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The Editor's Notebook

Senioritis

By David Garick, Editor



As I was putting this issue together and preparing to write this column, I found myself checking my wallet. Yep, there it was, nestled between my Auto Club card and my Columbus Blue Jackets Ultimate Fan card: my Golden Buckeye card – “Your pass to discounts and activities and link to elder caregiver and aging services.” I don’t use it very often. It’s not that I don’t like discounts or that I am in any way embarrassed to admit my age. I know that anyone who looks at me will not assume that I am some young dude. That ship has sailed. I’m even amused that I have to show my driver’s license to buy a beer at the hockey games.

No, I’m not bothered about being 66. I just don’t feel like I’m 66. I feel like I did when I was in my 20s. Well, that is if you don’t count getting winded after an hour or so of yard work or being ready for bed at a time in the evening when I once was just heading out to party. And there are some advantages to being perceived as an “older American.” When I get annoyed or impatient, instead of being seen as just a jerk, I can be the loveable old curmudgeon. And my natural quirkiness is transformed from being strange to being a bit of an eccentric. Still, I’m nowhere near ready to be put out to pasture. I’ve got a lot to do and I am enjoying doing it.

That’s what this issue of *Catholic Times* is all about. We are indeed blessed with a lot of senior Catholics in this diocese who are still a

real driving force in our church. We could only include a few samples in this issue. I’m sure every one of you could come up with a list of people from your own parishes that are doing amazing things at an age when you might expect them to be slowing down.

That’s one of the things that I have learned as I have matured. Age makes you appreciate your faith more. As you accumulate more and more experiences in your life – finding love, losing loved ones, facing anger and disappointment, receiving kindness and blessings, giving of yourself because you feel called to give – all of these things and more make you more acutely aware of how faith sustains you and uplifts you. The perspective that comes from all these life events draws each of us closer to an understanding of how much Christ loves us and how important it is to share in his sacrifice and accept his love.

That’s why many of the most active people in your parish are the oldest people in your parish. They have come to understand that the joy of life comes from faith in Christ and following him in giving of themselves to the service of his Church. That is the fountain of youth. That is the gateway to eternal joy. And, if you get 10 percent off at your favorite buffet restaurant, that’s OK, too.

RELICS OF MANY SAINTS TO BE VENERATED ON ALL SAINTS DAY AT ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL



Worshippers at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., this weekend will have an opportunity to spend time in prayer before the relics of 22 of the Church’s greatest saints.

All of the cathedral’s 22 relics will be on display on the altar in the Terce Chapel following the All Saints Day vigil Mass at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, and following the 7:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 5:15 p.m. Masses on Friday, Nov. 1.

The saints whose relics will be displayed include St. Agatha, St. Bernadette Soubirous, St. Bernard, St. Clement, St. Dymphna, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Gaudentius, St. John de Brebeuf, St. John of the Cross, St. John Vianney, St. Lawrence, St. Lucy, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Pancratius, St. Paul the Apostle, St. Perpetua, St. Pius X, St. Stephen, St. Theodora, St. Thomas of Canterbury, St. Timothy, and St. Urban.

POPE NAMES BISHOP LEONARD P. BLAIR OF TOLEDO ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD

Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Henry Mansell, 76, from the pastoral governance of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn., and has chosen Bishop Leonard P. Blair, 64, of the Diocese of Toledo, to succeed him.

The appointment was announced in Washington on Tuesday, Oct. 29, by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Archbishop-designate Blair was born April 12, 1949, in Detroit. He attended Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, and the North American College in Rome. He earned a licentiate in sacred theology at the Gregorian University in Rome in 1978 and a doctorate in sacred theology in 1997 at the Pontifical University

of St. Thomas in Rome.

Ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 26, 1976, he was appointed titular bishop of Voncariana and auxiliary bishop of Detroit on July 9, 1999. He was ordained a bishop on Aug. 24, 1999 and was appointed bishop of Toledo in 2003. He chairs the U.S. bishops’ subcommittee on the Catechism and is a member of the committees on doctrine and evangelization and catechesis.

The Diocese of Hartford was established in 1843 and made an archdiocese in 1953. It comprises three counties and has a population of 1.9 million, of which approximately 591,500, or 30 percent, are Catholic.

NOTRE DAME HONORS ST. JAMES PRINCIPAL

The Alliance for Christian Education (ACE), based at the University of Notre Dame, presented Yvonne Schwab, principal of Columbus St. James the Less School, with the university’s Sorin Award during a stop by the ACE national tour bus at the school.



Named for the founder of the university, Father Edward Sorin, CSC, the award honors those whose tireless commitment to support, sustain, and transform Catholic schools has shaped the lives of children and their families and communities. The awardees have inspired others through their dedicated service to Catholic education.

Schwab has become a major proponent of ACE’s Catholic School Advantage program, which seeks to expand access to Catholic schools for Latino and other underserved children.

When she became principal, her school was facing critical enrollment decline, putting the school’s future in peril. In an effort to draw more students in, Schwab worked closely with her parish administrator to appeal to Columbus’ minority populations, specifically the Latino community.

In partnering with ACE, St. James the Less teachers have received training to instruct students in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language. The students also benefit from an expanded music and arts program. As a result of her efforts, the school’s population has doubled, test scores have risen, and the school serves as a model of diversity and inclusion.

The bus is visiting 41 cities from coast to coast during the 2013-14 school year

to celebrate ACE’s 20th anniversary, to raise awareness of the profound impact that elementary and secondary schools have as agents of human formation and social transformation, and to celebrate the unique role that Catholic schools play in nurturing the soul of our nation.

ACE impacts the lives of several hundred thousand children across the United States daily by preparing highly talented teachers, principals, and administrative leaders while offering an array of professional services for America’s Catholic schools, the world’s largest private school system.

During the last 20 years, ACE has become the nation’s premier provider of talent and resources to Catholic elementary and secondary schools. ACE works in partnership with hundreds of schools, many of them under-resourced and located in inner-city neighborhoods, to help ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education.



Photos/clockwise: Father Lou DeFra, CSC, ACE’s spiritual life director, presents the Sorin Award to Yvonne Schwab.

St. James the Less teachers (from left) Celeste Madsen, Amy Loring, Audra Juarez, and Laura Wahlrab, and Deacon Bob Jensen.

Music and sign language teacher Teresa Roybal and students sing and sign a song.

Photos courtesy St. James the Less School



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION SETS RECORD IN GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

The Catholic Foundation recently reached new levels of impact in the central Ohio community. During the last fiscal year, the Foundation distributed the largest amount of grants in its history – nearly \$6 million – to more than 75 well-deserving organizations.

“At The Catholic Foundation, we use donors’ gifts to help spread the Light of Christ to those touched by the parishes, schools, and ministries we serve,” said Loren Brown, the Foundation’s president and CEO. “By the grace of God, and thanks to their generous contributions, we were able to accomplish this.”

The Catholic Foundation focuses its funding on four key areas: Catholic education and faith formation, parish life, social services, and vocations. Many of the

more than 900 grants were distributed to organizations within these pillars, based on donor intent. Of the grants awarded, 51 percent came from scholarships and endowment fund distributions, and 34 percent came from donor advised funds. The rest were awarded through the Foundation’s responsive grants programs.

“We’ve seen a dramatic increase in need through our responsive grants applications,” said Amy Parker, vice president of grants and diocesan partnerships. “It has been heartwarming to see so many individuals using their donor advised fund to help close the gap in an economy that is so poor.”

About half of the counties in the Diocese of Columbus have an unemployment rate higher than the state

average, which increases demand on supporting organizations, and, in turn, increases grant requests. In fiscal 2013, The Catholic Foundation responded by increasing the amount of focus grants awarded by 33 percent and increasing the total amount of responsive grants by 13 percent.

Although fiscal 2013 was a record-breaking year for The Catholic Foundation, the need for current and future funding is still great. The staff and board of trustees continue to strive toward creating a greater impact on the Catholic community. To find out how you can support your chosen organization with a gift through The Catholic Foundation, visit [www.Catholic-Foundation.org](http://www.Catholic-Foundation.org).



Front Page photo:

Patricia and John Matyskella, married for 62 years, are shown at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus, where Patricia lives because of the care she can receive for her health problems.

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# PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

More



Have you strengthened and maintained your relationship with Jesus Christ by consciously choosing His side? Sure, Jesus is the law, and we look to Him for setting the boundaries and tenets of our Catholic Faith. But He is also the way, the truth, and the life. While we do our best to live within the guidelines and rules, not to mention the Ten Commandments, we also look to our Lord as the model for our daily actions. And we have such a humble and lowly Pope Francis in our midst to remind us. The leaders of Jesus' day constantly had their fingers pointed at others, while Jesus constantly had His arms open wide for everyone, especially sinners. Yes, sinners just like you and me. Our individual vocations lead us down unique paths, but they all keep us in daily contact with Jesus Christ through every person we encounter. We are chosen to be His instruments. We make the world better in small ways by our love, kindness, and humility right here, right now, in this place, in our local world. Remember Pope Francis' motto: "Lowly and yet chosen."

We need so much more. More of what? More of many things. I try to keep my words in this column focused on more love, compassion, humility, and strength for our faith and for our mission as evangelists and good stewards. With the start of November comes many thoughts of "more." It is a mix of what I would say are good and bad. You be the judge. The Solemnity of All Saints encourages us to be more like the saints and their lives of brave and selfless dedication to God and their faith. Choose a saint and read about his or her life. If you would rather not go back many centuries, we have many "new" saints in this century with inspirational lives. As a suggestion, Google "April 27 canonization." Oh, and did you participate at Mass on Nov. 1, a holy day of obligation? It was also a first Friday. All Souls Day on Nov. 2 reminds us to be more conscious and prepared for that day when we will see our Lord face to face. Certainly, more is better here. We can never be too well-prepared and ready. Election day is fast approaching, and our local and state politicians want more. They want more votes, more cash for their campaigns, and seemingly more debt for all of us. Our cities and municipalities always need more operating funds, so, of course, you and I need to pay more taxes. The Columbus city schools want more money so they can educate our children better and produce more outstanding graduates for our community. It also seems that they recently found more money than they thought was going to be available. Yes, more is usually better. This is an off-year election, with no congressional candidates, but let us all commit to being more discerning and informed over the next year and to vote for candidates who will provide more genuine public service.

Our practical challenge this week is to expect more, not just do more. Challenge yourself to expect more out of your prayer life. Expect more from your participation in the Eucharist. Expect more of yourself and your actions once you have read about the lives of our most recent saints. Expect much more from our schools, but, as parents, demand more from our children. Finally, evaluate how we have expected more from our elected officials, and get rid of those who have failed us. Whether it is our prayer lives or our daily lives, expect more and demand more. The product will be more of what we truly need, and not more of what we want.

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

## THE BLUE NOTES OF ST. ROSE



Members of the Blue Notes of St. Rose are (from left): first row, Cam Hagy, Drew Ridenour, Will Stenson, Ben Stenson; second row, Hannah Bishop, Kaitlin Dodd, Derek Kunkler, Caleb Fox; third row, Dalton Proctor, Gavin LeGrand, Allison Losco. Photo courtesy St. Rose School

Three years ago, a generous donation allowed New Lexington St. Rose School to purchase a three-octave set of choir chimes. The chimes were a big hit from the beginning. Father Jim Cszasz directed the choir at the start, then turned the chimes over to Jonathan Medaugh, fifth- to eighth-grade music teacher.

From those classroom groups, a select choir, the Blue Notes, was born. Originally, the Blue Notes was to be a group of 11 students, but more than 20 students wanted to take part. As a result, there were two Blue Note groups





last year, with some members playing in both groups.

At this point, the majority of the school's students can read music well enough to play at different positions and perform in different groups.

The newest edition of the Blue Notes performed at the quad-school Mass in Zanesville in front of 500 students in October. That group and a second group of Blue Notes are preparing for a Christmas program. In addition to those two groups, there are four classroom groups that also will be preparing for the Christmas program.

Your Catholic Cemetery invites you to Prayer Services for Your Deceased as a Compliment to the Feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

### CEMETERY SUNDAY November 3, 2013

 Fr. Kevin Egan Pastor St. Mary's Church	<b>ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY</b> 2:00 p.m. Prayer Service Rosary & Benediction 1000 S. HIGHWAY 115, S.W. 215 COLUMBUS, OHIO 43211 614-891-2797
 Fr. Murray Beyer Pastor Holy Family Church	<b>Mt. CALVARY CEMETERY</b> 2:00 p.m. Prayer Service PRORAS CIBICK 361 CALVARY RD. W. ZANESVILLE COLUMBUS, OHIO 43021 644-891-2781
 Fr. David Fink Pastor St. Placerville Church	<b>HOLY CROSS CEMETERY</b> 2:00 p.m. Prayer Service 2301 W. MAIN STREET 11150 WOODBURN RD. S.W. 876, 40813 FINDLEIGH, OHIO 43087 740-977-4443
 Fr. Richard Hirschman Parish Priest St. Paul's Church	<b>RESURRECTION CEMETERY</b> 2:00 p.m. Prayer Service CHapel, 1641 S. HIGHWAY 115, S.W. 215 COLUMBUS, OHIO 43211 614-898-1888

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St. Joseph Cemetery — Noon to 4 p.m.  
Resurrection Cemetery — Noon to 4 p.m.  
Holy Cross Cemetery — Noon to 4 p.m.

## MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER CELEBRATES TEN YEARS

Sunday, Nov. 3 is the feast day of St. Martin de Porres, patron of social justice and namesake of the Martin de Porres Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. This year, the feast also marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of the center, which is located on the east side of Columbus, adjacent to Ohio Dominican University on the grounds of the sisters' Columbus Motherhouse.

The center was established in 2004 as an outreach center for the central Ohio community. What started with a broad mission of providing space for programming in spirituality and the arts has grown in scope and reach.

Today, the center offers its own programming in spirituality and the arts, provides gallery space for art exhibitions, and rents its state-of-the-art meeting facilities to other nonprofit organizations for their own programming.

The center achieves its mission through collaborating with other organizations, including Black Catholic Ministries of the Diocese of Columbus and Mount Carmel Health. Recently, the center has assumed a leadership role in the interfaith community, offering programming on topics that bring diverse groups together in dialogue, hosting events for people from many different faith traditions, and organizing tours to worship spaces of other faiths.

Another point of growth for the center has been in

technological advances. Besides providing meeting space to local groups, the center offers the ability to webcast programming to audiences around the world. One unique area of programming that has particularly benefited from webcasting has been the center's Institute for Maturing Spirituality, which offers 30-minute presentations on topics related to spiritual issues in later life, followed by small-group discussion time and question-and-answer sessions with presenters. With subscriptions to the institute being available to parishes, senior residences, health care centers, and other faith-sharing groups, this represents one way the center's reach has expanded substantially.

On its first anniversary, Nov. 3, 2004, the center had its first annual celebration of the feast of St. Martin de Porres, in partnership with Black Catholic Ministries of the Diocese of Columbus. It featured Father Clarence Williams, CPPS, speaking on "Martin de Porres: Model of Racial Sobriety." Ten years later, in celebration of the center's first decade of service to God's people, Father Williams, now pastor of Columbus St. James the Less Church, will be back to deliver the keynote address — a multimedia presentation on the emerging significance of St. Martin de Porres for ministry in a "pluricultural world."

Father Williams will offer examples from the life of St. Martin, offering him as an icon of racial and social sobriety. The presentation is directed toward those



who, like St. Martin de Porres, seek to build bridges in our church and society to make real the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one" (John 11:17).

The celebration will include music by the Come Sunday Choir and prayerful movement by the Bakhita Dancers. Sister Margaret Ormond, OP, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will speak about the congregation's social justice mission and the center's role in living out that mission. The afternoon will begin with an opening reception of the art exhibit, "Images from the House of Oba," featuring works from such artists as Aminah Robinson, Roman Johnson, Pheoris West, and more.

Reception is from 1 to 2 p.m., with the keynote and other activities from 2 to 4. A free-will donation will be collected. To register by Friday, Nov. 1, call (614) 416-1910 or go to [www.martindeporrescenter.net](http://www.martindeporrescenter.net).

## HIGH SCHOOLS SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSES

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, will host its annual fall open house at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7. Seventh- and eighth-grade students and their parents and guardians are invited to hear talks by Hartley principal Mike Winters and consultant Dr. Mike Thomson, walk around campus, meet teachers, counselors, coaches, club moderators, and school administrators, and learn about the school's curriculum, extracurricular opportunities, service program, and house system.

An open house will take place at Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, 1803 Granville Pike, on Thursday, Nov. 14 for all those interested in sending their children to Catholic high school in Fairfield County. The open house will start

at 5:30 p.m. with a soup and sandwich dinner, and the evening will include opportunities to talk with teachers, coaches, and students while learning the benefits of Catholic education at Fisher Catholic. Building tours will be conducted. For more information, contact the school's office at (740) 654-1231.

The annual fall open house at Columbus Bishop Watterson, 99 E. Cooke Road, will be on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Prospective students are welcome to tour the facilities, meet faculty and staff, and learn about the school's academic, faith, service, and co-curricular programs. Questions may be addressed to Deacon Chris Campbell at (614) 268-8671, extension 229.

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## How the Second Vatican Council addressed the Sacred Liturgy



### LET US PRAY

by: MICHELLE LEMIESZ  
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The last months of 1963 were tumultuous. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on Nov. 22. His assassin was killed two days later. Kennedy's successor as president, Lyndon B. Johnson, confirmed the nation's continuing military and financial support of South Vietnam. The United States -- indeed, much of the world -- was dealing with social, political, and economic changes that challenged cultural norms.

Within the Church, there arose a shift in theological discourse. Theologians such as Father Karl Rahner, SJ, and Father John Courtney Murray, SJ moved theology from a neo-scholasticism approach to one that promoted the integration of the human experience with the teachings of the Church and the principles of Jesus. The environment of the world was changing, and the Church sought to make its ancient message relevant to a culture that more and more questioned authority. This is important to remember, for the time we live in influences our behaviors and thoughts, and the 1960s was a decade of great experimentation and rejection of social mores. It was during this time that the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council (known as Vatican II) convened from Oct. 11, 1962 to Dec. 8 of the same year.

The council was set to reconvene in 1963; however, the death of Blessed Pope John XXIII on June 3 interrupted that, and activities halted until the election of a new pope, who would then decide to either dissolve or reconvene the council. On June 21, Pope Paul VI was elected to the Seat of Peter; that very day, he announced that the council would continue. It opened again on Sept. 29, and the first document approved by the bishops was Sacrosanctum Concilium (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy). In the document's introduction, the council fathers laid out their rationale for reforming the liturgy of the Church in a way that honored its tradition, while revising it in order to bring "new vigor to meet the circumstances and needs of modern times" (SC4). On Dec. 4, Pope Paul VI promulgated the Constitution, and the stage was set for liturgical reform.

While some people may have felt that the Church issued major changes immediately, this was far from the reality. The changes implemented by Sacrosanctum Concilium were gradual. It took time for letters, documents, and texts to arrive from Rome to home; the 60s did not afford the instant access we take granted for today. A little more than a month after the Constitution was promulgated (Jan. 25, 1964), Pope Paul VI issued a document titled Sacram Liturgiam. This document addressed how the local churches should begin to implement Sacrosanctum Concilium within their dioceses. This was to become effective on the first Sunday of Lent (Feb. 16).

The initial changes to be put in place focused on the following:

- The addition of liturgical studies to the curriculum for seminaries, schools of religious communities, and theological faculties (Articles 15, 16, and 17).
- Prescribing the use of a homily during Mass on Sundays and holy days (Article 52).
- Permission to administer the sacrament of Confirmation during Mass (Article 71).
- Statements that the "sacrament of Matrimony must normally be celebrated during Mass, after the reading of the Gospel and the sermon." Rubrics were also noted if the marriage ceremony did not take place within the liturgy (Article 78).
- Permission related to the recitation of the Divine Office which allowed for those obliged to recite it outside of a choir to omit the office of Prime and "choose from among the three other little hours one that best suits the time of day." It also allowed bishops to make "just and well-considered reasons (to) dispense their own subjects wholly or in part from the obligation of (the office), or (to) substitute another pious practice for it." Additionally, recitation of the Divine Office was "to be considered as taking part in the public prayer of the Church." And finally, it permitted recitation of the Divine Office in the vernacular (e.g., in English) instead of Latin in accord with the approved text "by the competent territorial bishop's conference ... (after it is) reviewed and approved by the Holy See" (Articles 95-98, 101).
- The development of diocesan liturgical commissions "whose task is, under direction of the bishop, to foster knowledge of the liturgy and advance the liturgical apostolate." These should consist of one for liturgy, one for sacred music and one for sacred art (Articles 45-46).
- And finally, Pope Paul VI stated, "We wish to emphasize that—beyond what we in this apostolic letter on liturgical matters have either changed or have ordered carried out at the established time—regulation of the liturgy comes solely within the authority of the Church: that is, of this Apostolic See and, in accordance with the law, of the bishop. Consequently, absolutely no one else, not even a priest, can on his own initiative add or subtract or change anything in liturgical matters (Constitution, Article 22, paragraphs 1 and 3) (SL XI).

In my next column, I will discuss how the changes took place in the Diocese of Columbus.

## COMMUNION TWICE A DAY?



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
Catholic News Service

**Q.** What are the church's guidelines for someone receiving Communion more than once a day?

Some examples are: attending Mass on a Saturday morning, a Saturday evening vigil Mass, and Mass again on Sunday morning; also, attending a weekday Mass in the morning and then a healing Mass that same evening.

**A.** Succinctly put, a Catholic can receive Communion twice a day within the context of a Mass. Canon No. 917 of the church's *Code of Canon Law* states "A person who has received the most holy Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only during the celebration of the Eucharist in which the person participates."

The canon goes on to explain that a person who is in danger of death may receive the Eucharist as viaticum, no matter how many times he or she has already received it on that same day.

The rationale behind the rule is that holy Communion is an integral part of the Mass, uniting the recipient to the sacrifice made by Jesus.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (No. 1388) puts it this way, referencing the words of the Second Vatican Council: "That more perfect form of participation in the Mass whereby the faithful, after the priest's Communion, receive the Lord's body from the same sacrifice is warmly recommended."

In each of the examples your question offers, you may certainly receive Communion at the second Mass. Some other frequent situations which allow the same are: a weekday Mass in the morning, with a funeral Mass or wedding Mass later in that day; or a Saturday morning wedding or funeral with a vigil Mass for Sunday celebrated on Saturday afternoon.

I know of a man who takes a bus to several churches on the same day and adjusts his schedule to arrive in time to "pop in" and take holy Communion at each of those Masses. I believe that this man is doing what he thinks is helpful and admirable, but objectively, he is violating the church's guideline on two counts: first, by receiving Communion more than twice a day; and secondly, by simply "grabbing" the Eucharist on his "fly-by" and not participating in the Mass at which he receives.

Actually, the Vatican had envisioned this fellow some years ago. A number of bishops had written to the Holy See and asked whether the word "again" in canon No. 917 meant that the Eucharist could be received only twice a day (except in danger of death) or whether someone could take Communion even more often, so long as he or she participated in the Mass.

The Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts wrote back in 1984, with the approval of Pope John Paul II, and said essentially that twice is the limit. The council recognized what a special gift the Eucharist is and wanted people to maintain the proper respect for its uniqueness.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfather-doyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfather-doyle@gmail.com) and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

## The Year of Faith and the Second Vatican Council - The Pastoral Constitution

By Jake Tawney

*Gaudium et Spes* ("Joy and Hope") is the Second Vatican Council's pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world. As a pastoral constitution, it enjoys slightly lesser authority than the three dogmatic constitutions. By its nature, it sets out to apply the dogmatic teachings to the cultural and political milieu in which it was written. For this reason, it finds itself in some ways outdated, as the pastoral situation has changed since the council. While reading through the text, the reader discovers that much of the material is written with an eye toward combatting communism. Nevertheless, there are some timeless gems contained within *Gaudium et Spes*, passages that popes since the Council have quoted time and again.

Last week, we discussed *Lumen Gentium's* "universal call to holiness." This week, we find the answer to what that holiness looks like. "The truth is that only in the mystery of the

If there is one theme that has seen

great continuity and consistency through the Church's long and varied history, including the three most recent pontificates of Francis, Benedict XVI, and John Paul II, it is the centrality of Christ and the need for a savior. Whether we are discussing matters of doctrine, the care of the poor, the inalienable right to life, or the lives of the saints, the message remains the same. All of theology, all of politics, even all of history finds its source and explanation in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Last week, we discussed *Lumen Gentium's* "universal call to holiness." This week, we find the answer to what that holiness looks like. "The truth is that only in the mystery of the



incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light. ... Christ, the final Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to himself and makes his supreme calling clear" (GS 22). Christ is the center of everything. If the call to holiness is a call to be "fully human," then we look to Christ to see the ideal. Pope John Paul II modeled his inaugural encyclical *Redemptor Hominis* after this passage from *Gaudium et Spes*, writing, "The Redeemer of man, Jesus Christ, is the centre of the universe and of history."

As we look toward Jesus as our model and our goal, we find there a lesson as poignant now as it was two millennia ago. Christ's entire existence was characterized in his sacrifice, the act in which he gave himself up to the Father for our sake. Salvation is not something that we can achieve by ourselves. Left to our own devices, we are doomed to a life of sin and misery. Salvation, like the original act of creation, is a pure gift on the part of God. In fact, we can say that Jesus Christ is pure gift. If we are to model our own existence on his example, then we too must learn to sacrifice ourselves for God and for others. "Man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself" (GS 24).

In other words, we become more fully human, more fully alive, only insofar as we seek to give ourselves away. This is the central theme of the human drama that can unite all the varied aspects of Church teaching that the secular media seems incapable of reconciling. It is under the umbrella of giving ourselves away to others that we make sense of Pope Francis' call to work with the destitute on the margins of society. It is also how we understand the Church's teaching on sexual morality and marriage. John Paul II's presentation of an all-male priesthood, Benedict's understanding of the charitable and missionary activity of the Church, and Francis' persistent message to turn away from sin and encounter Jesus — all of it only makes sense as a unified whole when seen in the light of Christ and the call to be gift to one another.

Without Jesus, the teachings of the Church are incomprehensible. This is why the Church is a "sign of contradiction" for the world. It is no wonder why the media often misrepresents sound bites from papal speeches. While we are a religion of the Word, we are not a religion of the sound bite. Our faith cannot be reduced to political categories and media conventions. Our faith is simply Christ, whole and entire.

*Gaudium et Spes* is a clarion call to recognize the gift that is within us and to come to a deep understanding of our vocation in light of becoming a gift to others. This has brilliant applications for our understanding of marriage as a vocation. The constitution defines marriage as "a mutual gift of two persons" (GS 48). The opposite of this is a reality "often profaned by excessive self-love, the worship of pleasure and illicit practices against human generation" (GS 47). Marriage is about self-giving without reservation. In order to aid the man and woman in doing so, Christ raised the reality of marriage to the level of a sacrament. In fact, *Gaudium et Spes* uses the word "consecration" only once, and it does so in the context of marriage. "Christian spouses have a special sacrament by which they are fortified and receive a kind of consecration in the duties and dignities of their state. By virtue of this sacrament, as spouses fulfill their conjugal and family obligation, they are penetrated with the spirit of Christ, which suffuses their whole life with faith, hope, and charity" (GS 48).

If all married couples could see their marriage as "penetrated with the spirit of Christ" and subsequently come to know what it means to give one's self to the other, there would be a virtually nonexistent divorce rate. The call of a husband is to see Christ in his wife and to give everything he has to her, to wake up every morning and *decide* to love her. The call of a wife is to do the same thing for her husband. If we are to fully realize Jesus Christ as the "centre of the universe and of history," then marriage and family life seems like a good place to start.

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## Father Kevin Lutz's homily at the funeral Mass for Msgr. Francis Schweitzer at Columbus Holy Family Church on Monday, Oct. 28:

"On the vigil of his death, Father Schweitzer was visited by Father Ty Tomson. Young Father Schweitzer had married Ty's grandparents at St. Nicholas in Zanesville in 1949. Now Father Tomson had the honor to hear Schweitzer's last words, spoken with the clarity that never left him. He said, 'You young priests must be the foundation for the next generation of priests.'

"The next morning, five days short of his 68th ordination anniversary, Father Schweitzer breathed forth his soul at 7:54 on the feast of Blessed John Paul II, to whom he was greatly devoted. I arrived a few minutes after his passing and walked in on a sweet nurse's aide who was holding his hand and praying. Alan Mooney soon arrived, and we prayed and talked and adjusted to the loss of a great man, a Dickens-inspired character and a good priest who lived at the extremes of eccentricity and holiness. There is no category for him. He was and is the complete set.

"In 1997, Father had asked for permission to retire and Bishop Griffin inquired if he had any suggestion for a replacement. Schweitzer often repeated that the Holy Spirit prompted him to say 'Father Lutz!' He later told me that even though he didn't know me, he was sure God had spoken to him.

"I arrived at Holy Family in July 1997. The very first person I met was a Jewish neighbor – Morris Dach, a Holocaust survivor and a dear friend of Holy Family. Before I entered the rectory, Morris stopped me in the alley and asked me if I was Father Schweitzer's replacement. I told him that no one could be Father Schweitzer's replacement, but I was his successor.

"Morris and his family were the kindest and most generous Jewish members of our church. They considered themselves to be a part of Holy Family. Once when Morris was hospitalized, I stood on one side of the hospital bed, Father Schweitzer on the other, and Rabbi Berman at the end of the bed. Morris commented, 'I got my rabbi, I got my priest, I got my monsignor. I couldn't be safer.'

"Morris was extremely generous to the parish, and especially the soup kitchen. His widow, Marian, and his children, Debbie and Larry, keep up

that same generosity to this day. Every year, Morris put up a Christmas tree in his store window and I put a menorah in my rectory window. They were happy times.

"Father's first decade was part of his fondest memories. The installation of the great pipe organ heard today, and the ministry that he developed with two of his closest priestly friends – Father Ruef and Father Lane. He often spoke of that golden age.

"Father Schweitzer had long given up much of a relationship with higher ecclesiastical authority and power – except God, of course. His last instructions from the Chancery were, 'Go to Holy Family and either close it or turn it into a mission.' Naturally, he disobeyed.

"He arrived at the church on Feb. 11, 1970, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and told me that when he heard that advice, he said to himself, 'I believe in the Holy Spirit.' Those words are now on a bronze plaque at the entrance to this church. He rallied Holy Family in its darkest hour and brought it back to life.

"Father called forth untapped talents and energies and created an army of volunteers that continues to this day. Even during this Holy Mass, they are serving the hundreds of meals that are the daily custom. Father would have been saddened if the meal line had stopped merely for his funeral.

"When I went to my room the first day, there was a bouquet of flowers from Father Jan Sullivan, with the mysterious greeting of 'Good Luck!' I then sat on the bed, which collapsed. Apparently, someone in maintenance was not excited to have an administrator and had rigged it. For a moment, I thought I was back in the seminary. Then I turned on the light. All three bulbs were burned out. I asked Father Schweitzer where he kept the light bulbs. He looked at me and said, 'Zettler's.'

"Father had a holy disinterest in everything except the soup kitchen and the Church. Daily I went on door and oven patrol in the old Skidmore rectory, as Father was not overly concerned with security or safety. Many times, he'd heat up a Cinnabon and then be invited out for dinner and forget about it. At midnight, I'd find that the pastry was

still enduring 350 degrees and had been reduced to a cinder.

"Once Father cooked a chicken and was then invited out by his dear friends Fred Hoff and Bruno Grimes. The chicken cooked for about eight hours, with no basting. It was bone dry; the flesh splayed out and looked as though it was cooked under intense radiation. Father was great at serving food, but not at cooking it. He left that in the hands of great volunteers led by the legendary directors of the soup kitchen: Dorothy Siemer, Renate Wright, Frances Carr, and now in the good hands of Sharon Wing.

"Every seminarian who abided at Holy Family had a good story, but none could top that of a young seminarian, Charlie Klinger. One morning, Klinger decided to do his laundry. Bearing his bundle, he descended to the basement and was about to drop his clothes into the top-loading machine when he saw that it was already full of water and a large fish was swimming in it.

"The poor fish probably developed scoliosis of the spine during the night as he swam in endless laps in constant pursuit of his tail. Or perhaps he thought he was lost and it was best to follow the fish in front of him. Apparently, Father had been given this fish from the Scioto River and did not have the heart to kill it, so he put it in the washer with the intention of getting someone to bring it back to the river. As Charlie emerged from the basement with a startled expression, Schweitzer saw Charlie in the hallway and said, in his deadpan style, 'Oh, you saw the fish!'

"In his youth, Father Schweitzer had been taught by the Joliet Franciscans at Delaware St. Mary's. He attributed much of his vocation to their good influence. Many of us also had that Franciscan influence and were taught that the poor were dearest to the heart of Christ.

"Some of you may recall the blind man in front of the old Lazarus store. He sold pencils. Many a Sister told her students to buy their pencils there. Even better, 'If you see him and you don't need a pencil, drop in a nickel anyway, shake the pencils so he'll think you took one, and then thank him. Even though he is blind now, Jesus will give him his

sight on the last day. Then he will recognize you at the gates of Heaven and will tell Jesus how kind you were.'

"Countless stories of love for the poor had filled his mind at a most impressionable time, and they inspired him to become a Francis of Assisi, a Martin of Tours, and a Vincent de Paul. For the forgotten dead of the streets, he was Joseph of Arimathea.

"Each day in the soup kitchen, Father led the prayers, served the food, and offered his friendly counsels. Noon Mass followed in his beloved basement chapel, where his most loyal friends gathered and prayed with him. After Mass, Father went to the back yard to his stone table, where he held court with his large-print Bible, teapot, cash box, and a long line of the poor banished children of Eve. Each took a seat and poured out a story, often long, sometimes pointless, and yet Father listened as though it was the most exciting story he had ever heard.

"His expression always showed compassion and concern. Every soul felt like they were finally being listened to in a world that paid no attention to them. In his presence, they mattered. They were important. There was no thought that Father was about to interrupt them and say 'Next!' Everyone spoke of Father as their best friend, and he really was.

"Father Schweitzer practically had his own radio show on 610 AM. Every Saturday, Father's PR guy, A J Boschetti, gave the weekly stats and stories of Father and the soup kitchen. A J did much to keep a wider audience aware of the poor. Few people in the city have not heard of Holy Family Soup Kitchen or Father Schweitzer, thanks to A J.

"Ed Flahive, nephew of Father Schweitzer, who also authored the obituary in the *Dispatch*, often hosted Father in his house for the holidays. Father had traveled many times to Delaware to bury his siblings and to enjoy the times and memories of his life with his family. As Father grew older, he was less inclined to travel and preferred to spend his days in his apartment. Ed wished to honor his uncle and wanted all Father's friends to enjoy a meal at his expense, and has also sponsored a bus that will

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## Reflections of a Boy Mom

Though I've been at it for almost three years, I still consider myself new to the world of mothering boys. It started a little more than three years ago, when our world was already quaking with big changes, and I found out we would have a new baby in our arms that fall.

Then we found out it would be a boy.

My husband's reaction was immediate. This was true with him and the news of our daughters, too, but it was a very different reaction to this news of a boy.

"Oh, boy," he sighed. "We're going to have to make some changes." It turns out he was thinking of his own boyhood orneriness and anticipating what was to come.

I was just unsure of what I would do with a little boy. I figured I had things down, being on kid number three, but oh, how wrong I was!

In the 23 months of my son's life, I've started looking differently at my husband, and at St. Joseph and Jesus, too. Though I was raised with brothers, I'm finding that this role of "boy mom" is one that demands something different from me.

My little guy, who is a Joseph himself, is all boy. I don't know what it says about me that I'm already

pretty used to the sight of him on my table or the back of my couch.

There is just something about having a son. My husband has been enjoying playing trucks and tractors with our boy, and when my brother-in-law has his construction equipment close by? Well, needless to say, we are all about being there and climbing all over it.

The two of them sit and watch sports (already!) and they'll even include the girls when they watch John Wayne movies. Last summer, when I was gone for three days at a conference, I came home and the boy still wasn't speaking words (I wasn't worried), but he was mooing in three distinct ways (for the mommy, the daddy, and the baby).

It's still novel to have man socks and button-down shirts as part of my repertoire. It's amusing to see my boy thinking about how to escape from the house, plotting how to take things apart, and interacting with anyone and everyone.

In all of this boy mom initiation of late, I've been turning to Mary. Did she watch, with a pitter-patter of her heart, as Joseph went all boy in the dirt with Jesus?



### Finding Faith in Everyday Life

Sarah Reinhard

Did Jesus monkey his way onto every teetering surface and clamber around with scraped knees and a hat sideways on his head?

Mary was always a woman — the woman — in the middle of the men. Can't you just see her, in the midst of the disciples, with their rough-hewn, windblown looks and their gentle protective smiles?

I shifted from being his entire world a few short months ago into a new role. Now I'm his launching pad, the place where he starts and the person who ends up reeling him in at the end of playtime. It's hard not to relate to Mary, not to see myself in her shadow and inspired by her example.

Now, pardon me, I have to go find out what my boy is climbing on ...

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# SENSE OF GRACIOUSNESS PROVIDES A KEY TO HEALTHY AGING

**BY TIM PUET**

Reporter, Catholic Times

Sister Pauline Ross, OCarM, says a lifetime of working with people in the later stages of their lives has taught her that those who bring a sense of graciousness to the aging process are better able to cope with the changes it brings.

"No matter who you are, you're almost certainly going to face changes you didn't expect as you get older," said Sister Pauline, administrator of Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus, who has assisted people in dealing with those changes for 55 years as a member of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. "You have to work on accepting change and being gracious about it.

"I've seen many people whose refusal to graciously come to terms with particular situations has just

made their lives that much harder. Then there are others who couldn't have anticipated difficulties they've had to deal with, but they accept them with faith. These people are so much happier and do so much better," she said.

McCrory Manor opened in 2005 to replace the former St. Raphael's and St. Rita's homes for the aged in Columbus. It provides care for about 145 people, some of whom are there for short-term rehabilitation, but most of whom need acute levels of 24-hour long-term care provided by the sisters and staff members.

"Having a good attitude toward aging doesn't mean you're smiling every day. That's not realistic," Sister Pauline said. "That's especially true in a facility like this for the first couple of weeks after arrival. I don't expect someone to be happy right away about moving here -- not just because it's an unfamiliar place, but because it means they've left the home they've maybe built and lived in for 50 or 60 years.

"It's appropriate for people to go through a grieving process for the loss of a home and the life they've lived there, but you can't live the rest of your life feeling bitter about it. We understand that it's preferable to live in the surroundings you know, but sometimes that isn't possible.

"We just ask that new residents here give themselves a few months to adjust to the changes in their lives and to take advantage of all the help that's available to them here, and recognize this as another step in the process we all go through.

"Your role changes as a result of marriage, having children, the children leaving home and having children of their own, retirement, possibly losing a spouse, having to deal with a fixed income, declining health. They're all milestones, and you can't live in denial and say they're not going to happen to me. The process is to a large degree what you make of it, through mental and emotional preparation and through factors you have some control over, like taking care of yourself throughout your life.

"You can't be selfish. Depending on your situation, it can be a selfish

thing to say to your family 'Don't ever send me to a nursing home.' If you're at a stage where constant care is needed, a facility like ours can offer the opportunity to retain as much as independence as possible, give you a chance to regularly socialize, and give you a better quality of life than you could have at home."

McCrory Manor residents agree with Sister Pauline's thoughts about adjusting successfully to the aging process. Patricia Matyskella, 85, and her husband, John, 87, have been married for 62 years and lived on Columbus' west side before deciding that Patricia should move from the couple's home to McCrory Manor because of the care she would receive there for health problems.

"We'd rather both be still at home, but the circumstances are better here for my wife," John Matyskella said. "When you're given a choice you have to make, you live with it and just try to do the best with what you've been given. That's the motto we've tried to follow all our lives.

"The secret is love and how you share it together. If you love well, other things will fall into place," he added. "You enjoy doing things together, then your kids and grandkids come along and they provide another big reason for enjoyment and satisfac-

tion. We've got five kids and five grandkids and they come here to visit. I come every day. With all of that and the care that's surrounding my wife, I know bringing her here was the right thing to do.

"Our faith also has sustained us and the rest of the family throughout our lives," said Matyskella. "That's another reason for coming here, knowing there's the support provided by the sisters and the opportunity to go to daily Mass. My wife and I know we're on the last chapter of our story here on earth, but we aren't afraid of what's next. We look forward to continuing the story in the next life and to the beauty it will bring."

Mary McNellis, 81, said she has found great contentment in small things as the years have passed. "The joy of getting older is realizing how much you're loved," she said. "People should never take things like smiles or gratitude for granted. A simple 'thank you' is something that resonates as you give it to someone and they pass it to another and another. It may not seem like much, but it multiplies."

She said she views her daily activities as a constant learning experience. "Every phase of life is an education," McNellis said. "Every person you meet is an education. As Shakespeare

said, you can find God in everything. And I have one more bit of advice: Never stop reading."

That advice has been taken to heart by the manor's Men's Club, which includes about a half-dozen men who gather every Thursday morning in the building's Buckeye Lounge to hash over what they've read in the newspaper during the past week.

On a recent Thursday, they were asked to interrupt their discussion of sports and solving the world's problems long enough to provide some words of wisdom on aging well. "Keep your sense of humor," said Robert Thurn, 89. "Make the ladies giggle and laugh. I think that's what's gotten me to the point where I've almost reached 90."

"Stay in touch with what's going on. That's what gets us old fellows together every week to tell how we'd change things," said Richard Frecker, 82. The advice from Robert Beard, 73, was short and to the point: "Keep busy. Do something. Be nice to your friends." George Ceteras, 87, who described himself as an "interloper" from North Canton among the Columbus-area residents of the manor, said he didn't have anything to add other than to praise the care he receives there. "Everything is very satisfactory," he said.

The facility is a consistent recipient of high scores from various agencies that rate the quality of care at nursing homes throughout the state. It has a five-star rating, the highest available, from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In the most recent among surveys taken every two years by the Ohio Department of Aging, its resident satisfaction and family satisfaction scores, based on a 100-point scale, were 94.1 and 94.7 respectively. The state averages are 87.1 and 85.6.

It also is one of three nursing homes in the state selected for a research project on best practices in nursing homes and home care agencies by the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University, commissioned for the state Job and Family Services Department.

Its residents are divided into seven neighborhoods of 21 units each. All neighborhoods have a living room, dining room, laundry, spa with whirlpool tub, and a nurses station with refrigerators for snacks, with low barriers that make it easier for nurses to assist residents.

At the entrance of the building is a "streetscape" area designed to encourage people to gather. The area includes a living room, library, cafe, gift shop, beauty and barber shop, clinics, and the Buckeye Lounge, an area which is decorated with Ohio State University memorabilia, has a big-screen television, and serves beer and wine.

"My own mother lived at home until she was 89, then came here for the last two years of her life," said Kathy Druke, a member of the manor's administration department. "Having her here was an ideal choice for both of us. It allowed her to receive the care she needed and allowed me to be a daughter again, something I really couldn't be when I was also her caregiver."

Sister Pauline said the best thing people preparing for retirement can do, no matter what their age, is to form a plan and not assume they'll figure out the answers when the time come. Such a plan would include making a will, writing advanced directives concerning who would be

## POPE, AT MASS, ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO VISIT RETIRED PRIESTS, NUNS

By Cindy Wooden/ Catholic News Service

Calling homes for retired priests and nuns "sanctuaries of holiness," Pope Francis asked Catholics to visit those who spent their lives sharing the Gospel and caring for others.

In his morning Mass homily on Oct. 18, the pope described retired clergy and religious as "good priests and good sisters, aged and bearing the weight of solitude, waiting for the Lord to knock on the doors of their hearts."

"Let's not forget them," he said during the Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, according to Vatican Radio.

Pope Francis spoke about how Moses, John the Baptist, and St. Paul all endured suffering, but the Lord never abandoned them.

They were filled with energy when they began their service, he said. Then, challenges came, and eventually, the end of life.

Pope Francis said that when he thinks of the closing days of St. Paul's life, "My heart remembers those sanctuaries of apostolicity and sanctity, rest homes for priests and sisters."

He said Christians can make a pilgrimage by visiting elderly priests and nuns who "wait for the Lord a bit like Paul: perhaps a bit sad, but also with a sense of peace and a happy face."

The 76-year-old pope told those at the Mass, "It would do us all good to think about that final stage of life ... and pray to the Lord: Watch over those who are facing that moment of the final letting go so that they could say once again, 'Yes, Lord, I want to follow you.'"

authorized to make mental decisions in case someone is unable to do so on his or her own, looking at what options are available for various types of care if it is needed, researching health insurance plans, taking a long-term look at finances, and asking for God's help in making wise decisions.

"This all comes under the heading of succession planning," she said. "It's something a lot of people keep delaying until it hits them, but they need to be aware of it now. Some people have nothing in order when

they come to me to see about coming to the manor, and it just makes things extremely difficult for everyone. It's so much easier for those who have thought things out.

"You can control many of the circumstances of the aging process. Retirement is bad if you're not prepared for it, but it can be wonderful and meaningful with a little bit of planning. Unless people die young, they're going to get old. Don't be angry about it. Be grateful. It's all part of God's gift of life."



Top: Sister Pauline Ross, OCarM, administrator of Mother Angeline McCrory Manor. Bottom: A gathering of the manor's Men's Club. Bottom right: Manor resident Mary McNellis. CT photos by Jack Kustron





## RETIRED PRIESTS REMAIN ACTIVE

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Several retired priests who reside at the Villas of St. Therese in Columbus say that although they no longer are part of the day-to-day life of a parish, they gain great satisfaction from their continued involvement with former parishioners.

"Just because you're not an active priest in the sense that you're no longer assigned to a specific church, it doesn't mean you have an inactive life," said Msgr. James Nugent, 88, who has been a priest for 57 years, serving in the Diocese of Steubenville. He moved seven years ago to the Villas to join his brother, Msgr. Michael Nugent, a Columbus diocesan priest, who died in 2009.

"One of the best things about retirement is that you no longer have the obligations you had to deal with as a pastor, but can do things at your own pace," he said.

"In retirement, I've found the best of both worlds," said Msgr. Frank Meagher, 78, who moved to the Villas six years ago on his retirement and has been a priest for 53 years. "You're no longer a pastor, but you still have the same feelings that made you be a priest in the first place. You've always been a part of people's lives and you still care about them. Retirement doesn't change that."

One thing that does change for most priests in retirement is that they don't have to deal with the multitude of responsibilities that result from being in charge of a parish. That's an aspect of a pastor's life which none of the priests at the Villas appears to miss.

"Meetings – they're the one thing I'm happy to have put behind me," said Msgr. Robert Noon, 90, a resident of the Villas for seven-and-a-half years, who was ordained 62 years ago and has been retired for 20 years. Msgr. Meagher agreed, adding a humorous note by

saying, "If I die and there's a meeting going on, then I'll know I didn't make it to heaven."

"You do have the sense of being 'free at last,' except for sacramental duties, and you don't want to be free of those," he continued. "It's nice to be able just to say Mass and let the pastor pay the bills."

"Priests do have to make some adjustments that are somewhat unique to them," said Father Michael Nimocks, 71, who retired last year after 17 years in the priesthood. "It depends on your situation, but when you're living in a rectory, a lot of times you have your meals prepared, your laundry done, and your house cleaned. Once you retire, it's all up to you, and I'm having to get used to that again." He said that adjustment was easier for him than it might be for other priests because he had lived as a single adult for 30 years before studying for the priesthood.

The number of priests in the Diocese of Columbus is smaller than it has been for some time. That may change in coming years with the ordination of many of the 38 men currently studying for the diocesan priesthood (the largest number since 1979), but for now, there's no shortage of service opportunities for those retired priests whose health and driving skills allow them to help at other parishes.

Msgr. Robert Schneider, 82, a resident of the Villas for 11 years and a priest for 56, was a weekend assistant at Granville St. Edward for seven years and continues to say Mass on occasion at Columbus Christ the King Church and Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, next door to the Villas. In addition, he also hears confessions and takes part in men's and women's conferences at St. Therese's Retreat Center, also adjacent to the Villas. Msgr. Saulius Laurinaitis, 91, a priest for 65 years, moved to the Villas a year ago, but before that, he was in resi-



From left: Msgr. Robert Noon, Msgr. James Nugent, Father Michael Nimocks, Msgr. Frank Meagher, Father Saulius Laurinaitis, and Msgr. Robert Schneider. (CT photo by Tim Puet)

dence at Hilliard St. Brendan Church for many years.

Msgr. Noon celebrates Masses every two or three weeks at the Seton Square East senior citizens community in Reynoldsburg and retains his longtime involvement with the Columbus Catholic Charismatic Renewal. "I don't travel as much as I used to, and I do miss that," he said. "It's nice once in a while to go to a parish for Sunday Mass, especially to a place you've served, and get some of that feel for the people and their concerns that was a daily part of your life for so long."

Msgr. Meagher and Father Nimocks, as well as many other diocesan priests who live on their own, have assisted at parishes throughout the diocese and are available on request to serve as weekend assistants, to help in the temporary absence of a pastor for medical, vacation, or other reasons, to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at penance services, and to serve other spiritual needs.

Msgr. Meagher in recent months has celebrated Mass or heard confessions in Mount Vernon, Circleville, Wheelersburg, New Boston, Newark, and Danville. Father Nimocks has assisted at parishes in Somerset, Heath, Dresden, Mattingly Settlement, Lancaster, Washington Court House, Marysville, Logan, Marion, and Columbus since retiring. "I don't want to be attached to any one parish," he said. "There's always a place where I can help, and I'm happy to be able to go wherever I'm needed."

Mass is celebrated at the Villas every morning, and the priests living there take turns as celebrants. Besides those mentioned, other priests residing in either the independent or assisted living sections of the Villas are Msgr. Thomas Bender, Msgr. Carl Clagett, Msgr. James Geiger, Father Joseph Losh, and Father Francis Stanton.

"Living here with other priests is a great advantage," said Msgr. Noon. Msgr. Meagher said he feels fortunate to be at the Villas because the facility has a waiting list of people who would like to move there in response to the quality of care provided. "The sisters and the whole staff here do their best, and I appreciate all they do," he said.

Retired priests have many opportunities to continue fellowship with their colleagues in the priesthood, both active and retired. Msgr. Noon belongs to a group of priests who meet once a month in a different rectory. Father Nimocks and other priests gather on the first Tuesday of the month at a different restaurant. Such regularly scheduled gatherings of priests, known as Emmaus groups, have taken place since 1982, when they were begun through the encouragement of the late Bishop Edward Herrmann.

Father Nimocks said deanery meetings and parish penance services provide other chances for priests to get together and share their concerns, with the penance services frequently including a meal before or after the service.

"I'm most grateful to my colleagues in active ministry for the way they've reached out to keep me involved and aware of what's happening in their own parishes and throughout the diocese," Msgr. Schneider said. "Their thoughtfulness and that of my former parishioners who visit and send cards is much appreciated."

All the retired priests interviewed for this story said another benefit of retirement has been the opportunity to have more time for prayer and spiritual concerns. "I'm a great reader," Msgr. Noon said. "I had 20 years of reading to catch

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up to when I retired. I've been able to do some of that and still have a way to go."

Retirement also meant more of an opportunity for travel in some cases. Father Nimocks has visited his sister in Florida on a couple of occasions in his year of retirement and plans to go with her and her husband to Italy later this month. Msgr. Noon said he did plenty of traveling in his early retirement years. "Now I've seen enough airports" and he's content to stay closer to home, he said.

The diocese has 45 retired priests, 25 of whom live on their own, with five living in a parish rectory and 15 at the Villas, Mother McCrory Manor, the Mohun Health Care Center operated by the Dominican Sisters of Peace in Columbus, or other retirement facilities. Like many other senior citizens, they face the challenge of living on a fixed income and whatever they have saved for retirement, with the diocese providing help for them in a variety of ways.

All priests age 70 and older with at least 30 years of service who opt to retire receive a monthly pension of \$1,300 from the diocese, in addition to whatever they have earned through Social Security. Other income may come from retirement savings and through what they receive from parishes for Masses, hearing confession, or other activities for which a stipend is customary.

Those living on their own, including priests in the independent living portion of the Villas, pay their housing, food, car, clothing, and other everyday expenses from that money. The diocese pays 100 percent of the premiums for a Medicare supplement plan and a prescription drug plan for its priests. The priests have to make co-payments for prescription drugs.

The diocese also pays the premiums for retired priests to participate in the same dental, vision, and long-term care insurance plans as active priests and other diocesan employees.

Retired priests who are in assisted living at the Villas or elsewhere or are in a nursing home have the cost of those arrangements paid for by the diocese. In exchange, the retired priest remits to the diocese his monthly pension and Social Security payments. The diocese also provides him with a \$300 monthly allowance.

"Many retired priests in such a situation have been saving for many years for their retirement. The dio-

cese doesn't touch those savings," said Father Michael Lumpe, diocesan vicar for priests. "The assistance the diocese provides means these priests don't have to sell or otherwise give up everything they have to make them eligible for Medicaid, but can keep what they've saved through their years of service."

William Davis, diocesan finance director, said that for the fiscal year which ended June 30, the diocese provided approximately \$880,000 in benefits for assisted living or nursing home care and \$330,000 in insurance benefits of various types for retired priests, plus about \$775,000 in pension benefits, for a total fiscal expenditure of slightly less than \$2 million.

This money comes from several sources, including the diocesan assessments paid by each parish, payments made by parishes into the diocese's retirement plan, and gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal and to the Catholic Foundation's retirement fund for diocesan priests and for religious men and women who serve or have served in the diocese.

"When parishioners rightly ask what the parish assessment or their donations in support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal go toward, this is a very important aspect to remember – supporting and caring for our retired diocesan priests who devoted their lives in faithful service to the people of God," Father Lumpe added.

He noted that money given to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection taken every December in the Diocese of Columbus and throughout the nation does not go to support diocesan priests. It is for members of religious orders.

"One of the best ways for people to support their priests is through The Catholic Foundation's religious retirement fund," Msgr. Meagher said. "I encourage everyone who is grateful to diocesan priests for the work they have done to consider this."

"Retired priests continue to serve the church, just in a different way," added Msgr. Noon. "We need people's support and prayers as much as ever, as we continue to pray for them." Msgr. Schneider echoed those thoughts, saying, "I may not live among my former parishioners, but I haven't forgotten them, and I think most any pastor will say the same."

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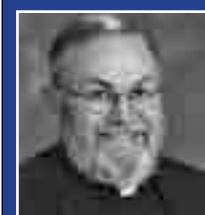
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## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

# Divine dew represents a different image of the Spirit



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Wisdom 11:22-12:2**  
**2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2**  
**Luke 19:1-10**

Alert readers may well hear the mention of a “dew drop” in the Wisdom reading. “Before the Lord, the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth.” Whether they connect that with the “dewfall” mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer II of the revised *Roman Missal* in English is hard to say.

Because in the Hebrew cosmology, the source of water such as rain or snow or dew was thought to be located in the waters “above the firmament” (Genesis 1:7), dew was thought to “fall” from the sky. That works poetically. However, if one were to sit all night with Linus in the pumpkin patch awaiting the arrival of the Great Pumpkin, one would be disappointed if that same person were waiting for the dew to fall. It may well form on the pumpkins, but not by falling from the sky.

The divine dew of the Spirit represents a different imagery for the Spirit from what we usually find. The Spirit is often represented by the wind or the breath of God, or even represented by a dove. II Samuel 17:12 understands dew falling from the sky, as do Zechariah 8:12 and a few of the psalms. Nonetheless, a drop of dew is not very big compared to the whole earth, which is Wisdom’s point.

Yet the Lord loves all of creation, especially those in need of mercy. The Wisdom author notes how the Lord corrects the sinner little by little so that the sinner may re-

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travel to Delaware after the luncheon so that many of Father’s friends who could not drive to the burial could be chauffeured there.

“As his health failed, Father could not offer Mass, and the rapid deterioration began. He asked me to pray that Jesus would take him home soon. Twice when I came to his room, he was asleep, with his hands on a large crucifix that was lying on the bed. He just wanted to go home. He had been motivated by the words of today’s Gospel, which governed his life: ‘I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was alone, I was in prison, I was sick. As long as you did it for the least of my brethren, you did it for Me.’

“He was like the remnant of a candle, spent burning for the glory of God, and now there was nothing left. In death, he was most conformed to Christ. There was nothing more to give. Nothing had been held back. Nothing

pent and believe. The theology behind this is very easily absorbed in the teaching of Jesus in the New Testament.

The Gospel finds Jesus in Jericho, as he makes his way to Jerusalem. His encounter with Zacchaeus alters his travel plans, and instead of passing through the city, he winds up staying with Zacchaeus. The elevation and elation of Zacchaeus gives joy to all short people the world over as Christ elevates and elates us. Jesus is never said to have visited a tall person’s house or a round person’s house. So people who are short in stature, this is our day!

The grumbling began, not because Zacchaeus was short, but because he was a tax collector (and therefore a sinner in popular belief). Zacchaeus explains how he lives his life by giving half his belongings to the poor. He says that if he ever extorts anyone, he pays back four times as much.

What is not clear is if Zacchaeus has done this all his life or whether he intends to do this from now on. By translating his words in the future tense, it infers he has undergone a conversion experience in light of meeting Jesus. However, the Greek text uses present tenses, suggesting he has done this all along. Those who would make these verbs future tenses must explain their choice.

Because this is Luke’s story alone, we have nothing to compare it with from the other gospels. Some argue that if the present tense is used, then Zacchaeus is bragging. Others suggest he was simply stating what his custom had been, in addition to wanting to see Jesus. Jesus does not indicate he is forgiving his sins; he simply announces a righteous man lives here, a son of Abraham, the kind of person to whom the Son of Man brings salvation.

In Ezekiel 34:16, the Lord says, “The lost I will search out.” Searching for (and finding) the lost was also the general theme of Luke 15. It acts as a kind of reprise prior to Jesus entering Jerusalem, where his destiny awaits.

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more or greater could be accomplished.

“Gratitude is our first instinct to God. Primitive man was a religious man. He saw God’s providence in the heavens and in the fruits of the earth. That instinct of gratitude is in the very soul of everyone made in the image and likeness of God. That gratitude has been elevated to its highest perfection in the Eucharist.

“Father Schweitzer served the most basic of human needs and the most sublime – from food, clothing, and shelter to the holy bread which sustains weary pilgrims. It’s hard to imagine who could not be grateful in the vast array of his friends: gratitude in those who were served by his priestly ministry, gratitude in those who were served by his holy charity, gratitude in countless souls who saw and supported his legendary work, and – dare I speculate? – perhaps gratitude somewhere in the Scioto River from a fish.”

## The Weekday Bible Readings

**MONDAY**  
Romans 11:29-36  
Psalm 69:30-31,33-34  
Luke 14:12-14

**TUESDAY**  
Romans 12:5-16b  
Psalm 131:1-3  
Luke 14:15-24

**WEDNESDAY**  
Romans 13:8-10  
Psalm 112:1-2,4-5,9  
Luke 14:25-33

**THURSDAY**  
Romans 14:7-12  
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14  
Luke 15:1-10

**FRIDAY**  
Romans 15:14-21  
Psalm 98:1-4  
Luke 16:1-8

**SATURDAY**  
Exodus 47:1-2,8-9,12  
Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
1 Corinthians 3:9c,11,16-17  
John 2:13-22

### DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2013

**SUNDAY MASS**  
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).  
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable system 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)  
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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.

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We pray Week III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

# Children and commodities

The Council of the District of Columbia is considering a bill, sponsored by its most aggressively activist gay member, to legalize surrogate child-bearing in your nation’s capital. Infertility is a heart-rending problem. But solving that problem is not what’s at issue here, for the D.C. surrogacy bill is being pushed by the same people who brought “gay marriage” to the shores of the Potomac River: people who affirm what are, by definition, infertile “marriages.”

Moreover, in their determination to deny reality—or perhaps reinvent it—the proponents of the D.C. surrogacy bill have adopted a species of Newspeak that would make George Orwell cringe. You can get a flavor of it in a letter written by a friend of mine to his D.C. councilman:

“... in reading the bill I was struck that nothing was said about the child to be born out of the surrogate agreement. Much is said about the rights and responsibilities of the ‘gestational carrier’ (a very strange expression) and the ‘intended parent,’ but nothing is said about the child. The child is treated as a thing to be used as the gestational carrier and intended parent wish. This is the most troubling feature of the proposed law. It gives no indication that one is dealing here with a human person who will have feelings, thoughts, and memories. These are all swept aside as though the child to be born will have no interest in how he or she came into the world, who his or her parents are, and all the other things that are so fundamental to our identity as human beings.”



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“Gestational carrier”? The D.C. bill not only treats the child as a thing, a commodity that can be bought and sold; it treats the woman bearing the child in the same way. But this is what happens when reality is turned inside-out. For as my friend pointed out to his councilman, it’s illegal to sell human organs in America; so “how ... is it possible to sell a baby?”

The day I read my friend’s plea to the D.C. Council for moral sanity, I happened upon Anthony Esolen’s report of another horror involving children, this time in Toronto:

“A public school teacher in Toronto has written a set of lessons requiring young children to imagine wearing clothes appropriate for the opposite sex. He’s been congratulated, not by wary parents, but by a school board that insists that teachers are ‘co-parents.’ What he’s doing, of course, is subjecting naive children to an exercise that promotes his own sexual aims.”

There is deep and disturbing cultural irony here. An America that prides itself on organizations such as the

Children’s Defense Fund and that supports charities such as the Save the Children Fund and UNICEF has also committed itself (not indefinitely, we pray) to a regime of abortion on demand that has led to the deaths of tens of millions of children. The highest local legislative body in the federal capital is considering a bill that would commodify children as fit objects for sale and purchase, which is precisely what happened in Washington’s antebellum slave markets. And up north, in the Land of Nice, children are being compelled to imagine themselves as cross-dressers. Don’t be surprised when it happens south of the 49th parallel.

Democracy cannot long co-exist with decadence or unreality. That’s the lesson of history and sound political philosophy. And it’s the message of the Church, which, with John Paul II, teaches us that it takes a certain kind of people, living certain virtues, to make free politics (and the free economy) work. However we may describe those people and the virtues they live out, they aren’t people who buy and sell children, speak blithely of “gestational carriers,” reduce parenthood to a lifestyle choice, and ask youngsters to imagine themselves cross-dressing. These behaviors aren’t just weird; they’re wicked, and the attempt to force them on society through the law is a perfect example of what Benedict XVI meant by the “dictatorship of relativism.”

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St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

**FANTOZZI, Gerardo D., 84, Oct. 27**  
St. Michael Church, Worthington

**FETTERS, Larry K., 68, Oct. 22**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

**FICKELL, Betty, 90, Oct. 25**  
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

**GLIECO, Betty J., 93, Oct. 24**  
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

**HENSLEY, Jack D. Jr., 29, Oct. 17**  
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

**KINIETZ, Anna T., 84, Oct. 24**  
St. Michael Church, Worthington

**MERZ, David E., 82, Oct. 28**  
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

**NITSCH, Russell E., 83, Oct. 21**  
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

**OCAMPO, Dario O., 60, Oct. 24**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

**RINE, Janice E., 73, Oct. 27**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**SCHULTZ, Thomas L., 85, Oct. 21**  
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Holy Trinity Church, Somerset

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ther Clarence Williams, CPpS, pastor of Columbus St. James the Less Church, sharing with young people the stories of how they discerned God's call to their respective vocations.

The event will conclude with a noon Mass and a pizza party.

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## Talk on the New Evangelization

Father Frank DeSiano, CSP, president of Paulist Evangelization Ministries, will be at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, to speak on "What Challenge Did the Synod on the New Evangelization

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## Catholic Men's Luncheon

Father Gregory Schnakenberg, OP, will speak to the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, Nov. 8, at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. His topic will be "My Trip to Kolkata and the Missionaries of

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**Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick**  
7 to 9 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. 614-224-9522  
**'You Can't Take It With You' at Watterson**  
7:30 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School theater department presents George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's classic comedy "You Can't Take It With You." 614-268-8671  
**All-Night Eucharistic Vigil**  
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; prayer until 11:30 p.m.; private prayer until 7:30 p.m. Saturday.  
**All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory**  
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

**1-3, FRIDAY-SUNDAY**  
**Men's Retreat at St. Therese's**  
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Men's retreat directed by Father Reginald Lynch, OP, parochial vicar, Columbus St. Patrick Church. Topic: "The Eight Beatitudes." 614-392-0146

**2, 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  
**Wilderness Outreach Firewood Fund Raiser**  
9 a.m., Schmelzer's Grove, 9960 Sacred Heart Road, Bremen. Men of Wilderness Outreach continue cleanup of 60 acres of woods owned by Bremen St. Mary Church and will have firewood available for sale. 614-679-6761

**Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi**  
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731  
**Kenyan Priest Speaks at St. Brendan**  
6:30 to 8 p.m., St. Brendan School, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard. Fundraising event with Father Fabian Hevi, a Kenyan priest who visits Columbus annually, and parishioner Molly Meeks talking about the school Father Fabian has built in Kenya. 614-607-0883  
**Filipino Mass at Holy Cross**  
7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. 614-224-3416

**3, SUNDAY**  
**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Saints in the Making University" with Dr. John Wood, author of "Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission: 5 Steps to Winning the War Within." 614-488-1971

**Exposition at Church of the Resurrection**  
Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession into chapel following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. 614-933-9318

**Anniversary Celebration at de Porres Center**  
1 to 4 p.m., Martin De Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Celebration of center's 10th anniversary, featuring keynote address on St. Martin de Porres' life by Father Clarence Williams, CPpS, pastor of Columbus St. James the Less Church, remarks by Sister Margaret Ormond, OP, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and song and movement by the Come Sunday Choir and the Bakhita Dancers. Opens from 1 to 2 with reception for "Images from the House of Oba" art exhibit. Registration deadline Nov. 1. 614-416-1910

**St. Charles Open House**  
1 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Open house for eighth-grade boys and their parents. 614-252-6714  
**'You Can't Take It With You' at Watterson**  
2 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School theater department presents George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's classic comedy "You Can't Take It With You." 614-268-8671

**Cathedral Music Series**  
3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Concert featuring trumpeter James Stokes, organist Joby Bell, and the New River Brass quintet, all of Appalachian State University, and the Cathedral Brass. 614-241-2526  
**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  
**Compline at Cathedral**  
9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline. 614-241-2526

**4, MONDAY**  
**Bishop Celebrates Mass at St. Charles**  
11:30 a.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates all-school Mass on the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, the school's patron. 614-252-6714  
**Marian Prayer Group**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435  
**Talk on Vatican II with Bishop Campbell**  
7 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. "The Year of Faith: Moving Forward" with Bishop Frederick Campbell presenting an overview of the Second Vatican Council and its influence on the Church today. 614-241-2550

**5, TUESDAY**  
**Vocations Program at Christ the King**  
10 a.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. "In God's Service" program sponsored by Black Catholic Ministries and diocesan Vocations Office, featuring a Dominican Associate, a Dominican sister, a deacon, and a priest talking to young people about their vocations. Concludes with noon Mass, followed by pizza party. 614-221-5565  
**Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting**  
7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting. For those who served at least three months, were honorably discharged or are on active duty. 614-221-7601

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

**Marian Prayer Group**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435  
**'Decoding the Vatican' at Josephinum**  
7 to 8:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. "Decoding the Vatican -- Insight Into All Things Vatican" with former Catholic News Service Vatican correspondent John Thavis.  
**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

**6, WEDNESDAY**  
**Talk on Vatican II with Bishop Campbell**  
7 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark. "The Year of Faith: Moving Forward" with Bishop Frederick Campbell presenting an overview of the Second Vatican Council and its influence on the Church today. 614-241-2550

**7, THURSDAY**  
**Bishop Hartley Open House**  
7 p.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their parents. 614-227-5421  
**'Catholicism' Series at St. Pius X**  
7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. "Faith in Action," conclusion of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" series. 614-866-2859

**Vatican II Talk at Delaware St. Mary**  
7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Third of four talks by teacher and author Jake Tawney on the documents of Vatican II. Subject: "The Church in the Modern World." 740-363-4641  
**Talk at St. John Neumann on Proving God's Existence**  
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Father Thomas Blau, OP, Ohio Dominican University chaplain, presents second of three talks on proofs from philosophy for the existence of God. 740-965-1358, extension 100

**7-9, THURSDAY-SATURDAY**  
**Three Bags Full Consignment Sale**  
5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Parish activity center, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items, benefiting Catholic and pro-life charities including JOIN, Joseph's Coat clothing ministry, and Knights of Columbus. 614-561-5300

**8, FRIDAY**  
**Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Meeting**  
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, with talk by Father Gregory Schnakenberg, OP, St. Patrick's parochial vicar, on "My Trip to Kolkata and the Missionaries of Charity." Details at www.columbuscatholicmen.com.





HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

# YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

The Columbus Bishop Watterson High School theater department will present its production of *You Can't Take it With You* by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, on four dates this month.

It is the story of the eccentric Sycamores, who are foiled by the straight-laced Kirbys and what happens when their children fall in love and decide to get married.

The cast includes Allison Freed as

Penelope Sycamore, Maddie Cumbo as Essie, Belle Brown as Rhea, Dominic Rippey as Paul Sycamore, Jacob Erney as Mr. De Pinna, Ben Lampe as Ed, Brayden Steller as Donald, Aidan Roach as Martin Vanderhof, Hailey Mattes as Alice, John Markiewicz as Henderson, Nick Gasior as Tony Kirby, Sam Palazzo as Boris Kolenkhov, Emma Koehler as Gay Wellington, Andy Simmons as Mr. Kirby, Emily Jacknewitz as



Mrs. Kirby, and Caitlin Yeck, Shannon Cogan, Michael Carmody, and Maya Steller as police officers.

Show times are Friday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

A special drama alumni reunion will

take place before the Nov. 9 performance with a social hour at 6:30 in Dominican Hall.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

For tickets, contact Gina DeMarco at [gdemarco@cleducation.org](mailto:gdemarco@cleducation.org).

# MURDER IN A NUNNERY

On Halloween evening, Thursday, Oct. 31, a fall mystery-comedy will haunt you when the curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School on *Murder in a Nunnery* by Emmet Lavery.

Many eerie scenes and a lot of laughs will creep in as the cast, headed by Andre Dargahi as the inspector and Brenna Kilbarger as the mother superior, seeks to celebrate this spooky season.

Brian Hearn will assist as the sergeant. Frances Collins will appear as Mrs. Moss, and Elizabeth Maloof will portray Venetia Geza.

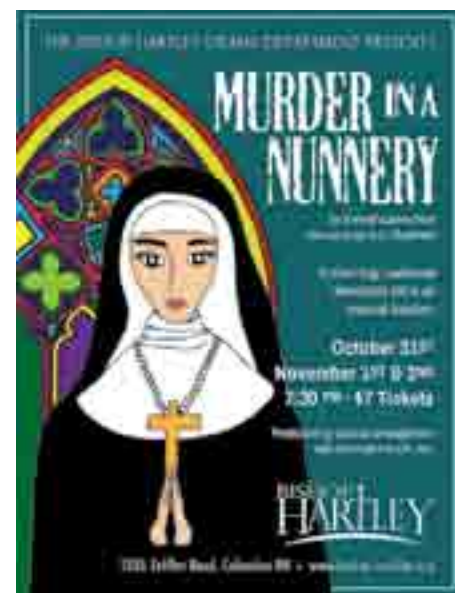
Tim Engle will be the Baron, and Molli Powers will be seen as Mother Trevor. Emma Miller is the feisty Inez Escapado, and Michelle Tyack, Mary Steele, and Grace Morbitzer are her schoolgirl partners in crime.

John Amland is the comedic Mr. Turtle, while Faith James keeps everyone in line as Mother Peck. Emily Zoog and Theresa Jacobs play other suspects, and Andrew Nouanesengy is

the nosey reporter. The Baroness will be played by Lydia Wolf, and Joey Nash is Father Witherstick.

The production also will be performed at the same time Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1 and 2.

Tickets are \$7 at the door of the school, 1285 Zettler Road.



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## BISHOP HARTLEY GARDEN HARVEST: 900 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR NEEDY

When members of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School's Victory House began working in the community garden at Columbus Christ the King Church last fall, they did not realize the magnitude by which their efforts would help the community. Their labors leading to the recent harvest yielded 900 pounds of food for the Bishop Griffin Center's food pantry. The crops raised include tomatoes, peppers, beans, cucumbers, potatoes, lettuce, and spinach. Jeremiah Triplett, dean of Victory House, said the project has been a great experience and groups are continuing to work in the garden on a regular basis. Victory House members, including students, teachers, and staff, helped in all phases of the process, learning not only about caring for a community garden but also about the importance of these gardens in the community. In addition, the Victory House group hopes to expand the endeavor and begin a composting program and small garden.

Photo: Hartley students and Victory House members show a sampling of the fruits of their labor, a 900-pound harvest in total, in the community garden at Columbus Christ the King Church. Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School



## LOLLYPOPS MARK "CHILDREN'S SABBATH" WEEKEND

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary celebrated the national observance of the Children's Sabbaths Weekend from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 18 to 20. The auxiliary donated lollipops, with the message "We Are Praying for You" attached, to Columbus All Saints, St. James the Less, St. Joseph Montessori, and St. Mary schools. The weekend was sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund. Children's Sabbaths bring together Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Baha'i communities, as well as multifaith coalitions that will lift up children in need and answer their own faith traditions' call to pursue justice, mercy, and compassion.



## ROSARY PROCESSION

Parishioners of Chillicothe St. Peter Church walked through the parish's neighborhood praying the rosary and carrying a statue of the Virgin Mary after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 7. Rosary processions are a centuries-old tradition to honor the mother of Jesus and to ask for her prayers. The statue was carried by members of Father Charles Griffin Council 15793 of the Knights of Columbus, the newest K of C council in the Diocese of Columbus.



Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

Saint Mary School Presents...

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