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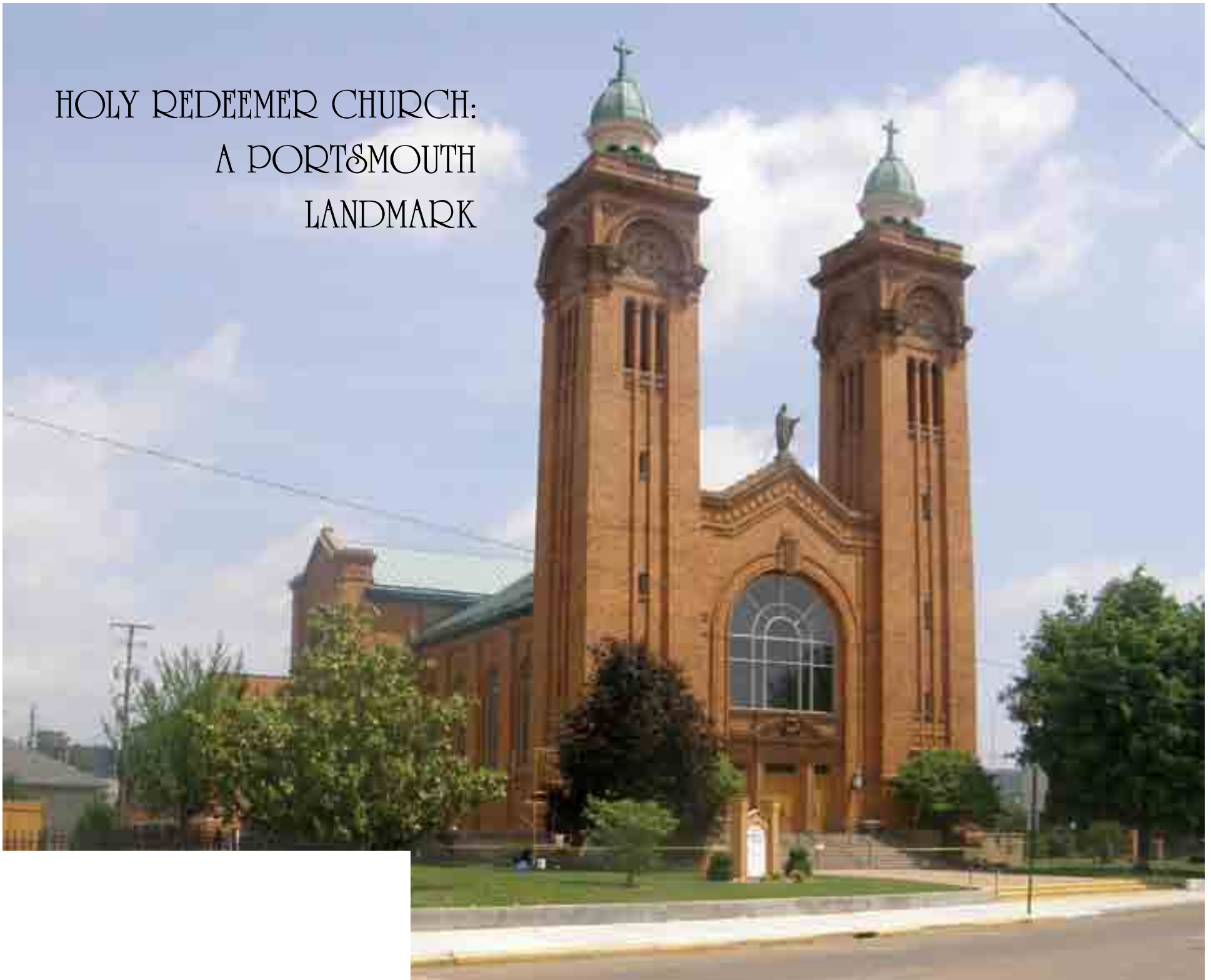
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The Editor's Notebook

It's a Mystery to Me

By David Garick, Editor



These weeks around the conclusion of the Easter season mark some very special feasts in the Church. They all involve mysteries that challenge us to look at our faith in terms that go far beyond our human experience.

First came the Feast of the Ascension. The disciples were still grappling with the mystery of the resurrection when they witnessed another mystery, as they saw the risen Lord ascend from the Mount of Olives into heaven. How that happened is something we cannot explain in human terms. Then we have the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. This astounding supernatural event was a gift to the disciples who received it in the upper room in Jerusalem that day, and is an enduring gift to each of us to this day. It is a gift that we cannot see or touch, but is precious beyond measure because it is our spiritual connection to God.

This week, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. Again, we are faced with a mystery because we are dealing with the very nature of God. It is very difficult for the human mind to grasp the concept of one God, almighty and eternal, in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Rational thought struggles with the concept. We are asked to look beyond what makes sense to us and accept this mysterious reality. Then we move to the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Again, we have a mystery that is an unimaginable gift. In a way the goes beyond all human understanding, at Holy Mass, bread and wine become the true body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus, and

when we receive it, we become united with him. Science has no way to explain this. It is a mystery.

We live in a world that insists everything be explained in rational, material terms. But science and logic cannot prove or disprove the reality of God and the mystery of life. We are human, but we are more than that. We have a spiritual nature and an eternal connection to our creator. Our faith ties us to a reality far greater than the physical, explainable universe. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* spells out these mysteries by saying, "Christ's whole life is a mystery of redemption. Redemption comes to us above all through the blood of his cross, but this mystery is at work throughout Christ's entire life: in his Incarnation through which by becoming poor he enriches us with his poverty; in his hidden life which by his submission atones for our disobedience; in his word which purifies its hearers; in his healings and exorcisms by which he took our infirmities and bore our diseases; and in his Resurrection by which he justifies us."

The mystery of our redemption is honored in the name and the works of Holy Redeemer Church in Portsmouth, the parish we are featuring in this edition of *Catholic Times*.

Scripture tells us, "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Faith is the key. It does not explain the mystery, but it unlocks it. And therein lies our redemption.



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ~ Clergy Assignments
These appointments become effective Tuesday, July 8, unless otherwise noted

RETIREMENTS

Msgr. William Dunn, from Pastor, St. John Church, Logan, to retirement.
Father Stephen Metzger, from Pastor, Church of the Nativity, Utica, to retirement.

PASTORS

Father Jeffrey Coning, to Pastor, Holy Trinity Church, Zoar, continuing as Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia.
Father William Ferguson, from Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake, and St. Leonard Church, Heath, to Pastor, St. John Church, Logan.
Father Mark Hammond, to Pastor, newly formed Knox-Licking Consortium of Catholic Churches (St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon; St. Luke Church, Danville; and Church of the Nativity, Utica).
Father William Hritsko, from Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton, to Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake, and St. Leonard Church, Heath.
Msgr. John Johnson, from Parochial Vicar, St. Brendan the Navigator, Hilliard, to Pastor, Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus.
Father Victor Wesolowski, from Pastor, St. Luke Church, Danville, to Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton, and Priest Moderator, St. Francis de Sales Church, Newcomerstown.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Father Cyrus Haddad, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard.
Father Kevin Kavanagh, from Pastor, Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus, to Parochial Vicar, St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin.
Father Vincent Nguyen, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, Knox-Licking Consortium of Catholic Churches (St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon; St. Luke Church, Danville; and Church of the Nativity, Utica).
Father Ty Tomson, from Parochial Vicar, St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin, to Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia, with ministry to the Spanish-speaking community at St. Joseph Church, Dover, and teaching duties at Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School, New Philadelphia.

OTHER

Father Ronald J. Aubry, from Leave of Absence, to Priest Moderator, St. Agnes Church and St. Aloysius Church, Columbus.
Father Fritzner Valcin, from Administrator pro-tem, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Columbus, to Administrator, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Columbus.
Father Jerome Stluka, from Pastor, Holy Cross Church, Columbus, to Administrator pro-tem, Holy Cross Church, Columbus, until Sept. 1.
Confirming the appointment of the Provincial Director of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, Father William Luke Tancrrell, OP, from service outside the diocese, to residence at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, effective July 1.
Confirming the appointment of the President of the Paulist Fathers, Father Steven A. Bell, CSP, from service outside the diocese, to Pastoral Associate, St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University, Columbus, effective Aug. 1.

CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS JUBILEES



Bishop Frederick F. Campbell presided at a prayer service on Saturday June 7, at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church honoring religious sisters celebrating significant anniversaries of their vows. He told the sisters, "The character of every Christian life is a pilgrimage, a movement, a journey, that is shaped by a particular mission that our Lord has given us. And it is through his grace that we are allowed to fulfill that mission."

"For those living a consecrated life, at that moment when you are called to make those vows, those promises, in response to a vocation from Our Lord, you are given a mission ... a mission whose beginning is also the end. For the end is not only the terminus, it is the purpose of our entire life. We have heard, we have responded, we have worked. And we wait in peace and gratitude for another new day, this of everlasting delight."

Pictured are (from left): first row, Sister Carmen Paris, OSF, 70 years; Sister Robin Richard, OP, 25 years; Sister Marilyn Ambrosic, OP, 50 years; Sister Jean Welling, SC, 60 years; Sister Catherine Bosch, OP, 70 years; Sister Barbara Holtzinger, OSF, 72 years; second row, Sister Wanda Scherer, OSF, 60 years; Sister Regina Snyder, OSF, 50 years; Sister Elaine Ballmann, SNDdeN, 65 years; Bishop Campbell; Sister Rosalie Graham, OP, 55 years; Sister Raymunda Brooks, OP, 65 years. Photo by Ken Snow

Sacred Hearts Parish Announces \$1 Million Fundraising Campaign to Rebuild Following Complete Loss Resulting from Devastating Thanksgiving Fire

Parish Hall to be Dedicated to Msgr. Charles J. Foeller

Cardington Sacred Hearts Church leaders gathered at the site of their former church, which was destroyed by fire on Thanksgiving Day 2013, and announced plans to raise \$1 million to build a new church and parish hall.

"We've lost our worship space, our place to gather for meetings, classrooms for our children, and all of our religious furnishings," said the church's pastor, Father John Bakle, SM.

"We've prayerfully worked to design a modest but traditional church to glorify God and to meet our basic needs as a congregation. Unfortunately, our insurance will only cover half of the cost to construct a new church and replace

our classrooms and meeting space, which leads us to the need for this capital campaign."

The estimated cost for the church and social hall is \$2.3 million. Parish leaders outlined the availability of \$1.2 million from insurance funds and \$100,000 in parish savings, requiring that an additional \$1 million be raised to construct the new church as designed.

The eight-member Sacred Hearts Building Commission voted unanimously to name the meeting and classroom area the Msgr. Charles J. Foeller Memorial Hall in honor of the church's former pastor, who served Morrow County's Catholics for more than 24

years.

Msgr. Foeller was the longest-serving resident pastor for Sacred Hearts in its century-plus history.

"In addition to the sacrificial pledges of which we are asking our own parish members, we ask those interested in honoring Msgr. Foeller, and those interested in providing aid to their brothers in Christ, to consider a donation to our effort," said Pat Drouhard, chairman of the Sacred Hearts Capital Campaign Committee.

Donations may be made to the Sacred Hearts New Church Fund and mailed to 4680 U.S. Highway 42, Cardington OH 43315.

Donations also will be accepted by phone by parish finance manager Tamara Dieter at (419) 946-3611, extension 100.

William Heyer, a Bexley resident who teaches sacred architecture at the Pontifical College Josephinum, designed the proposed 242-seat church and attached 5,599-square-foot social hall. The plan includes a brick exterior over metal framing and asphalt roofing.

Corna Kokosing Construction of Westerville is the selected contractor for the project, with groundbreaking expected to begin by Friday, Aug. 1.

Sacred Hearts is the only Roman Catholic parish in Morrow County.



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Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church, dedicated in 1908 and currently undergoing a renovation of its twin 118-foot bell towers.

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Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the *Catholic Times*. During June, July, and August, we will only be publishing every other week. Look for the *Catholic Times* in your mailbox just prior to:

6/29, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, and 8/24

We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Offspring



Have you been praying during the past two weeks for those who have given their lives for our freedom, liberty, lives, and happiness? We especially remember the valor of our brave veterans on Memorial Day, but our family members and friends also are worthy and in need of our prayers. A quick, succinct, but sincere prayer each day for them and for all our intentions is a simple and meaningful way to follow through on our promise to pray, and a good step along the way as we try to become more mature with our prayer life. Any device that helps us to remember and focus, such as drops of rain, is a good thing. Pray often, and pray for all who have asked us to pray for them. Just a few minutes of prayer each day gives us a much stronger position to face our daily challenges. We are sinners, and we yield to temptation all too often. Consider how often you pray, even at Mass, and the greatest weaknesses you struggle with. Then consider the grace and strength that will come from a few minutes of prayer each day. God sheds His grace on all of us, in this life and beyond. Pray for it.

Here we are in the middle of June again, and that means Father's Day. I have the incredible honor and blessing to be a dad. As any father knows, there is no greater or more humbling experience than being a part of your child's birth. It is truly God's work that is experienced in a way that is difficult to fully describe. Around Father's Day each year, much is written, discussed, marketed, and sold with regard to praising, recognizing, and loving Dad for all he does throughout the year for his children and family. These things are all good and should be enjoyed by everyone. I happen to be someone who hates saving things and letting "stuff" accumulate around the house. I do not consider any of my Father's Day gifts over the years to be counted in the "stuff." The handcrafted cards and other items from the kids are more special than any tie or golf shirt. In fact, I have three favorites I have saved over the years, one from each child. This brings me to the focus of this column. None of these things mean more to me than my children themselves. As dads, I am sure we all feel the same way. The greatest gift that we have is our children. At the same time, the greatest reflection of who we are and how much a Christian life means to us is our children. So this year, I want to turn the tables a bit on us as dads. Let us think about all the joy, pride, and even strengthening of our faith that comes from our children as they grow and mature. This year, humbly, joyfully, and gratefully accept the gifts from our children. Make the hugs that much stronger and meaningful. But do not let the day pass without telling your children how much they mean to you, and how their lives make you a dad on the surface, and a loving, proud, and humble dad in your heart. Enjoy the day as a dad, but take the time to recognize and thank your children for who they are. My three are the best, and I owe a great deal of any good qualities I have to them.

Our practical challenge these next two weeks is to celebrate our children, who make us good dads and parents. Pray for them, especially at Mass on Father's Day. Give or send each of your children a card, telling them how much being their dad means to you. Treat them to some special things over the next two weeks, for no particular reason. Take them to dinner at their favorite place, go to breakfast on Saturday morning, or go for ice cream one evening. Maybe even take them to Mass one day during the week. Happy Father's Day!

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

The Challenge in Changing Times Grant Recipients

The Catholic Foundation is pleased to announce the annual The Challenge in Changing Times grant recipients. This year, the Foundation awarded 54 grants, totaling over \$580,000. Of the grants, 54% went to improving school or church facilities, 31% went to supporting human dignity and basic needs and 26% went to providing faith formation and evangelization efforts.

Approximately 44% of the grant funding was awarded to parishes outside of Franklin County. For example, St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish of Portsmouth received a grant to help fund their food pantry that serves 275-400 people each month. St. Mary Parish of Marion received a grant to help fund a two-week Hispanic Mission, with the goal of identifying the Hispanic Catholics in their community and connecting them to the life of the church.

In its 14-year history, 94% of the parishes who have applied for a grant from The Challenge in Changing Times received at least one. This year, two parishes received a grant for the first

time: Church of the Ascension, Johnstown, and St. Ladislav, Columbus. The Church of the Ascension received a grant to help cover expenses related to repairs caused by a burst pipe in the church ceiling, while St. Ladislav Parish received a grant to help upgrade their security and communications system. For a complete list of grants, please visit grants.catholic-foundation.org.

Applications for these grants are split into four categories: Assistance to Seniors, Capital for Parishes, Catholic Elementary School Assistance and Evangelization & Care for Poor. This year, The Challenge in Changing Times committee reviewed over 120 application requests totaling more than \$2.8 million. Clearly, the need for financial support in the diocese is great, and The Catholic Foundation is unable to fulfill all requests due to limited funds available. To review the requests that were not funded, or only partially funded, please visit catholic-foundation.org/needs. A donation to these initiatives, in any amount, is greatly appreciated.

St. Anthony Church Celebration

Columbus St. Anthony Church, 1300 Urban Drive, will continue its 50th anniversary celebration with a 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 15. This will be the only Mass in the parish on that day. It will celebrate the feast day of the parish's patron, St. Anthony of Padua, which officially is June 13 on the Catholic Church's calendar.

The Mass will be followed by a potluck lunch, featuring food from the many cultures which are represented

by parishioners. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a favorite family dish to share and to bring gifts for the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry. Former parishioners are especially invited to return, renew old friendships, and create new ones.

Pictures and memorabilia from the past 50 years will be on display in the Fulcher Meeting Room. More information is available from the church office at (614) 885-4857.



St. Brigid of Kildare Director of Music Position

St Brigid of Kildare parish in Dublin, Ohio is seeking a full time Director of Music for their large suburban parish of 3,200 families. The candidate will begin this position on September 1, 2014.

The director will be in charge of music selection and preparation for the five weekend liturgies, and training and coordination of Cantors, as well as several choirs that assist at the liturgies. In addition, the director will be responsible for preparation of wedding and funeral liturgies as well as parish special liturgies and Advent and Lenten services.

Qualifications include experience as Music Director, bachelor's degree in music related field, and experience playing the piano and organ during Mass.

Candidates are asked to submit their qualifications by July 15, 2014 to:

Attn: Director of Music Search Committee, St. Brigid of Kildare Church, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017

Salary and diocesan benefits are commensurate with experience.

St. Vincent de Paul Society presents Top Hat Awards

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is "not to serve those in need, but to increase our own spirituality," SVDP diocesan conference president Bill Sparks said at the recent Top Hat Mass and dinner at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School to honor volunteers. "And we do that by serving those in need. We see Christ in the faces we serve."

He added that it's important not to be judgmental and to "maintain the dignity of those we serve."

This year's Top Hat winner, Marge Hendey of the St. Edward SVDP conference in Granville, illustrates that philosophy. She helped set up a countywide help line in Licking County so people in poverty wouldn't get lost in a series of phone calls. The help line enables

St. Vincent de Paul Society Top Hat winner Marge Hendey and Bill Sparks, president of the SVDP diocesan conference.



anyone in need to call a central phone number and be referred to the proper St. Vincent de Paul conference for help.

Hendey "truly has been our 'go-to' person," said Kevin Murphy, who introduced her at the dinner, adding that she also is the Granville conference's best recruiter. She encouraged 20 people to join in one month.

"I'm truly honored. I want to share it with St. Edward's because we're truly a team," said Hendey, who is 87. "What better way to spend a retirement career that serving God and helping others," she said, adding that she had no plans to retire from St. Vincent de Paul.

Other Top Hat nominees were Lesha Farias of Newark St. Francis de Sales, Michael Lynch of Hilliard St. Brendan, Mark Meinhart of Westerville St. Paul, and Toni Ventresca of Columbus St. Elizabeth.

Sparks, who will finish his six-year commitment to the society as president this year, also had some special awards. "I've had so much support from all of you, but especially Heather Swiger and Pat Summers," he said.

"Pat (the society's administrative assistant) really is the sweetest person I know. She gets 1,000 calls a year from people in need and refers them to conferences

or finds the answer. She exemplifies the Vincentian spirit."

Sparks said Swiger, who manages the society's volunteer charity programs, is "God's gift to me. I don't have to worry about St. Lawrence Haven, the clothing center, or the Saturday meal program. She is loving and caring but tough when needed," he said. "She's made these six years of mine easy."

The speaker, Father Tom Petry, pastor of Columbus St. Anthony Church, said that mercy is central to the Gospel, which fits in with the mission of St. Vincent de Paul. "It's time for the church to exercise mercy, not judgment. ... We are at that forefront where we have to embrace that message of mercy," he said.

"Thank God for you and the work that you do," Father Petry told the volunteers. "It isn't always easy to not judge and to have compassion."

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Anointing and purgatory; Mary's virginity



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Before my father died in a hospice, he had (several times) received the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. I thought that meant that his sins were forgiven and that he would not have to suffer in purgatory. Nevertheless, my siblings insist on having annual Masses offered for him. Why should we pray for his soul if he had the sacrament for the sick? (Jessup, Maryland)

A. The effects of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, as listed in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in No. 1532 are as follows: uniting the sick person to the passion of Jesus; strength, peace and courage to endure the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if that be conducive to the person's salvation; and preparation for passing over to eternal life.

Notice that this list does not include the remission of all punishment caused by sin. However, there is a sacramental called the apostolic pardon, which is a blessing a priest administers when someone is in danger of death, following the anointing (and, if the person is able, the reception of holy Communion).

This blessing carries with it a plenary indulgence, and is worded as follows: "By the authority which the Apostolic See has given me, I grant you a full pardon and the remission of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (An alternate and acceptable wording is this: "Through the holy mysteries of our redemption, may almighty God release you from all punishments in this life and in the life to come. May he open to you the gates of paradise and welcome you to everlasting joy.")

I believe that most theologians and spiritual guides would see this apostolic pardon as a

prayer petitioning God to do what the words ask, rather than an order commanding the Lord to act in a certain way.

My feeling is that I can never be certain that a person has passed on in complete purity of spirit, with every stain of selfishness erased from the soul. For that reason, I view Masses for the deceased as always valuable.

Surely, should the person already have gained eternal joy, the Mass will at least benefit those who attend it and those who requested it.

Q. The *Confiteor* prayer, which we often recite at the beginning of Mass, contains these words: "Blessed Mary, ever-virgin." Yet in the *New American Bible* (written especially for Catholics), we read (Matthew 1:24-25): "(Joseph) did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus." Wouldn't this indicate that Joseph and Mary did have sexual relations after Jesus' birth, meaning that she was no longer a virgin? (Terre Haute, Indiana)

A. The perpetual virginity of Mary has been held by the church since its earliest centuries. It was perhaps most strongly expressed by St. Augustine in 411; namely, that Mary was "a virgin conceiving, a virgin bearing, a virgin pregnant, a virgin bringing forth, a virgin perpetual."

As to the argument you raise from Matthew 1:24-25, you have imposed a modern meaning upon an ancient word. The use of the word "until" in biblical times (Matthew's Greek word was *heos*) simply meant that some action did not happen until a certain point.

It did not imply anything about what happened after the time indicated. A good example is 2 Samuel 6:23, which is sometimes translated, "Michal the daughter of Saul had no children until the day of her death." Are we to understand that she had children later?

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

Inaugural Lennon Loop 5K

The inaugural Lennon Loop 5K, a five-kilometer run/walk in honor of the late Bob Lennon, will take place Saturday, July 26, at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. Proceeds will benefit the school's Bob Lennon Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Lennon, 64, died on Sept. 15, 2013, after being struck by a car while riding a bicycle. He spent 40

years at DeSales as a science teacher and coach of cross country, track, and boys and girls basketball.

Registration for the event will begin at 7 a.m., with a children's dash at 8 and the start of the run at 8:15. All participants who register by Monday, June 30, will receive a T-shirt. Shirts for late registrants will be available while supplies last.

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Excerpts from Father Kevin Lutz's homily at the funeral Mass for Father Richard J. Pendolphi at Worthington St. Michael Church on Friday, May 30:

"On Dec. 8, 1968, I was a freshman in the college of the PIME Fathers in Memphis, Michigan, and we had the custom there of being invested in the cassock. We walked down the aisle in suits and ties, carrying our folded cassocks, collars, and sashes, and one by one we knelt in front of Father Nicholas Maestrini, our provincial superior, who said to each of us, 'Take off the old man.'

"We undid our neckties and took off our suit coats, Then he said, 'Put on the new man after Jesus Christ.' We put our hands back, and seminarians slid the cassock onto us. Then the superior put the collar on each of us. Nothing was buttoned. You just were given these, and then you walked to the side to one of the seminarians for assistance. I was sent to Pendolphi.

"Rick saw that I was nervous. He adjusted my collar and started buttoning my cassock. I stood there shaking. I was 18 and this was all so strange to me. Sensing my nervousness, Pendolphi started making faces to calm me. Then he invested me in the cassock for the first time.

"Last Tuesday, I went to the funeral home to dress him for burial. To think that 46 years later I would return the favor. I invested him in the collar, and I buttoned his cassock for the last time. We were at each other's ordinations, buried each other's parents – even some of the readings were the same.

"We traveled a number of times, to Mexico, Italy, and Germany, and I never had a conversation with him that wasn't incredibly funny. There was no situation seemingly too sacred or solemn that he couldn't find something funny in it.

"In 1978, he happened to be in Rome, just after the election of John Paul II, now a saint. One of the PIME bishops was making an *ad limina* visit, and the bishop needed a secretary and invited Rick to go along. They met the next morning at St. Peter's. All were let in, and the bishops were brought into one room and the secretaries into another.

"The bishops all met with the Holy Father. Then the secretaries were brought in. Of course, Father Pendolphi was first in line. He went right to the Holy Father, who was most congenial, and the pope asked, 'What work do you do, Father?' Rick replied, 'Well, I'm a vocations director. It's

very difficult and I hope that you will pray for me. St. John Paul II looked at him and said, 'I will pray for your work, but please pray for me. I think that my job is a little harder than yours.'

"That's not the end of the story. Everybody was watching the pope. Nobody was paying attention to anyone else, so Rick started to wander off to explore this great hall. He noticed off on the side wall some long velvet curtains and a microphone sticking out through them. Rick pulled the drapes open.

"He was on the big balcony on the front of St. Peter's Basilica. He walked to the edge of the balcony where we usually see the Holy Father giving a blessing. He raised his arms and began blessing anyone in the square.

"Rick said there were 10,000 Japanese tourists in St. Peter's Square that day taking photos. He often remarked, 'I'm on top of 10,000 television sets in Japan, and they're all wondering why the pope was wearing a black cassock that day.'

"In Lent, you know, we have a collection called the Rice Bowl. It's just a little cardboard box. It roughly looks like a rice bowl, and you're supposed to put your change in to help out the missions. It happened that at my mother's funeral, my family rode in the limo and Father Rick rode along. It was a quiet, somber moment. We're driving down South High Street. Rick noticed a little restaurant called the Rice Bowl. As we went past, he said in an indignant tone, 'So that's where the bishop's been sending our money!'

"I have to share one other little story. There are many of them, but to appreciate this one, you must recall the Bible scene about the woman in the Gospel who wanted to touch Jesus' robe, thinking to herself, 'If I but touch the hem of his garment, I'll be cured.'

"In 1969, the late, great Bishop Sheen came to Detroit. He spoke at Cobo Hall, to a packed house. He came out in his cassock and his red cloak. After his talk, Bishop Sheen announced from the stage that he wanted all of the seminarians to come back to be blessed individually.

"We lined up, and I was actually standing behind Pendolphi. Well, Rick starts shaking Sheen's hand. Momentarily, the bishop was distracted. Rick quickly looked at me and said, 'Watch this!'

He touches Sheen's red robe, and turns to me and whispers 'My hemorrhaging stopped!' I laughed uncontrollably. Of course, Rick stepped aside. And now here's my one chance to meet greatness – Bishop Sheen – and I'm laughing uncontrollably in his face.

"In seminary, we always wore cassocks, so we looked like a classroom full of priests. One priest-teacher was nicknamed 'The Fly.' He wore horn-rimmed glasses and was always wiping chalk dust from his hands in the motions of a fly cleaning its legs.

"Pendolphi always sat front and center. As Father was writing on the board, Pendolphi starts making the hand motions and then does a quick fly gesture, rubbing his hands above his head. Laughter followed, which displeased 'The Fly,' who turned around and said, 'What is wrong with you? Why can't you all be like Pendolphi, who is the only one studying.' ...

"Father was a man of prayer. I knew it from the days of the seminary. Rick was early in the chapel and late to leave. He was faithful to his daily Holy Hour. He had rosaries everywhere and had prayed it daily. But the Mass was the ultimate event. It was *the* moment of every day.

"Father chose his (*funeral Mass*) readings carefully. Isaiah's mountain, where the Lord will provide. These readings have a forward glance. They were looking to the future, and not just to the future like old age or retirement, but to that true future where we will know and be known by God, and every tear will be wiped away, and death will have no more power. And so, with a reading from Romans, death has no more power over him.

"Bishop Sheen used to refer to the empty tomb of Christ as the earth's most serious wound, because the earth is a gigantic tomb, a grave that never lets go. But Christ changed the rules.

"His chosen Gospel says 'I shall raise him on the last day.' We often talked about heaven, about our parents, and about the many friends we'd see. He had a very fixed vision and a very firm hope on everlasting life. No matter how much we have, it all goes away with the faint, fast, fleeting last breath, and then comes the judgment. His last Mass was a great preparation for it.

"On the day that Father Rick died, he offered Mass at 11:30. Lunch followed with parishioners. Then he went and sat down to rest, and fell asleep in the Lord. We don't know the day, the hour, or the manner, but I think he had a blessed last day. ...

"I anointed Father in the emergency room at Mount Carmel. After anointing his hands, I thought that never again will that hand be lifted in blessing, never again in this world to hold the Host and bring Christ from heaven to earth and to forgive. I prayed in that moment for seminarians.

"We need good and holy priests. We need more men to realize what incredible power you have in your hands to forgive, to bless, and to consecrate. So please, all of you, pray for vocations. Ask God to give us good and holy priests. ...

"Bishop Lawrence Casey ordained Richard in Newton, New Jersey. Casey took Rick aside for some advice – 'Father Richard, always wear an amice' – and he walked away. Rick didn't know what it meant. I can only guess that the bishop was referring to the prayer as the priest puts it on: 'Place on my head, O Lord, the helmet of salvation, that I may be protected from the attacks of the devil.'

"Dear Jesus, place an amice on each of us. May Our Lord protect us and bless us and shield us. Lord, give us good and holy priests. And if it's not too much to ask, make a few of them as funny as Pendolphi.

"God bless you. Please pray for me."

Melvin Scholar at American Junior Academy of Science

The Ohio Academy of Science has selected Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School student Gillian Baker as a Melvin scholar, honoring the outstanding presentation she gave at the organization's annual meeting. This gives her the opportunity to represent Ohio at the American Junior Academy of Science meeting,

which takes place in conjunction with the annual American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting.

The junior academy gathering gives Ohio students an opportunity to interact with top students from across the nation and scientific professionals from around the world.

Auditions set for Cathedral Choir

The Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral Choir has four section leader positions open for the 2014-2015 season. There are a total of 17 section leader positions in the choir. There will be auditions for all sections. Section leaders must possess excellent sight reading skills and be able to commit to the choir's demanding schedule. A complete job description for section leaders is available upon request.

The choir consists of approximately 30 professional and volunteer singers from metropolitan Columbus and beyond. It provides music for the cathedral's 10:30 a.m. solemn Mass each

Sunday from September through June. It also maintains a rigorous schedule of pontifical celebrations, diocesan liturgies, and concerts.

The choir has also been featured on *With Heart and Voice*, and *Pipedreams*, nationally syndicated radio programs that feature the music of many of the world's most famous choirs and organists. While Renaissance polyphony forms the core of its repertoire, the Cathedral Choir also has received accolades for its performances of romantic and 20th-century pieces. Its repertoire of works by Byrd, Palestrina, and Tallis is balanced by mu-

sic of Herbert Howells, Maurice Durufle, Frank Martin, and Pierre Villatte. Reviewing a 2004 performance of Frank Martin's *Messe, The Columbus Dispatch* hailed the choir for its "purity of tone, careful attention to intonation and dynamics, and sensitivity to the text." The *AAM Journal* lauded the choir for its "sumptuous sound."

Members of the Cathedral Schola are drawn from the choir and specialize in the interpretation of early music. The schola also maintains a rigorous schedule of liturgical performances at the cathedral and throughout the Diocese of Columbus.

Auditions for the choir and the schola are conducted by appointment with cathedral music director Paul Thornock. For more information, call (614) 241-2526 or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.com.

Pray, Pray, Pray



Director of Music Position

St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Columbus, Ohio is seeking a Director of Music/Organist/Choir Director.

Responsibilities include: playing for all liturgies, conducting two adult choirs, children's choir and funeral choir, coordinating cantors for Masses and playing for weekly grade school Masses.

Candidate should be able to demonstrate skill in conducting, organ and piano. Knowledge of the Roman Catholic Liturgy is essential.

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Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, a 4,000 family Catholic community in Westerville, Ohio (Columbus) is in search of a Director of Religious Education (DRE).

The Director of Religious Education is responsible for the ministry of catechesis in the Parish School of Religious Education, oversees and offers policies and catechetical programs for children, and young adults. Specifically, this individual leads the day to day operations of a 900 plus student body PSR program ranging from pre-school through eighth grade with a staff of four coordinators and over 100 volunteer catechists. This individual is also a member of the parish liturgy committee and works closely with school administrators and pastoral associates.

The qualified individual will have an MA in Religious Education/Catholic Theology or equivalent, a minimum of 3 years parish religious education or similar experience; familiarity with principles and dimensions of; catechist formation, children's ministry, young adult ministry, proven administrative skills including interpersonal relations, conflict resolution, management and supervision, budget preparation, and be a collaborative minister.

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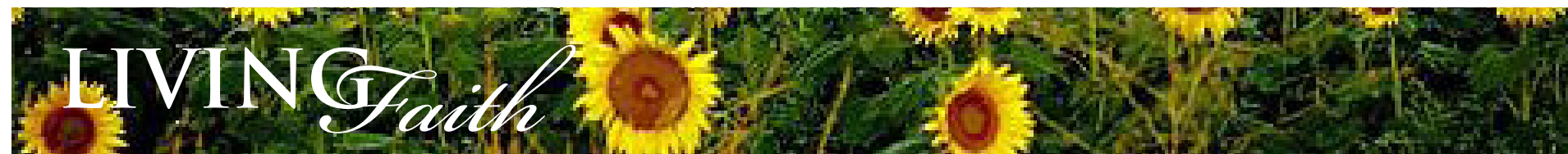


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Being One

Easter season is over, and we now begin the long liturgical period of Ordinary Time. This Sunday, we celebrate Trinity Sunday. I'd like to reflect on this mystery by pondering Jesus' words from last week's readings. They speak of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the unity of all three Persons of the Trinity, as well as our inclusion in Divine Life shared.

Last Thursday, in a reading from John, Jesus proclaimed his heart's desire in prayer. Approaching death, his thoughts turned to those who follow him. He didn't wish for earthly power or anything for himself, but desired that all those who believe in him may share in the union that he shares with the One who sent him. It is a prayer of love. A radical love.

Throughout his life, Jesus showed his disciples what that love looked like. It was washing feet. It was taking care of others. He told Peter, "Feed my sheep." It was speaking the truth regardless of consequences. It was being with the outcast and those on the fringes of society. It was living simply with passion for the kingdom, rather than for riches. While the words of that gospel are beautifully poetic, they demand sacrifice.

Jesus prays that all will come to perfection "as one," not as individuals. We come to healing and salvation together with one another and with God. Our journey is not about personal salvation; it's about the salvation of the world. Closing ourselves off from the problems of our world and pursuing our own "holiness" would be easier. Leaving the

messiness behind is tempting, whether violence, poverty, oppression, or care of the planet. Jesus tells us that's not how it's done.

I'm often overwhelmed by the challenges facing us and our world today. What can one person do? Is Jesus' prayer too much to hope for? If we were on our own, the answer surely would be "Yes," but he reassures us. We are not alone. We have Divine Love moving within us. "... I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

On Pentecost, we celebrated the coming of that Love, the Spirit. In that day's readings, Paul's letter to the Corinthians stated that though we are many, we are one. The gifts of the Spirit are unique in each of us, but they are given for the same purpose: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." When the challenges of our times overwhelm, we do well to remember this. Each one's actions are joined with the actions of all others. God's work is done by all together, healing all by the work of God in all.

Sometimes what we do seems to make little difference, whether at home, at work, or in the larger community, but we don't see the whole picture. In spring, we plant seeds. That's our part. What nourishes them and brings them to maturity bearing fruit, that's Another's work. We put small, dormant kernels of life into dark earth, wait, and trust. Our call in the world is similar. We do our best and



GRACE IN THE MOMENT
Mary van Balen

trust that God, gathering all our efforts, will do the rest.

The other two Pentecost readings gave us different accounts of the coming of the Spirit. One, from Acts, was dramatic: a howling wind driving through the house, tongues of fire descending. The other was quieter: Jesus came through locked doors to be with his disciples who were gathered in fear. "Peace be with you," he said, and he breathed on them. The Spirit came with breath. Either way, the message is the same: The Living God is within us, the source of our gifts and our call, as well as the power to be faithful to them.

Today's feast celebrates the mystery of our God who is Relationship: Three persons dwelling in and with the other, and, as Jesus' prayer reveals, in us. The famous icon *Trinity*, written by 15th-century Russian painter Andrei Rublev, while picturing three angels, has been interpreted by many to represent the Holy Trinity. The figures are gathered around a table, leaving open the place facing the one who views the icon. Perhaps it is an invitation to take our seat at table with the Holy Mystery and join in the Love and work of God.

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By Loretto Kenny Stevens

Dad and the Gang of Seven

Even as a youngster, I knew that Dad was perfectly designed for fatherhood.

He went about the job resolutely. But it was his readiness for laughter that best equipped him to handle what the seven of us dished out. Even though Dad believed all his children were saints-in-the-making, we frequently offered compelling evidence to the contrary.

St. Bob – during a brief stint as an altar boy – brought home unconsecrated Communion wafers to "help" the younger children prepare for first Communion. Bob wore a cigar-wrapper ring and we were instructed to bow to him as "exalted master." It was great fun until the priest noticed a gap in his inventory. When he called our house, Dad's sense of humor was not on display. For the next month, St. Bob was cloistered.

St. Jim went in with a friend on an ultra-cheap used car – a steal for \$450, except it was a hearse. He parked it in front of our

house, prompting our elderly next-door neighbors to call the priest. He rushed over, black bag in hand, for possible Last Rites. Dad uttered a few threats that day against Jim's progress toward sainthood.

St. Dan buried a six-pack of beer in a field near his high school. Next morning, he dug it up and sampled a couple of warm ones. When the principal sent Dan home – sick, smelling of brew – his far-fetched explanations didn't pass Dad's lie detector. Dan didn't drive (or dig) for a long time -- a sentence lengthened because his sainthood earlier had stalled after his lighter-fluid flame show blackened the side of our house.

St. Larry, the youngest, thought 10 pennies melted in a frying pan could make one big one. Dad spent an entire evening clearing out the acrid odor. Larry had just surrendered his year-round stash of fireworks after a minor explosion in our chimney. Canonization status: temporar-

ily suspended.

As the only daughter, I posed a different challenge. By age 15, I had a litany of oppressions. For the sake of my social life, could Dad please dispense with words such as "davenport," "chiffarobe," "ice box," "parlor," etc? And his jokes! I would beg him not to talk when friends were around. They all considered him handsome, charming, and funny. He was all that and more. But he was Dad, and to me, that equaled just plain square.

He went from room to room each night, reminding us to pray. We'd try to keep him talking so we could stay up later. There was a comforting aspect to his standing in our doorway after lights-out, telling a story or listening to our highly embellished escapades. Even back then, he didn't have to tell us we were everything to him. We knew.

He didn't distinguish between quality and quantity time. He was there – when

we were bored, cranky, happy, scared, goofy, whiny, sleepy, and to settle arguments. He drilled us on spelling, phonics, arithmetic, and grammar and expected us to live within a broad structure of behavior. That meant hard work, loyalty to one another and to our Catholic faith, and, above all, respect for our mother.

Dad's own background prepared him to live a deliberate life. The early deaths of his Irish parents meant he would work full time throughout high school and business college to support his four siblings. At age 24, those responsibilities ably discharged, his plan was to marry and have a large family.

Dad's life plan was just the ticket for the seven of us. Now that he's deceased, we consider ourselves his fortunate beneficiaries. I can't mail a Father's Day card to Patrick Joseph Kenny in heaven, but my thoughts will soar his direction on June 15.

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH:

PARISH UNDERGOES PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Anyone driving along Gallia Street, one of the main east-west corridors through Portsmouth, can't help but be struck by the beauty of Holy Redeemer Church.

The church, the seven-foot bronze-gold statue of Jesus with arms outstretched which stands atop it, and the twin 118-foot bell towers on either side of the building, all of locally made brick and terra cotta material, are close to downtown, yet far enough away that they stand alone as the dominant landmark of the area near the church.

The exterior beauty of the Italian Renaissance-style building is matched by its interior, which is primarily of Italian white marble with accents of Vermont *verde antico* (antique green) marble. The church doesn't have any pillars because it was built with a suspended, vaulted ceiling. Its organ and 17 of its 19 stained-glass windows (two were added in 1992) have been part of the building since its dedication in 1908.

The church's, though nearly a century old, wears its age well thanks to major renovations in the 1940s (following the devastating Ohio River flood of 1937), 1964 (resulting from the liturgical changes of the Second Vatican Council), and 1992, combined with parishioners' continuing efforts to maintain the building's character as a place designed to turn one's thoughts toward God.

The most recent of those efforts is a complete interior and exterior renovation of the towers that includes tuckpointing and installation of louvers in the windows near the top of the towers, at a cost of about \$110,000.

"It's a real privilege to attend Mass in such a beautiful church, and we want to keep it that way," said longtime parishioner Tom Walker. "One of the great things about Portsmouth is that we have not one, but two beautiful downtown Catholic churches which are now united under one pastor. Each has particular programs that are theirs, but they've been doing some things together for years, and now we have a real chance to strengthen our

unity."

Holy Redeemer, located at 1325 Gallia St., was founded in 1852, mainly to serve the city's Irish Catholics. Those of German origin for the most part retained membership in Portsmouth St. Mary Church, which had been founded 11 years earlier. The two churches, a little more than a mile apart, both became large congregations as the city grew to a peak of 42,500 residents around 1930.

For the next 80 years, its population declined as large plants in the shoe, steel, and other industries closed. Today, Portsmouth is described as a "post-industrial" community and has about 20,000 residents. A Wal-Mart now stands where Cyclops Steel's blast furnace was. The largest employers are Southern Ohio Medical Center and Shawnee State University, which has more than 3,000 students and has become the new heart of downtown.

Father Adam Streitenberger, a native of nearby Waverly, became pastor at St. Mary in July 2011. One year later, he was appointed administrator of Holy Redeemer, with his appointment as pastor following in October 2012. The two churches retain separate parish councils, Parish School of Religion programs, and choirs, but have a joint identity as the Portsmouth Catholic Community. Information about both parishes is available on the website www.portsmouthcatholic.org.

"Some people have been concerned about the possibility of parish closures in both Portsmouth and Scioto County because of what's happened to the population over the years, but I can assure them that Bishop (Frederick) Campbell is not in favor of closing any parish," Father Streitenberger said.

"What's happened here in Portsmouth, and what occurred before that in the rest of the county, is that two or more parishes are uniting under one pastor because there are fewer priests to serve the diocese. This is something that will happen

increasingly in coming years. In that regard, we're really ahead of the curve in Scioto County. Where we are is where much of the diocese will be in the next five or 10 years."

Besides the two Portsmouth churches, the county has five other parishes, served by two priests. Father Joseph Yokum is pastor of parishes in New Boston and Wheelersburg, and Father David E. Young serves parishes in West Portsmouth, Pond Creek, and Otway.

The Scioto County parishes as a whole and the three parish clusters in the county combine for a variety of events, including confirmations, first Communions, and parish Lenten and Advent penance services. During the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week in Portsmouth, one of the two city parishes hosts the Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses, while the other is the site for the Good Friday service, with the locations rotating each year.

Bill Questel, a St. Mary parishioner, said the old days of ethnic divisions between the Portsmouth parishes disappeared long ago, with creation of the Portsmouth Catholic Community formalizing a spirit of cooperation that had long been in place. "People in this town are not separated," he said. "I know the people at Holy Redeemer as well as I know my wife. When they

come to St. Mary's, I greet them, and when I got to Holy Redeemer, they greet me."

"This is hardly the first time the parishes have gotten together because it was a good move for both," said Ann Kempf, pastoral minister at Holy Redeemer and principal of Notre Dame Elementary School, located in the former Holy Redeemer School next to the church. "The two parochial schools combined in 1970, and I think we've done far better together than we would have separately."

"It goes farther back than that," said Holy Redeemer parishioner Henry Oberling. "Each parish used to have its own elementary and high schools, and they were too crowded. Then Notre Dame High School opened in 1952, and you could see how it got people from both parishes close together."

Kempf said Notre Dame Elementary has about 250 students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade from throughout the county. The school's Quiz Bowl team won the county championship for 2013-14 and competed in the national Quiz Bowl championship in Washington at the end of the school year.

Other highlights of the academic year included taking part in the Soap Box Derby Gravity Challenge in Akron, participation in a joint May crowning at the



Worshippers at Sunday Mass at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church, one of two churches which form the Portsmouth Catholic Community. St. Mary Church is the other. Photo/Holy Redeemer Church

high school and in a combined Catholic Schools Week program at the elementary school, raising \$10,000 in one week for playground equipment through a walkathon and other events, and planting a vegetable garden in memory of a former student.

The school also offers Spanish, music, and computer classes for all students, including those in pre-kindergarten; puts on a production every year with its own students and a director from the Missoula (Mont.) Children's Theater, the world's largest touring children's theater; hosts the COSI in Wheels and Scholastic Book Fair programs; has regular "study buddy" activities pairing sixth-grade and kinder-

garten students; and offers an anti-bullying program for grades four through six.

Portsmouth and Scioto County have been described often in recent years as aging communities, but that trend may be reversing. Kempf said the population of the elementary school has stabilized. The most recent population figures show both an increase in the percentage of residents younger than 25 since 2000 and a slight growth in the overall population since 2010.

The presence of Shawnee State in particular has brought more young people to Portsmouth, and led a young married

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Top and bottom: Notre Dame Elementary School students at play, and the school itself. Above: Portsmouth parishioners (from left) Bill and Mary Martha Questel, Paul and Megan Baum, Tom Walker, and Theresa Schlosser; Father Adam Streitenberger, pastor; Dave Ferrell, Ann Kempf, Roger Correll, Janet Bowman, Brad Tindall, and Henry Oberling. Photo/Holy Redeemer (top); CT photos by Tim Puet



Left: The annual Advent distribution of food from Pickerington Seton Parish at Holy Redeemer. Right: Notre Dame schools' combined May crowning. Photos/Holy Redeemer Church



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couple, Paul and Megan Baum, who are affiliated with Adore Ministries of Houston, to accept an invitation by the two parishes to direct their catechesis and evangelization efforts. (Megan Baum, then known as Megan Thompson, was a Catholic Times columnist before her marriage.)

They were married in October, moved to the former St. Mary rectory in November, and have been organizing a variety of programs since then. These include The Well, a ministry for all high-school students, which meets on the first and third Sunday evenings of each month; Project Review and Project Arise, gender-specific activities for high-schoolers on the second and fourth Sundays; and The Uprising, a monthly program on Saturday evenings for middle-school students.

In the fall, the Baums will be hosting a food, discussion, prayer, and community activity known as The Remnant for college students at their home on two Thursday evenings a month. On the other Thursdays, they invite young adults and their families of all faiths to stop by for a family-style meal and fellowship.

"It's been a really cool way of getting people to talk about what's important to them without being in a formal church atmosphere," Paul Baum said. "Portsmouth has a reputation to some people of being another old mill town that's collapsed, but my experience since I've come here has been something different. Megan and I have felt a great sense of being uniquely welcome. We feel there's a great potential for the community to grow and for us to help form a great faith community."

This summer, the Baums took young adults to a recent gathering in St. Louis and will be taking high-school students to one of Franciscan University of Steubenville's youth conferences. During the school year, they traveled to

the March for Life in Washington with high-school students, and Megan Baum conducted weekly Bible studies for sixth- to 12th-graders at Notre Dame.

In addition, the Baums have been involved in an Advent mission and novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at Holy Redeemer, a Lenten mission and novena in preparation for the Feast of the Annunciation (the parish feast day) at St. Mary, and baptism preparation, marriage preparation, and RCIA classes at the two parishes. Twenty people entered the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil as a result of the RCIA program, with about 10 other RCIA participants joining the church in the course of the year.

Besides the church and elementary school, the Holy Redeemer grounds include an activity center named for Father Streitenberger's predecessor, Father Dwayne McNew, who was pastor when the building opened in 2005.

It hosts family-oriented parish, school, and deanery events including retreats, funeral luncheons, wedding receptions, fundraisers, picnics, and the Notre Dame High School prom. Every year during Advent, it's one of the busiest places in town as its two large rooms fill with food and clothing for the needy.

The food is from Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, which for many years has provided more than 1,000 food baskets and distributes them with the help of the Portsmouth office of Catholic Social Services. The clothes and other items are for the CSS Giving Tree program for children and school-aged teens. Last year, the program assisted more than 900 people with the help of Wal-Mart and local Methodist and Lutheran churches.

Besides their efforts at Christmas-time, the two parishes share efforts to help people throughout the year. "Holy Redeemer deals with items such as



Students from Portsmouth Notre Dame schools at the March for Life in Washington
Photo courtesy Holy Redeemer Church

utilities and gas for cars, and St. Mary's provides food and hosts a pantry on the last two weeks of the month," said Theresa Schlosser, secretary for both parishes. "We have the pantry on those dates because the end of the month is when people most often find themselves short of money."

The parishes are in the process of working with the area St. Vincent de Paul conference and the CSS office to coordinate their charitable works in the county. The parishes also prepare and serve meals once a month for the Loaves and Fishes program of All Saints Episcopal Church, which provides lunch three times a month for anyone in the community on request.

Janet Bowman, who served as Holy Redeemer's secretary for about 30 years before her recent retirement, said the parish's biggest annual event is one which pays tribute to its heritage – an

Irish Festival which has been taking place every year around St. Patrick's Day since the 1980s. Many Holy Redeemer parishioners also assist at the international festival at St. Mary, held on the third weekend of September for about 40 years.

Bible studies at the two parishes include a program looking at the Sunday Scripture readings at Holy Redeemer on Wednesday mornings, a men's study on Saturday mornings at St. Mary, and a new monthly study for young women, also on Saturday mornings, conducted by Megan Baum.

Holy Redeemer hosts a weekly devotion to St. Therese each Tuesday evening, followed by Mass, and plans to add Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during a weekday, beginning this fall. Adoration takes place Fridays from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary, followed by devotion to the Sorrowful Mother.

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Holy Redeemer activity center
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MOUNT CARMEL MATERNITY PAVILION BLESSING AND DEDICATION

Members of the Gallen family and their friends gathered for a blessing and dedication of the Dr. Joseph Gallen Maternity Pavilion at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville. The pavilion honors father-and-son doctors Joseph M. Gallen Sr. and Jr.

The blessing was performed by Msgr. David Sorohan. During the event, colleagues of Dr. Joseph Gallen Jr. shared their stories of how his services impact-

ed tens of thousands of lives.

Dr. Joseph Gallen Sr. was appointed by Bishop James Hartley as the first chief of staff of what became known as St. Ann's Maternity Hospital in 1920. He served in this capacity for two years until his death at age 28 in 1922.

His son began practicing obstetrics and gynecology in 1952, becoming chief of staff at St. Ann's and serving as chairman of its OB/GYN depart-

ment for nearly 25 years. During that time, he delivered more than 12,000 babies. He died in 2004 at age 86 and was preceded in death by his wife, Janet.

The Mount Carmel Foundation has established the Dr. Joseph M. Gallen Sr., Dr. Joseph M., and Janet Gallen Memorial Endowment Fund, whose primary beneficiary is Mount Carmel's Welcome Home program, an award-

winning initiative that provides infants and new mothers with free postpartum home visits by a Mount Carmel registered nurse. The visits are designed to ensure that newborn babies are thriving and their mothers are making a healthy recovery from delivery.

To learn more about how you can donate to this fund, contact Erin Stitzel at (614) 898-8952 or stitzel@mchs.com.

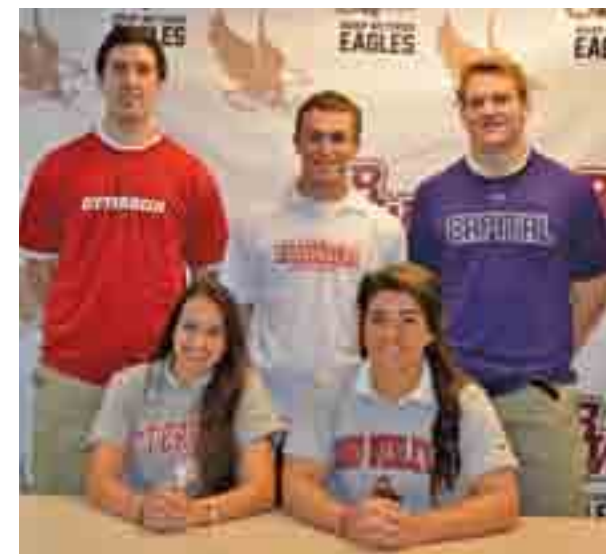


BISHOP READY SIGNEES

Scholar-athletes from Columbus Bishop Ready High School who took part in a college letter of intent signing ceremony in late spring were (from left) Payne VanTilburg, soccer, Tiffin; Shane Lee, basketball, Heidelberg; James Hanley, basketball, Heidelberg; Haylee Patel, softball, Heidelberg; Nicholas Skordilis, football, Wittenberg; Patrik Garren, wrestling, University of Pennsylvania; and Kelly Culbertson, football, John Carroll.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

**BISHOP WATTERSON
SIGNEES**



Five Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students recently announced their intent to play college sports. They are (from left): first row, Becca Gallagher, track and field, Otterbein; Dominique Garrett, basketball, track and field, Ohio Wesleyan; second row, Matt Hughes, basketball, Otterbein; Mitch Stotler, baseball, Otterbein; Noah Dall, football, Capital.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

**UNITED STATES
NAVAL ACADEMY
APPOINTMENT**

Columbus Bishop Ready High School senior Akili Taylor will be attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., where he will play football and plans to major in anatomy and physiology as a pre-med student. Taylor was named all-district offensive player of the year, a member of the This Week Super 25 team, and a member of the first team offense for the All-Central District team. At school, he received the Gifts of the Heart Award for his weekly visits to a local elementary school as a mentor. He also received the Ohio High School Athletic Association's Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award, the Shamrock Club's Jack Cannon Award, an outstanding achievement in theology award, and the Living the Gospel Message Award. This spring, he became a Catholic and was baptized by Father Leo Connolly at Columbus St. Cecilia Church.



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Feast of the Most Holy Trinity (Cycle A)

Readings provide a puzzle, like the Trinity itself



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

June 15
Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
John 3:16-18

Like the mystery of the Trinity itself, the readings for this feast are a bit of a puzzle. That must be by design, because the more we accept the feast as mystery, the less we try to dogmatize it. The less we try to dogmatize it, the better the chance we have to actually ponder the mystery and thereby discover its essence.

The feast follows naturally from last week's celebration of Pentecost, in which the presence of the Spirit was amply featured. To speak intelligently about what is mystery is troublesome at best, and, in most cases heretical at worst. Like looking at a sunset (libation in hand) over open water, silence speaks more eloquently than words.

The Exodus reading follows the first reception of the tablets, which Moses had smashed in anger because of the infidelity of the people who had made a golden calf for themselves. The Lord had decided to abandon the people when Moses interceded for them and won the Lord's forgiveness.

Now Moses ascends the mountain again, this time carrying with him two new stone tablets. The Lord appears to Moses in a cloud and then speaks: "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity (*hesed we'emet*)."

Moses bowed to the ground at this revelation out of respect and in humility, but also, no doubt, to ponder the nature of his God. Yet by pondering God's self-revelation, he necessarily reflects upon himself and his

own people. Then Moses begs the Lord to accompany this people, "stiff-necked" though they are.

Perhaps Moses realized that all of the things revealed about the Lord would only be suited to his own people. The fit is perfect: a sinful people with a forgiving and merciful God, who is slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity. There is clearly something to love about this God, and a God like this finds something to love about a people like this. It is a match "made in heaven," as the saying goes.

With not a little irony, Moses actually discovers the true nature of God by thinking about himself and his own people. That does not make his discovery about God any less valid. It deepens his discovery about the Lord's self-revelation. Everything about this revelation emerges from Moses first having known the Lord.

Upon discovering what the Lord reveals, Moses prays not for himself, but that the Lord might accompany the people in their journey ("Do come along in our company"). Moses is selfless in his prayer asking forgiveness for "our wickedness and sins and receive us as your own," not for his own sins or for his own personal requests. There is a lesson here in how our prayers ought to reflect first and foremost the welfare of the community, not of the individual.

It appears that God's self-revelation to Moses is about relationship, not information. Those who want to know about God must first actually know God. Moses discovers this in prayer. So did Jesus. So should we. This is where philosophers often stumble. They want to know "the what," when all the while God insists on being the one who is. We cannot relate to a what, only to one who is. The conclusion of 2 Corinthians captures this well: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" (Sunday's second reading). Within the gifts of "grace, love and fellowship" is found the relationship we have with God.

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

Nominations for Catholic Woman of the Year

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is accepting nominations for its 26th annual Catholic Woman of the Year award and 11th annual Young Catholic Woman of the Year award.

To obtain a nomination form, visit the diocesan website, www.colsdioc.org, call the DCCW office at (614) 228-8601, or send an email to dccwmailbox@colsdioc.org. More than one woman may be nominated from a parish or organization. The goal is to have representation from all 23 counties in the diocese.

Nominators are encouraged to accompany their nominee to the awards dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, in the Walter Commons at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., and to bring along friends and family. Nominations are due by Wednesday, July 23.

A panel of judges will review each nominee and select the winners of the two awards, which will be presented by Bishop Fredrick Campbell. Each nominee will be given a certificate of nomination.

Congratulations, newly ordained priests!

The Weekday Bible Readings

6/16-6/21	6/23-6/28
MONDAY 1 Kings 21:1-16 Psalm 5:2-3b,4b-7 Matthew 5:38-42	MONDAY 2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15a,18 Psalm 60:3-4,12-13 Matthew 7:1-5
TUESDAY 1 Kings 21:17-29 Psalm 51:3-6b,11,16 Matthew 5:43-48	TUESDAY Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139:1b-3,13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80
WEDNESDAY 2 Kings 2:1,6-14 Psalm 31:20-21,24 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18	WEDNESDAY 2 Kings 22:8-13;23:1-3 Psalm 119:33-37,40 Matthew 7:15-20
THURSDAY Sirach 48:1-14 Psalm 97:1-7 Matthew 6:7-15	THURSDAY 2 Kings 24:8-17 Psalm 79:1b-5,8-9 Matthew 7:21-29
FRIDAY 2 Kings 11:1-4,9-18,20 Psalm 132:11-14,17-18 Matthew 6:19-23	FRIDAY Deuteronomy 7:6-11 Psalm 103:1-4,6-8,10 1 John 4:7-16 Matthew 11:25-30
SATURDAY 2 Chronicles 24:17-25 Psalm 89:4-5,29-34 Matthew 6:24-34	SATURDAY Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19 Psalm 74:1-7,20-21 Matthew 8:5-15

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JUNE 15 AND 22, 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, Newcomerstown 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 III and IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Pope Francis Raises Eyebrows Discussing Children, Cats, and Dogs

The journalists who cover Pope Francis in Vatican City know there is never a dull moment, and so it was on Monday, June 2 when the Holy Father celebrated Mass with various married couples at the Santa Marta chapel. The Holy Father spoke about the challenges of marriage, such as infertility or sick children. Then he talked about couples who are fertile, but see children as a burden to their life's ambitions, saying:

"These marriages in which the spouses do not want children, in which the spouses want to remain without fertility, this culture of well-being from 10 years ago convinced us: 'It's better not to have children! It's better! You can go explore the world, go on holiday, you can have a villa in the countryside, you can be carefree. ... It might be better – more comfortable – to have a dog, two cats, and the love goes to the two cats and the dog. Is this true or is this not? Have you seen it? Then, in the end, this marriage comes to old age in solitude, with the bitterness of loneliness. It is not fruitful, it does not do what Jesus does with His Church: He makes His Church fruitful.'"

Let's make something clear; Pope Francis wasn't talking about couples who can't have children because of infertility, only those who are fertile, but view children as a burden. The homily of Pope Francis was very personal for my wife and me, and for many other couples we know who struggled with infertility.

There was a time when infertile couples would be blessed with a child through adoption in a timely and



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

less costly fashion. Now, most couples wait years for a child, some never are blessed with children, and the average adoption costs between \$15,000 and \$40,000. As one expert told my wife and me, when *Roe v. Wade* became law and abortion became legal, God's natural supply and demand dried up and the costs went through the roof.

Climbing mountains and chasing rainbows may not be all it's cracked up to be. During our infertility saga, my wife and I met a couple who had four children after they reached their late 30s. Talented and successful, they were married in their late 20s, and they thought children were never going to be in the picture for them. There were Himalayan mountains to climb, Irish rainbows to chase, and New Zealand waterfalls in which to be immersed.

However, by the time they hit their late 30s, it all started to look the same, and something was missing. This couple told us that by the grace of God, they had two biological children and adopted two others. They told us that by almost not having children, they nearly made the biggest mistake of their lives. Fortunately,

we were blessed with two children through adoption and feel eternally grateful to God for the privilege.

Sadly, too many misinformed voices in the world say children are a bother and take up too much space. This Malthusian madness is hardly science. Only a small fraction of the planet is inhabited (if you don't believe me, just drive from Ohio to the West Coast and you will understand). There is less hunger now than there has been in decades. Our Western society is paying an economic price for not having children, because fewer young people will pay the increasing retirement costs for the many older people who are soon to retire.

It dawned on me that when I graduated from Marion Catholic High School in 1982, one-third of my classmates had at least three or four brothers or sisters. I would imagine that instead of 33 percent, most high school seniors this year could count less than 10 percent of their classmates with four children in their family -- maybe not even five percent.

The Bible tells us that children are one of God's greatest gifts. Pope Francis was simply repeating the most basic of biblical messages. Yet I wouldn't be surprised that even among the many who like Pope Francis, too many have put their trust in the ways of the modern, secular world and not in the words of Jesus, the saints, and the 266th successor to St. Peter.

Hartline is the author of "The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

GROUNDBREAKING FOR ST. VINCENT FAMILY CENTER ADDITION

Construction for a 21,000-square-foot addition to St. Vincent Family Center on Columbus' east side got under way at a groundbreaking ceremony attended by (from left) Bishop Frederick Campbell; center board members Barbara Otey and Michelle Woods; Joe and Lori Hamrock, fundraising co-chairs for the addition; Ernest Sullivan, St. Vincent board chair; Shawn Holt, the center's president and chief executive officer; City Council members Hearcel Craig and Priscilla Tyson (*hidden*); and board members Oyauma Garrison, Peter McMurtrie, Mark Huddy, Lori Ann Feibel and Elizabeth Kastner.

Children served by the behavioral health center took part by blowing bubbles, which are shown floating in the air.

The addition will include 17 classrooms for children who receive treatment while attending school at the center. Holt said that plans for the space started about three-and-a-half years ago and that it should be completed in 12 to 14 months. It will replace cramped, inadequately lit class areas with larger rooms and natural lighting, and will include a courtyard with an outdoor therapeutic play area for children aged three to five.

The center is conducting a "buy a brick" fundraising program, with details available from Debra Huff at (614) 252-0731, extension 1132.

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Pray for our dead

BAKER, Genevieve M., 93, June 8
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

BIANCHI, Rose M., 72, May 31
St. Michael Church, Worthington

BRANDEL, Richard A., 64, May 23
St. Philip Church, Columbus

CANNON, Amelia T., 96, May 23
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

CIOTOLA, Domenico, 84, May 28
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

DECHESENE, Helen M., 79, May 21
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

DICKENSON, Elizabeth J., 95, June 5
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

DONLEY, William P., 90, April 8
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

DUNAWAY, Janet M., 82, May 28
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

FARB, Samuel L., 72, May 20
Holy Family Church, Columbus

GIBIAN, Eileen M., 64, May 25
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

GRANGER, Carl W., 91, May 26
St. Mary Church, Marion

GROVE, Margaret, 95, May 27
St. Philip Church, Columbus

GUZZO, Jennifer L., 39, May 29
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

HARLOR, James, 64, May 27
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

HOLT, Ruth C., 91, May 28
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

HORTON, Helen, 88, May 11
St. Monica Church, New Boston

JAMES, Rose M., 76, May 28
St. Peter Church, Columbus

JONES, Anna M., 86, May 26
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

KAEPFNER, Andrew T., 94, June 6
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

KOSIK, John F., 56, June 2
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

LIBERTORE, Helen "Eilein," 90, May 25
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

LORMS, Byrd M., 91, June 3
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MALONEY, Thomas J., 90, May 23
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

MANION, Barbara A., 76, June 6
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

MARTINELLI, Eleanor, 91, May 23
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

MAXWELL, Nancy L., 67, formerly of Columbus, June 6
Good Shepherd Church, Spring, Texas

McGUIRE, Carolla J., 80, May 26
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

MEADOWS, Debra A., 58, May 30
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

MEIER, Thomas A., 57, May 25
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

MILLER, Juliann C., 99, June 4
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

MULLEN, Thomas A., 64, June 4
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

NICOLLA, Ted, 67, May 29
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

NOSE, William T., 17, May 23
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

NOWAK, Michael H., 93, May 29
St. Mary Church, Groveport

PAYNE, Helen, 91, May 26
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

PHILLIPS, Thomas D., 84, June 1
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

PITTS, Margery, 88, June 7
St. Peter Church, Columbus

PURCELL, Estelle M., 92, May 24
St. Mary Church, Marion

REID, Ida M., 94, May 24
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

TEWELL, Louise F., 80, May 27
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

TOLBERT, Walter W. "Bussie," 81, June 5
St. John Church, Logan

VAN HOOSE, Elizabeth A., 73, June 4
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

WARDENGA, Alice J., 89, May 24
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

WILSON, Lois J., 80, May 28
St. Mary Church, Marion

YABROUDI, Antoine Y., 80, June 8
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

ZONTINI, Robert, 76, June 1
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

Hazel N. Klein

Funeral Mass for Hazel N. Klein, 94, who died May 30, was held Thursday, June 5, at Columbus St. Timothy Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born March 4, 1920, to Buren and Lillian (Klineline) Bender, and was a graduate of Gahanna High School and the former St. Mary of the Springs College.

She taught home economics at Gahanna High School for 12 years, was a teacher at Columbus St. Ladislav

School for 21 years, and was a member of the Bible study group at St. Timothy for more than 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Fred Distelzweig; brother, Walter; and sisters, Ruth, Bernadine, Vera, and Lillian. Survivors include her second husband, Harry; children, Mary (Duane) Szymanski, Chris Distelzweig, and Fred Distelzweig Jr.; sister, Wilma Muyasato; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Paul Porreca

Funeral Mass for Paul Porreca, 64, who died Monday, May 26, was held Saturday, May 31, at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born June 21, 1949 to the late Paul and Alberta (Rinaldi) Porreca and attended The Ohio State University.

He served as organist and pianist at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for 15 years and was an accompanist for church choirs, the Columbus

Children's Choir, and individual singers and instrumentalists. He was employed by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation until his retirement in 2009.

Survivors include his wife, Joanna (Mogan); sons, Matthew, Anthony (Shandra), and Alexander (Jessica Nadalin); daughters, Natalie (Matt) Adams, and Laura (Zach) Haney; brother, Mark; sister, Lisa Graham; and three grandsons.

Josephine V. Scarberry

Funeral Mass for Josephine V. Scarberry, 89, who died Saturday, May 24, was held Thursday, May 29, at Doylestown Ss. Peter and Paul Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She was born April 21, 1925, in Barberton to Steve and Nellie (Meyers) Johnson and was a member of her church's Altar Society and women's

Bible study group.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joe; brothers, Dan Johnson and David and John Markus; and sister, Virginia Brooks. Survivors include sisters, Angela Johnston, Latino ministry director for the Diocese of Columbus, Verna Spray, Joan (Richard) Smith, and Barbara (Eugene) Ondo.

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12, THURSDAY
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Holy Cross
7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus.
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help with Father Ramon Owera, CFIC. **614-531-3682**

13, FRIDAY
St. Anthony of Padua Celebration at St. Christopher
6 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Parish's annual celebration of the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua, with procession at 5:45, Mass, and food, refreshments, and distribution of small loaves of

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

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bread following. Cash raffle benefits scholarship fund. **614-488-5893**

14, 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. **614-565-8654**
Farm Fresh 5K Race/Walk at Shepherd's Corner
9 a.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Eighth annual Farm Fresh five-kilometer all-terrain race/walk to benefit center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. **614-866-4302**
LEAD Institute at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center
9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Leaders Empowering Adolescent Discipleship Institute for teen and adult leaders in youth ministry, featuring Frank Mercadante of Cultivation Ministries, sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. **614-241-2565**
Corpus Christi Centering Prayer Workshop
11:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer workshop led by Adele Sheffleck. **614-512-3731**

15, SUNDAY
Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family
After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. **614-221-1890**
50th Anniversary Celebration at St. Anthony
10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Church, 1300 Urban Drive, Columbus. Celebration combining parish's 50th anniversary and patronal feast day, with Mass followed by potluck lunch and display of pictures and memorabilia. Participants are asked to bring gifts for St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry. **614-885-4857**
St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
1:30 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. Meet downstairs. **614-282-4676**
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**

16, MONDAY
Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for priests and consecrated life. Homily: "The Fifth Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist." **614-235-7435**

17, TUESDAY
Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. **740-653-4919**

18, WEDNESDAY
St. Charles Platinum Reunion
10:30 a.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual platinum reunion for all graduates, former students, and family members from the classes of 1927 to 1963 of the school and St. Charles Borromeo College. Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel, followed by complimentary lunch in Cavello Center, "state of the school" presentation and campus tour. Registration deadline June 13. **614-252-9288, ext. 21**
Jump Start Workshop for Scouts at St. Elizabeth
6:30 to 8:15 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting jump start workshop for Cub, Boy, and Girl Scouts interested in getting an early start in fulfilling requirements for one or more Catholic religious emblems. **614-882-7806**

19, THURSDAY
JOIN Mass at Cathedral
5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual Mass for volunteers and supporters of the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell and Fathers Jerome Stluka and David Schalk.

20, FRIDAY
Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. **614-866-4302**

21, 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. **614-565-8654**
'Season of Light' Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. "Season of Light" labyrinth walk led by Susan Bellotti, pastoral associate, Westerville St. Paul Church, celebrating the longest day of the year. **614-866-4302**

22, SUNDAY
Sister Mary Ann Sullivan's 50th Anniversary Mass
9 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 306 Elm St., Sugar Grove. Mass celebrating the 50th anniversary of profession of vows by Sister Mary Ann Sullivan, CSJ. **740-746-8302**
Corpus Christi Celebration Mass and Pancake Breakfast
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Celebration Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi, followed by pancake breakfast for current and past parishioners and alumni of the former parish school. **614-323-9394**
Holy Family Alumni Association Homecoming
11 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Family Alumni Association Homecoming Mass, followed by brunch in Holy Family Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St. **614-539-4815**
Exposition, Vespers, Benediction at Lancaster St. Mary
Following 11:15 a.m. Mass, St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of Corpus Christi, ending in the evening with Vespers and Eucharistic procession to the courtyard for Benediction. **740-653-0997**
Open House for Father Hammond at Mount Vernon
2 to 4 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul School, 206 E. Chestnut St., Mount Vernon. Open house for Father Mark Ham-

mond, honoring the 25th anniversary of his ordination. **740-392-4711**

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. Elizabeth Bowen, OFS **614-276-1953**
Corpus Christi Class of 1954 Reunion
4 p.m., TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus. Columbus Corpus Christi School Class of 1954 60th anniversary reunion. **614-237-9108 or 614-834-0927**
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**
Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at New Albany
5 to 9:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Ultiamte Frisbee tournament for teams from parish youth groups. Ice cream, refreshments available. **614-390-8653**
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**

23, 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. **614-459-2766**

Biblical Walk with Mary at Lancaster St. Mary
7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Beginning of eight-part study "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" by Dr. Edward Sri. **740-653-0997**

24, TUESDAY
Father Hammond's and Father Sill's Anniversary Mass
6:30 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Mass celebrating the 25th anniversary of Father Theodore Sill's and Father Mark Hammond's ordinations to the priesthood, followed by reception. **614-471-0212**
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**

25, WEDNESDAY
Catholic Foundation Dei Gratia Dinner
6 to 9 p.m., Walter Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual Dei Gratia dinner sponsored by the Catholic Foundation, with keynote speaker Matthew Kelly, author of "Rediscovering Catholicism." **614-443-8893**

27, FRIDAY
Columbus Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass
7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, celebrated by Father Kevin Lutz, with light refreshments afterward. **614-299-4191**

28, 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. **614-565-8654**

Retiring diocesan school superintendent recalls four decades as an educator

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

As she prepares to end a career of more than 40 years as a teacher and administrator, diocesan schools Superintendent Lucia McQuaide is thankful for the opportunity it's given her to show that the lessons of Catholic education extend far beyond the classroom.

"One of the things I will miss most is being able to help create an atmosphere in the schools that helps students love Jesus and be part of the Catholic Church," she said.

"What sets Catholic schools apart is that they're not just dealing with education for today, but they're helping students to be disciples for the kingdom of God on earth and to earn their place in heaven. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in the here and now that we forget education isn't just about today and the immediate future, but about eternity."

McQuaide will retire as school superintendent and episcopal moderator for education for the Diocese of Columbus on June 30.

She has been superintendent for 16 years, was assistant superintendent for 12 years before that, and has been employed by the diocesan Schools Office for all but three years since 1975. She taught in diocesan schools from 1969-75.

"What I will also miss is being able to work with and be supported by the people I come in contact with every day at all levels, particularly the staff members in the Schools Office, who are so dedicated and helpful to all of the more than 50 schools throughout the diocese," she said.

"I'll also miss all the pastors and parochial vicars, principals, teachers, parents, and parishioners who have given their time, talents, and financial support to our schools. We're all a part of the bigger

church, and I hope I've helped strengthen that connection."

As moderator for education, she also supervises the diocesan offices of Religious Education and Catechesis, and Youth and Young Adult Ministry, directed respectively by Barbara Romanello-Wichtman and Mike Hall.

"Barbara and Mike are nationally recognized in their fields," she said. "Technically, I oversee them, but their strong leadership has enabled me to concentrate on the schools. I've been blessed by working with them.

"It's also been a privilege to work with Bishops (James) Griffin and (Frederick) Campbell because they have provided such strong leadership for Catholic schools. I've always known I can count on them for support and encouragement."

"It's always been my goal to provide strong, authentically Catholic schools where religion, besides being a subject on its own, is integrated throughout the secular curriculum and Gospel values are lived in community on a daily basis," McQuaide said. "Thanks to the commitment of so many people involved in the education process, I think we've done that.

"Each school has an accrediting plan which keeps it in compliance with state standards and provides constant improvement goals of enhancing its Catholic identity and the learning process for its students.

"Our elementary students annually perform above national standards on achievement tests, and our high-school students' performance on the Ohio Graduation Test is well above the state average. We're also well ahead of most schools in technology, and have made great strides in paying teachers a living wage.

"One of my major concerns, which my successor will con-



tinue to face, involves keeping a Catholic education affordable, so everyone who wants to send a child to a Catholic school can do so without being hindered by financial concerns," McQuaide said. "Our parishes with schools have contributed generously to those schools, and parishes without schools have been of great assistance.

"The annual Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala has provided significant help for the past six years, along with the Bishops' Golf Classic and ongoing annual assistance from the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the Legacy of Catholic Learning endowment.

"Those sources provided more than \$800,000 in aid this year to help students whose families may not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education. But that's only about 11 percent of the amount of aid requested by parents." Additional assistance comes from fundraisers conducted by the schools, and individual gifts to schools and The Catholic Foundation.

"One of the biggest challenges in Catholic education involves convincing many people who can afford to send their children to Catholic schools of the value of a Catholic education. If every Catholic parent who could afford to have their children in Catholic schools would do so, it would

make them much more affordable for everybody," McQuaide said.

"One of the few sad moments I've had in this job involved the closing of Marion Catholic High School because of declining attendance at the end of the 2013-14 school year. One of the biggest joys was seeing Columbus Cristo Rey High School open this fall. I'm looking forward to following its progress as the school moves this year to the old Ohio School for the Deaf.

"I never expected I'd end up as superintendent," she said. "My original intention when I graduated from Ohio Dominican was to be a middle school science teacher.

"Being superintendent made it difficult to visit many schools, so it was always a pleasure when I could attend an event and whenever I was able to interact with principals at meetings, especially those in the high schools, as they are 'the bishop's schools.'

"One thing I know I'm not going to miss is trying to solve the problems that face the schools on a daily basis. I've done my best in dealing with whatever has come up, and will leave it to whoever follows me to continue along whatever path he or she feels will work best." McQuaide said she has not been involved in the search for her successor.

Her career in Catholic education began in 1969 at Columbus St. Catharine School, where she taught in the primary grades for her first year and was a seventh- and eighth-grade math and science teacher in the following two years.

She taught science to fifth- to eighth-graders at Columbus Holy Name School from 1972-75, then came to the schools office through the encouragement of Sister Colleen Gallagher, OP, who was employed at the office and was her former principal at St.

Catharine, and Msgr. David Sorohan, who was school superintendent at the time.

She held a variety of curriculum-related positions with the office for the next 11 years, taking a three-year break because of the birth of her twins, Shelley and Ted. She became assistant superintendent in 1986 and succeeded Father Paul Noble as superintendent in 1998.

"The transition to being superintendent wasn't difficult because Father Noble and I worked so closely together," she said.

"One of the biggest 'a-ha' moments I had came when I entered (Columbus Bishop) Waterson (High School), where I once had been a student, for the first time as superintendent. It really hit me then what I had gotten myself into."

She is a graduate of Waterson and Ohio Dominican and earned a master's degree in education from The Ohio State University and a master's in religious education from Loyola University of Chicago. She served on the board of the National Catholic Educational Association and is chair of the Chief Administrators of Catholic Education.

She and her husband of 36 years, Ted, are members of Columbus St. Timothy Church and are grandparents of Kiley and Kayla Johnson, who attend Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School.

"Father (Timothy) Hayes (pastor at St. Timothy) said he has lots of jobs for me when I become available," McQuaide said. "I said I'd do anything he wants. Just don't put me in charge!"

"I'm looking forward to babysitting my granddaughters and just being able to spend more time with friends and family. I love to sew, so I hope to do more of that. Oh, and one more thing. I get to ride my motorcycle again!"

COME TO PHILADELPHIA: An invitation to the world's families for 2015

By Charles J. Chaput

Archbishop of Philadelphia

Here's a simple fact: The dignity of the human person is what all Catholic teaching seeks to advance. But what sets the Christian faith apart from every other revolutionary movement for justice is the rejection of violence and the affirmation of the power of love. Real love — love that involves a complete surrender of ourselves to meet the needs of another person — is life's most challenging and rewarding experience.

We learn this first and most fruitfully in the school of love which is the family. Vatican II described the family as "the first and vital cell of society." And it very wisely taught that "the well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life."

The power of the family boils down to a very particular, very intimate kind of witness. This is why the greatest gift a father can give his children is to love their mother. Nothing is more demanding, and nothing takes more care and self-sacrifice, than love within a family. But neither is anything more joyful than when a parent's love comes to harvest in a child who grows into a man or woman filled with character, courage, and grace.

Loving "humanity" is easy. Theo-

ries about love and justice are always easier than the reality. But loving real persons in all their messy complexity as God wants them to be loved, day in and day out — that's what separates the wheat from the chaff. And nowhere is that truer than within a family.

St. Pope John Paul II once described the Christian family as "the most effective means for humanizing and personalizing society," building up the world "by making possible a life that is, properly speaking, human." That's still true. And we've never needed healthy families more urgently than now. The developed world has created an environment where today, both parents often have jobs outside the home — a society of more work and more stress, caused by our addictive consumption of goods, which is fueled by the relentless marketing of products, which creates more consumer debt, which generates the need for longer work hours, in order to make more money.

The result is pretty obvious. Families have no time to be a family. And tens of millions of husbands and wives are essentially working to service their credit-card debt. They live to pay their bills.

To counter this, one of the most important gifts a family can share is gratitude. Gratitude is the beginning of joy. Gratitude leads to humility.

Humility makes us aware of others. And an awareness of others and their needs softens our hearts to forgive; it helps us to see our own sins and our own need for repentance more clearly. These are the seeds of real justice and real mercy, that kind that endures, without which no society can survive.

The lesson is this: As families, we need to teach our children that what we do becomes who we are. We need to share more and acquire less. We need to unplug a little from the network of noise that surrounds us. And we need to create the room for a silence that we can fill with conversation with each other and with God.

We can't do this alone. And therein lies the tremendous value of families coming together to reinforce each other's vocation, to deepen their faith and to experience the presence of God. This is the mission of the World Meeting of Families: to show the joy

of authentic family life to the world, and to invite others from around the world to share in it.

In September of next year, families from around the globe will gather in Philadelphia for the Eighth World Meeting of Families. We have strong hopes that our wonderful Pope Francis will join us. And we're confident that the Spirit of God and his transforming joy will bless everyone who takes part. This is a moment of grace not just for Catholics, but for the whole Philadelphia region and people of good will across the wider community; an opportunity for renewal that comes once in a lifetime. All will be welcome. So please keep this gathering in your daily prayers. And please, please urge others to join us here in the City of Brotherly Love in 2015!

Ongoing information about the Eighth World Meeting of Families can be found at www.worldmeeting2015.org.

Notre Dame Associates Renew Commitments



Associates of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur renewed their one year commitment on the feast day of St. Julie Billiart, Tuesday, May 13, at Columbus St Agnes Church.

Mass was celebrated by Father Homer Blubaugh.

Mary Dimond made her first commitment. She and her husband, John, are members of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. An associate is

committed to live the gospel message of St. Julie Billiart, founder of the order. Through prayer, relationships, and ministries, associates commit themselves to express in our time, as St. Julie did in hers, that God is good.

Pictured are (from left): Father Blubaugh, Sister Lois Ann Meyer, SNDdeN, Associates coordinator; Mary Ellen Logan, Columbus facilitator of the Associates; and (in front) Mary Dimond.



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WATER FESTIVAL

Third-graders from Hilliard St. Brendan School participated in the Central Ohio Children's Water Festival at the state fairgrounds. The festival gave the students a chance to learn more about water resources through hands-on activities at several stations. As part of the festival, students were asked to create a bumper sticker to encourage water conservation. St. Brendan student Arianna Murray was chosen as the winner and received an award from Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman. In addition, the school was awarded \$1,000 for science and technology supplies. Festival participants pictured are (from left) Rachel Spencer, Briana Wasil, Tessa VanVranken, Grace Rider, Anh Thi Thai, Connor Morgan, Jacob Potter, Jack Thomas, Alex Ruhe, Ava Snider, Arianna Murray, Stephanie Regan, Annie Meleragno, and Kayla Thomas.

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