father Walter Oxley, STD, of Columbus St. Peter, directed the retreat.

Father Oxley told the attendants that the most important activity of the human per- son is to be able to receive God. During the weekend, participants were able to attend Mass three times, take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and pray the Rosary and the Divine Mass of the Chaplet.

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Dobbs St. Raymond School students staved those presentations of the musical “The Wizard of Oz” which were enjoyed by hundreds at the school’s auditorium. Pictures were sent from left (Lauren Dorker, St. Peter); center (Katelyn Loudermilk, St. Theresa); and left (Alayna Hockie, St. Theresa). 

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Golden Apple Award

By Jennifer Way-Young

At Journey’s End

By Leahone M. Tapaj

Christian Life Is Simple. But Not Easy

By Sean Getzinger

When we sit down and think about it, Christian life is simple. It consists of only two things – believing in Jesus and doing what He commands us to do. It is so simple, we might reason, that it is uninteresting, difficult, and demanding. It involves every part of our being. It is more than giving up things, or being obedient, or fasting, or going to church, or doing charity work, or praying, or confessing, or making the rosary, or a wedding ceremony, or punching the clock for an hour on Sunday. It involves the whole of our lives.

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Bishop Herrmann Service Award

The 10 winners of the diocese’s annual Bishop Herrmann Service Awards for high school students will receive the honor at their respective recognition or graduation ceremonies. Recipients of the $100 cash awards are chosen by chaperones and faculty members on the basis of demonstrated commitment to serving others.

The award highlights the importance of the service dimension as an integrated facet of the student’s experience. It serves as a reminder of the late Bishop Edward Herrmann’s call for service on the part of the community. It also provides an opportunity to recognize students who have benefited from the effort to teach students of Catholic schools the need to serve, as described through the Gospels.

When he retired in 1982, Bishop Herrmann agreed to a testimonial dinner if its proceeds would be given to serve the community. A total of $22,500 was raised, with $10,400 going to Operation Feed and the rest set aside as a perpetual fund for the service awards. Criteria for the selection are based on the theme, outlined in Bishop Herrmann’s 1982 commencement address at Ohio Dominican College, when he said: “We have an obligation to be concerned with one another. … The concern is not just abstract consideration, but something put into action. … As we look all about us, we see problems with unemployment, war, hunger, injustice, social prejudice, racial discrimination, and others all too well known. We must ask ourselves how we can work together for the advancement of our community, and, for that matter, of the whole world.”

WILLIAM EICHEL
School: Columbus St. Charles Preparatory Parish: Columbus Immaculate Conception
National Honor Society; National Latin Exam Maxima Cum Laude Certificate; State Volleyball Coaches Scholar-Award; Student Council; Volleyball Team; Altar Server; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Cardinals for Life; Face Forward Service Award; Rotary Club Service Above Self Recognition; Middle School Volleyball Coach; Tutor; Just a Minute Public Speaking Club.

ZACHARY KLINE
School: New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic Parish: Dover-St Austine
National Honor Society; Altar Server; National Academy of Future Physicians Award of Excellence; Air Force ROTC Scholarship; Case Western Reserve University Scholarship; BrightBiltch Volunteer; Parish School of Religion Aide; Tuscarawas County Job and Family Services Playground Builder; Server at County Senior Citizen Reconciliation Banquet; Parish Fish Fry; Summer Phys Ed Instructor; Bryn Du Cross Country Meet Volunteer.

EMILY VIGUE
School: Lancaster Fisher Catholic Parish: Junction City St. Patrick
Rotary Interact President; Environmental Club President; Student Council President; Track Team; Bowling Team; Tennis Team; Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Award; Good Citizen Award.

EMILY PINA
School: Columbus Bishop Hartley Parish: New Albany Church of the Resurrection
State Muscular Dystrophy Association Goodwill Ambassador; Columbus Area MDA Office Assistant; State Special Olympic Volunteer Manager and Trainer; Jefferson Award Finalist; National Honor Society; Tutor; Student Ambassador; National Youth Leadership Forum of Medicine; St. Gabriel Radio “Raising Saints” Show; Diocesan Youth Council; Girl Scout Red Sash of Merit and Marian Medal; Teacher’s Aide; Peer Minister; Gospel Road; Vacation Bible School; Shamrock Club and Knights of Columbus Scholarships; Dignity in Action; Hawks Who Pray.

KAYLA THOMSEN
School: Newark Catholic Parish: Newark St. Francis de Sales
National Honor Society; National Medical Science Honors; Safety City; Key Club; St. Joseph the Worker Day Volunteer; Violin Playing for Senior Citizens; School Fish Fry; Summer Phys Ed Instructor; Bryn Du Cross County Meet Volunteer.

ANTHONY BAZLER
School: Portsmouth Notre Dame Parish: Portsmouth St. Mary
National Honor Society; Student Council President; Wendy’s High School Heisman; Eagle Scout; Assistant Scoutmaster; Key Club; Model United Nations; SEARCH Retreat Team; Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Conference; Red Cross Red, White, and Youth; Quiz Bowl; Science Bowl; Football Team Captain; Basketball Team; Junior High Football Coach; Buckeye Boys State; Red Cross Hero Service Award; Parish Festival Volunteer; Now to You Clothing Outreach Store; Stadmad Cleaners; Canned Food Drive; Habitat for Humanity; Junior High Tutor; Carousel Center for Children Volunteer.

FRANCESCA COCCCHARALE
School: Columbus Bishop Ready Parish: Columbus St. Christopher
National Honor Society; Spanish Club; Freshman Retreat Director and Senior Leader; Marching Band Color Guard; Concert Band; Chinese Club; Multicultural Club; School Ambassador; Academic Club; Altar Server; Liturgical Choir; Lector; Volunteer at Riverside Methodist Hospital; The Ohio State University Medical Center, and Columbus Metropolitan Libraries; YWCA Bright Futures Program; COSI Medical Career Discovery Group; Parish Festival; Gifts of the Heart Service Award.

ASHLEIGH DENNY
School: Columbus Bishop Watterson Parish: Delaware St. Mary
Nationalwide Children’s Hospital Volunteer; Parish Leadership Retreat; Parish Super Sunday; Parish Spaghetti Dinner; Parish Confirmation Retreat; Junior High Camp Counselor; Spirit of Sophomore Service Award.

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ELIZABETH WESTERHEIDE
School: Zanesville Bishop Rosary Parish: Zanesville St. Nicholas
Community Youth Foundation; 4-H Camp Counselor; Parish Youth Group; Campus Peer Ministry; Key Club; Neighbor Helping Neighbor; Gospel Road; Parish Festival; School Bazaar; Boosters Booth at Muskingum County Fair; Church Choir; Willow Haven Volunteer; Pediatrics Rehabilitation Center Volunteer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD WINNERS!
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The Ascension of the Lord (Cycle B)

The Ascension marks the end of the appearances the resurrected Jesus made after his resurrection. Luke presents one such account of how these appearances ended, with his unique tale of how Jesus ascended from the view of the disciples. This ascension story was composed by the men dressed in white: “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky?” That is, don’t you understand that the one you were standing there looking up into the sky? That is, don’t you understand that the one you were praying to is not literally, but figuratively, in heaven. For example, the phrase “raised Christ from the dead” refers to his resurrection, not his ascension. The idea that Paul writes as a prisoner for the Ephesians. He encourages them to live in a manner worthy of the calling they have received (as followers of Christ). He specifies the need for humility, gentleness, patience, perseverance, and striving to preserve unity in the Spirit, through the bond of peace: one body, one Spirit, as you were also called. He urges the Ephesians: “I urge you to live one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all and in all.”

This seventh reflection on unity reflects the idea of perfect unity, symbolized by the perfect number seven. The Ascension narrative organization includes: apolitical, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers “to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry” until we attain perfect maturity in Christ. This is the role championed by Leo Amery and embodied by Scope Jackson in another sphere of action: Cardinal George was the man with the authority, in the case of the Church. He did it quietly, but as he did so effectively. And he could do it because he was his character and insight made him the reference point when things were very serious. When Francis George was appointed archbishop of Chicago, an auxiliary bishop who will remain nameless said, “Oh no, he’s the one who gets up at the meetings and says the words the bishops don’t understand.” Well, His Nameless (and now deceased) Cardinal George their conference president in 2007. The death of Cardinal Francis George on April 17 opened a breach in the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Since Cardinal John O’Connor’s death in 2000, Cardinal George had been the man of theимв (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). See EWTN above; and:

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Daily Mass
8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon on May 22, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and:

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St. Agnes Produce Market
Columbus St. Agnes Church hosted its first produce giveaway for needy families on the city’s west side on Friday, April 24, providing food to 955 people from more than 250 families. St. Agnes parishioners and volunteers who worked in collaboration with the Midtown Food Bank to arrange this annual St. Agnes Parish event. The parish set tables upon, bagged produce, distributed food, and helped carry bags for the recipients. The produce included fresh fruit and vegetables away. The church plans several similar events throughout the summer.

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William P. Wood Jr.

Funeral Mass for William P. Wood Jr., 67, who died Monday, May 4, was held Friday, May 8, at 10 a.m., at Columbus Holy Spirit Church, and burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus. He was born May 9, 1947, to William P. Wood Sr. and Phyllis (A.V.) Decker, and secretary of the Northland plants & bushes. Survivors include his sister, Phyllis (A.V.) Decker and Judy (Matthew) Snopik, 76, who died Friday, May 8, and brother, John. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Margaret E. and brother, Richard. Survivors include his wife, Penny (Mel- ley), daughters, Deadpool (Mel); Li- val; son, Brian (Beth); stepson, John (Joan); Williams; sister, Lisa (John) Grauer; stepbrother, Steven Glass, and three grandchildren.

Margaret E. Snopik

Funeral Mass for Margaret E. Snopik, 76, who died Friday, May 8, was held Monday, May 11, at 11 a.m., at Columbus St. Anthony Church. Burial will be at a later date.

She was born June 9, 1947, in Severn, Pennsylvania, to James and Mary (Hennett) Hunter and was man-

aged by the St. Anthony Church Colum-

bia for many years. She also was a past president of the parish women’s club, a member of the St. Clair Cir-

icle, and secretary of the Northland Swim Club. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Margaret Mary; and a daughter, Dorothy Henderson. Su-

vivors include her husband, Robert; sons, Robert (Lois), Paul (Kim), and (Claudia), daughters, Teri (Tom) Decker and Judy (Matthew) Williams; and grandchildren.

Send obituaries to: tpuet@colsdioc.org

THURSDAY

10 a.m., St. Brendan Church, Westerville. Retirement Celebration for Mary Lang at St. Brendan Church, 69 S. Sawmill Road, Westerville. Celebrant: celebrating, for tours.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Rd., Columbus. Spiritual Day Spa retreat with Father Jeff Mackey, SJ. Weekly parish group retreats for prayer, worship, ministry and fellowship.

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By Mark Pattison

Morgan Atkinson’s new documentary on Thomas Merton, the famed Trappist monk from the Cistercian abbey in Gethsemani, Kentucky, went 40 years in the making, he joked.

Actually, it was closer to two years that not only broadened his horizons about the man who died in 1968, the last year of Merton’s life, because he felt his first Merton documentary “didn’t do justice” to the monk’s writings.

Atkinson added, “It’s not a vocation job,” and more about Merton, to help them shape their lives in a way that they’ll feel better.”

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DIOCESAN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR RETIREEES

Eight people who are retiring as administrators of diocesan schools were honored at a meeting of school principals earlier this month. Pictured with Bishop Frederick Campbell (fourth from left), they are (from left): Linda Saelzler, principal, Columbus Holy Spirit; Dan Rotella, principal, and Frances Michalec, assistant principal, Gahanna St. Matthew; Mary Lang, principal, Hilliard St. Brendan; Joan Mastell, principal, Columbus St. Agatha; Suzie Emsweller, assistant principal, Columbus St. Andrew; Virginia O’Connor, assistant principal, Columbus Bishop Watterson; and Roxanne Demeter, principal, New Lexington St. Rose. The principal of Worthington St. Michael School, Sister Mary Michael Carlton, OP, also will not be returning in the fall. She has been assigned to the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she will oversee the community’s novices, who are in the second and third years of their discernment process.

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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES
At your Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus
Monday ~ May 25, 2015

ST. JOSEPH
6440 S. High Street
(Route 23) South of I-270
11:00 A.M. MASS
IN OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CHAPEL
Military Flag Raising and Salute/10:30 A.M.
American Legion Southway Post #144
614-491-2751

MT. CALVARY
581 Mt. Calvary Avenue
at West Mound Street
11:00 A.M. MASS
ON PRIEST’S CIRCLE
614-491-2751

RESURRECTION
9571 N. High Street
(Route 23) North of I-270
1:00 P.M. MASS
IN CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
Military Service/10:30 A.M.
614-888-1805

HOLY CROSS
11539 National Rd. S.W.
(Route 40) East of I-270
11:00 A.M. MASS
IN CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
Military Service/10:30 A.M.
740-927-4442

SPECIAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS
SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
MONDAY 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Cemetery personnel will be available to answer questions and help locate family grave spaces