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The Editor's Notebook

Graduation ... plus 50 years

By David Garick, Editor

Graduation is upon us. It is a very special time. It's especially poignant for me this year as I look at the bright young faces beaming in their caps and gowns. I see myself half a century ago. Yes, this year marks 50 years since my high school graduation. It hardly seems possible, but a lot of life events have transpired since I wore that academic regalia. I have changed in many ways, but in many respects, I am still at the core the same person who was formed during those years back in the 1960s.

I remember my own graduation like it was yesterday. Well, not all the details. I could not tell you who gave the commencement address or what it said if my life depended on it. But I remember the spirituality of the day. I remember that I was passing through a one-way gate. The days of being a child became only memories at that moment. I knew that in a week or two, I would be going to work at a summer job instead of playing baseball with my friends, as I had in earlier summers.

I knew that in September, I would be going to college and living on my own, a hundred miles from family and friends. I would be living my own life. My parents would be providing loving emotional support and what financial support they could, but I was responsible for my choices. I was building the life I would live in decades to come. I was ready and eager for that.

I hope that all of our new graduates will walk away from their graduation with the sense of excitement and hopeful anticipation that I had. I know that there are a lot of storm clouds on the horizon for today's graduates. The economy is shaky. Social change is unsettling. Ter-

rorism and war are a constant threat. I understand that. When I graduated from high school, I had spent my childhood doing drills in school for what we would do in case of a nuclear attack. The Cuban missile crisis happened while I was in high school. The image of the mushroom cloud hung over everyone. We all feared that a devastating war could come at any time. Meanwhile, a shooting war was going on in Vietnam and some of my friends died in that conflict. And, of course, the whole social upheaval of the 1960s was in full swing. But in spite of all that, I looked to the future with confidence. I knew that no matter what happened, God had a plan for my life, and if I did my best to discern and follow that plan, I would have nothing to fear.

Our Catholic high schools do a wonderful job of preparing our young men and women to step into adulthood. Whether they go immediately to work or on to college, they will have been given the foundation of knowledge and spiritual formation they need.

Graduation day is here. A new day is dawning, and despite what you hear in the news media, it is filled with hope and opportunity. Just draw on what you have learned in high school and follow the light of Christ, who is our hope, our comfort, and our salvation. A new world is waiting for you. In 2065, you, too, will look back at this day, wonder at how time has flown by so quickly, and give thanks for the way you were prepared for a life of purpose, honor, and integrity.

So, graduates, watch that step off the commencement platform. It's a doozy!



Members of the Ohio Supreme Court, other judges, lawyers, and public officials assembled on Tuesday, May 5 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral as Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrated the annual Red Mass. The tradition of the Red Mass goes back many centuries in Rome, Paris, and London. This ceremony has officially opened the judicial year of the sacred Roman Rota, the Tribunal of the Holy See at the Vatican. Its traditional name of Red Mass is derived from the color of the vestments worn by the ministers. Red is the color prescribed because this service is a Mass of the Holy Spirit. Red is the liturgical color for the Holy Spirit, a reminder of the fire which is a symbol of God's Holy Spirit.

In the United States, the tradition was inaugurated in 1928 in New York City, where the Guild of Catholic Lawyers met with judges and members of law faculties for a Votive Mass in old St. Andrew's Church, in the shadow of the state and federal court buildings. Since then, the Red Mass has been celebrated annually at St. Andrew's Church and in many cities in the United States, attended by justices of the highest courts of the land and by women and men of all religious faiths. In Columbus, the Red Mass had not been celebrated for some years until the practice was renewed in 1985 under the leadership of the Thomas More Society. By extending an invitation to members of the legal profession, the society desires to gather its colleagues of all faiths in prayer for guidance, strength, and recommitment to the highest principles of their profession for the good of all citizens of the state of Ohio.

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Correction

Sister Martha Eckstein, OSF, was incorrectly identified in a photo caption for a story in the May 10 *Catholic Times* concerning the 50th anniversary of her profession of vows as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate of Joliet, Illinois.

Sr. Martha Eckstein



Front Page photo:

Members of the Columbus Bishop Ready High School Class of 2015 include (from left) Jason Horn, Hailey Bryan, Alanta Slone, and Adam Hutton.

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COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE FOR DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS

Portsmouth Notre Dame – Sunday, May 24, 1 p.m., school gymnasium. Graduating seniors: 23. Valedictorian: Megha Patel. Salutatorians: Johnathan Major, Brooke Pierron. Baccalaureate: Friday, May 22, 7 p.m., Portsmouth St. Mary Church.

Columbus St. Charles – Friday, May 29, after baccalaureate, Walter Commons. Graduating seniors: 140. Valedictorian: None. Baccalaureate: Friday, May 29, 6:30 p.m., Walter Commons.

Columbus Bishop Hartley – Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m., Ohio Dominican University. Graduating seniors: 154. Valedictorians: To be announced later. Baccalaureate: Friday, May 29, 7:30 p.m., Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

Columbus St. Francis DeSales – Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m., Alumni Stadium. Graduating seniors: 189. Valedictorians: Eunice Agyapong, Ali Baird, Bailey Cadena, Gabrielle Ciminello, Emma Clark, Andrea Martinez Dominguez, Brianna Ellis, Paige Grube, Jennifer Hamilton, Jessica Hamilton, Katherine Hamilton, Natalia Iannarino, Mackenzie Kraker, Gabriella Marino, Charles Mitchell, Stephanie Nnadi, Emily Piatt, Collin Sabedra, Taylor Shook, Jade Smith, Meghan Springer, Theresa Tran, Michael Truong, Samantha Vincent, Jennifer Vu. Baccalaureate: Thursday, May 28, 6 p.m., New Albany Church of the Resurrection.

Columbus Bishop Watterson – Saturday, May 30, 9:30 a.m., school gymnasium. Graduating seniors: 251. Valedictorians: To be announced later. Baccalaureate: Thursday, May 28, 7:30 p.m., Columbus St. Andrew Church.

Columbus Bishop Ready – Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m., school gymnasium. Graduating seniors: 91. Valedictorian: Joseph Smith. Salutatorian: Courtney Bair. Baccalaureate: Friday, May 29, 7:30 p.m., Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church.

Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans – Saturday, May 30, 2 p.m., Secrest Auditorium. Graduating seniors: 27. Valedictorians: Logan McLaughlin, Karley Stackhouse. Baccalaureate: Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m., Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic – Sunday, May 31, 1:30 p.m., school gymnasium. Graduating seniors: 39. Valedictorians: Sydney Anderson, Alexander Milleman, Michael Teater, Jenna Tolloi. Baccalaureate: Wednesday, May 27, 6 p.m., New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church.

Newark Catholic – Sunday, May 31 2 p.m., Reese Center, The Ohio State University-Newark. Graduating seniors: 60. Valedictorians: Ian Billig, Rachel Crum. Salutatorian: Rosemarie Amore. Baccalaureate: Tuesday, May 26, 6 p.m., Newark Blessed Sacrament Church.

Lancaster Fisher Catholic – Sunday, June 1, 4 p.m., school gymnasium. Graduating seniors: 48. Valedictorians: Nick Klitzka, Allie McCrady. Salutatorians: Brandon Shull, Andrew Smith. Baccalaureate: Friday, May 29, 7 p.m., Lancaster St. Mark Church.

GRADUATION 2015

The 10 high schools in the Diocese of Columbus will graduate 1,022 seniors during the next two weeks, including 20 National Merit Scholarship finalists, five National Achievement Scholarship finalists, and 28 NMS commended scholars.

All schools are graduating 100 percent of the seniors who are enrolled. Percentages of seniors at diocesan schools going on to four-year or two-year colleges, community colleges, or technical schools in the fall range from 99 percent at Columbus Bishop Ready, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory, Columbus St. Francis DeSales, Lancaster Fisher Catholic, and Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans to 90 percent at Columbus Bishop Watterson.

ACT test composite averages ranged from 23 at Newark Catholic and New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic to 30.3 at Bishop Ready. SAT scores from those schools reporting them ranged on the verbal portion from 531 at St. Francis DeSales to 640 at Bishop Ready, and on the math portion from 549 at St. Francis DeSales to 720 at Bishop Ready.

As it has done for many years, St. Charles

led the way in merit scholarship honors, with seven finalists and nine commended students in the National Merit Scholarship program and two finalists in the National Achievement Scholarship program for minority students. Columbus Bishop Hartley had five finalists and four commended students; Bishop Watterson, five finalists and two commended students; St. Francis DeSales, one finalist, seven commended students, and two National Achievement finalists; Fisher Catholic, one finalist, one commended student, and one National Achievement finalist; Bishop Ready, one finalist and one commended student; Bishop Rosecrans, two commended students; and Newark Catholic, one commended student.

The first of the 10 graduations to take place will be Sunday, May 24, at Portsmouth Notre Dame. The rest will be on the following weekend, with the latest being Sunday, June 1 at Tuscarawas Central Catholic, Fisher Catholic, and Newark Catholic. Size of the graduating classes will range from 23 at Notre Dame to 251 at Bishop Watterson.

TEACHER RECOGNITION

Fifty-five teachers and administrators from Columbus diocesan schools who reached service milestones have received service awards from the diocesan Office of Education.

Honored educators and their schools were:

40 Years – Susan Byrnes, Columbus Our Lady of Peace; Deacon Frank Iannarino, Columbus Bishop Watterson; Jane Jacquemin-Clark, Columbus Bishop Watterson; Janice Saggio, Columbus St. Matthias; Robert Steinbauer, Columbus Bishop Watterson.

30 Years – Patricia Andrews, Coshocton Sacred Heart; Eva Cannon, Newark St. Francis de Sales; Terra Dilley, Mount Vincent St. Vincent de Paul; Suzie Emsweller, assistant principal, Columbus St. Andrew; Mary Christine Foura, Lancaster St. Mary; Michael Fry, Columbus Bishop Watterson; Chris Iaconis, principal, Columbus St. Anthony; Karla McKenna, Columbus St. Joseph Montessori; Margaret Pinckney, Columbus Our Lady of Peace; Stacey Smith, Newark St. Francis de Sales; Angela Windau, Columbus St. Francis DeSales.

20 Years – Janet Anthony, Columbus Bishop Watterson; Brenda Ball, Columbus Bishop Ready; Anne Emmett, Portsmouth Notre Dame Elementary; Dan Garrick, principal, Columbus St. Francis DeSales; Michelle Hazard, Hilliard St. Brendan; Nancy Henterly, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Nancy Himmelspach, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X; Paula McWilliams, Gahanna St. Matthew;

Kathy Milligan, principal, Portsmouth Notre Dame High School; Holly Rose, Westerville St. Paul; Nicholas Slupski, Columbus St. Francis DeSales; Jennifer Thomas, Hilliard St. Brendan; Sarah Vandermeer, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory.

10 Years – Susan Ascensio, Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare; Lori Aumiller, Columbus St. Francis DeSales; Patricia Berger, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X; Matthew Brown, Columbus St. Andrew; Kelly Buzenski, Columbus St. Anthony; Emily Crabtree, Marion St. Mary; Michael Delfino, Columbus St. Francis DeSales; Randal Frazier, Gahanna St. Matthew; Jack Gibbons, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory; Nicholas Hamilton, Columbus All Saints Academy; Kathleen Kapala, Columbus St. Francis DeSales; Suzanne Kessler, Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare; Bridget Kilpatrick, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X; Amy Kish, Columbus St. Anthony; Mary “Katie” Koebel, Columbus Immaculate Conception; Barbara Lockhart, Columbus All Saints Academy; Katherine McBride, Columbus St. Anthony; George Mossholder, principal, Columbus St. Timothy; Joseph Moyer, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory; Regann Nowalk, Gahanna St. Matthew; Erin Rinehart, Columbus St. Timothy; Elizabeth Ryan, Westerville St. Paul; Melanie Schiele, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X; Barbara Stoll, Columbus Bishop Ready; Barbara Weisenberger, Columbus St. Andrew; Alicia Zeyen, Columbus Our Lady of Peace.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Eulogy



How many times did you pray that rosary for multiple Moms last week? Once is great, but it is the kind of special prayer that inspires, excites, and grows. I found that it is one of those suggested challenges that can become a more regular part of our prayer life. It may not be for everyone, but it was really good for me. It is nearly impossible to do every new or different challenge in a column like this. But if one or two are things that really connect with you, and they enhance your existing prayer life on your journey to holiness, then that is a wonderful thing. Praying to Eve, or whoever it was that took those first steps of life with a soul and all that comes with it, prayer to St. Anne, the mother of our Blessed Mother, prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, prayer for our own mom, and prayer to another appropriate mother can be infectious. What a great way to pray, focus, and meditate upon women who helped make us who we are today, knowing that we cannot survive without our faith and Our Lord Jesus Christ. And what better way to pray – outside of Mass – than the rosary.

Last month, I dedicated this column to my wife's aunt, Sister Lydia. She passed away at age 97 after more than 80 years as a dedicated nun. I received many positive complements, so I am happy that most people got something good from her lifetime example of prayer, service, and selfless giving. A few weeks later, my father-in-law passed away very beautifully and peacefully at age 92. He was under hospice care in our home, and was surrounded by loving family and his wife of 65 years. What a beautiful and spiritually impressive way to go. I feel very honored to have been a part of such a moving experience. He endured and overcame many challenges in his life, including nearly one year as a German prisoner of war when his B-17 was shot down over Czechoslovakia. If that was not enough, he survived a "death march" and was liberated at the end of World War II. He was a true patriot who gave his all for all of us. A eulogy is not common at a Catholic funeral, so I will take advantage of this column instead. He was a loving husband and father who worked as hard as anyone. He was always humble with a great sense of humor, and you would never know the suffering he endured. To give him a brief eulogy, I would say he lived his life at all times in gratitude. He often told me how grateful he was for his wife and children. He was grateful for his job and his health. Above all, he was grateful for his faith, and was not afraid to talk about it. He would speak about his wife and his gratitude for how she took care of him each day. He spoke about his four children as individuals and his gratitude for their unique talents and successes. He loved his family more than anything, and was grateful to God for the gift that they are. What a great model of a husband, father, worker, soldier, and Catholic Christian.

Our practical challenge this week is to pray for all fathers. We can ask God to guide and bless all dads everywhere, who mean so much to their families and beyond. Pray also for our veterans. They mean so much to us as citizens and to our nation. Too many have been ignored and forgotten. Memorial Day is coming soon. Let us remember the faith, service, and courage of all U.S. veterans. And let us remember the love of our fathers with fondness.

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

WENDY O. WARD SCHOLARSHIP

Meghan Springer, a senior at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, is the inaugural recipient of the Wendy O. Ward Foundation Memorial Scholarship.



Ward's husband, Chris, a graduate of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, established the scholarship in memory of his wife, a Hilliard resident, who died of breast cancer on May 18, 2012 after a 10-year career as a writer and public relations consultant.

The scholarship provides \$5,000 for first-year expenses for a graduate of a Columbus diocesan high school who has been involved in school, community, and parish activities and demonstrated academic achievement, particularly in the field of language arts. The recipient is eligible to apply for a \$1,000 renewal award for three subsequent years. The Ward foundation will pay the scholarship money directly to the institution the recipient plans to attend.

Springer attends Gahanna St. Matthew Church, where she is a cantor. At DeSales, she was the editor of the school newspaper, student body president in her senior year, National Honor Society president, a National Merit

commended scholar, dance team captain, the lead in the school musical, creator of the school peanut butter and jelly drive for a local food pantry, a tutor, a member of Student Council, the Math Club, and the choir, and a participant in Buckeye Girls State and in honors programs at The Ohio State University and The University of Pennsylvania.

She will attend The University of Notre Dame in the fall, majoring in biology and possibly minoring in history, and hopes eventually to attend medical school, with the goal of practicing geriatric medicine.

Ward, a graduate of Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and of the University of Dayton, was grateful for her Catholic education and always said she counted herself lucky to have the opportunity in her career to do something not all English majors can – to use her skills and write every day for her company, Constructive Communication, Inc., where she was vice president. Her husband and children, Caroline and Jack, hope the scholarship will help provide others with the same opportunity.



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CARLOS RODRIGUEZ JR., U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY APPOINTEE

Carlos Rodriguez Jr., a member of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, has been appointed to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, by U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers.

Rodriguez will graduate in May from Baltimore Liberty Union High School and won't have much time to enjoy the summer, for he will begin training at the academy on June 29. He will be one of about 1,250 members of the West Point Class of 2019, out of an original pool of about 15,000 people who applied for nomination to the academy by a member of Congress. About 4,000 young men

and women were nominated.

"I've been interested in going to West Point ever since a representative from the academy came to my school to make a presentation in my freshman year," Rodriguez said. "I visited West Point this past November, and that made me more enthusiastic about the possibility of attending."

He has been a member of Pickerington Circle 4891 of the Columbian Squires, the youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, since he was 11 years old. He has been chief squire of the circle for the last two years and earlier held the positions of bursar and notary. He recently became a member of Seton Council 11187 of the K of C, which selected him as its young person of the year for 2015.

At school, he is treasurer of the National Honor Society and a member of the baseball team, the Knowledge Bowl team, the foreign language club, and the marching band, and section leader of the drumline. He also plays fall baseball and summer travel baseball. At his church, he has been part of the Seton Parish Youth, the leadership team, and the Confirmation retreat team. Last summer, he was a volunteer in Stivers' office.

He said his experience with the Squires had an im-



pact on his decision to apply for West Point. "As a Squires officer, I found myself developing a strong sense of service and of not wanting to let my fellow Squires down," he said. "I've gotten to like that feeling that someone is counting on you, which I know is an important part of military life."

Once he graduates from the academy, he will become a second lieutenant in the Army and begin a commitment of at least five years of active military service. If he leaves the Army at the end of time, he must spend three years in the

Army Reserves.

Rodriguez said he hopes to be in military life for 20 to 30 years and also would like to hold political office some day. He plans on majoring in political science at the academy.

"I've always enjoyed history classes, and in the last five or six years have become very interested in how politics works and in political change," he said. "I'd like to be a part of that change myself through serving the country in the Army and in politics."

He also plans to continue playing baseball at West Point, either at the intercollegiate level or on one of the academy's many intramural teams.

Cathedral Healing Mass draws large attendance; future liturgies planned

About 400 people from throughout the diocese took part in a Mass and Service of Healing at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Monday, May 4. Celebrated on the Feast of St. Peregrine, the patron saint of persons with cancer, the Mass was for persons with cancer, their family members and friends, caregivers, medical professionals, and cancer survivors.

Father Michael Lumpe, cathedral rector, himself a cancer survivor, celebrated the Mass.

"This was a very moving evening of prayer and support for one another, centered around Christ," he said. "I am quite thankful that eight of my brother priests and five brother deacons availed themselves to serve the faithful in this most caring way."

During his homily, Father Lumpe asked, "If we were to celebrate future regular healing Masses and healing services at the cathedral, would you come?" Virtually every

hand went up in a vote of "Yes."

"Reaching out to people during this difficult time in their lives is important, as it reminds them that they are not alone in their time of need. Christ is at their side, He is with all of us, and we are to pray not only for ourselves, but for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ," Father Lumpe said. "Prayer for the restoration of one's health and well-being is part of the Church's long-standing tradition."

Following Mass, the healing service began with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer. Those in attendance were invited to reverence a relic of the True Cross, then go to one of the priests, talk about individual health concerns, and receive a prayer, a blessing for healing, and, if Catholic, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The service concluded with Benediction.

This was the first visit to the cathedral for many people, Catholic

and non-Catholic alike, who expressed appreciation for this liturgical healing celebration.

"We are working on a schedule now for regular healing liturgical celebrations at the cathedral that will be open to persons with all infirmities, in addition to cancer," Father Lumpe added.

"Speaking from experience, it was about a year ago that I began my cancer journey, and I could not have gotten through this period of my life without the prayers and support of so many people – family, friends, colleagues, clergy and religious, parishioners and faithful throughout the diocese – the grace of the sacraments, and the litany of talented and caring medical professionals at The James (Cancer Hospital at The Ohio State University)," Father Lumpe said. "We are all children of God, and we need to turn to Him – not away from Him – in our time of need. We rely totally on God."



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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. It 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 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 which may prevent him or her from attending a college, business school, or technical school. "The awardee should also demonstrate a strong work ethic by consistently achieving above-average grades or have 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.

At Bishop Hartley, he has been a National Merit Scholarship finalist and participated in the National Honor Society, the STEM program, the Science Bowl team, the ambassadors and tutoring programs, the soccer team, and honors engineering programs at Ohio State, Cincinnati, and Dayton universities.

He and his twin brother Charlie organized a volunteer home repair service for the disabled and the elderly in their neighborhood. He also has been a Eucharistic minister and served as captain of a Hartley house mentor group. In his parish, he has been an altar server and lector and taken part in its homecoming festival and Christmas tree sale.

Funds to provide the scholarship, which was established in 2014, were donated by Dominique Smith in memory of her husband, Thomas, a lifelong resident of the Chillicothe area. Thomas Smith did not attend college and desired to help young people with limited finances who have demonstrated the ability to succeed in college.

45 WOMEN ENJOY ANNUAL DCCW RETREAT

The Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women sponsored its annual silent retreat at St. Therese's Retreat Center from Friday to Sunday, April 24 to 26. The theme for the retreat was "Marian Receptivity to God." Katie Boesch, DCCW vice president, organized the retreat and Father Walter Oxley, STD, of the Pontifical College Josephinum was retreat director.

Father Oxley told the attendees 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 Mercy Chaplet.

There was ample time for private confession and conferences with Father Oxley. Participants also had the opportunity to walk the beautiful grounds of St. Therese's, enjoy the new grotto, and just be with God.



"The Wizard of Oz"

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School students staged three presentations of the musical "The Wizard of Oz" which were enjoyed by hundreds of family members and friends. Pictured are cast members (from left) Lauren Markert, Nicole Orsini, and Kristen Kramer.

Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

Honoring an unworthy parent; Living closer to God



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I have a personal problem with the Fourth Commandment. It reads that we should honor father and mother, but my own father is not an honorable man.

He has always been a self-centered person who puts his own needs above everyone else's. Right now he is elderly and sick with stage-4 cancer. He expects me to be there to take care of his every need, even though he resides in an assisted living facility, and he never gives a thought to how anyone else is doing.

I try to do what I can, and I want to follow the commandments, but I am having a real problem understanding how to handle this one. (South Carolina)

A. The command from the Decalogue to "honor your father" does not mean that you have to like the distasteful things you find in him. What it does mean, though, is that you are obliged to treat him with civility and decency -- and with some measure of gratitude for having given you life.

In your present situation, that would mean doing what you reasonably can to ease your father's twin burdens of old age and sickness. The word "reasonably" is key: You may take comfort in the fact that your responsibilities to yourself and to your own family trump your obligations to your father, especially since his basic needs are being seen to by the assisted living staff, and so you can balance your time accordingly.

What he needs from you, probably more than anything else, is a bit of companionship on his difficult journey and the assurance that he has someone who cares.

There is no need to beat yourself up. My guess is that you're already

doing most of what you need to. Honoring your father doesn't mean pretending that he never has hurt you or allowing yourself to be manipulated by him. It does mean trying your best to forgive and keeping the lines of communication open. I have heard stories of long-strained relationships being gently healed in later life, when circumstances change and people need each other in new ways.

I will pray that this is one of those stories.

Q. I am a freshman in high school. I believe in God and in the Christian way of life, but I do have a question. How does God influence our lives, and how can one have a closer relationship with him? I want to depend on God for the decisions I make in my life, but many people say that they can live independently, without God. I only want to know the truth. (Mt. Arlington, New Jersey)

A. You are to be congratulated -- and envied. To have come to understand at a young age that your daily existence depends on the providence of the Lord and that God's will offers the best chance at a happy life is something of a rarity. (One might think this to be a self-evident truth that ought to be grasped readily, but many people take many years to incorporate it into their thinking.)

As you move through your teenage years, you will surely draw even closer to God -- by seeking to align your desires with the will of God.

The Lord does influence our lives in several ways: in the inner comfort and guidance we feel during quiet times and in prayer; with advice from trusted friends and mentors; and in the opportunities he provides, through the ever-changing circumstances of our lives.

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

ODU Professors Named Outstanding Teachers

Dr. John Marazita, Ohio Dominican University professor of psychology, and Dr. Chenelle Jones, assistant professor of criminal justice, are the recipients of ODU's 2015 Conley Award for outstanding teaching.



Dr. John Marazita



Dr. Chenelle Jones

Academy. Her research interests include race and crime, policing, and juvenile justice.

Jones earned her bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Wittenberg University, her master of science degree in education and human services from the University of Dayton, and her doctorate in administration of justice from Texas Southern University in Houston.

Marazita has taught psychology at ODU since 1995. In addition to being director of the university's honors program, he supervises research in psychology and teaches courses in human development, psychological testing, and cognitive psychology.

His current research addresses the development of metacognition and its contribution to language acquisition. He also is interested in developing materials for conducting child research that are engaging to preschool-aged children and are valid and reliable for researchers.

Marazita was the 2011 recipient of *Ohio* magazine's Excellence in Education Award. His work has been published in several journals, including *Child Development*, *Developmental Psychology*, *Journal of Memory and Language*, and *Language Learning and Development*.

Marazita earned his bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Akron and his master of arts degree and doctorate in experimental psychology from Kent State University. Before arriving at ODU, he was a visiting professor at Muskingum College. Marazita is a member of the Society for Research in Child Development, the Association for Psychological Science, and the Ohio Psychological Association, where he chaired the science committee from 2007 to 2009.

The award, whose recipients are selected by the student body, is presented annually to a professor who demonstrates excellence in teaching and dedication to students and to the university.

"This award means a lot, especially since it comes from the ODU student body," Jones said. "I am very grateful they thought of me, and I pray that I continue to be a light in their lives."

"I am humbled to be selected by our students to receive the Conley Award from a pool of very excellent professors at ODU," Marazita said. "I am very moved by this sign of their appreciation and respect of my teaching, research supervision, and directorship of the ODU honors program. Our students mean a great deal to me, and I always hope to contribute in some way to their ability to achieve their goals."

Jones joined the ODU faculty in 2012. She teaches courses on juvenile delinquency; women, crime and criminal justice; punishment, sentencing and the death penalty; race and ethnicity in criminal justice; ethics in criminal justice; victimology; and police and modern society.

She has given presentations at national conferences on comparative issues in criminal justice and has conducted several training sessions on topics such as privilege and disproportionate minority contact. She is the co-editor of *A Critical Analysis of Race and the Administration of Justice* and national director of research for the Teen and Police Service (TAPS)



Marching for Freedom

Hundreds of people marched from Columbus City Hall to the Ohio Statehouse on Sunday, May 3 at the March for Freedom Against Human Trafficking in an act of solidarity against modern-day slavery in commercial sex and forced labor. The march was led by drummers from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. The interfaith event was cosponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace and the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.



Chillicothe St. Peter Renovation Completed

Chillicothe St. Peter Parish celebrated the completion of its parish center renovation at an open house on Sunday, April 26, with more than 250 people in attendance. The open house included a blessing by the parish's pastor, Father William Hahn, tours of the building and convent, video presentation, and a light luncheon catered by the Old Canal Smokehouse. The event marked the end of a three-year effort to turn the former St. Peter School building into the center of parish activity outside of the Mass. The building, built in 1929, now houses the parish offices and library, the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry, and classrooms and meeting rooms. Activities which will occur in the building will include educational sessions, Bible studies, and gatherings of youth groups, scouts, Knights of Columbus, prayer groups, and other parish organizations. The building is now fully accessible, with an elevator to reaching every floor.

Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

GOLDEN APPLE AWARD



Columbus St. Agatha School fourth- and fifth-grade teacher Veronica Stemen (pictured at far right) received this year's Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching from the Upper Arlington Civic Association. In the spring of every year, the association solicits nominations from public and private high schools, middle schools, elementary schools, and preschools in Upper Arlington for the most deserving teacher in each school. The nominations are reviewed by directors of the association, who select the recipients. Personal presentations are made to each the teacher in a surprise classroom visit. Pictured with Stemen are (from left) Dan Bednar of the association; Stemen's mother, Mary Luc; Karla Gengler-Nowak of the association; Stemen's father, Joe Luc; Tina Falasca of the association; and Stemen's son, Troy, a seventh-grader at St. Agatha School.

Photo courtesy St. Agatha School

10 YEARS OF TEACHING

Columbus St. Anthony School teachers (from left) Amy Kish, Kathy McBride, and Kelly Buzenski all celebrated their 10th anniversary of teaching this year. All have worked at St. Anthony since graduating from college. Kish teaches first grade, McBride third grade, and Buzenski eighth grade.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School



DELAWARE ST. MARY ~ EARTH DAY

Delaware St. Mary School kindergarten students observed Earth Day as Jenifer Way-Young of the Delaware County Health Department taught them to recycle paper, using a blender and a drying screen. She is pictured with Brennan Marron.

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At Journey's End

It was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and it was relatively warm. The ride down was peaceful. We arrived at a wonderful park set back in the foothills of the Hocking Hills. As we came to the shelter area, I noticed many men and their children gathered around in a circle. When I approached, I saw a huge cross, six feet plus, sitting on its side as though it knew it was ready to be carried.

The Wilderness Outreach organization, a group of men dedicated to bringing together faith and family, had asked me to join them at their Holy Saturday "Carry the Cross" hike on a journey of discovery. It would be a journey of self-sacrifice, renewal, rebirth, and a realization of my personal weaknesses. The cross and the path it would take would lead me to a deeper understanding of the sacrifice made by Jesus more than 2,000 years ago.

There is a saying by Douglas Malloch that states "Good timber does not grow with ease. The stronger the wind, the stronger the tree." Adversity and trial are companions throughout our life. One cannot exist without the other. Just as fire is quenched by water, water cannot go without wheat to be formed into the bread of life. As, too, the light that shines must go through the darkness that illuminates it. This is the way Jesus shaped His ministry. It was His burden to carry the sins of our world so we could have eternal life.

As we were walking along the trail, there were countless stories from the fathers and sons coming together to try and experience what it must have been like on that fateful Good Friday. They came from different backgrounds and nationalities, but had one thing in common – their faith in God and in a legacy

to be left by example.

During my time talking with these men, helping to carry the cross, it made me think about my responsibilities and my commitment to spreading the glory of His redemption. Was I doing enough? Would I have the courage to give up my life for another? Would I have possessed the strength necessary to endure the pains of self-discovery?

We began to pray the rosary as we hiked, and would stop several times at each station of the cross to come together in reflection and to rest our minds, to steel ourselves for the hard work ahead. It was a true sight to behold, a brotherhood of men brought together not by sheer luck but by the call of Christ at this day and at this hour, at this time – true shepherds called by the blood of the lamb.

As I came to the end of my trail, stopping short of finishing because of an injury, I sat and waited for the group to return to base camp. I discovered I had a new sense of respect and admiration for those men who completed the journey. Sitting among nature, alone, gave me time to reflect on my weakness. The silence surrounding me was a melody being played out on a much larger scale. I would hear echoes of those who came before me and had taken up the cross of Christ. I realized at that moment that Jesus' death was just as important as how He lived His life. In that instant, as though it was fated to be, a poem by the great Robert Frost crossed my mind. It goes like this:

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
 And sorry I could not travel both
 And be one traveler, long I stood
 And looked down one as far as I could*

By Leandro M. Tapay/Diocesan Missions Director

Christian Life Is Simple, But Not Easy

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, but it is not easy. It is challenging, difficult, and demanding. It involves every dimension of our lives. It is more than showing up for baptism, or first communion, or confirmation, or a wedding ceremony, or punching the clock for an hour on Sunday.

St. John defines Christian life as believing in the name of Jesus and loving one another as the Lord has commanded. We give witness to these two commands by living them out among those around us at work, in school, in the marketplace, and in the public square.

mean to believe in Christ?

To believe in Jesus is not merely to believe in the proposition that there is a God who has sent His Son into the world as a man to suffer, die, rise, and ascend to heaven. These are all good, but we need to go further.

To believe in the name of Jesus means to cling to Jesus. It means to live our whole life around Him. It means to give our whole life to Him. It means to let Jesus transform us and conform us to Himself – to His way of thinking, to His way of loving, to His way of living.

It means that my life is no longer my own. I still live my life, but in a very real way, it is not mine any more. God has seized me. God has claimed me. God wants to be the Lord of every decision, every word, ev-

ery action, and every desire. God wants to prune away and cut off those things that keep me from growing in virtue and character, just as a good gardener prunes and cuts away dead branches and suckers that prevent a tree from growing.

Practically, it means to be faithful to our prayers. We cannot cling to Jesus if we are not in an ongoing relationship with Him, if we are not regularly listening and talking to Him in prayer and receiving His Body and Blood in the Eucharist at Mass, if we are not meeting Him in the Scriptures and in the Sacraments.

It means letting the Lord look at my life and take a walk around me, so to speak, like a gardener who walks around his vineyard, rooting out those things that don't belong and choke off life.



Lighting the Way
 Joseph Thomas

*To where it bent in the undergrowth;
 Then took the other, as just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim,
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
 Though as for that the passing there
 Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
 In leaves no step had trodden black.
 Oh, I kept the first for another day!
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
 I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:
 Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
 I took the one less traveled by,
 And that has made all the difference.*

I shall definitely be trying this again sometime in the future, and hopefully this time, with God's help and the help of my brothers, I will finally complete the trail and come together at journey's end.

I would like to thank the men for their gift that day. It will be remembered as long as I have a breath to breathe, and will be passed on so that you, too, may decide to take up the cross and discover your life's destiny, chosen and given to you out of divine love. May His peace be with you always.

No one likes to be pruned. I certainly don't. But Jesus says we must be. So we must ask the Lord what needs to be cut off or trimmed in us. It could be as simple as reducing the amount of time we spend in front of the computer or TV, and spending more time on prayer, reading Scripture, or reaching out to those in need.

Reaching out brings us to the second part of the two things that make up the Christian life – loving our neighbor as Jesus has commanded us. He commands us to recognize Him in the poor, the homeless, the sick, the lonely, the stranger, the widow, the unborn child, the woman exploited in pornography. And He doesn't just command us to recognize Him, but to do something to help. That's love. Love gets involved.



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 school administrators 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."



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'Brian 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; New to You Clothing Outreach Store; Stadium Cleanup; Canned Food Drive; Habitat for Humanity; Junior High Tutor; Carousel Center for Children Volunteer.



FRANCESCA COCCHIARALE

School: *Columbus Bishop Ready* **Parish:** *Columbus St. Christopher*
National Honor Society; St. Vincent de Paul 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*
Nationwide 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.



WILLIAM EICHEL

School: *Columbus St. Charles Preparatory* **Parish:** *Columbus Immaculate Conception*
National Honor Society; National Latin Examination Maxima Cum Laude Certificate; State Volleyball Coaches Scholar-Athlete 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. Joseph*
National Honor Society; Altar Server; National Academy of Future Physicians Award of Excellence; Air Force ROTC Scholarship; Case Western Reserve University Scholarship; Birthright Volunteer; Parish School of Religion Aide; Tuscarawas County Job and Family Services Playground Builder; Server at County Senior Citizen Recognition Banquet; Musical Entertainment for Union Hospital Christmas Tree Festival; Soup Kitchen; Eucharistic Minister; Lector; Sacristan; Parish Festival Volunteer.



MACKENZIE KRAKER

School: *Columbus St. Francis DeSales* **Parish:** *Westerville St. Paul*
National Honor Society; National Merit Scholarship Finalist; Latin Club Scholarship; Westerville Rotary Club Student of the Month; University of Notre Dame Reilly Scholars Visitation Program; Math Club; Student Ambassador; Peer Minister; Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam; Crusaders for Life; Diocesan Recreation Association Basketball Scorekeeper; Softball Team; Engineering Club; Junior Classical League; Veritas Youth Group; St. Vincent de Paul Service Club; Lector; Eucharistic Minister; Marching Band; Pregnancy Decision Health Care Center Volunteer; Heifer International Read to Feed; 40 Days for Life.



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 Olympics 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 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'Brian Youth Leadership Award; Good Citizen Award.



ELIZABETH WESTERHEIDE

School: *Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans* **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.

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Attending Vanderbilt University.



ALI BAIRD/Columbus St. Francis DeSales
Parish: Westerville St. Paul

National Honor Society; Westerville Rotary Club Student of the Month; AEP Educational Trust Scholarship; Softball Team; Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam; Student Ambassador; Math Club; Mock Trial; Kairos Retreat Student Director; Peer Minister; Special Olympics Softball Coach; Summer Softball Camp Volunteer; Grant Medical Center Shadow Student; Ohio State University Lab Research Assistant; Eucharistic Minister.
Attending Georgetown University.



IAN BILLIG/Newark Catholic
Parish: Newark Blessed Sacrament

Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award; Ohio University Premier Scholarship; Academic League; Latin Club; Student Council; Senior Class Vice President; Football Team Manager; Track Team; City Youth Council; Altar Server; Sacristan; Eucharistic Minister; Kairos Team Member.
Attending Ohio University.



GINO DETTORRE/Columbus Bishop Watterson
Parish: Columbus Our Lady of Peace

National Honor Society; National Merit Scholarship Finalist; Nationwide Children's Hospital Research Intern, Mechanisms of Human Health and Disease Distinguished Scholar, and Volunteer of the Month; Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity; Rensselaer Math and Science Medal; National Latin Exam Summa Cum Laude; Honda-OSU Math Medal; Student Council; Senior Class President; "In the Know" Team; Worship Band; Choir Accompanist; Cross Country Team; Parish Pianist; Recorded "Notes of Hope" CD Benefiting Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs.
Attending The University of Pennsylvania.



EMILY FRANZ/Columbus Bishop Hartley
Parish: Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

National Honor Society; National Merit Commended Scholar; Earth Science and Latin I Merit Awards; All-State in Cross Country and Track; Junior Olympics All-American; Dispatch Athlete of the Week; New World Track Club; School Track Camp; House Mentor Group Captain; Kairos Retreat Leader; Chemistry Camp Leader; Hawks Who Pray; JOIN Drive Leader; Together in Christ; Blest Week Ever; Kids Rooted in Christ.
Attending The University of Notre Dame.



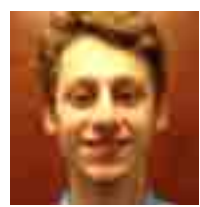
NICHOLAS KLITZKA/Lancaster Fisher Catholic
Parish: Circleville St. Joseph

National Honor Society; Student Council; Interact Club; Irish 4 Life; Environmental Club; Soccer Team; Track Team; Basketball Team; Canal Winchester Pride Soccer Club; Circleville Circle of Caring; Lancaster Habitat for Humanity; Assisted Veterans on Honor Flights; Lanfair Nursing Care Center Volunteer; Canal Winchester Rotary Amazing Race Volunteer; Parish Pumpkin Show Float Committee; Parish Holiday Dinner Volunteer; Lector; St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Basket Preparation; United Way Community Care Day.
Attending The United States Naval Academy.



ALEXANDER MILLEMAN/New Philadelphia
Tuscarawas Central Catholic
Parish: New Philadelphia Sacred Heart

National Honor Society; Senior Class Vice President; Football Team; Basketball Team; Second Team All-Ohio in Football; Academic All-Ohio in Football; School Choir; Parish Choir; Pianist; Cantor; Lector; Bidy Ball Youth Basketball Coach; Buckeye Boys State; Homeless Shelter Volunteer; School Sacristan; "Trumpet in the Land" Usher and Landscaper; Parish Festival.
Attending The University of Cincinnati.



NICHOLAS MITEVSKI/Columbus St. Charles
Preparatory
Parish: Westerville St. Paul

National Honor Society; Ohio State University Provost's Scholarship; Williams College Book Award; Scholar-Athlete Award; Diving Team; Baseball Team; Engineering Team; Chemistry Club; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Eucharistic Minister.
Attending The Ohio State University.



MEGHA PATEL/Portsmouth Notre Dame
Parish: Not listed

National Honor Society; Key Club; Student Council, Red, White and Youth Council; SEARCH Retreat; Softball Team; Volleyball Team; Camp Life Counselor; Indian Culture Program Coordinator; Science Bowl; Mock Trial; Ohio Model United Nations; Quiz Bowl; Spanish Club; Basketball Homecoming Queen; Honda-OSU Math Medal; Ohio State University Morrill Scholarship; Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship; Volunteer for Portsmouth St. Mary Food Pantry and International Festival, Southern Ohio Medical Center, Star Adult Workshop, Hillview Retirement Home, and Carousel Children's Center.
Attending The Ohio State University.



KARLEY STACKHOUSE/Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans
Parish: Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas

National Honor Society; National Merit Commended Scholar; Key Club; Senior Class Vice President; Student Council; VEX Team; Peer Ministry; Community Club; Spanish Club; VIX Robotics; Pep Club; Volleyball Team; Starlight Center Volunteer; St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Nicholas Festival Volunteer.
Attending The Ohio State University.



Deacon Iannarino Receives Hemmelgarn Award

Deacon Frank Iannarino (center) received the Romana Hemmelgarn Award at this year's diocesan teacher recognition luncheon. The award is presented annually by the diocesan Schools Office to Catholic school educators who best demonstrate the qualities of care, concern, and dedication Hemmelgarn exhibited during her 22 years of service to Catholic schools. Deacon Iannarino is director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate and chaplain and director of the theology department at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, where he has been a teacher since 1977. He also taught at Portsmouth Notre Dame High School from 1975-77. Pictured with him are Hemmelgarn's daughter, Sue Wintering, and Dr. Joe Brettnacher, diocesan schools superintendent.

Photo courtesy diocesan Schools Office

CWV Scholarship Winners

The Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Inc. offers four scholarships nationally to graduating high school seniors entering college the following fall.

Three of the recipients for this year's funding are Ohio residents Shannon Hughes, Jacob Moehrman, and Jessica Passwater. Each student will receive \$1,000 to apply to college tuition for his or her freshman year.

Hughes lives in Huron and heard about the scholarship from her aunt, Peggy Hughes, who lives and attends Mass in the Columbus area. Hughes will be attending The Ohio State University.

Moehrman attends Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and read about the scholarship opportunity in the bulletin of Columbus St. Patrick Church. He will be attending the University of Cincinnati.

Passwater's grandmother, Mary Sweeney, is a parishioner of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. She also attends Mass at St. Patrick, and read about the scholarship in that church's bulletin. Passwater will be attending Ohio State.

All three recipients have grandparents who served in the armed forces. They were sponsored by Columbus St. Patrick Post 1963 of the Catholic War Veterans.

Gertrude Kuehefuhs Music Scholarship Elementary and Secondary Schools

Four students in diocesan schools have been awarded the annual Gertrude C. Kuehefuhs music scholarships.

Outstanding instrumental and choral music students receive the \$250 awards to help them pay Catholic high school tuition or college tuition. Two scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, and the other two go to eighth-graders.

Kuehefuhs was a long-time member of the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral choir and a teacher of music at The Ohio State University. The awards are made possible from a gift received from her estate.

The winners are:

High School Instrumental Music



Samantha Zelnik

Samantha Zelnik, a senior at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, plays the oboe and the English horn. She also has played the flute for the school marching band, the marimba for the marching band and the school's indoor drum line, and the saxophone

for the school jazz band, and was the marching band's field commander this year. She has been a member of the Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra for four years and The Ohio State University's high school honors band for three years. In 2015, she was part of the Ohio All-State Orchestra and played in Carnegie Hall with the High School Honors Performance Series. She has received a superior ranking twice at Ohio Music Education Association contests.

She plans to attend Ohio State and earn degrees in music education and oboe performance, and hopes to become a high school band director or play for an orchestra.

High School Choral Music



Andrew Simmons

Andrew Simmons, a senior at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, is a tenor who has participated in the school's mixed concert choir, marching band, and concert band, has been a member of the diocesan honor choir, and

has received superior ratings for three years in Ohio Music Education Association contests. He has been in several school musicals and plays and has played the lead in two musicals outside the school and been in the chorus in others. He also has performed with Opera Columbus in *Madame Butterfly* and has taken

part in a baroque choir festival and in charity galas for The Childhood League.

He will attend either Kent State University, Baldwin-Wallace University, or Wright State University next year and major in vocal performance or musical theater. He hopes to earn a master's degree and to have a career on Broadway, recognizing this is likely to mean he also will have to work in other fields.

Elementary Instrumental Music



Grace Lensmire

Grace Lensmire, an eighth-grade student at Worthington St. Michael School, plays saxophone and piano. She has taken private saxophone lessons from instructor Sam Falcone for the past four years, and has been first-chair saxophone player in

the Columbus Bishop Watterson High School honor band since fifth grade. She was a member of The Ohio State University's middle school honor band in the spring of 2014, and placed at the state and national level in piano guild competitions from 2006-10.

This fall, she will attend Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, where she hopes to play varsity lacrosse. She would like to continue in that sport in college, where she wants to study athletic training in hopes of becoming a personal trainer or a physical therapist.

Elementary Vocal Music



Angelica Rivera-Martinez

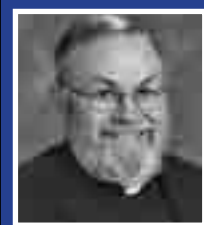
Angelica Rivera-Martinez, an eighth-grader at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, is a soprano who had the lead role in the school's spring musical and is a soloist in her parish's youth choir,

a cantor for the parish, and a member of the school's show choir, which received a "Gold" rating in a competition at Cedar Point last year. She also received an "Outstanding" rating at the 2015 Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta, where she and other Columbus Children's Theater participants performed the musical *Into the Woods Jr.* She also has been in the cast of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Sleeping Beauty Jr.* at Columbus Children's Theater.

She will attend Columbus Bishop Ready High School in the fall and hopes to have a medical career. Being a pediatrician is at the top of her list of career choices.

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Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20

The Ascension marks the end of the appearances the crucified Jesus made after his resurrection. Luke presents one such account of how these appearances ended, with his unique tale in Acts of how Jesus ascended from the sight of the disciples. The question is raised by the men dressed in white: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking up into the sky?" That becomes the real point of departure for the Church to set out and proclaim the message of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

Mark's Gospel comes from the "longer ending" of Mark. Verses nine to 20 were not found in early manuscripts of Mark, and these verses were not added until at least the second century. They contain clear references to John and Luke and must be considered written under the influence of those two Gospels. They add nothing to the sparse information in the Gospels about what happened after the resurrection of Jesus.

What really carries us into a vision of what the Church is, or should be, comes in Paul's reflections in the Ephesians letter. Two possible passages are available for this feast, but each is lofty in its reflections on those who make up the Church and what being part of the Church really means.

Ephesians 1:17-23 in Greek starts in the middle of a sentence which began at verse 15. Many long sentences are found in this letter. When translated into English, the preference is to break up Paul's words into understandable ideas, so the section appears to

have more sentences than are found in the Greek original. The words form part of a prayer Paul utters for the Ephesians. The ideas follow: May God give you (second-person plural) wisdom, knowledge, and hope. May you know (God's) great power, who raised Christ from the dead and seated him at God's right hand, where he is far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion. This knowledge can only come as a gift. It is not something we come to by study or by somehow working for it. It comes only as a free gift of God, as sheer grace. Paul prays God to give this to the Ephesians.

Paul notes that God has put all things beneath Christ's feet (that is, all things are subject to Christ) and made him head of the Church, which is his body. Paul uses many poetic expressions ("May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened" and "the surpassing greatness of his power" and "the head of his body, the Church"). At the same time, what is good for Christ is good for his body, the Church, so that the Church shares in whatever belongs to Christ.

Ephesians 4:1-13 reminds its readers that Paul writes as a prisoner for the Lord. He encourages them to live in a manner worthy of the call they have received (as followers of Christ). He specifies the need for humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, and striving to preserve unity in the Spirit, through the bond of peace: one body, one Spirit, "as you were also called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all and through all."

This sevenfold reflection on unity reflects the idea of perfect unity, symbolized by the perfect number seven. The post-Ascension organization of the Church includes apostles, 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 work of the Church in every age, not gazing heavenward, waiting for Jesus to return.

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary Church, can be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

Patriotic Organ Concert at Columbus St. Mary

Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church, 684 S. 3rd St., will host an afternoon of patriotic music written and arranged for the organ at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 24.

Parish organist William Antoniak's selections will include *The Star-Spangled Banner* and Payne's variations on that tune; *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*; the Navy hymn *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*; an armed forces medley; *The Liberty Bell March*; a fantasia on *America the Beautiful*; *Bring Him Home* from *Les Miserables*; and works related to July 4, evening prayers, and the Battle of Trenton.

Veterans are invited to come in uniform.

A free-will offering will be taken for the Wounded Warrior Project.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Acts 19:1-8
Psalm 68:2-5d,6-7b
John 16:29-33

TUESDAY
Acts 20:17-27
Psalm 68:10-11,20-21
John 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY
Acts 20:28-38
Psalm 68:29-30,33-36b
John 17:11b-19

THURSDAY
Acts 22:30;23:6-11
Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11
John 17:20-26

FRIDAY
Acts 25:13b-21
Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b
John 21:15-19

SATURDAY
Acts 28:16-20,30-31
Psalm 11:4-5,7
John 21:20-25

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MAY 17, 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).

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 III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

The difference Cardinal George made



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

On Sept. 2, 1939, the House of Commons debated the British government's response to the German invasion of Poland the previous day. The ruling Conservative Party was badly divided between those demanding that Britain fulfill its obligations to Poland and those addicted to the habits of appeasement. "Party loyalty" was being invoked to drown out Conservative opposition to Conservative prime minister Neville Chamberlain when the deputy leader of the opposition Labour Party, Arthur Greenwood, rose to speak. Then, from the Tory back benches, came the voice of an anti-appeasement Conservative, Leo Amery, who cried, "Speak for England, Arthur!"

Who speaks for country and principle, not just for faction or party? It's a perennial question. I was reminded of it, and of Leo Amery, when my friend, Sen. Henry M. Jackson, died in 1983, and one of his aides said, "We've just lost the last adult in the Senate." When I asked what that meant, he replied, "There was only one man here who, when a crisis was at hand and the country was at risk, had the personal authority to say, in effect, 'Close the door; let's get serious and get this settled.'" That's what the death of Scoop Jackson meant: the last reference point had left the scene. (And if you want a sense of that aide's prescience, look at the U.S. Senate today.)

Legislative bodies with contending factions and ideas need that kind of leadership: they need someone—or, preferably, several someones—with the authority to speak for the common good and get others to think

outside the narrow confines of their own concerns and interests. And so (if I may stretch an analogy just a bit) do bishops' conferences.

The death of Cardinal Francis George on April 17 opened a breach in the life and work of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Since Cardinal John O'Connor's death in 2000, Cardinal George played the role championed by Leo Amery and embodied by Scoop Jackson in another sphere of action: Cardinal George was the man with the authority, in this case, to "speak for the Church," and to get his brother bishops to bracket their differences and act as one for the good of the Church. He did it quietly, but he also did it effectively. And he could do it because of who 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 uses those words the bishops don't understand." Well, His Nameless (and now deceased)

Excellency may not have understood, but others did. And those who didn't necessarily have the same breadth of learning and culture as Francis George nonetheless followed his lead because they knew him as a man of erudition and humility who thought things through, who had the courage to follow his convictions, and who could be trusted to speak for the Church, not just for his point of view or his "party."

It was immensely important that the bishops elected Cardinal George their conference president in 2007. For it was his leadership that created the broad consensus about the Catholic future in America that led to the election of Cardinal Timothy Dolan as conference president in 2010—and that made possible the bishops' stalwart defense of religious freedom in the face of an administration determined to bend the Church and its work of healing, educating and empowering the poor to the government's will.

That contest is by no means over, for the modern state—whoever is in charge—seems to have an irresistible urge to expand its reach, shrinking the sphere of civil society in the process. This tendency is a direct challenge to the core Catholic social doctrine principle of subsidiarity. And it must be resisted, even as the Church works to marry subsidiarity to solidarity with the weakest among us.

So who will now "speak for the Church"?

George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

Quiz team finishes third in state competition



The Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School quiz team finished third in state competition at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. Team members and coaches are (from left): first row, Hunter Wotruba, Andrew Smith, and Gillian Baker; second row, coach Lynn Stevenson, Brandon Shull, Luke Skelton, and coach Mike Sedlack.

Photo courtesy Fisher Catholic High School

In the marriage case styled REICHARD - MUSSMAN, 16/15, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of CYNTHIA SUSAN REICHARD (nee MUSSMAN). The Tribunal herewith informs her of the case and invites her to contact REV MSGR JOHN CODY JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 29 MAY 2015. Phone: 614-241-2500. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of CYNTHIA SUSAN REICHARD (nee MUSSMAN) is herewith asked to make this Citation known to her or to inform the Tribunal of her current address. Given this 08 day of MAY, 2015. REV MSGR JOHN CODY JCL, Presiding Judge.

Pray for our dead

ADAMS, Deloris T., 87, May 3
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

ARCHANGELI, Diana, April 16
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

BAILEY, Maria B., 88, May 5
St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Columbus

BRAY, John "Pat," 86, May 2
St. Mary Church, Marion

BREWTON, Thomas J., 93, May 8
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

CAPOCCI, Theresa A., 90, May 6
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

CONTOSTA, Betty A., 87, May 4
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

DEHN, Thomas J., 69, May 8
St. Mary Church, Delaware

DOWNS, Virgil L., 95, May 9
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

EVANS, Norma L., 93, May 2
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

FRIEDLINGHAUS, Betty M., 91, May 8
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

GALLEN, Joseph M. Jr., 69, May 3
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

GILL, Vincent, 92, May 4
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

JOSEPH, Paul A., 76, May 5
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

KELLEHER, Duane J., 87, formerly of Columbus, May 1
St. Joseph Church, Alliance

MORIANI, Marcia R., 79, May 5
St. Paul Church, Westerville

O'NEIL, Peggy A., 91, May 7
St. Michael Church, Worthington

SHIELS, Dr. William E. II, 61, May 5
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

SMITH, Dwight A., "Al," 61, April 29
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

SPADA, Mary B., 84, May 8
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

STROHL, Michael C., 62, May 6
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

SUGAR, Joseph A. Jr., 82, May 7
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

TURNER, Forest "Bud," 85, April 17
St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg

VOLLBERG, Edward, 70, of Columbus, May 1
St. Aloysius Church, East Liverpool

WARTHER, Mary, 87, May 3
St. Joseph Church, Dover

WHERELY, Dale, 92, May 4
St. Joseph Church, Dover

WILLIAMS, Patricia T., 86, May 5
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

Margaret E. Snopik

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

She was born June 9, 1938 in Seward, Pennsylvania, to James and Mary (Bennett) Hunter and was manager of the St. Anthony School cafeteria for many years. She also was past president of the parish women's club, a member of the St. Clair Cir-

cle, and secretary of the Northland Swim Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Mary Margaret; and a sister, Dorothy Henderson. Survivors include her husband, Robert; sons, Robert (Lori), Paul (Kim), and James (Claudina); daughters, Teri (Tom) Decker and Judy (Matthew) Williams; sister, Phyllis (A.V.) Davis; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

There is no charge for obituaries. **Obituaries cannot be taken by phone. Obituaries will be edited for length/clarity/style and printed as space permits.**

William P. Wood Jr.

Funeral Mass for William P. Wood Jr., 67, who died Monday, May 4, was held Friday, May 8, at Columbus Holy Spirit Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born May 9, 1947, to William and Mildred (Roehrenbeck) Wood, graduated from Columbus Bishop Hartley High School in 1965, received a bachelor's degree in 1969 from Ohio Dominican College, where he was a member of the school's first basketball team, and received a master's degree in education from The Ohio State University.

He was an educator and coach at several central Ohio high schools, including Columbus Bishop Watterson

(1971-72), Columbus Father Wehrle (1972-75), Groveport-Madison (1969-71), Grandview (1975-77), and Ashville Teays Valley (1977-80). He then worked as an agent for Nationwide Insurance until retiring in 2001. He also was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Ohio State University Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Harold Glass; and brothers, John and Richard. Survivors include his wife, Penny (Melvin); daughter, Yvette (Michael) LaValle; son, Brian (Beth); stepson, John (Jeanne) Williams; sister, Lesa (John) Gruesen; stepbrother, Steven Glass; and three grandchildren.

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MAY

14, THURSDAY

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**

Evening of the Arts at DeSales

6 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Evening of the Arts featuring DeSales students and fifth- through eighth-graders from feeder schools. Begins with art show, followed by spring band concert and choir performance at 7 and resumption of art show at 8. **614-267-6822**

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

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Theology on Tap Meeting

7 to 9 p.m., El Vaquero Restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Meeting of Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics. Topic: "Catholics With Same-Sex Attractions and How the Church Loves Them" with Father Patrick Toner, pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church. RSVP to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

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

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Pregnancy Decision Health Center 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. **614-888-8774**

15, 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**

Retirement Celebration for Mary Lang at St. Brendan
6:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. Brendan School, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard. Celebration honoring Mary Lang, who is retiring as school principal. **614-876-6132**

JOIN BiblioBenefit at St. Andrew

7 p.m., Nugent Hall, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. 11th annual BiblioBenefit sponsored by Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs. \$50 per person. **614-241-2531**

Arts Festival at Bishop Watterson

7 to 10 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Arts festival with works by artists from Watterson and its feeder schools and a performance by the school's jazz band. **614-268-8671**

15-16, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Women's Retreat at Sts. Peter and Paul Center

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Retreat for women, led by Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, and Mary Reichley, pastoral associate at Westerville St. Paul Church. Theme: "Longing for God." Cost \$100 single, \$75 double. **740-928-4246**

15-17, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Diocesan Catholic Scout Camporee

St. Joseph Church, 5757 State Route 383 N.E., Somerset. Annual camporee sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for all Boy and Girl Scouts, Venture and Camp Fire members, and adults who work with young people. Theme: "Living Your Faith." Weekend program for those in grades six to 12; Saturday program for first- through fifth-graders. Fulfills Boy Scout Ad Altare Dei award retreat requirements. **614-263-7832**

16, SATURDAY

Catholic Social Services Service Saturday

8:30 a.m., Meet at St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Service Saturday, sponsored by Catholic Social Services. Volunteers will help older adults and disabled individuals in

Franklin County who need assistance with home repair, painting, yardwork, or other projects. **614-857-1251**

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.

Catholic Record Society Meeting

Noon, Westminster-Thurber Community, 717 Neil Ave., Columbus. Catholic Record Society annual luncheon meeting, with Msgr. Patrick Gaughan speaking on the history of the Diocese of Steubenville, followed by short business session. \$20 per person. **614-268-4166**

17, SUNDAY

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

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

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors.

Dave Orsborn, OFS **614-282-4676**

Columbus Swiss Singers Spring Concert at St. Leo

3 p.m., St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., Columbus. Columbus Swiss Singers Saengerfest (spring concert) in preparation for 2015 North American Swiss singing contest.

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

18, MONDAY

Film on Archbishop Romero at Newman Center

7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. "Monsenor: The Last Journey of Oscar Romero," a documentary film about the archbishop from El Salvador who will be beatified on May 23. **614-291-4674**

19, TUESDAY

Reflection on Aging at de Porres Center

1 to 3 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "A Pause to Reflect on the Aging Process" with Sister Helen Cahill, OP. Donation \$15. **614-416-1910**

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer group meeting. **740-654-6928**

20-21, WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Workshop on Multiple Parish Ministry at St. Paul

St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Workshop for parish leaders on "Managing Multiple-Parish Ministry: From Maintenance to Mission," with Doug Tooke, Catholic formation services director, Diocese of Helena, Montana. Sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Overview session 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednes-

day or 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, more detailed programs 1-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Free; \$10 in advance for Thursday lunch. **614-241-2565**

21, THURSDAY

Spiritual Day Spa at de Porres Center

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Spiritual Day Spa retreat with Father Joshua Wagner, author Brooke Gaberle, strength and movement coach Lori Crock, and musician Mark Voris. Theme: "Rejoice! My Heart Sings to the Lord." Lunch, Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation included. \$47 person; also available live online for \$19.97. Details at www.spiritualdayspa.com.

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

22, FRIDAY

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23, 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.

Alfred Tibor Reception at Jubilee Museum

3 to 5 p.m., Holy Family Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Reception for sculptor Alfred Tibor, whose work is on display at the museum through June 14. **614-600-0054**

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Pentecost Mass

7 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Mass for the Feast of Pentecost, sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, celebrated by Fathers G. Michael Gribble and David Sizemore, preceded by rosary at 5:30 and praise and worship, with personal prayer available, at 6. **614-237-7080**

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. "Joining Spring in the Labyrinth" walk, with Dale Sparlin of Mindful Labyrinths. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline May 21. **614-866-4302**

24, SUNDAY

Mass for Those Who Recently Joined the Church

10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates annual diocesan Pentecost Mass for neophytes (those who recently joined the Catholic Church, mainly at the Easter Vigil), followed by reception. **614-221-4640**

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social.

Patriotic Organ Concert at Columbus St. Mary

4 p.m., St. Mary, Mother of God Church, 684 S. 3rd St., Columbus. "Tribute to Our Veterans," a program of patriotic music for the organ, with parish organist William Antoniak. Veterans are invited to come in uniform. **614-866-4302**



DOCUMENTARY REVIEW

THOMAS MERTON

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

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

Actually, it was closer to two, but it was Atkinson's own pilgrimage to Gethsemani 40 years ago that not only broadened his exposure to Merton, but led him to become a Catholic.

Atkinson long had dreams of being a Hollywood filmmaker. Living in his native Louisville, Kentucky, though, wasn't going to cut it.

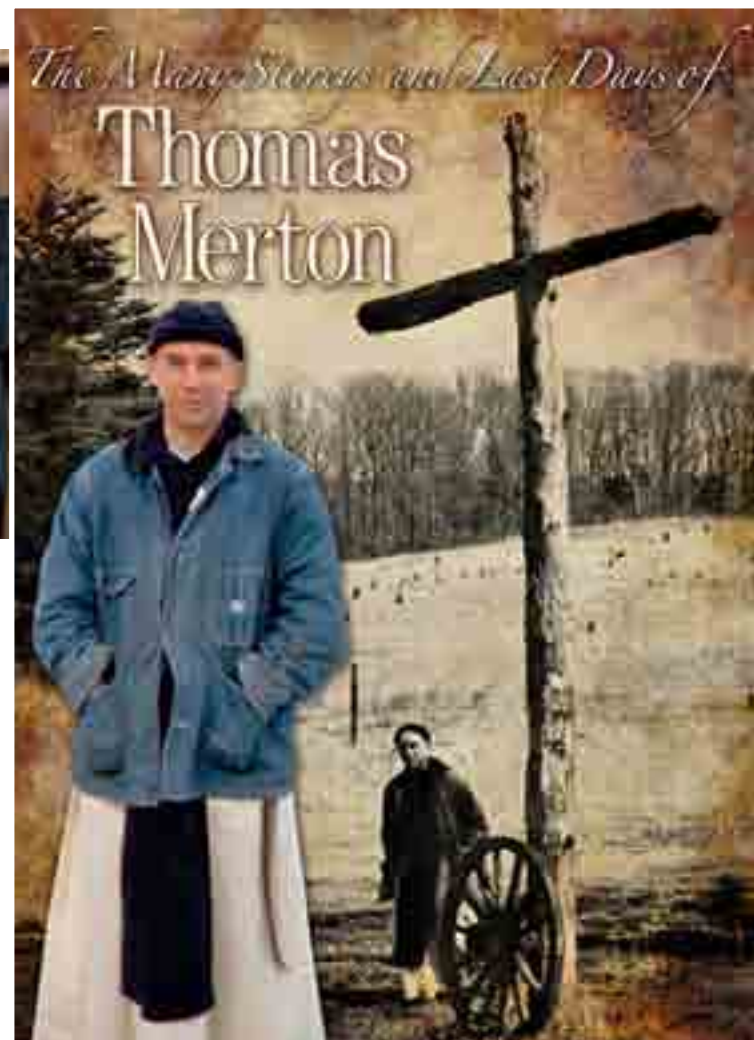
"If I want to make films, I should go to Los Angeles," he recalls thinking. "After a year, I was not exactly tearing things up." So he headed back home.

"To say I was at loose ends was probably an understatement," he told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview from Louisville. "I was aware of Merton growing up, but I wasn't thinking about him, at least consciously. For some reason, I thought it would be interesting to read his book *The Seven Storey Mountain*. I read it. A lot of it was off-putting to me, frankly, but there was something about the man that was interesting to me."

From there, "I went to the abbey of Gethsemani, which is about 60 miles from Louisville. It had a profound impact on me. From that, I became a Catholic, and have been practicing for the last 40 years," he said.

Atkinson also has been able to make a living as a filmmaker. Two of his earlier documentaries have received national airings on PBS.

"I would probably return once or twice, three times a year for a



retreat. As I was developing as a filmmaker, I thought 'Gosh, there's some interesting stories here.' At that time, the abbot wanted no part of anyone doing any film there. Then in the 1990s, a new abbot came in and had a different mindset. I had letters of recommendation, and so they let me do a documentary in the monastery itself, Gethsemani, which was well received by the monks and by viewers on PBS. I was trusted," he said. Eventually, he was asked by those at the abbey, "Why don't you do one on Merton?"

He is hopeful that the new documentary, *The Many Storeys and Last Days of Thomas Merton*, will get a PBS time slot sometime this year, the centennial of the monk's birth.

Lacking that, Atkinson said, there is a PBS secondary channel that transmits programming to affiliates. "But instead of getting a uniform showing on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 9 o'clock all over the country, they (affiliates) sort of plug it in wherever they want to," he said.

Atkinson said he focused on 1968, the last year of Merton's life, because he felt his first Merton documentary "didn't do justice" to that year, which ended in Merton's fateful sojourn to Asia, during which he died of accidental electrocution.

"(Nineteen) sixty-eight is such a year in American culture that it had a lot of richness to it as well. So I thought 'OK, I'll just do it on that last year,'" he said.

He wanted to time his work on

the documentary, while paying the bills with other film work, so that it would be ready for viewing in time for the centennial. "From my first two films on Merton, you develop a network. You know where the scholars are and where to access them," he said.

Atkinson is working with that network to get the film to more people, regardless of PBS' ultimate decision. "I have friends and associates across the country who will host showings not only in this country, but in other parts of the world. In two weeks I'm going to Xavier (University) in Cincinnati and doing a showing there," he said. "I've been talking to a friend in Pepperdine (University) in Malibu (California), and am doing a showing there in September.

Atkinson added, "It's not something where you think 'I'm making a ton of money doing this.' It just feels good to show the work. You hope the work will inspire people to read

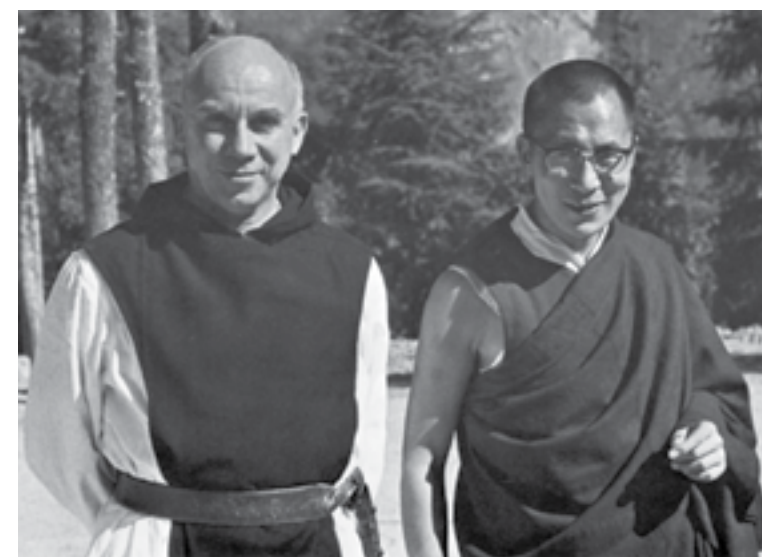
more about Merton, to help them shape their lives in a way that they'll feel better."

Atkinson was able to combine historical footage of Merton with new interviews from celebrated figures whose lives Merton touched.

Such was the case with popular speaker Franciscan Father Richard Rohr, but even more so with the Dalai Lama, whom Merton met during his Asia trip (bottom left). Atkinson interviewed each of them last year.

"The ability to interview the Dalai Lama" was cited by Atkinson as nearly reason enough to make the new documentary. "I love the last thing said by the Dalai Lama in my current film: 'One does something, very good. Ten people, better. Do something,'" Atkinson said.

Top left photo: Filmmaker Morgan Atkinson is pictured in an undated photo with Jesuit Father James Martin, who appears in Atkinson's documentary "The Many Storeys and Last Days of Thomas Merton." (CNS photo/courtesy Steve Staley)



2015 Tour de Diocese: Seminarian Bike Tour

Seminarians' Seek Holiness Bike Tour in the Columbus Diocese May 18-21

Columbus diocesan seminarians, priests, and deacons will ride their bicycles through the diocese, starting at Logan St. John School on Monday, May 18 and finishing at Worthington St. Michael School on Thursday, May 21.

This is the seventh year for the Seminarians' Seek Holiness Bike Tour. Our diocese is blessed to have the Pontifical College Josephinum, the only pontifical seminary in the United States. The seminarians say that with enrollment in the college continuing to rise, they can't be more excited to share the faith.

For the past six years, after the seminarians have finished their school year at the college, they have taken their bikes and hit the road. Again this year, about 15 seminarians and many clergy members will ride their bikes through the diocese, visiting various schools and parishes to reach out to young people and to speak on living the life one is called to live.

Everyone is called to a vocation, and the seminarians will discuss the importance of discerning God's call in one's life. Through an assembly format, the seminarians will share their discernment stories, play interactive games such as "Stump the Seminarian," and be available to answer tough questions such as "What is a vocation?" "How can I tell if I have a vocation?" "Is a

vocation a job?" and more.

The seminarians look forward to this annual event of fellowship, evangelization, cycling, and spending time talking about vocations with young people, pastors, and parishioners. The Bike tour team will cover 30 to 50 miles a day.

The See Holiness Bike Tour is sponsored by the diocesan Vocations Office, The Catholic Foundation, and Face Forward Connecting Catholic Youth on Facebook. Followtheseminariansasthey travel to your parish or school, on Twitter and Instagram @#sembiketour, and "like" them on Facebook at Faceforward.

Bike Tour Schedule:

Monday, May 18: Logan St. John the Evangelist School.

Tuesday, May 19: Lancaster St. Mary School, Lancaster St. Bernadette School, and Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School.

Wednesday, May 20: Columbus St. Catharine School, Columbus All Saints Academy, Columbus Holy Spirit School, and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School.

Thursday, May 21: Columbus Holy Family Church, Columbus Immaculate Conception School, Columbus St. James the Less School, and Worthington St. Michael School.



Newman Center to present film on the life of Archbishop Romero

Archbishop Oscar Romero will be beatified in San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador, on Saturday, May 23.

To commemorate his life and celebrate his beatification, the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., will present the full-length film documentary: *Monseñor: The Last Journey of*

Oscar Romero, at 7 p.m. Monday, May 18.

Produced by the University of Notre Dame, this film features rare recordings and film footage featuring people who knew Romero personally and were inspired by his life, including church personnel, human rights activists, former guerrilla fighters, and Salvadoran citizens.

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DIOCESAN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR RETIREES





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.

Photo courtesy diocesan Schools Office

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

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

 <p>Msgr. Anthony Missimi Retired</p>	<p>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</p>
 <p>Fr. Kevin Lutz Pastor St. Mary Church/German Village</p>	<p>MT. CALVARY 581 Mt. Calvary Avenue at West Mound Street 11:00 A.M. MASS ON PRIEST'S CIRCLE 614-491-2751</p>
 <p>Fr. Charles Cotton Pastor St. Elizabeth Church</p>	<p>RESURRECTION 9571 N. High Street (Route 23) North of I-270 1:00 P.M. MASS IN CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM Military Flag Raising and Salute/12:00 Noon V.F.W. Post #2398 614-888-1805</p>
 <p>Msgr. David Funk Pastor St. Pius X Church</p>	<p>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. V.F.W. Post #9473 740-927-4442</p>

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

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