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The Editor's Notebook

The Season of Our Lives

By David Garick, Editor



Well, it's "high summer" in Ohio. This is summer the way it was meant to be – sweet corn and watermelon weather. This is the time to stretch out on a hammock in the shade with a cold drink. And there, in the warm breeze rustling through the trees, one can faintly hear the small, whiney voice, "Is it time for school to start again already?" Also in the background, there is a collective sigh from parents that their bored offspring will be occupied for most of the next nine months, and a deep breath from teachers steeling themselves for the challenge ahead.

The weather may not indicate any change of season. The calendar says it will still be summer for another month. But there is no more true harbinger of change than back-to-school. Throughout our youth, this is a time for new school clothes. This is when we get our school supplies for the coming year. That may mean going from big, fat pencils and crayons in just a few colors to grown-up pencils and boxes of crayons with dozens of colors. Or maybe this is the year you get a protractor and a compass, or a new tablet or laptop computer.

Back-to-school means going to a different classroom, maybe even a different school building. There will be a new teacher, or, if you are older, a bunch of new teachers. There are all the rumors about how hard this new teacher is. You have to find out through experience that the hard ones are the best ones. This

is when you take on new courses and begin learning things in fields you have never considered before. You also get to meet new friends and deepen relationships with old ones.

Every year, like clockwork, back-to-school comes and turns a brand-new page in our life workbook for us to begin a fresh new season in our life. Every year, that is, until school is over and our adult life begins. Then the comfortable regularity goes away. We still have seasons in our lives, but they are much less predictable. Marriage, a new job, divorce, loss of a job, the birth of a child, the death of a loved one – all of these mark new life seasons. But gone are the days when we could count on a fresh start, a clean slate, a new challenge every year.

We often fall into a malaise of sameness. We get into a rut in our lives and begin to resent the familiar and fear the idea of change. Lacking the automatic change that back-to-school brought us in our youth, we need a spiritual change of season. Prayer can provide that. If we truly ask God how we can best serve him at this stage of our life, and then really listen for the answer, that new page will turn and a new season will begin.

So, to our students, good luck in the new school year. Enjoy this season while you can.

Vatican calls on Muslim leaders to condemn Islamic State



Children flee violence from forces loyal to the Islamic State in Sinjar, Iraq, on Aug. 10. Islamic State militants have killed at least 500 Yazidi ethnic minorities, an Iraqi human rights minister said. CNS photo/Rodi Said, Reuters

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

The Vatican called on Muslim leaders to condemn the "barbarity" and "unspeakable criminal acts" of Islamic State militants in Iraq, saying a failure to do so would jeopardize the future of interreligious dialogue.

"The plight of Christians, Yazidis, and other religious and ethnic communities that are numeric minorities in Iraq demands a clear and courageous stance on the part of religious leaders, especially Muslims, those engaged in interfaith dialogue, and everyone of goodwill," said a statement from the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue released by the Vatican on Aug. 12.

"All must be unanimous in condemning unequivocally these crimes and must denounce the invocation of religion to justify them," the statement said. "Otherwise,

what credibility will religions, their followers and their leaders have? What credibility would remain to the interreligious dialogue patiently pursued in recent years?"

The same day, Egypt's grand mufti, Shawqi Allam, said the Islamic State fighters do not represent Islamic values or Islamic law, reported the Middle East News Agency. It also reported that, during a meeting with Lebanon's prime minister, the mufti said the militants' crimes are a shame to Islam and Muslims, and that regional and international cooperation is needed to fight such groups.

The Vatican document noted that the "majority of Muslim religious and political institutions" have opposed the Islamic State's avowed mission of restoring a caliphate, a sovereign Muslim state under Is-

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NEW SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT HAS BEEN BUSY

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

It's been a busy summer for the newly appointed diocesan superintendent of schools.

Dr. Joseph Brettbacher came to Columbus from Lafayette, Ind., in June after Bishop Frederick Campbell selected him to replace Lucia McQuaide as school superintendent and episcopal moderator for education. For the past month-and-a-half, he has been familiarizing himself with his new position and traveling around the diocese to meet the principals and staff members he will be leading and serving. In addition, he has met with several priests and personnel in the various diocesan offices.

Brettbacher's first official day on the job was June 30 and his first day in the office was July 7. Before June 30, he spent two days meeting with personnel in the four diocesan departments he supervises: the Office of Catholic Schools; the Office of Religious Education and Catechesis; the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry; and the Recreation Department.

When the *Catholic Times* caught up with him in mid-July, he already had visited seven high schools and one elementary school in Columbus, Newark, and Zanesville to talk with principals and staff members.

Since then, he has traveled to several more schools and met all the principals of the diocese at their annual back-to-school gathering earlier this month. He has been to all 11 diocesan high schools and anticipates visiting all 42 elementary schools in the diocese by the end of the 2014-15 academic year.

"My personal mission statement is to live up to the example set by Jesus Christ as a teacher and servant leader," Brettbacher said. "In my short time on the job, I've come to appreciate the great opportunity it gives me to serve

people by offering a listening ear and hopefully providing them with thoughtful and insightful suggestions for dealing with issues.

"It didn't take long in talking with Bishop Campbell to realize he has a strong commitment to Catholic education. The bishop firmly believes that the duty and right of educating belongs to the Catholic Church. We are divinely entrusted with the mission of educating students so they can reach the fullness of a Christian life. I know I can go to him to discuss whatever the hot topics of the moment are, and he will provide a thoughtful and insightful response."

"I've been impressed with all my colleagues on the third floor" of the Catholic Center in Columbus, where the offices he supervises are located, Brettbacher said. "They are hard-working, talented educational leaders whose work is outstanding and will be a great help to me."

In his get-acquainted meetings, he has been asking diocesan educators how he can best support them and telling them he has an open-door and open-phone policy, encouraging them to come to the schools office or call his cell phone at any time.

"Every principal I've met has a deep sense of pride in his or her school," said Brettbacher, himself a principal or president of Catholic and public schools for more than 20 years, most recently for nine years at Lafayette Central Catholic High School. "The Diocese of Columbus principals' hard work and dedication to their schools is nothing short of amazing. Each has worked hard to ensure their school has a strong Catholic identity and community."

He said McQuaide, who served as school superinten-



dent for 16 years and was an educator in the diocese for 45 years, has been of considerable assistance in acclimating him to his new job. "Cia has been warm, welcoming, and very helpful," he

said. "It's obvious that she did an outstanding job as superintendent."

"She left a lot of notes about the responsibilities of the job and about the staff. Because of her efforts and those of the staff, changing superintendents has been a smooth transition. I'm sure we will continue to have a close relationship, and I hope that when I leave

this job, my legacy will be like that of Cia, as a good steward who moved the Department for Education forward."

Brettbacher said his vision for diocesan schools encompasses both the spiritual and the temporal aspects of life as part of a mission of educating the whole person. "A vision comes out of the tension between what is and what could be," he said. "I have a personal vision for the schools, but it's a hollow one unless collectively we build one together."

He said his first goal for the schools is the same as his personal goal – to live up to Jesus' example as a teacher and servant leader. "To achieve that, I plan to work collaboratively with the bishop, priests, admin-

istrators, catechetical and educational leaders, and parents to create an active, supernatural vision we can fulfill. Our job is to prepare students to be saints and to get them ready to enter the kingdom of God," he said.

"Another important goal is to ensure our schools are authentically Catholic and in adherence with the teachings of the Catholic Church, serving God by offering an education that integrates Catholic values and morals with every aspect of life – spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially – inside and outside the classroom.

"We will use 'best practices' methods to enhance learning, especially in the STREAM

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NEW PROGRESS REPORTS FOR K-8

The recently appointed superintendent of diocesan schools, Dr. Joseph Brettbacher, says Bishop Frederick Campbell has asked him to review the merits of current methods of reporting student academic progress in an effort to improve them. Brettbacher and Rick Logue, associate director of elementary school curriculum, instruction, and assessment in the diocesan Schools Office, plan to do just that for grades kindergarten through eight.

The two will meet with principals, pastors, and teachers during the 2014-15 academic year to see what hurdles need to be cleared to smoothly transition to standards-based report cards.

Teachers and parents will be randomly selected and surveyed to obtain their perspectives on this issue. Next, a plan will be developed to better inform administrators, teachers, priests, and parents on the merits of this type of report card.

"The current method of assessing student work by providing students with an average letter grade for a grading period does not tell students or parents much," said Brettbacher.

"If a student gets a 'C' letter grade in mathematics, it does little to inform parents about their child's progress on the essential standards associated with the subject—counting and cardinality, operations and algebraic thinking, numbers and operations in base-ten, measurement and data, and geometry.

"A student, for instance, may have mastered most of those standards, but failed to master operations and algebraic thinking. In today's high-stakes testing environment, teachers, students, and parents need to know this kind of information, so they can differentiate instruction in school and at home to better meet the needs of every child."

"Free help is available at home to reinforce what is taught in school," Brettbacher said. "For instance, there's an online non-profit organization called the Khan Academy whose website has more than 100,000 practice problems and more than 6,000 microlectures via video tutorials which have been watched more than 458 million times. These are stored on YouTube and include a full variety of subjects. You can

do a search on algebraic thinking and find a video explaining how to do this, with a worksheet by grade level."

"Leading researchers in the field of education support the merits of standards-based report cards, based on research they have conducted or analyzed," he said. "One of the litmus tests I have about any policy is whether it is good for students, parents, and teachers. I feel standards-based grading passes the litmus test.

"I recognize that many times, people will resist change because they don't have the knowledge base they need to make an informed decision, so I'll be spending a great deal of time in the coming months talking about this, with the goal of helping people understand the benefits of standards-based grading.

"Changes to the standards-based report card will be based on the data we have collected and analyzed. Any change will be put into effect only after a thorough review of the response, a report to the bishop, and the bishop's recommendation on how to proceed."



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Columbus St. Dominic Church was built in 1889 and has stood as a symbol of stability in a changing neighborhood that's being revitalized.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

John 20

Have you been able to follow how our peace initiative is working throughout the world? For at least the past two weeks, we have all been praying for peace in our world. Of course, it is just not going to happen suddenly. Evil exists and is very prominent in today's world. Our prayer must never stop, because it works. Unfortunately, the hate, jealousy, greed, and religious differences that fuel wars probably will always be around to some degree. But history teaches us that good and freedom usually win, especially in the United States. Those victories do not happen by chance. The prayers we offer for peace are also prayers for victory – victory of good over evil – and prayers for our soldiers who become the instruments of that peace. In other words, we know that the answer to our prayers for peace is not our God giving the world a nod, and all is well. But He does give a nod to our soldiers today, who do everything selflessly and in service to you and me. And He has given that same nod to our veterans of the past. So the point is not to whine and shout about war, but to pray unceasingly for instruments of a lasting peace – a peace that is the result of good over evil.

When I was out of town this summer, I attended a weekday Mass at the local parish. It happened to be the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. I was just happy to be at noon Mass, and nothing in particular struck me until the homily. The priest gave a very good and practical lesson, based upon the life of Mary Magdalene and her relationship with Jesus. I really got a lot out of it and wanted to share some of it with you. It is nothing spectacular or out of the ordinary, but a great way for me, as a sinner, to relate to a sinner who became a great saint. At the end of the homily, Father shared that he was borrowing material from the Rev. Ann Palmerton, who happens to be from Columbus and serves in pastoral care at Broad Street Presbyterian Church. Here are some pieces for meditation: "I'm not sure what you know about me. I'm a woman from the region of Galilee and a district called Magdala. Jesus healed me of seven demons. I'd been living in relationships and situations that choked my very self. Maybe you can relate to the demons that preyed on me – depression, fear, low self-esteem, doubts, procrastination, bitterness, and self-pity. When I met Jesus, I experienced freedom from what had bound me very self. So I followed Him. I followed Him to the cross and then to the grave. Now, at the empty tomb, I experienced another grief. My friend Jesus, already lost to me in death, was not there. I stood weeping outside the tomb. They've taken Him away. And then it happened. Jesus called me by name: 'Mary!' I didn't see Jesus come forth from the tomb. I heard my name, and then I came forth from my tomb."

Our practical challenge the next two weeks is to meditate and relate to Mary Magdalene. Use these beautiful words from Palmerton's essay: "Jesus is raised, and forever after, the Body of Christ is being raised. And I am part of that Body! And so are you! And so are Christians around the world, from Sudan to Slovenia, from Ireland to Honduras, and from Ohio to California. We are all part of the Body of Christ, and we are being raised to new life every day." Pardon me if I add my own piece – we also include those Christians on the mountain in Iraq, and even the immigrants new to the United States, legal or not. Pray.

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



That Man Is You!

At least 14 parishes in the Diocese of Columbus will be hosting 13-week programs that are part of the "That Man Is You!" spirituality series for men this fall. Most of the gatherings will be on Saturday mornings and will include breakfast and fellowship time before and after the presentation.

"That Man Is You!" is a dynamic, fast-growing lay apostolate that addresses the fundamental need for and characteristics of authentic male leadership. Developed in 2004 and intended to last for one year, totaling 26 sessions, the program now encompasses five years of content and has led to creation of "Choice Wine," a parallel program geared toward couples. More than 25,000 men in about 270 parishes in 35 states have taken part.

Ed Price of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church encountered the program while visiting family members and introduced it to the Diocese of Columbus. He attributes most of its success to its dual approach consisting of engaging content and small-group discussion. Combining modern science with authentically Catholic teaching, the content encourages men to better understand themselves, their relationships, their marriages, and the unique leadership role they have in their family and society as a whole.

Throughout the course of the intellec-



tual and spiritual formation program, participants explore the teachings of the Catholic Church, St. John Paul II, contemporary medical and social science research, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, contemplative insights of the saints, and more.

The small-group discussion portion follows a 30-minute video presentation. When asked, most participants point to those discussions as the most compelling reason for continuing in the program.

Churches where "That Man Is You!" programs will take place this fall include Columbus Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Peace, Our Lady of Victory, St. Catharine, St. Patrick, and St. Timothy, Gahanna St. Matthew, Granville St. Edward, Hilliard St. Brendan, Marion St. Mary, New Albany Church of the Resurrection, Newark Blessed Sacrament, Powell St. Joan of Arc, and Sunbury St. John Neumann.

For more information about the program or to register online, visit www.thatmanisyou.org or www.PlugInCatholic.com.

ODU AND NATIONWIDE CHILDRENS HOSPITAL EXTEND PARTNERSHIP

Ohio Dominican University has extended its partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) Sports Medicine to provide sports medicine services and education to ODU's student-athletes.

The agreement adds four years to the original two-year term, extending the partnership through the spring of 2018.

NCH will continue to provide two certified and licensed athletic trainers who will support the care and treatment of all ODU student-athletes. The trainers are part of a team that provides a wide area of expertise to the university's student-athletes, coaches, and staff.

The team's services include initial injury management and rehabilitation,

training optimization, injury prevention, concussion management, and coordination of care with sports medicine and orthopedics specialists. In addition, NCH physicians will provide weekly on-site clinics throughout the academic year.

Besides providing services from sports medicine and orthopedic specialists, NCH also provides a sports dietitian for one-on-one consultations and group programming with students on ODU's campus, as well as sports medicine and orthopedic physicians for ODU's athletic events, including varsity and junior varsity football coverage.

Off the field, NCH has helped develop a wellness promotion speakers program that brings guests to ODU's campus to

speak on a variety of health-related topics. NCH also will partner with ODU on the academic side by providing scholarships to students who have declared an interest in pursuing a career in health care. NCH will continue to support the ODU Black & Gold Club as its title sponsor, and to partner with ODU to offer a general community wellness program.

NCH supports ODU's master of science in physician assistant (PA) studies program – the first PA program in central Ohio – by providing a lecturer on chosen topics for the program and discussing and facilitating internship opportunities at Nationwide Children's Hospital for PA students.

"We are extremely excited to extend our partnership with Ohio Dominican University for an additional four

years," said Dr. Thomas Pommering, medical director of sports medicine at Nationwide Children's Hospital. "Athletes are constantly pushing themselves to reach their full athletic potential, so it is imperative they have access to a comprehensive team of specialists dedicated to the care and management of competitive collegiate athletes."

"Over the past two years, I've had the privilege of watching our students grow as they learn real-world skills and knowledge from the professionals at Nationwide Children's Hospital in the field of sports medicine," said Dr. Peter Cimboric, ODU president. "It is also comforting to know that our dedicated student-athletes will be receiving the very best orthopedic care throughout their collegiate athletic careers."

Serra Club Pilgrimage

The Serra Club of North Columbus will host a pilgrimage to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue and to St. Mary Byzantine Church in Marblehead on Tuesday, Sept. 9. A chartered bus will leave Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 Hague Ave., at 7:20 a.m., with a pickup stop at the McDonald's on U.S. 23 in

Delaware for those living north of Columbus. The cost is \$50/person including bus, lunch, and fees. Send reservations by check to the Serra Club of North Columbus, 1822 Lake Shore Drive, Columbus OH 43204 before Wednesday, Aug. 27. Space is limited to the first 50 reservations. Call (614) 488-3773 for more details.



Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan

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

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

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

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When are creed and Gloria said? Her God and your God



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Recently, my wife and I were visiting friends in the Chicago area and decided to attend a weekday Mass. I was surprised when we did not recite the creed, which I had always thought was a critical part of the Mass.

My friend said that frequently, at this parish, they recite neither the Gloria nor the creed. I knew that during certain periods of the year, the Gloria was not recited, but I thought that the creed was always used. Has something changed with the Mass that I am not aware of? (Floyds Knobs, Indiana)

A. According to the liturgical guidelines of the Catholic Church, on most weekdays neither the creed nor the Gloria is recited during the celebration of Mass. The creed is used during Sunday celebrations and on solemnities (e.g., on holy days of obligation, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.)

When the creed is called for, the Nicene Creed usually is the form used, but the Apostles' Creed may be substituted, particularly during Lent and Easter. (Since the Apostles' Creed is the basis for the baptismal promises, it is especially appropriate during that time of year, when many adult

baptisms occur.) Liturgical aids (such as laminated cards in the pews) generally offer both options for the creed.

The Gloria, a hymn of joy and praise, is recited or sung on all Sundays except during Advent and Lent (which are penitential seasons) and on many important feasts that occur on weekdays.

To illustrate, during the month of July, as I write this column, the creed is recited only on the four Sundays, while the Gloria is used on those Sundays, as well as on the feast days of St. Thomas on July 3 and St. James on July 25.

And lest you think that a priest needs to be a genius to remember all of this, he doesn't. He has in the sacristy a little book, called the *Ordo*, which gives him the directions for each day.

Q. What would be the proper reaction to our non-Christian (Muslim) friend who has offered to pray for us to "her God"? Should we decline the offer, so as not to offend our own God? (Midlothian, Virginia)

A. You should absolutely accept the offer and be grateful. How could it possibly hurt for her to pray for you? Since there is only one God, "her God" is

your God as well. The Muslim view of the divine has striking similarities to the Christian view, but also some important differences.

The religion of Islam, like Christianity, is strongly monotheistic. For Muslims, as for Christians, God is the all-powerful and all-knowing creator, sustainer, and judge of the universe. Muslims, though, would reject the Christian doctrines of the Trinity and the divinity of Jesus. The Christian notion of God as a loving, personal father who has entered human history to reveal himself and to rescue us from our sinfulness would be foreign to Muslims.

As to whether to accept the prayer of a Muslim offered on your own behalf, I would take my cue from Pope Francis. In June of this year, when he invited Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to the Vatican, the three were joined by an interfaith group of Muslims, Jews, and Christians, who prayed for the common cause of peace at the same time and in the same place, but each in their own traditions.

It was graphic testimony to their shared belief that they are brothers and sisters, and children of the same God.

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

LOVE IS OUR MISSION: THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE!

By Dan Thimons
Director, Office of Marriage and Family Life

With all the busyness and challenges of life, it is easy to lose sight of our calling to live as sons and daughters of God. As individuals and families, we are in need of opportunities to refocus on the mission that we have received from God: to grow in the knowledge and love of Him, and to share that love with others.

An exciting opportunity to heal, strengthen, and renew your family in the love of Christ will be the Eighth World Meeting of Families from Sept. 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia.

The World Meeting of Families was established by Saint John Paul II in 1994. Next year's gathering will mark the first time this event will be held in North America. Families from across the Diocese of Columbus will be able to make the seven-hour drive to participate in this exciting international gathering.

Pope Francis has chosen "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive!" as the theme for the meeting. This theme echoes the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which teaches that "the Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit ... the Christian family has an evangelizing and missionary task." (CCC 2205)

In other words, by becoming the family that God calls you to be, you will set the world on fire with the love of God.

You may wonder if this call to authentic love and evangelization is possible for your family. Perhaps you find family life difficult and challenging, with the many responsibilities and struggles of life. Perhaps



you are longing for greater peace and joy in your home. Perhaps you may find yourself "anxious and worried about many things" (Luke 10:41).

Next year's gathering will be a unique opportunity to renew your family in the love of Jesus Christ and to experience the joy and peace that only Christ can give.

God does not call us to lead a life of mediocrity, but He calls each of us, as individuals and families, to a life of greatness. This life of greatness or sanctity is not just for a few select people, but, through the grace of God, it is attainable by every one of us.

Throughout this next year leading up to the World Meeting of Families, the *Catholic Times* will provide a brief monthly reflection on some practical things your family can do to overcome the difficulties and discouragements that often creep into family life, in order to fulfill your mission of love and become more fully alive.

It is not too early to start making plans to attend the World Meeting of Families next year. Pope Francis will make his first pastoral visit to the United States to participate in the event and celebrate the closing Mass. You may wish to begin speaking with your pastor or school principal about the possibility of organizing a parish or school pilgrimage to this international gathering.

For more information, visit www.worldmeeting2015.org. For assistance in organizing a parish or school trip, please call the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560.

WALK FOR LIFE

The third annual Tuscarawas County Walk for Life will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E.

The event will begin with a pre-

sentation by RJ McVeigh of Students for Life America.

Walkers next will go to the county courthouse square for a pro-life rally, then return to the church for a closing program.

Diocesan retreat for married couples will take place Sept. 13

Dr. Gregory Popcak, the author of more than a dozen popular books on marriage and family life, knows that every good marriage takes work. "Every married couple wants to live happily ever after. The problem is, not too many people know what it takes," Popcak says.

Popcak, who is a psychologist and coun-

selor, will be joined by his wife, Lisa, at the second annual diocesan retreat for married couples on Saturday, Sept. 13 at Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road. This retreat will give married couples the opportunity to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ and one another. The theme of the day will be taken from one of Greg Popcak's books, *For Better...Forever*.

The Popcaks (pictured), co-hosts of *More2Life Radio*, will inspire married couples by describing the four secrets to unwrapping the gift of

marriage and talking about how every couple can live an incredible Christian marriage. As Greg Popcak notes, "What you build your life around is directly related to the type of marriage you have, as well as the happiness and longevity you can expect from that marriage."

This retreat is open to all married couples – those with good marriages and those struggling to find joy in their married life. Bishop Frederick Campbell will begin the retreat by celebrating Mass at 9 a.m. and giving the day's first reflection. There will be opportunity for quiet prayer time, a Holy Hour, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lunch will be provided by Berwick Catering. The day will conclude at 4:00 pm.

For Better ... Forever: Living an Incredible Christian Marriage is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to step away from the busyness of daily life and be renewed and strengthened in their love for God and each other. For



a complete schedule of the retreat or to register, call the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560 or visit <http://familylife.colscioc.org>.

FR. FRANK PAVONE TO SPEAK AT PDHC BANQUET

Father Frank Pavone will be the featured speaker at Pregnancy Decision Health Center's annual banquet, which will take place Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus.



for religious and secular radio and television networks. He was asked by Mother Teresa to speak in India on life issues, and has addressed the pro-life caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Father Pavone is one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world. He is a priest in the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, and serves full-time in pro-life leadership. In 1993, he became national director of Priests for Life. He also is president of the National Pro-life Religious Council, and national pastoral director of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and of Rachel's Vineyard, the world's largest post-abortion healing ministry.

He travels throughout the nation preaching and teaching against abortion. He produces programs regularly

"We are thrilled to have Father Pavone as our keynote speaker for this event," said Tim Welsh, president and chief executive officer of PDHC, which has been serving central Ohio women and their unborn children since 1981. "He is one of the most dynamic and energizing speakers in the pro-life community, and those in attendance are in for a real treat when he steps up to the microphone."

To register for the event, call Gina McCauley at (614) 888-8774, extension 6120, or go to www.supportpdhc.org to register online.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES SERVICE SATURDAY

For eight years, Catholic Social Services has hosted Service Saturday to help older adults and disabled individuals in Franklin County who need assistance with small home repairs and yard work.

The next Service Saturday will take place on Oct. 11. Volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. Coffee, doughnuts, and box lunches will be available, and there will be a short orientation and train-

ing session. Supplies will be made available at work sites.

If you know of someone who lives in Franklin County who could benefit from this assistance, contact Peggy Sirbaugh at (614) 857-1251 or psirbaugh@colscs.org by Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Those who would like to take part in the program may register online at www.csss-services-saturday.com.

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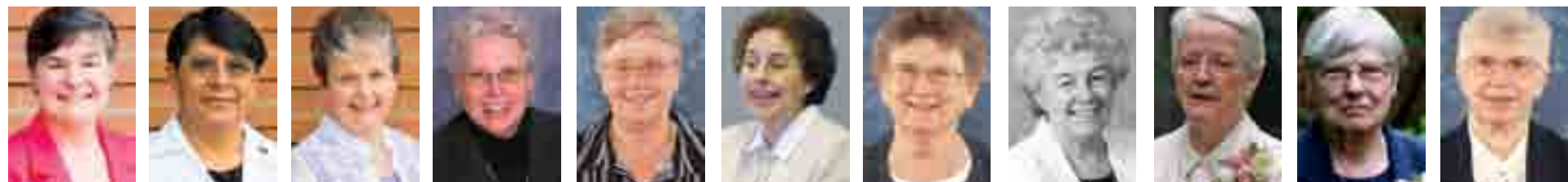
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11 DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE CELEBRATE JUBILEES



Sr. Robin Richard, OP Sr. Manuela C. Gonzalez, OP Sr. Marilyn Ambrosic, OP Sr. Joan Scanlon, OP Sr. Mary Ann Connolly, OP Sr. Mary Ann Fatula, OP Sr. Colleen Gallagher, OP Sr. Nancy McAward, OP Sr. Raymunda Brooks, OP Sr. Mary J. Fox, OP Sr. Catherine S. Bosch, OP

During their annual assembly last month, the Dominican Sisters of Peace celebrated the jubilees of 11 sisters who serve in the Diocese of Columbus. Two sisters are celebrating 25 years of profession of vows, and others are marking 50, 60, and 65 years of religious life. Their stories are an inspiration. Their experiences range from teaching in diocesan schools to missionary work in Chimbote, Peru.

Sr. Robin Richard, OP

A native of New Orleans, Sister Robin celebrates her silver jubilee this year. She is assistant director of the Dominican Learning Center in Columbus. Before coming to Ohio, she coordinated an English as a Second Language computer lab for three years at the Aquinas Literacy Center in Chicago. From 1993 to 2006, she worked in the Hispanic apostolate in New Orleans as coordinator of education programs and adult ESL.

Sr. Manuela C. Gonzalez, OP

Sister Manuela celebrates her silver jubilee this year. She is a high school religion teacher at San Pedro School in Chimbote and has taught religion since 1989 at the Republica Peruana, Mundo Mejor, and Erasmo Roca schools in Chimbote. For four years, she was a kindergarten teacher at Colegio San Jose. She holds a certificate in ESL from Ohio Dominican University and a bachelor of arts degree in education, and has completed several courses in Sacred Scripture. She is pursuing a master of arts degree in educational psychology.

Sr. Marilyn Ambrosic, OP

Sister Marilyn celebrates her golden jubilee this year. She serves as assistant to the director of the Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican University. She previously ministered as mission group coordi-

nator for the congregation and has served for many years in such diverse ministries as education, vocation ministry, campus ministry, health care, parish ministry, and social service in the Cleveland and Youngstown dioceses.

Sr. Mary Ann Fatula, OP

Sister Mary Ann is celebrating her golden jubilee this year. She taught theology at Ohio Dominican University for 35 years. She also taught math at Lancaster Bishop Fenwick High School and religion at Mary Immaculate High School in Ossining, New York, and Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, Connecticut. She holds a doctorate in theology from the Catholic University of America and earned a master of arts degree in theology from St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto and a bachelor of arts degree in Latin from Ohio Dominican.

Sr. Joan Scanlon, OP

Sister Joan celebrates her golden jubilee this year. She taught in Indiana and Nebraska and came to Chicago in 1973, earning a master of arts degree in counseling at Loyola University. She worked for many years on the staff of the Christian Brothers Counseling Center in Westchester, Illinois. She earned her doctorate in pastoral counseling from Garrett Theological Seminary and Northwestern University in 1985 and served on the graduate faculty of the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola, the Catholic Theological Union, and the University of St. Mary of the Lake, all in the Chicago area. In 1996, she was elected president of her congregation and served in that role until 2002. From

2003-2009, she was executive director of the Dominican Alliance, a collaboration among several Dominican congregations. In 2009, she was elected to the leadership of the newly reconfigured Dominican Sisters of Peace.

Sr. Mary Ann Connolly, OP

Professed as a Dominican sister for 60 years, Sister Mary Ann was an elementary school and college teacher for 29 years in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Mexico, and Connecticut, including service at Albertus Magnus College in Connecticut and at Ohio Dominican College as academic dean and a professor in the Spanish departments. Changing ministries, she served for 21 years at the Dominican mission in the Diocese of Chimbote, Peru, as pastoral agent and coordinator of family catechesis. Her ministry there included sacramental programs and Bible ministry at parish and diocesan levels. She then spent four years with Catholic Charities in Palmetto, Florida, as program director and immigration specialist. She resides at the Columbus Motherhouse doing ESL teaching and other community ministries.

Sr. Colleen Gallagher, OP

Professed as a Dominican Sister for 60 years, Sister Colleen has experienced many fields of ministry. She was a teacher for 24 years in Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and New York City, and was involved in pastoral care and health care administration for the Mount Carmel Health System in Columbus for nine years and at St. Anthony Medical Center in Columbus for five years, and took part in retreat facilitation and interfaith community work. Sharing her ad-

ministrative abilities, especially in the Diocese of Columbus, she has chaired the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission

Sr. Nancy McAward, OP

Sister Nancy's journey as a Dominican sister, includes her teaching, administrative experience, and her cherished retreat and preaching ventures. For 21 years, she taught elementary and secondary school and college students in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Today, she celebrates 60 years of Dominican life and continues her ministry of prayer and spiritual healing while residing at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus.

Sr. Raymunda Brooks, OP

Growing up in Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church with Dominican sisters as her teachers, Sister Raymunda has spent many of her 65 years as a Dominican sister in education. She taught in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York City, serving in administrative and extracurricular posts on occasion. She has performed the roles of school librarian, department chair, and vice principal; debate, tennis, and golf coach; and moderator of book clubs, yearbook, and campus ministry. Her skills in education served her well as she branched into new areas of ministry, including service as director/delegate to diocesan ad hoc committees and on diocesan councils of religious, as vice president of the Archdiocese of New York's Council for Religious, and later as RCIA director for 13 years at Newark Blessed Sacrament Church. She has served for 20 years as ecclesiastical notary of the Columbus diocesan Tribunal.

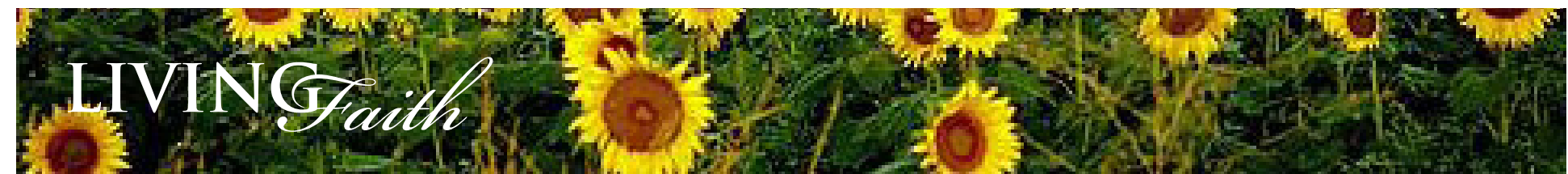
Sr. Mary Johanna Fox, OP

Sister Mary Johanna, who celebrates 65 years as a Dominican, began her teaching ministry in 1949 in elementary schools in Columbus and Somers, and continued as a high school teacher of religion in Pennsylvania. In Cleveland, she visited schools and parishes as she worked with the diocesan religious education office. She served in parish work in Florida and Iowa for a time. She taught theology while she completed studies for her doctorate at Fordham University and taught theology at Ohio Dominican University and at Albertus Magnus College. She enjoyed her work, especially in campus ministry and as director of adult continuing education. She retired to the Columbus Motherhouse and resides at the Mohun Health Care Center.

Sr. Catherine Siena Bosch, OP

Sister Catherine celebrates 70 years as a Dominican this year. She taught for 42 years at parochial schools in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York. She also served several times as a principal and was assistant diocesan school superintendent for five years in the Diocese of Columbus and superintendent for six years in the Diocese of Steubenville. From 1986 to 1995, she served at the Nazareth Towers apartments in Columbus, caring for the elderly. A year's sabbatical followed in Massachusetts. Upon returning to Columbus, she became assistant director of resident life at the Motherhouse for three years. She continues her life of prayer and volunteer service at the Motherhouse.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace include 560 sisters and 500 Associates living and serving in 26 states and in Peru, Nigeria, and Honduras.



The Art of the Harvest



Lighting the Way

Joseph Thomas

It takes tens of thousands of years for a ray of light to reach us from a distant star. Imagine the things that have occurred during those lifetimes. Think of all those worlds that seem so distant and alien to us being as real and vibrant as our own – babies being born, families celebrating life and the death of a loved one.

We tend to look down when faced with such challenges. We forget that there are many who love and support us if we could only look up – up to the clouds in the sky, to the heavens above.

There are usually two kinds of people: some who look at such signs and see miracles, and others who see them as just signs. The question you should be asking yourself is “Which am I?”

Looking down upon a field from the sky, we are witnesses to a unique form of art, an art carved out of the very soil we cultivate. There seem to be intricate designs and shapes of objects known only to the beings that created them.

Are they a map of some sort, a guide to a destination? Are they a way of communicating intentions to us? Or could they simply be a sign from God? Could He be speaking to us through these pictures about how we are to proceed as a people? Could we also be speaking to Him, trying to convey a message of love and hope about our dreams and the beauty of the sky?

We plant the seed, watch it grow, tend to it lovingly and guide it on its way. In the space of a season, it matures and becomes what it was meant to be. We help transform it into a life all its own, like painting a picture, using all the colors of the rainbow to create a masterpiece of healing, nature, and bounty.

Then something truly amazing happens. One night we go to sleep and wake up the next morning, walking out as we always do to tend to our land – but this day

will be special, so special that it brings us to the very core of our faith. We come across a section of field and suddenly stop. We look out onto the field and see that some parts of it have been seemingly carved into a design, crops folded down onto themselves, disturbed but still growing. Are we to believe that this is naturally occurring, or that it has been made by some strange hand?

I leave that one up to you. What do you think has happened? And why can you only see these patterns from the sky? Do you believe, do you have faith? Are you one to speculate on the whereabouts of the patterns, or are you one that sees them as just life taking place and transporting us to a place all His own – allowing us, for a brief time, to bask in the grandeur of its innocence?

I am one that sees this as a miracle from someone or something with a greater purpose than our own. You don't have to be religious to be moved by it, but it certainly does reshape how we think of Him and of how He creates the life that surrounds us. We can be a most promising race if we only allow ourselves to enjoy the passing of time and to cherish the one thing we all have in common – our faith that, with all things, there is a time.

**To everything - turn, turn, turn
There is a season - turn, turn, turn
And a time for every purpose under heaven**

**A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep**

**To everything - turn, turn, turn
There is a season - turn, turn, turn
And a time for every purpose under heaven**

**A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones
A time to gather stones together**

**To everything - turn, turn, turn
There is a season - turn, turn, turn
And a time for every purpose under heaven**

**A time of war, a time of peace
A time of love, a time of hate
A time you may embrace
A time to refrain from embracing**

**To everything - turn, turn, turn
There is a season - turn, turn, turn
And a time for every purpose under heaven**

(Lyrics: Pete Seeger, Columbia Studios, 1965)

As spring leads into summer and summer bows to fall and as life gives way to slumber, we can all agree that what we are truly looking at is faith – faith that we are all a part of something truly special. Such is the “art of the harvest.”

May the wind be at your back, may the sweet breezes from the fields penetrate your heart, and may His peace be with you always.

Thomas is a freelance writer and a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church.

ODU Professors to Present Talks on the Common Good During Fall Lecture Series

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies will sponsor four presentations as part of its fall lecture series during the 2014-15 academic year.

The free lectures will be in the Colonial Room of Sansbury Hall on ODU's main campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

The series will be based on ODU's 2014-15 academic theme, “The Common Good.”

“Presenters will examine aspects of the common good as they apply to our divided yet connected world, both historically and in the present,” said Sister Mattie Sterner, OP, director of the Center for Dominican Studies.

Lectures will be on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

• **Sept. 25**, “The Common Good and the Global Community,” with Dr. John Grant, ODU associate professor of business.

• **Oct. 9**, “The Common Good and Historical Challenges,” with Dr. Matthew Ponesse, ODU associate professor of history.

• **Oct. 23**, “The Common Good and American Political Thought,” with Dr. Kathleen Riley, ODU professor of history.

• **Nov. 6**, “The Common Good in the Arts and Me-

dia,” with Dr. Ann Hall, ODU professor of English.

To register, call (614) 251-4722 or email sternerm@ohiodominican.edu.

ODU's Center for Dominican Studies serves as a resource for anyone interested in learning more about Dominican education, the Dominican charism, the history of the university, and its mission and values.

To fulfill its mission, the center sponsors and hosts a variety of programs and services for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the general public.

For more information on the center, visit ohiodominican.edu/DominicanStudies.



Justin Thomas plays the drums for the band accompanying the Gospel choir at a Sunday Mass in Columbus St. Dominic Church. Father Joshua Wagner, pastor, stands at the altar.

When it's time for the rite of peace at Masses in most Catholic churches, the routine is pretty well established. People usually shake hands, sometimes hug or kiss, and give a short verbal greeting to the people on either side of them and perhaps to those in the pews in front of and behind them. Within a minute or two at the most, the Mass resumes.

It's a little different at Columbus St. Dominic Church.

When the celebrant says "Let us offer each other the sign of peace" at a Sunday Mass, everything stops. People get out of their pews and move around, with seemingly everyone in the church greeting each other enthusiastically. It may take 10 minutes or more before the service

resumes, but anyone in attendance can't help but feel the congregation shares a special bond.

Such enthusiasm also can be found throughout the rest of the Mass at the church at 453 N. 20th St. on the city's near east side. The hand clapping and swaying, and the Southern gospel-style music and praise that are part of many services there make the Mass truly a joyful celebration and are integral to the worship experience of St. Dominic's and other mainly African-American congregations of various denominations.

"It's a church that makes you feel right at home," said parishioner Bonnie Evans. "Many people in the parish are like me in that they didn't grow up Catholic, but

By **TIM PUET**, *Catholic Times Reporter*

COLUMBUS ST. DOMINIC CHURCH: A CONGREGATION WITH A SPECIAL BOND

were drawn to the church by the people who went there. I attended Mass here for five years and even sang in the choir before being baptized a Catholic, and it was good to know I was accepted from the start. I have many friends who aren't Catholic, but who understand Catholicism through me. This is a parish that recognizes we are all missionaries."

"I'm also a convert," said parishioner Rosa McElroy. "It all started one Christmas in the 1960s when I passed by St. Joseph Cathedral and decided to go to Mass there. I talked to one of the ushers there afterward about learning the faith. He told me to see (former St. Dominic's pastor) Father (Clement) Faistl, who gave me religious instruction. I've been part of St. Dominic's ever since."

Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of St. Dominic's and of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, also a mostly African-American congregation, said about 300 worshippers attend St. Dominic's two Sunday Masses. Many are people who continue to see St. Dominic's as their church home, even if they have moved elsewhere.

"This is very much a generational church," Father Wagner said. "People who grew up here may have left the neighborhood long ago, but they keep coming back because it's where they want to be on Sunday. The area around the church has changed constantly, but the church has been a source of stability, both because it has been here through all the changes and because people consistently come for Mass."

"We're not a big parish, but we're very much a family-oriented church," said Deacon Bob Neely, a parishioner since 1980, who next year will be celebrating his 25th anniversary as a deacon, all at St. Dominic's. "We come here with our individual families, and most of us know each other by name and also see ourselves as a

spiritual family. The sign of peace is one example of this. So is what happens after Mass. We don't rush to our cars then, but we linger to talk with each other."

St. Dominic's is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. That period can be divided into two distinct eras. "When the church was founded in 1889, the congregation consisted mostly of Irish and Italian families," Father Wagner said. "The first record of a black family being registered at St. Dominic's isn't until 1943. The big shift came 14 years later, with the closing of St. Cyprian Church."

"You can't tell the story of St. Dominic's without talking about St. Cyprian's," said 100-year-old parishioner Melvin Harris. "I've been a Catholic for about 85 years just because I started going to St. Cyprian's when I was a teenager, was attracted to Catholic worship, and kept coming back."

Bishop James Hartley established St. Cyprian's, which was about three blocks from St. Dominic's, in 1912 to serve the black community. At its peak in the 1940s, it had about 400 families and a school. After World War II, blacks in Columbus began moving into former all-white neighborhoods and churches, causing membership at St. Cyprian's to

decline and resulting in a merger with St. Dominic's in 1957.

The former St. Dominic's school and convent were razed, but the original church building still stands. The school was replaced in 1990 by a community center which is a busy place every weekday, serving breakfast and lunch to between 200 and 300 people Monday through Friday. It also has a chapel which is the site for Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:15 a.m. and serves as a meeting space for parish activities. Food for the daily meals is provided by the non-profit Community Kitchen, Inc. and sent to St. Dominic's from that organization's facilities at Holy Rosary-St. John.

Health screenings and referrals to community service and educational assistance activities are provided as part of the meal program. The parish also has a health ministry whose activities have included an annual health fair, blood drives, a walking club, breast cancer awareness programs, blood pressure screening, and work on behalf of the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

One of the most visible parts of the parish's ministry is a community garden at the rear of the church parking lot. The site is tended on a regular schedule by several

parish and neighborhood organizations, including the local Alpha Sigma chapter of the national Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Neighborhood House, the Volunteers of America, and a group known as FEAT.

FEAT is an acronym for Fabron, Ellison, Atcheson, and Twentieth streets, the block surrounding the church. Caring for the garden is the principal work for the group, which was started in 2005 by Father James Colopy, the parish's pastor at the time. FEAT also has sponsored events such as neighborhood cleanups and workshops on daily living.

The parish has two adult choirs providing the music which plays a special role in African-American worship services. A traditional choir sings at the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass and presents an annual Christmas concert. A Gospel choir sings at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, hosts an annual spring concert, and occasionally travels to other churches.

The parish also has a choir for young people ages six and older, which sings at a monthly youth Mass and on special occasions. In addition, it has two liturgical dance groups. The Bakhita Dance Ministry, named for St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan, takes part in parish liturgies once or twice a year and frequently is involved in Catholic and ecumenical worship services throughout the diocese. One such program, titled "Dancing Before the Lord," will take place Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Martin de Porres Center in Columbus. A children's dance ministry, Joyful Noise, appears both in conjunction with the Bakhita dancers and separately.

"We also have some powerful prayer groups which are real pillars of our church," said parishioner Margaret Bowman. "Our Rosary prayer group meets every Sunday after the 8 a.m. Mass, and we have a men's and women's Bible study on Wednesday mornings, separate men's and women's studies on Wednesday evenings, and a men's prayer breakfast once a month on Saturday mornings.

"The Altar Rosary Society has special



Members of the St. Dominic's congregation sing during the parish's 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, which features Southern gospel-style music and praise tunes.

prayer events outdoors in front of the church on the Feast of the Sacred Heart (June 27) and the Feast of St. Dominic (Aug. 8) which serve as both prayer services and neighborhood outreach. More than 200 people came to the St. Dominic celebration this month. That gave us a great opportunity to help our neighbors understand the Catholic Church better."

This coming weekend, from Friday, Aug. 22 to Sunday, Aug. 24, the parish is hosting its 11th annual women's retreat at the Bergamo Center in Dayton.

Another parish tradition is the rite-of-passage ceremony it conducts each May for graduating high school seniors. As part of the ceremony, seniors prepare story boards telling about their lives and write thank-you notes to the community.

St. Dominic's and the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany are partners in the God Provides ministry, which works with donors and community organizations to collect used clothing and household items and distribute them to those in need. The two parishes also have worked together to provide Thanksgiving baskets. During the Christmas season, St. Dominic's has an Angel Tree program to provide gifts to clients of the Rosemont Center for young people and for needy families in the neighborhood.

Father Wagner said the church building is old, but structurally sound, and will continue to be that way thanks to recent interior and exterior renovations which include a new underlay to the original

clay tile roof, tuckpointing, removal of a former drop ceiling that was under the original vaulted ceiling, new carpeting, pews, and kneelers, and sanctuary renovation which included moving the pews forward.

"Bishop (Frederick) Campbell provided the first \$100,000 for the renovation and parishioners paid for the rest," Father Wagner said. "I'm particularly grateful to ZZZ Maintenance, a company operated by parishioner Kevin Williams, for all the help it has provided."

He said he hopes to remodel the parish center, which doesn't have interior walls, so it can be divided into rooms which could be used for satellite offices by social services agencies such as the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs or could handle small-group events which don't need a large hall.

"People have been concerned for years about the future of St. Dominic's, but I'm very optimistic," Father Wagner said. "Our inner-city neighborhood is still a troubled area, but things have improved here in the last couple of years because of construction of new condos by Homeport of Columbus, demolition of the Poindexter Towers housing complex, an active neighborhood watch, and completion of the Long Street bridge," which features St. Dominic's on a mural that's beside it.

"As the neighborhood has evolved, we've provided the constant presence of the Catholic Church through 125 years," he said. "I anticipate we'll continue to do so for many decades into the future."



Left: St. Dominic's parishioners greet each other during the rite of peace. Right: Joe Curry (foreground) and fellow parishioners pray the Our Father.
CT photos by Jack Kustron



2014 Catholic Woman and Young Catholic Woman of the Year Honored

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has presented its 2014 Catholic Woman of the Year award to Colleen Gomez.

The Young Catholic Woman of the Year recipient is Maya Lea Steller.

The awards were presented on Sunday, Aug. 17 by Bishop Frederick Campbell at the annual DCCW banquet at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. The recipients were chosen from among 14 nominees.

Gomez is a member of Columbus St. James the Less Church. Her children say their mother has always exhibited a wonderful example of faith in their home.

They said that Mass was always a priority and that she could find a Catholic church on any given Sunday, regardless of where their travels took them.

Her volunteer activities have included working with immigrant families at St. James, donating school tuition for a needy student to attend Catholic school, teaching eighth-grade classes in the Parish Religious Preparation program, conducting English classes



Pictured at the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's banquet are (from left): Maya Lea Steller, Young Catholic Woman of the Year; Karen Kitchell, DCCW president; Colleen Gomez, Catholic Woman of the Year; and Bishop Frederick Campbell. CT photo by Ken Snow

for Latino adults, working with the parish food pantry, helping organize this summer's Bible school program

(the first for the parish), coordinating many community service programs with the parish school, and helping

create a diocesan service learning network.


Steller is a parishioner at Columbus St. Timothy Church in Columbus and a senior at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School.

Coming from a family that is actively involved in the life of her parish, she has lived up to her family's witness and embraced a generosity of spirit that serves her well.

She has been an altar server, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, cantor, and Parish School of Religion aide, and helped start the St. Timothy Revolution youth group.

She also has been a participant in Bible camp, Vacation Bible School, Gospel Road, the Diocesan Youth Council, the Bosco Bash, the March for Life, Walking Stations of the Cross, the *People of the Passion* play, Confirmation retreats, and Girl Scout service projects.

At Watterson, she has been a member of the Beta Club and Student Council, and uses various media to post Bible quotes and inspirational messages.



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Former Columbus resident makes first profession as a Dominican sister in Blauvelt, New York

Sister Jennifer SchAAF, OP, a former Columbus resident, professed first vows as a Sister of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York, at a liturgy on Saturday, Aug. 9 in the sisters' Motherhouse. She is pictured with Sister Catherine Howard, OP (left), president of the congregation.

Before moving to Rockland County, New York, to begin a discernment process with the congregation, Sister Jennifer was a member of the campus ministry team at Ohio Dominican University. She served on the advisory board of the Dominican College Preaching Conference and is a founding member of Dominican Young Adults USA. She serves as assistant chaplain for the St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

She has earned bachelor's and master's degrees in pastoral ministry from the University of Portland (Oregon). Before entering the congregation in 2011, she served as communications director for the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt.

Photo courtesy Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt



ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '44 CELEBRATES 70TH REUNION



The 70th-anniversary reunion for the Columbus St. Mary High School Class of 1944 began at St. Mary Church, where Father Kevin Lutz said Mass in honor of living and deceased members of the class, and continued with lunch at the TAT Ristorante di Famiglia. The nine classmates who attended were (from left): standing, Audrey Eisel Jewell, Madeline Butler Hicks, Sister Sharon (Rosemary) Kerscher and Dorothy Trott Rader; seated, Rita Owens Tope, Rita Ann Schmidt Speakman, Teresa Rose Boehm Coyle, Valerie Theado, and Anne Morbitzer Leahy.

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DEACON RON FONDRIEST

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Please join the parishioners and staff of St. Joseph Parish, Dover in congratulating Deacon Ron Fondriest and his wife, Sue on the anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate.

Ordained August 19, 1979 at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop George Fulcher, Deacon Ron was assigned to St. Joseph Parish where he has spent the last 35 years in service to the people of Tuscarawas County and the Diocese of Columbus.

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The retreat will take place Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

at 2744 Dover Road, next door to Columbus Christ the King Church. Continental breakfast and midday lunch will be served. Reservations are appreciated, but not required. A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. Bethesda is Catholic in essence, but welcomes all faiths.

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SHEPHERD'S CORNER HOUSING NEEDED

The Shepherd's Corner ecological center in Blacklick, operated by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is in need of housing for its new Americorps

volunteer, Matt Jones, a recent Northwestern University graduate who is moving from Chicago and would like to live near the center.

Jones has been given a background check and approved by the national Americorps office, and will be at Shepherd's Corner from September 2014 to July 31, 2015. If you can help or have questions, call Sister Rose Ann Van Buren, OP, at (614) 866-4302.

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Father Lawrence L. Hummer

August 24

Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Shebna was identified as the “master of the palace.” That meant he ran the affairs of the royal household for Judah’s king, Hezekiah. Because Assyria was threatening to destroy Judah after already having destroyed Israel, Judah began looking around for allies, including Egypt. Isaiah opposed such foreign alliances and warned against them. Shebna, as master of the palace, would have been in on all the royal negotiations. The year was approximately 711 BC.

Isaiah pronounces, in the name of the Lord, that Shebna is going to lose his high position of influence and be replaced by Eliakim. All of Shebna’s former authority will be handed over to Eliakim, who will take over all of Shebna’s former duties. The clearest modern analogy (on a lesser scale, to be sure) that springs to mind is this 40th anniversary since the events of Watergate ended in 1974. When the power was taken from presidential domestic advisor John Erlichman and Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman and given to Gen. Alexander Haig, the fall for Erlichman and Haldeman was as great as Shebna’s. Those two men had the power of determining who got to see President Nixon and who didn’t.

In the same way, Eliakim succeeded Shebna as the one who determined who got the king’s ear and who didn’t. The key of the House of David was control over the palace of the king. It meant the power to admit some and to shut out others. The holder of the keys had great power.

In the Gospel, Jesus goes with his disciples into the region of Caesarea Philippi, which is about 20 miles north of the Sea of Galilee. Caesarea Philippi was high above sea level (9,100 feet) and probably a refuge from

the summer’s heat. Because the Sea of Galilee is below sea level (about 700 feet), it can get quite warm in summer, so a trip into the high country was perfectly understandable.

Scholars wonder about the question Jesus poses to his disciples about who people think the Son of Man is. Whether, by this point in the Gospel, they had begun to think of Jesus as the Son of Man is unclear. The Son of Man is a term that emerges from Daniel 7:13, which speaks of one like a Son of Man, an apocalyptic figure of some unknown moment in the future. That makes him similar to contemporary expectations of a coming Messiah. The prophet Ezekiel also used *Son of Man* to refer to mere mortals, without the apocalyptic overtones of Daniel. In the eight previous references to the Son of Man in Matthew, Jesus was always the speaker and usually was referring directly to himself. So his question to the disciples does not exactly come out of the blue. They know he has been speaking about the Son of Man.

The disciples mention possibilities that have been suggested by their contemporaries. Maybe even some of them thought the same thing, pointing to John the Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Then Jesus asks Peter, “Who do you say I am?” Peter responds, “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” With that, Jesus informs him that he is blessed because he has received this from the Father.

After renaming him with the play on words of *petros* for Peter and *petra* for rock, Jesus grants him “the keys of the kingdom of heaven.” The power he was given has been compared to that of a chief rabbi, who was given the power to make authoritative decisions within the church community.

Difficult to explain is the tradition that James became the leader of the Jerusalem church. We have no way of knowing how or why Peter ended up in Rome. That he died in Rome is fairly certain, according to tradition. In the end, this whole passage raises many more questions than it solves.

Father Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary Church, may be reached at hummerl@stmarchillicothe.com.

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(science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and math) areas, in an effort to unleash God’s gifts which are unique to each person.”

Brettnacher said his other goals for diocesan schools include keeping tuition affordable while continuing to pay teachers competitive salaries (“an equation that’s unique for every school,” he said); maintaining excellent facilities; increasing student enrollment; minimizing teacher attrition; increasing the presence of ordained religious as teachers, and hiring faculty and staff “who see working in Catholic schools and parishes as a vocation from God, who strive to adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church so they can be excellent role models in the school and the community.”

Brettnacher applied for the superintendent’s position

at the suggestion of Dr. Ann Marie Williams, director of education for the Lafayette diocese. He said that he and his wife, Pam, look forward to the opportunities of living in a larger city and that moving to Columbus will make it easier for the couple to drive to Alexandria, Va., to see their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. They also have a son, who lives in Indianapolis with his wife. They were married in May.

“I’m grateful to God, to Bishop Campbell, and to the schools for the opportunity to fulfill my vocation as an educator by serving them as episcopal moderator for Catholic education and superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Columbus,” he said. “By working together, we can accomplish small things with great love by helping strengthen our relationships with each other and with Jesus Christ.”

The Weekday Bible Readings

8/25-8/30	9/1-9/6
MONDAY 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12 Psalm 96:1-5 Matthew 23:13-22	MONDAY 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Psalm 119:97-102 Luke 4:16-30
TUESDAY 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a,14-17 Psalm 96:10-13 Matthew 23:23-26	TUESDAY 1 Corinthians 2:10b-14 Psalm 145:8-14 Luke 4:31-37
WEDNESDAY 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18 Psalm 128:1-2,4-5 Matthew 23:27-32	WEDNESDAY 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Psalm 33:12-15,20-21 Luke 4:38-44
THURSDAY 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Psalm 145:2-7 Matthew 24:42-51	THURSDAY 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Psalm 24:1bc,2,3-4ab,5-6 Luke 5:1-11
FRIDAY 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,10-11 Mark 6:17-29	FRIDAY 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Psalm 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Luke 5:33-39
SATURDAY 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Psalm 33:12-13,18-21 Matthew 25:14-30	SATURDAY 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15 Psalm 145:17-21 Luke 6:1-5

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF AUGUST 24 AND 31, 2014

SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WWHO’s cable channel listing.
Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)
(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).
Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

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, Newcomertown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

We pray Weeks I and II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Shipwreck and Mission



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

The post-Vatican II *Lectionary for Mass* has many fine features, one of which is the continuous reading of the Acts of the Apostles during weekday Masses in the Easter season. As the Church celebrates the Resurrection for 50 days, the Church also ponders the first evangelization: the primitive Christian community, in the power of the Spirit, brings the surrounding Mediterranean world the history-shattering news that Jesus of Nazareth, having been raised from the dead, has been constituted Lord and Savior for the forgiveness of sins. These serial readings from Acts end with Paul established in Rome (probably in today’s Trastevere district), speaking with the Roman Jewish community about the fulfillment of their ancient covenantal hopes in the Risen Christ.

There’s one omission from this early Christian history that I regret, however; the *Lectionary* omits the 27th chapter of Acts, which tells the dramatic story of Paul’s shipwreck and his brief stay on Malta, where the apostle is miraculously saved from the poisonous grasp of a poisonous viper, and from which he eventually takes another ship to Rome.

Now here is something to ponder: There have been innumerable books of Church history written over two millennia. But the only inspired book of Church history, the Acts of the Apostles, ends with the story of a shipwreck—a seeming disaster that becomes, in divine providence, the occasion to extend the Church’s mission.

The imagery continues in Acts 28. Paul is not living in optimum circumstances in Rome; he’s under a form of house arrest. Yet he turns his lodgings into a center of evangelization, calling the Roman Jewish

community to consider Jesus anew and to reconsider the criticisms of the new Christian “sect” they had heard, while explaining how God, in the Spirit, had extended life-giving salvation to the Gentiles. The inconvenience and indignity of house arrest leads to intense evangelical activity: “And he lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ quite openly and unhindered” (Acts 28:30).

Shipwreck and mission, it seems, are intertwined strands in the Church’s historical DNA.

This is not to suggest that the Church should willfully seek shipwreck. Much of the damage that has been done to Catholicism in recent decades—by the abuse scandals, by the ongoing horror stories of mid-20th-century Catholic life in Ireland, by forms of intellectual dissent that empty Catholicism of the patrimony of truth bequeathed to it by the Lord, by the counter-witness of Catholics in public life who fail to stand firm for the dignity of the human person at all stages of life and in all conditions of life—is a matter of self-imposed wounds, which Church authorities have an obligation to address.

The wider cultural assault on the Church, however, is another matter.

Some may consider it “shipwreck” that the cultural Catholicism that transmitted and sustained the faith in these United States as recently as two generations ago is on life support. What should we expect, however, when the ambient public culture becomes toxic, anti-biblical, Christophobic (to use the sharp term most recently made prominent by an Orthodox Jewish legal scholar, Joseph Weiler)?

Perhaps the demise of cultural Catholicism—Catholicism offered to the next generation without great effort, Catholicism by osmosis—is a kind of shipwreck. But why not take a lesson from the last chapters of Acts and see in that hard fact the providential invitation to become once again a Church in permanent mission? A Church in which every Catholic knows that he or she has been baptized into a missionary vocation? A Church in which Catholics know that the quality of their discipleship is measured by the power of their witness to Christ and their capacity to invite others into friendship with the Risen Lord?

To borrow again from genetics, shipwreck and mission are the double helix of Church history. The challenge is to discern the possibilities for mission that God always encodes in what seems to us, at first blush, to be utter shipwreck.

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St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

BOCH, Patricia, 82, Aug. 4
St. Mary Church, Bremen

BOYLE, Rosalyn, 71, Aug. 9
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

BREWER, Donald R., 88, formerly of Columbus, July 27
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

CAMPANELLA, Philip J., 91, Aug. 5
St. Philip Church, Columbus

CIANCA, Stephen P., 60, Aug. 10
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

DeWITT, Catherine M. "Kay," 89, Aug. 6
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

DOMINY, Twila, 76, Aug. 5
St. Mary Church, Marion

ECKFELD, Glenn, 68, July 31
St. Michael Church, Worthington

ESTERS, Jesse E. III, 18, July 28
St. John Church, Logan

EVARTS, Charles E., 65, Aug. 3
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

FASONE, Samuel R., 85, Aug. 4
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

GEBKE, Jerome, 69, formerly of Columbus, Aug. 3
St. Mary Church, Carlyle, Ill.

GIANVITO, Barbara C., 76, Aug. 10
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

HALL, Barbara H., 87, Aug. 9
St. Peter Church, Columbus

HAYDOCY, Elizabeth J. "Betty," 87, Aug. 7
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

HEIDER, Robert, 70, Aug. 4
St. Philip Church, Columbus

HOYER, Martha, 94, Aug. 6
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

KAELBER, John C., 67, Aug. 5
St. Mary Church, Delaware

LAMMERS, Elizabeth "Elli," 79, Aug. 15
St. Mary Church, Groveport

MANDRA, Donna, 63, Aug. 6
St. Mary Church, Marion

MARQUE, Edward, 84, Aug. 6
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

McGRAIL, John K., 64, Aug. 13
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

MEHRLE, James A., 81, Aug. 3
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

MOORE, Sandra, 72, Aug. 11
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

NADER, Mansor A., 92, Aug. 4
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

ORLETT, Richard, 86, July 16
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

PAFFORD, Josephine A., 90, Aug. 9
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

PEPPER, Kathleen, 67, Aug. 3
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

RILEY, Dorothy M.H., 83, Aug. 12
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

ROLAND, Larry D., 66, Aug. 3
St. Paul Church, Westerville

SCHLAEGEL, Kathleen M., 69, Aug. 12
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

SEARS, James R., 80, Aug. 9
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

SINN, Stuart K., 57, Aug. 6
St. Mary Church, Columbus

SLACK, Helen A., 94, Aug. 12
Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton

SMITH, Bruce "Pat," 52, Aug. 10
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

SMITH, Mary K., 81, Aug. 5
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

VALENTINO, Vincent J., 79, Aug. 9
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

VAUGHAN, Robert E., 86, Aug. 10
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

WALKER, Joycelyn E., 84, Aug. 11
Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, Columbus

Sister Mary Olivieri, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Olivieri, OSF, 86, who died Sunday, Aug. 17, was held Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Columbus St. Thomas Church.

She was born in Mansfield to Giuseppe and Domenica (Travaglini) Olivieri. She made her vows with the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate of Joliet, Illinois, on Aug. 12, 1959, taking the name Sister Dominica.

She was a teacher, principal, business manager, secretary, and pasto-

Thelma M. Buckley

Funeral Mass for Thelma M. Buckley, 82, who died Friday, July 25, was held Wednesday, July 30, at Delaware St. Mary Church. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery, Delaware.

She was born Sept. 3, 1931, in Perry County to William and Thelma (McGrew) Yarger, graduated from Columbus Rosary High School, and attended the former St. Mary of the Springs College(now Ohio Dominican University).

She was employed for more than 30 years at the St. Mary Church rectory

Judith H. Sparks

Funeral Mass for Judith H. Sparks, 73, who died Tuesday, Aug. 5, was held Monday, Aug. 18 at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Burial was at Muhlenberg Township Cemetery, Darbyville.

She was born June 19, 1941 in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, to the late Daniel and Sophia (Gapenski) Lenze.

She earned a master's degree from The Ohio State University, and served

Patricia M. Wagner

Funeral Mass for Patricia M. Wagner, 87, who died Thursday, July 31, was held Wednesday, Aug. 6, at Columbus St. Margaret Mary Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in Columbus to Joseph and Lucille (Ortman) Deibel. She attended Columbus St. Aloysius School and Columbus St. Mary of the Springs Academy, and served for many years

ral minister in many states, serving in Columbus at Bishop Ready High School and Immaculate Conception and St. Cecilia churches. Following her retirement, she lived at Seton Square North in Columbus. For the last two years, she resided at the Mohun Health Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Nick; and sister, Lucy Castorano Eckstein. She is survived by a sister, Sister Rose Olivieri, RSM; and many nieces and nephews.

and previously was a bookkeeper for Columbus Sacred Heart Church and an employee of Denison Engineering in Delaware.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John; brothers, William, Gerald, and Vincent; and sister, Edith Millet. Survivors include sons, John (Nancy) and Tim (Michele); daughters, Mary (Don) Piatt and Amy; sisters, Alice Yarnell, Eileen (Joe) Yuhasz and Jean (Larry) Melius; and nine grandchildren.

for 38 years as a teacher, principal, and specialized tutor in several Catholic schools, retiring from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. She had resided in Casa Grande, Arizona, for the last three-and-a-half years.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; stepson, James (Samantha) Southern; stepdaughters, Karen Southern and Mona (Richard) Ballard; brother, Daniel (Linda); and several grandchildren.

as sacristan at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John; and daughter, Debra. Survivors include sons, Mark (Cynthia), Greg (Sandy), Steven (Kristy), and David (Marsha); daughters, Cynthia (Mark) Hill and Nancy; brother, Richard (Julie); 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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AUGUST

22, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
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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.

24, SUNDAY

Open House at Dominican Learning Center
1 to 4 p.m., Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Open house to celebrate center's 20th anniversary. **614-444-7330**

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social.

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Central Ohio Marriage Encounter Reunion Potluck

4 to 7 p.m., Parish center, St. Agatha Church, 1880 Northam Road, Columbus. Reunion potluck for people who helped present weekends for Central Ohio Marriage Encounter (not affiliated with Worldwide Marriage Encounter). **614-459-2612**

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**

25, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). **614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**
Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.

26, TUESDAY

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. **740-653-4919**

27, WEDNESDAY

Charismatic Mass at St. Paul
7:30 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Mass sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, celebrated by Father Justin Reis. Preceded by rosary at 6 p.m. and praise and worship at 6:30. **614-914-8556**

29, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
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29-31, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

St. Charles Combined Class Reunion
St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. 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**

in Walter Commons, football game against Dublin Coffman, class photos, "state of the school" update. Saturday: ride along Alum Creek Bike Trail, 9 a.m., campus tour, 3 to 4:15 p.m., all-classes Mass, 4:30 p.m. Sunday: alumni golf outing, 1:30 p.m., Riviera Country Club, 8205 Avery Road, Dublin. **614-252-9288, extension 21**

30, 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.

DeSales Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
6 to 10 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Dinner featuring induction of inaugural class to school's athletic hall of fame. **614-267-7808**

31, SUNDAY

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. **614-861-1242**

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**

SEPTEMBER

2, TUESDAY

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

Abortion Recovery Network Group
7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. **614-444-4411**

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer group meeting. **740-653-4919**

4, THURSDAY

Cradling Christianity Dinner at St. Charles
6:30 p.m., Walter Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Ninth annual Cradling Christianity dinner to raise funds for tuition assistance to Christian students in the Holy Land. Speaker: Msgr. Frank Lane, spiritual director, Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West and the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati. Preceded by Mass at 5:30 in college chapel, celebrated by Father Peter Vasko, OFM, president of the board of trustees of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land. **614-459-5676**

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**

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**

5, FRIDAY

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

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

St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods. **614-882-7578**

All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; prayer until 11:30 p.m.; private prayer until 7:30 p.m. Saturday.
All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

5-6, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Silent Retreat for Men at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Silent retreat for men, sponsored by Catholic Laymen's Retreat League, directed by Father Patrick Toner, pastor, Plain City St. Joseph Church. Theme: "Lessons in the Pursuit of Spiritual Perfection." **614-268-0175**

6, SATURDAY

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. **614-861-4888**

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

Panther Day at Ohio Dominican
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Panther Day for prospective students, featuring tours, meal, talks with professors, financial aid information, and football game against Hillsdale. **614-251-4500**

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

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. **614-512-3731**

Filipino Mass at Holy Cross
7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community.

Send obituaries to: tpuet@colsdio.org



Franklinton neighborhood cleanup

Nearly 90 members of Mount Carmel Health System's leadership team took to the streets of Columbus' Franklinton neighborhood near Mount Carmel West Hospital to clean up more than 2,900 pounds of trash. The event was organized with help from the Franklinton Board of Trade as part of the city's Keep Columbus Beautiful efforts.

"Mount Carmel's mission is to improve the health and wellness of individuals in the communities we serve and to steward the resources entrusted to us. Those resources include our environment," said Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, Mount Carmel Health senior vice president for mission services. "Our organization has an important, longstanding relationship with the Franklinton community, and this is a great way to give back."

The volunteers picked up 97 bags of trash and 33 bags of recyclable material. This is the second year that Mount Carmel has participated in Keep Columbus Beautiful. Photo courtesy Mount Carmel Health

Seminary rector appointed new bishop of Ukrainian eparchy based in Ohio

By Catholic News Service

Pope Francis has appointed Father Bohdan J. Danylo, a seminary rector in Connecticut, to head the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio.

Bishop-designate Danylo, 43, has been rector and president of St. Basil College Seminary in Stamford, Connecticut, since 2005.

The appointment was announced Aug. 7 in Washington by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Auxiliary Bishop John Bura of the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia has been serving as the apostolic administrator of Parma eparchy since the 2009 retirement of Bishop Robert M. Moskal.

Bishop-designate Danylo was born in Gyzcko, Poland on May 22, 1971. He grew up in Przemysl, Poland, where he attended grade school and high school. In 1992, he emigrated with his family to the United States, where he continued his theological studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington while residing at



St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary. In 1996, he was ordained a priest for the Ukrainian Eparchy of Stamford by Bishop Basil H. Losten at St. Basil Seminary chapel. After ordination, he served one year as associate pastor at St. Michael's Parish in Hartford, Connecticut, and pursued graduate studies at St. Vladimir's Theological Academy in Crestwood, New York.

From 2004 to 2005, he studied at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome, where he earned a licentiate in sacred theology.

Bishop-designate Danylo has a connection to the Parma eparchy. His paternal grandfather, John Danylo, was born in Pittsburgh, which is part of the eparchy, in 1909 and left America for Eastern Europe before World War I began.

The Parma eparchy includes an estimated 8,378 Ukrainian Catholics. The jurisdiction covers the states of Ohio, Mississippi, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and western Pennsylvania.

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Islamic law, to succeed the Ottoman Caliphate abolished after the founding of modern Turkey in 1923.

The Vatican listed some of the "shameful practices" recently committed by the "jihadists" of the Islamic State, which the U.S. government has classified as a terrorist group. Among the practices cited:

- "The execrable practice of beheading, crucifixion, and hanging of corpses in public places."
- "The choice imposed on Christians and Yezidis between conversion to Islam, payment of tribute, or exodus."
- "The abduction of girls and women belonging to the Yezidi and Christian communities as war

booty."

• "The imposition of the barbaric practice of infibulation," or female genital mutilation.

"No cause can justify such barbarity, and certainly not a religion," the document said.

"Religious leaders also are called on to exercise their influence with the rulers for the cessation of these crimes, the punishment of those who commit them, and the restoration of the rule of law throughout the country, ensuring the return home of the deported," the Vatican said. "These same leaders should not fail to emphasize that the support, financing and arming, of terrorism is morally reprehensible."

Annual Blue Mass to be offered on 9/11

Columbus St. Timothy Church and St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 will host the 2014 Blue Mass at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 in the church, located at 1088 Thomas Lane.

The Blue Mass is an opportunity to honor and pray for all active, retired, and deceased police, fire, and emergency medical service personnel. In addition, it is an occasion to remember the 2,973 people who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Bishop Frederick Campbell will be the celebrant and homilist for the Blue Mass.

All active and retired police, fire, and emergency medical services workers in the greater Columbus area, their families, members of the Knights of Columbus, and all others are invited.

Father Thomas Dade initiated the Catholic Police and Firemen's Society while stationed at St. Patrick Church in Washington, D.C. About 1,100 police and firefight-

ers marched into the church for the society's first Blue Mass on Sept. 29, 1934. Its name came from the mainly blue uniforms of police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel. The Blue Mass has been a tradition in the northeastern United States since then, and more recently has spread throughout the nation, particularly in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks 13 years ago.

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting the Blue Mass and first responders.

St. Anthony Corn Roast Festival

Friday, Aug. 22, 6-11pm
Featuring **Arnett Howard** 8-11pm

Saturday, Aug. 23, 5-11pm
The Amazing Race, 2 mile Family Fun Run, 8:30am
St. Anthony's Got Talent
Live music by **InnerVision, 6-8 pm**
The Professors, 8-11pm

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Spiritual Director: Fr. Dean Mathewson

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2014

Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Place: Five Porticos (Bethesda's ministry home)
2744 Dover Rd, Columbus, OH 43209

Parking: Church parking lot west side of Christ the King Church
2777 E. Livingston Ave.

Meals: Continental breakfast & lunch provided

Fee: Free will offering

Reservations: Confidential Ministry lines: 614-309-0157, or 614-309-2651 at any time
Office: 614-718-0277, Mon-Thu, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Reservations recommended, but not required.

We will be praying to meet you this day

Kolbe Shrine Pilgrimage

The Militia of the Immaculata youth group of Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains and New Boston St. Monica churches, led by Father Joseph Yokum, made a pilgrimage this summer to the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Marytown, Illinois.

The Militia of the Immaculata (MI) is a worldwide movement founded in 1917 by St. Maximilian when he was a 23-year-old seminarian. St. Maximilian was martyred at the Nazis' Auschwitz concentration camp in 1941 after offering his life so that another condemned prisoner who had a family might live.

The MI encourages total consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a means of spiritual renewal for individuals and society. It is open to all Catholics age seven and older. Its mission is "to lead every individual with Mary to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus."

The students attended Mass and toured the shrine while learning about St. Maximilian and his call to give oneself in service to God, family, and the parish community.



Before returning home, the group had the opportunity visited Navy Pier and attended a Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley Field.

Photo courtesy Militia of the Immaculata



Labor Day Weekend

Fri Aug 29 • 7-11 pm

Sat Aug 30 & Sun Aug 31 • 5-11pm

Midway Games ★ Kiddy Land ★ Rides ★ Games of Chance (Friday and Sunday)

Friday Night Bingo ★ Silent Auction ★ Raffle ★ Bake Sale ★ Charity Garage Sale

Nightly Food Specials ★ Grilled Chicken Dinner Saturday Night

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday • Stadium 11 7-11 pm

Saturday • Tim Farrel 5-7 pm • These Guys Live 8-11 pm

Sunday • The General Guinness 5-8 pm • The Lee Gantt Band 8-11 pm

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CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

Cristo Rey Columbus High School welcomed a class of 122 freshmen to its new location in the former Ohio State School for the Deaf, 400 E. Town St., on Monday, Aug. 4. One week later, the 73 returning sophomores who will be part of the school's first graduating class in 2017 were greeted by school president Jim Foley and principal Carolyn Thomas.

The school, which combines workplace experience and standard high school classes, opened with 85 students at this time last year in a smaller temporary location. The move to its permanent site, a five-story, century-old building next to the Columbus Metropolitan Library on the eastern edge of downtown, allows for larger class sizes in this and subsequent years.

Foley said future freshman classes should be similar in size to this year's, with 400 to 500 students attending the school by the fall of 2016. He said the school accepted about 60 percent of the students who applied for this year's

freshman class.

The larger enrollment also resulted in the addition of staff members and business partners. Five of last year's six teachers returned and seven faculty members (one of them part-time) were added, giving the school a teaching staff of 12. Cristo Rey also has 41 business partners, 25 of them for the first time.

The businesses play a key role in the school's mission because students, all of whom are from economically disadvantaged families, go to the businesses one day each week to perform entry-level work, gaining the type of business experience they might not otherwise be able to obtain because of their economic circumstances. Three or four students work as a team at each employer to fill one position. Money the students earn goes to the school to help reduce tuition.

The building is undergoing \$18 million in renovations, paid for through tax credits and a loan from the Diocese of Columbus. Work to remodel it began



in May 2013, shortly after Cristo Rey purchased it from the library for \$1 million, and will continue through the school year.

Foley said the first three floors are complete, with a chapel and science labs on the fourth floor expected to be finished later in the school year. Fourth-floor music and art spaces will be completed by this time in 2015, with the fifth floor to be used for storage.

Other features of the building which the temporary site did not have include an audio-visual system for all classrooms, locker rooms, a complete computer lab, teacher break rooms and work rooms on every floor, a gymna-

sium, and expanded food service space. Food for the building will continue to be provided by the Maryhaven health services facility.

The school is inviting the public to view the renovations at a fundraising event titled The Garden Party from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. The event will include food, refreshments, dancing, and a chance to view the adjacent Columbus Topiary Park, which features shrubs trimmed to recreate Georges Seurat's famous painting *A Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of La Grand Jatte*. More information on the party and on the school is available at www.cristoreycolumbus.org.



Cristo Rey High School president Jim Foley speaks to the school's sophomores as the academic year opened on Monday, Aug. 11 in the former Ohio School for the Deaf. CT photo by Jack Kustron

NEW PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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Last class from Aquinas High School planning 50th reunion

The Class of 1965 of Columbus Aquinas High School, the school's final graduating class, is seeking members for a 50th-anniversary reunion on Aug. 22, 2015, at Worthington Hills Country Club. If you are a class member or have information on a member, contact John Jauch at (740) 398-0714 or jauchjohn@yahoo.com; Bob Stark at (614) 296-5034 or rstark@columbus.rr.com; Mike West at (614) 271-9194 or mjwest1@sbcglobal.net; Ed Spiers at (614) 589-0703 or buckeyebuildsolutions@yahoo.com; Mike Stafford at speclduty@yahoo.com; or John Allen at jja1965@gmail.com.