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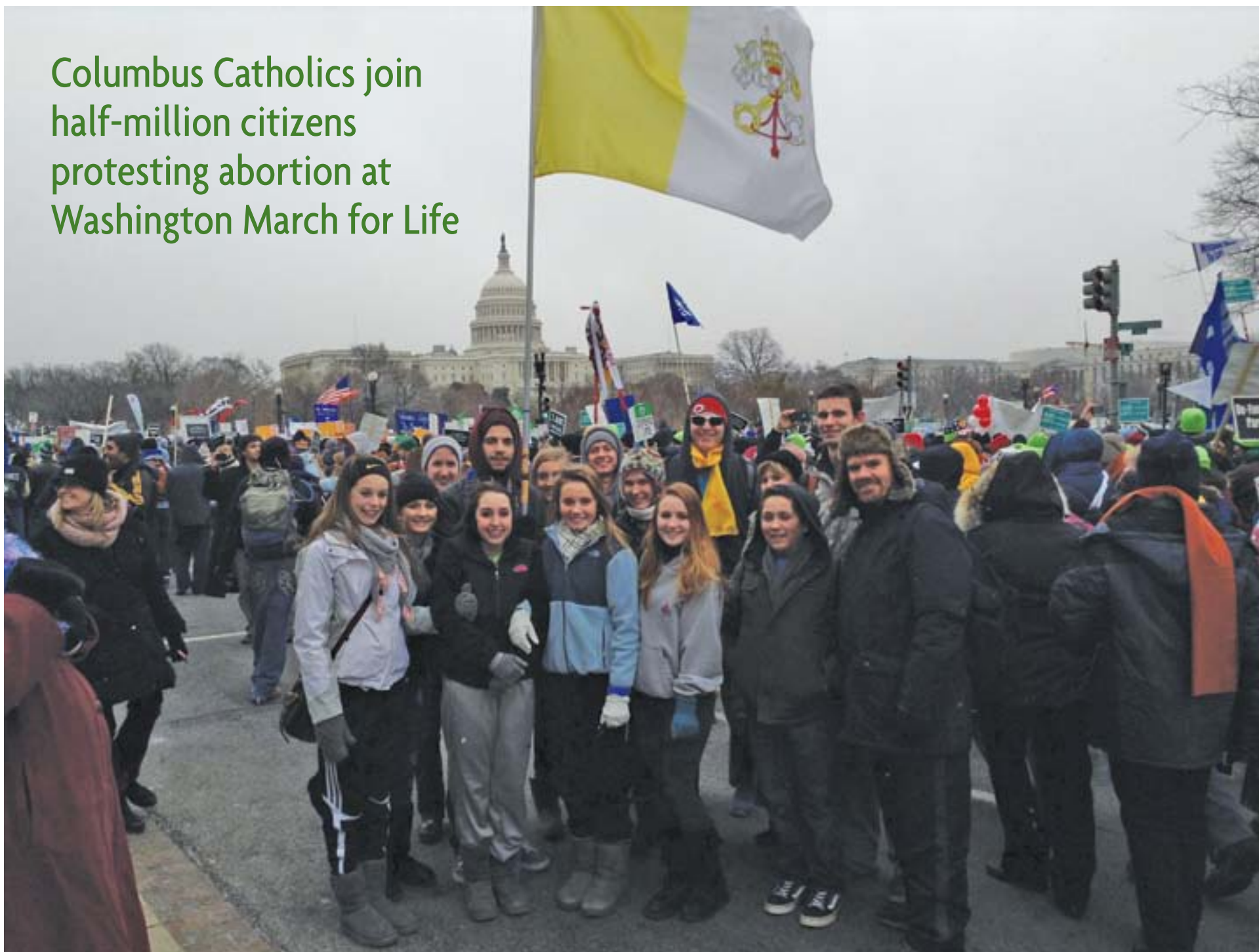
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The Editor's Notebook

40 years of death and the struggle goes on

By David Garick, Editor

It is now 40 years since the U.S. Supreme Court made its historic and tragic decision in *Roe v. Wade*. This year's observance was especially significant because we now have a national administration that has made it clear that it is committed to undermining all the steps that citizens have taken during the past three decades to restore some protections for the sanctity of life.

Government is a messy business. On most issues, there is room for a lot of difference of opinion. The rough-and-tumble world of politics usually serves the people well by allowing the system to weigh different approaches, to hammer out compromises and find consensus on what works best for the public good.

The problem comes in those cases where there are really no grounds for debate. Some things are just plain wrong. The sanctity of life is not a matter of opinion. It is not some theological abstraction that is unique to the Catholic Church. It is a fundamental rule of nature, and it can no more be overruled by court decision or congressional act or presidential decree than can the law of gravity.

Today, we see our government leaders and the self-proclaimed arbiters of national conscience in the media wringing their hands over the tragic slaughter of schoolchildren and teachers in Connecticut and other recent cases of gun violence. There is nothing wrong with that. We all should be appalled at this horrible act. But the really sad thing is that the evil embodied in these tragic shootings is no different from the evil that takes place with full government and social approval every day in America's abortion clinics. The 55 million children

slaughtered in the name of freedom of choice are just as dead as the 26 people who died at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The real evil is that our society is losing respect for life itself. Too many people have been desensitized to death. Too many people feel entitled to grasp at what their minds tell them is right for them through the use of lethal methods against others, whether those means involve weapons of war or weapons fashioned from modern medicine.

All life is precious, and the notion that people should be free to choose to end an innocent life simply because it is inconvenient is abhorrent. When our government leaders choose to take the position that people have the individual freedom to kill, we must stand up for what is right and say "NO!" We must communicate clearly and forcefully to those we have placed in elective office that we will not stand for the murder of innocents. We must continue to make it clear that abortion, infanticide, destruction of human embryos, assisted suicide and euthanasia, and the glorification of killing and death in entertainment are destroying the very souls of our people. These assaults on the very dignity of life are intolerable, no matter how many people may find them to be acceptable in their morally ambiguous secular philosophy.

The fight has gone on for 40 years. It must continue until right prevails, no matter how much we are vilified by the forces who guide conventional wisdom in this modern society. It is not a comfortable thing to do. But no one ever said following Christ would be easy.



USCCB CHAIR CALLS SENATE IMMIGRATION FRAMEWORK IMPORTANT FIRST STEP

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' committee on migration, welcomed principles set forth by a group of eight U.S. senators as a blueprint for reform of our nation's immigration system.

"I welcome the introduction of a bipartisan framework to help guide Congress on immigration reform," Archbishop Gomez said on Monday, Jan. 28. "It is an important first step in the process and sets a bipartisan tone."

The framework released by the "Group of Eight" would include a path to citizenship for the nation's 11 million undocumented immigrants. It also would reduce family backlogs in the immigration system, which require family members to wait years to reunite with their loved ones.

"It is vital that the framework includes a path to citizenship so that undocumented immigrants can come out of the shadows and into the light and have a chance to become Americans," Archbishop Gomez said. "It gives hope to millions of our fellow human beings."

Archbishop Gomez noted that the framework leaves room for improvement, as it fails to restore due-process protection to immigrants removed by the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act or to address the root causes of migration, such as the absence of living-wage employment in sending communities or protection for refugees fleeing persecution.

Nevertheless, he pledged the sup-

port of the USCCB in pushing sound immigration legislation forward and in working with Congress to create an immigration system which respects basic human rights and dignity, while also ensuring the integrity of our borders.

"A reformed system can protect human dignity and the homeland at the same time," he concluded.

In their 2003 pastoral letter, "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope," the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops outlined several policy goals for immigration reform, many of which are consistent with the framework outlined today by the U.S. Senate:

- A path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the nation;
- The protection and enhancement of the family-based immigration system, including reduction in backlogs and shortening of waiting times for husbands and wives and their families;
- A program which allows low-skilled migrant workers to enter and work in the United States legally and safely and includes appropriate wage and worker protections;
- The restoration of due process protections for immigrants removed by the 1996 Illegal Immigrant Responsibility Act; and
- Policies which address the root causes, or push factors, of irregular migration, such as the absence of living-wage jobs in sending communities, and persecution.

Correction - The January 27 edition of Catholic Times had an incorrect phone number to contact HandsOn Central Ohio for free bilingual tax return assistance through the Ohio Dominican University VITA program. The correct phone number is (614) 221-2255.

CRISTO REY INTERESTED IN HISTORIC SCHOOL BUILDING

Two different paths taken may have Cristo Rey Columbus High School and the Columbus Metropolitan Library arriving at the same historic destination and changing the course of students' lives forever.

Last week, the library announced it had negotiated a contract to purchase the former Ohio State School for the Deaf at 400 E. Town St. for \$2.1 million. The 2.24-acre property, situated between the Deaf School Park and the main library, includes the vacant four-story building completed in 1899 (pictured) which housed the school for the deaf until the school was moved to northern Columbus in 1953.

The building then was used for a variety of other purposes, most recently as an office building and to house the state welfare department. It has been vacant for about six years. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Cristo Rey Columbus High School is interested in using the former school building on that site for its permanent home. Last fall, both the main library and Cristo Rey discovered that each was interested in acquiring the property which includes the building.

"We were both pursuing it independently," said Jim Foley, president of Cristo Rey, a new Catholic college-preparatory school. "We need to find a permanent home for our school, and we are very interested in this particular building and its central, downtown location. This is the perfect location to allow us to serve students from all parts of the city."

The library has first rights to buy the property under an arrangement with the city of Columbus. Library officials envision that the property surrounding the former school building may be used as an outdoor plaza.

In a news release, Pat Losinski, the



library's chief executive officer, said, "Our interest in the parcel is inspired by Bryant Park in New York, which is connected to the New York Public Library and provides an outdoor reading room and green space for library customers."

If the library decides that it wants to develop the land surrounding the Deaf School building for its own use, but is not interested in the building itself, it could sell the building to Cristo Rey. The library board was to vote on the purchase of the site at its meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 30, after this week's *Catholic Times* went to press.

"We couldn't imagine a more perfect location for our students to attend school than in a historical school building adjacent to a nationally recognized library that, by the way, has been named the number-one library in the country several times," Foley said. "The juxtaposition of our two institutions would create an exciting synergy, advancing the important and complementary goals and missions of both entities."

"Our students could become immersed in the library experience and witness

firsthand the thousands of people from all walks of life who have incorporated the main library into a lifetime of learning," Foley continued. "Our staff, along with the library, would be instilling in our students the hunger for and habit of lifetime learning, and therefore helping prepare our students for college and a lifetime of success."

Foley said Cristo Rey will be ready to formally submit its proposed purchase and use of the school building to the library as soon as it is known how the library will undertake its decision-making process. He said Cristo Rey is continuing its due diligence on the possible purchase of the building.

Library spokesman Gregg Dodd agreed that the possible proximity of the school building and the library would be beneficial for everyone. "We've had some great conversations with the people from Cristo Rey," he said. "The potential for them to take ownership of the building is there, and we'd be very excited to work with them or whoever purchases the building. For Cristo Rey to move in would be a win-win."

Foley also said the Deaf School's lo-

cation near several institutions of higher learning and the offices of many companies provides another positive reason for Cristo Rey to try and locate there. "These are perfect companies, within walking distance, for us to engage with for our professional work-study program," he said.

That program is the signature component of Cristo Rey Columbus. It provides a national educational model in which businesses invest in student workers to make a Catholic, college-preparatory education possible for students who cannot afford it. Students work five full days a month in a professional office setting with the school's business partners. This allows them to pay for the majority of their education, gain job experience, grow in self-confidence, and realize the relevance of their education.

"Before the library indicated its intent to purchase the Deaf School property, our professional work-study program director, Carolyn Flahive, and I had already met with many of the companies in the Discovery District and surrounding area to discuss their participation in the work-study program," Foley said.

"Being located close to such great community-focused businesses as Motorists Insurance, Nationwide Children's Hospital, and Bricker and Eckler (all of whom are giving us jobs) and many other potential job sponsors would have a tremendous impact on our students' high school careers."

Cristo Rey Columbus High School, set to welcome its freshman class this August, is a high-performing, college-preparatory, co-educational Catholic high school for students from economically challenged families. When it opens in a temporary location at 840 W. State St., it will be the 26th high school in the national Cristo Rey network.



Front Page photo:

Young people from Columbus St. Catharine Church gather beneath a papal flag at the March for Life in Washington on Friday, Jan. 25. The pro-life demonstration marked the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion across the nation.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Episcopal



Did you study the first 10 recommendations on the level of the Universal Church this past week? I hope we were all able to choose three or more that we could do well throughout the rest of 2013. The three that I chose seem to be fairly easy to do, but, like so many other aspects of my faith, when it comes right down to it, it becomes very difficult to take the time. I have to schedule time to pray the rosary once a week, just like scheduling other appointments. I am trying to schedule time when we can pray the rosary together as a family. What a great way to spend 20 minutes together. And that is a whole 20 minutes, out of a total of more than 10,000 minutes in a week. Searching for the primary documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catholic Catechism can be a bit more time-consuming, but it provides a practical opportunity for us to further our grasp of our Catholic Faith. Many of us participate in a variety of continuing education seminars for our vocations and jobs or professional certifications. Why not continue our education in our faith? What a great way to participate in the Year of Faith and expand our knowledge of our Catholic Faith! I have gone to the website www.annusfidei.va, and it is really good. Check out the many resources to help us all experience a true renewal of our faith this year.

The second recommendations regarding the Year of Faith, provided by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome to help us better experience a renewal of our faith, are "On the Level of the Episcopal Conferences." As a quick note for all, the term "Episcopal" simply means or refers to the ministry and leadership of a bishop. 1. Episcopal Conferences, in light of the specific mission of bishops as teachers of the faith, should dedicate a day of study to the topic of faith, its personal witness, and its transmission to new generations. 2. The documents of the Second Vatican Council, along with the Catechism of the Catholic Church and its Compendium, are to be promoted, especially through the ease of electronic means and technology. 3. The aforementioned publications should be translated for languages which lack a current translation, and charitable initiatives of support in mission countries are encouraged. 4. Pastors should work to promote television, radio, films, and publications that focus on our faith, its principles, and its content. This should be done using the newest and most popular forms of communication. 5. The Saints and the Blessed are authentic witnesses of our faith. Bishops and pastors should promote knowledge of local Saints of their area or country, also by means of media. 6. The contemporary world is sensitive to the relationship between faith and art. Local artistic patrimony can be shared. 7. Educators, especially in seminaries and Catholic universities, should demonstrate the relevance within their disciplines of the Catholic Catechism. 8. It would be valuable to prepare pamphlets of information so that the faithful can better respond to questions that arise related to secularism and relativism. 9. Local catechism and Catholic curriculum should be examined to ensure their conformity with the Catholic Catechism. 10. This is also an appropriate time for our seminaries to be sure that our future priests have the proper Catholic Catechism in their theological studies.

Our practical challenge this week is to choose three more recommendations. I would suggest volunteering to work with your pastor to promote good and informative television, radio, and other media to focus on our faith. In much the same way, we can do the same regarding our Saints. A truly rewarding experience would be to organize a group in your parish to properly prepare pamphlets and materials to help your fellow parishioners better understand the particulars of our faith. Under the guidance of your pastor and parish clergy and religious, this is a great way to act and live your faith.

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

HENRY AND ANN OBERLING FUND



For the fifth straight year, Henry and Ann Oberling of Portsmouth presented \$10,000 to a scholarship fund for graduates of Portsmouth Notre Dame High School. The gift completes a five-year pledge made by the Oberlings and matched by the Scioto Foundation. Pictured are (from left) Mike Gampp and Kim Cutlip of the Scioto Foundation, and Henry and Ann Oberling. Photo courtesy Notre Dame Schools

Father Smith Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass for Father James Smith, who died Saturday, Jan. 5, at age 75, will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Columbus St. Matthias Church, where he was pastor from 1991 until his death. A reception will follow.

Father Smith, a priest for 47 years, also served as administrator, then pastor at Columbus St. Christopher Church from 1972-83 and as pastor at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church from 1983-91.

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NEW DIRECTOR FOR COLUMBUS RIGHT TO LIFE

Beth Vanderkooi is the new executive director of Greater Columbus Right to Life (GCRTL), replacing Ruth Yorston, who will remain involved with the organization as an active volunteer.

GCRTL is a grassroots pro-life education and advocacy organization serving the greater Columbus region. Its mission is to protect innocent human life from conception until natural death through edu-

cation, outreach, and advocacy. Vanderkooi will lead the day-to-day operations of the organization with a focus on program implementation, membership, development, and strategic planning.

She comes to the organization from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, where she was director of state policy for the last four years. She has been involved with pro-life activities since college and has been a GCRTL volunteer for seven years, serving as a member of its board for five years, and is a past president of the organization.

"I'm not sure that there is any one reason that I am pro-life," she said. "I've always had a special concern for the sick, the frail, the elderly, and the unborn. Our families and our communities will only strengthen when we pause from the hustle and bustle of our days to contemplate and protect the intrinsic value of every human life.

"As a society, when we think about being pro-life, our minds immediately go to efforts at the Statehouse or the courthouse. Those are necessary, and we will continue there in a supporting role. However, my goal, and the goal of GCRTL, is to take the conversation somewhere more important—your house—because it is around dinner tables and along sidewalks where we will win the hearts and minds of this generation to protect the next.

"We will measure our success when no woman feels like her best or only choice is an abortion, when no terminally ill grandparent turns to euthanasia, and



when we stop creating human embryos as a means to further science and research."

Vanderkooi is a native of Bellville, a graduate of Ashland University, and a member of Columbus St. Mary Church. Before working for the Farm Bureau, she was an Ohio Senate aide for five-and-a-half years, managed a statewide political campaign, and was an aide in the Ohio House of Representatives. As a legislative aide, she worked on several pieces of pro-life legislation and helped write the state's original human trafficking law.

She helped organize the recent Rally for Life at the statehouse and is making plans for sidewalk counselor training in February, the diocesan Catholic Women's Conference on Feb. 23 and the Catholic Men's Conference on March 2, the 40 Days for Life campaign during Lent, and apologetics training in April. She also is updating GCRTL's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

"One of my personal goals for GCRTL is that we increase our members and find more volunteers," she said. "Increasing our membership not only ensures that we have a larger source of volunteers, but it also will bring the financial stability that is necessary to continue our work. I'm looking forward to kicking off our 2013 membership and development campaigns in the next few weeks. I'd love it if we could grow to have a larger presence across all faith (and even non-faith), ethnic, and political backgrounds."

NEW ORGAN DEDICATION

The new organ for Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St., will be dedicated at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, during a service of solemn Evening Prayer (Vespers).

Father Jimmy Hatfield, pastor of the parish, will preside. Music will be provided by the St. Colman choir with Craig Jaynes, parish director of liturgical music. The program will feature works by Sumsion, Matthews, Coleman, Guilment, and Haydn.

The service will be the Catholic Church's traditional Evening Prayer (often called Vespers, or Evensong in the English tradition), part of the Liturgy of the Hours. The hymns, sung psalms, and chants will be those associated with that service. The choir will perform a series of choral works

with organ, selected to showcase the instrument's ability to accompany the congregation and worship, one of the prime considerations behind its design.

The organ also is more than capable of presenting the solo works of the great body of organ literature spanning the past several hundred years. The church plans an ongoing series of musical events with the instrument, including solo recitals, choral programs, and concerts with soloists and instruments.

On Christmas Eve, 2010, St. Colman Church celebrated the 125th anniversary of the first Mass in the church, culminating a multi-year process of renovation and restoration. The church's interior was gutted and completely rebuilt and redecorated to its current level of beauty.

Following the renovation, a group known as The Friends of Music at St. Colman began planning and fund-raising to provide the parish with a new organ. No parish funds were used for its purchase.

The new organ has 36 stops and three manuals (keyboards). It replaces a small two-manual, three-stop organ that was failing mechanically and was inadequate tonally to lead the choir and congregation, given the robust music program of the church. The new organ is tonally built to specifically fit the church's acoustics and space and its music program.

Jamestown Organ Works of Jamestown, Ohio, designed and installed the organ. The console is by R.A. Colby of Johnson City, Tenn., and the voices and control systems are by Walker Technical Co. of Zionsville, Pa.

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“Putting It on the Line”



Zanesville Rosecrans High School's mentor groups are taking part in a yearlong service project titled "Putting It on the Line," bringing various items of clothing each month to be given to community organizations. For December, the first month of the project, scarves, hats, and gloves were gathered for donation to National Road Elementary School. Altogether, 183 items were collected — 115 gloves and mittens, 57 hats, five scarves, and other miscellaneous items. Kim Prindle's mentor group led the way with 49 items donated. Members of the school's Key Club were in charge of the collection. Pictured are (from left) Michelle Jordan, National Road principal, and club members Thomas Boggs, Anna Boggs, and Tyler Boggs. Shoes, boots, jeans, pants, and socks are being collected in January. Items to be gathered for the rest of the school year are: sweatshirts and jackets, February; T-shirts and shorts, March; "everything is special," April; and recycled school uniforms, May. (Photo courtesy Rosecrans High School)

Beiting Center Internship

Summer internship programs are available at the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center in Louisa, Ky., for interested college and seminary students who are 21 or older. The internships will last from May 19 or sooner to Aug. 17 or later, offering a balance of prayer life and work. A partnership will be created between the institution, the student and the mission center.

The intern should wish to evangelize in the name of the Catholic Church in an ecumenical fashion, in an area with one of the smallest amounts of Catholics, both in terms of numbers and percentage, anywhere in the nation. The individual must have demonstrated leadership and organizational skills. During the summer, volunteer groups of as many as 60 people per week will be working with the center. The atmosphere can be hectic. The intern may be given an unfamiliar task and be expected to get it done, using logic and people skills. The intern will be involved in the details of managing volunteer groups at worksites.

The center is named for its founder, Msgr. Ralph Beiting, who served the Appalachian region for 62 years before his death on Aug. 9, 2012. An outreach ministry of the Diocese of Lexington, Ky., the center serves residents of the 50 counties of eastern Kentucky, as well as southeast Ohio and parts of West Virginia. Throughout the year and especially in the spring and summer, the center relies on volunteers to help with dozens of projects. During the peak months, it coordinates 600 high-school, college, and adult volunteers.

The deadline for applications is Friday, March 15. Applications must include a cover letter, resume, unofficial academic transcript, and completed application, along with internship requirements. For more information and the internship applications, go to www.fbamc-ky.org. Send information to volunteers@fbamc-ky.org or to Volunteer Coordinator, Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center, 332 Riverbend Road, Louisa KY 41230. The center's phone number is (606) 638-0219.

WHY GO TO MASS; RULES FOR EUCHARISTIC FAST



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. When our family members get together, Mass attendance always seems to come up. Most of them don't go, and they cite reasons such as hypocrites who do attend (especially cheating husbands) and priests who have abused children. They know that I go to church every week and I feel that I should speak up, but I don't know what to say. Can you tell me in simple words how to explain it, or should I just keep my mouth shut, since they probably are not going to change their ways anyhow? (Erial, N.J.)

A. The obligation to participate in the Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation is one of the commandments of the church. For some people, this is enough. They understand Mass attendance as a rule of membership; just as with any other organization, for the privilege of calling themselves Catholic, they agree to be guided by a certain code of conduct.

In your own situation, though, I think a different approach might be more persuasive. Best of all would be for you to tell your family what you feel you get from going to Mass -- that it helps to calm you, comfort you, center you; that it guides you and strengthens you in the way you live your life during the rest of the

week; that you value the Eucharist so much that you wouldn't deprive yourself of it, no matter how unfaithful any other Catholic had been.

Personally, as a believer in Jesus, it means a lot to me that the Eucharist was the one way Christ said he wanted his memory kept alive. When Christ was about to die, he could have said this to the apostles, his closest friends: "I don't want you to forget me when I'm gone. So every once in a while, go into your room, close the door and say in private the prayer I taught you."

He did something else instead. He said this: "Come together and support each other's faith. Tell stories about me and share your memories of me. And then have a meal together. I will actually be the food for that meal, and this will strengthen you to live the way I taught you -- until the day when we'll all be together again in the kingdom of my Father."

That's the Mass -- and that's why I like it and need it.

Q. I have been trying to find a current reference to the rules for the eucharistic fast. I've checked the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the documents of Vatican II and can find no help. I also brought up the U.S. (Conference of) Catholic Bishops' website, but there is

so much on it that I became frustrated.

When I was growing up in the 1940s and '50s, I had to memorize these rules, but unfortunately, I have forgotten them and I think that after Vatican II, these rules changed, but I am not sure. Can you help me? (Detroit)

A. The rule for the eucharistic fast is contained in the church's *Code of Canon Law*. Canon No. 919, Section 1, states that "a person who is to receive the most holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine."

In 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the requirement from a complete fast after midnight to a fast of three hours. In 1964, Pope Paul VI changed it to one hour, intending to encourage Catholics to receive the Eucharist more frequently.

The reason for the fast is to remind the faithful of the sacred and special nature of the eucharistic food; whereas earthly food provides physical nourishment for a time, the body and blood of Christ nourish the soul toward life eternal.

Canon No. 919, Section 3, clarifies that "the elderly, the infirm and those who care for them can receive the Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour."

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

WHY WE CHOSE NOT TO ABORT OUR BABY

By Bob Franz Jr.

Forty-one years ago, two years before *Roe vs. Wade*, my wife, Roberta, and I were confronted with an abortion decision. She was having great difficulty within the first weeks of her pregnancy with morning sickness, heavy bleeding, and cramping. Her gynecologist informed her that these kinds of cases generally abort naturally and, if carried to term, 50 percent of them result in a physically and/or mentally handicapped baby.

The doctor's theory was that the placenta was not completely attached, causing excessive bleeding and a lack of oxygen and nutrients to the fetus at this critical time of development. The only tool he had remaining in his arsenal was a hormone shot which might do the job of attaching the placenta. It was a chance. A natural abortion seemed inevitable.

The hormone shot did its work. After several days, the bleeding stopped. A natural abortion now seemed out of the question. But we had no idea of future complications. Now, should we have an unnatural elective abortion, or should we have a full-term baby who might be handicapped? The 50 percent chance of a deformed baby weighed heavily on our minds and hearts.

This was our fourth pregnancy. With three young children and this "unplanned" pregnancy five years after our last child, did we really want a fourth child? Could we afford a fourth child?

One evening, I asked Rob if she wanted an abortion. She quickly and flatly said "No." I said, "I fully agree." An elective abortion was out of the question regardless of the consequences, not only because it was against our Catholic Faith, but because it was an unnatural and selfish act on our part, and therefore against God's will.

It was our belief and understanding that abortion kills a living human being. It is a scientific fact that at conception, the embryo is composed of human genes -- a set of genes from the mother and a set of genes from the father which make the embryo a new, unique, and different living being, fully human and fully alive. Within six weeks, this human entity grows and develops into a recognizable human form with head, trunk, arms, and legs. From conception, the embryo is a human being, housed and nourished in the moth-



er's womb and very distinct from the mother's body because it is not OF the mother's body. The statement of the abortionists and those who espouse the "freedom of choice" position that says "my body, my choice" is irrelevant and false. By what authority does a woman have the "right" to kill that which is not OF her own body?

If we were to have a handicapped child, so be it. If this was God's will, with His grace we would handle all situations that would come up in the future.

The pregnancy went to full term. All the while, we went about our daily lives as if everything were normal, which to us it really was. We took Lamaze natural childbirth lessons. I was really excited that I would be in the delivery room to witness and support the delivery of our child. At that time, only the old St. Ann's Hospital on Bryden Road allowed the father in the delivery room.

Rob went into labor on the afternoon of July 22, 1971. In the labor room, Rob was given a shot and a saline solution. Her water didn't break at home, as it did for the other three pregnancies. We were told that her water was much more than normal. Were these signs of a potentially handicapped infant? Soon, Rob was taken to the delivery room, with me at her side. I felt like the most fortunate and blessed man in the world to be present at this precious time of newborn life.

I stood by her right side, held her hand, and encouraged her in her Lamaze breathing technique. Our child was born before our very eyes and was placed on Rob's belly, not far from where I stood. I reached down to place my hand on our new son's head. That's when the doctor yelled "Do not touch! This is a sterile area." I jerked my hand back and wondered why he was so tense. We later wondered if he was especially tense thinking that the baby would be handicapped and there we all stood. Even my sister Carolyn, a nurse at St. Ann's, stood in the doorway observing the proceedings. From all external appearances, our newborn son

was normal.

Traditional schooling didn't come easily for Doug. He was more of an observational learner. His first-grade teacher commented that Doug was very sociable, loveable, and likeable. His particular gifts of building relationships and caring for others were apparent early on. He watched others constantly, trying to discern their motives, gaining tremendous insight into the thinking and behavior of others. To this day, if I ask him something, he knows where I am coming from.

Doug attended Ohio Dominican College, first studying psychology and then finishing with a degree in theology. He married a wonderful woman and they have three young boys. But Doug didn't stop there. He searched his mind and heart for his purpose in life all along the way. He chose to obtain a master's degree in guidance and counseling, where he can now use his God-given gifts of teaching, personal relationships and insights, communication, and problem-solving for the benefit of students and others.

My point is this: The world is so much better with Doug in it. So many people -- students and parents, teachers and colleagues and friends, and his wife and children -- are so blessed to have

Doug in their lives. What if we had aborted him, as so many women do so blithely today?

Since *Roe vs. Wade* in 1973, there have been 50 to 60 million aborted children in the United States. What influence, what gifts, and what talents might they have offered that are missing in our nation and in the lives of many, many individuals?

Ladies, you have, by your birthright, the honor and sacred privilege of bringing new life into this world. This is an awesome and beautiful responsibility assigned to you by your Creator. It is a wonder and a miracle. What if the Blessed Virgin Mary had said "NO" and aborted her son?

My plea to pregnant women who find themselves in a predicament is this: "Please don't abort your child. Seek help if you feel that you cannot handle a new life. Pray! And respect new life from conception, on because life is so precious. Consider the alternative of offering your new life up for adoption. There are many couples waiting and yearning to adopt. We do not know who God is sending to us to make the world better."

Bob Franz Jr. attends the Church of the Resurrection, New Albany.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FATHER WILLIAM LYNN, SJ

A memorial Mass for Father William Lynn, SJ, will be celebrated in St. Turibius Chapel at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6.



Father Lynn, a priest of the Society of Jesus for 58 years, spent his entire priesthood as a seminary professor. He taught at the Josephinum for 28 years, from 1979-2007, and was loved and respected for his classes and spiritual direction. Alumni cherished his scholarly notes, and many continued to correspond with him after graduation.

During Father Lynn's time in Columbus, he made many friends in the community through his involvement in spiritual

groups and celebration of weekend Masses. Countless people whose lives he touched benefited from his wisdom and his peaceful presence.

Father Lynn died on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2012, his 90th birthday, at the Jesuit Retreat and Retirement Center in Wernersville, Pa.

Friends of Father Lynn are invited to join the Josephinum community for the memorial Mass, giving thanks to God for the many gifts he shared during his lifetime. A light reception will follow the liturgy. To assist with planning, please confirm your attendance with Maureen Cunningham at mcunningham@pcj.edu or (614) 985-2202.

THE PILL AS HEALTH CARE?



**MAKING SENSE
Out of Bioethics**
Father Tad Pacholczyk

Physicians will sometimes prescribe a hormonal regimen (in the form of a hormonal contraceptive like the Pill) to treat certain gynecological problems such as heavy menstrual bleeding, dysmenorrhea (painful periods), PMS (pre-menstrual syndrome), endometriosis, or other conditions like severe acne. In these cases, the Pill is used not as a contraceptive, but as a therapy for a medical condition.

This can be morally permissible under the principle of double effect, which allows for the treatment of a serious medical problem (the good effect), while tolerating its unintended consequences, when other less harmful treatments are not available. In this case, the unintended consequences would be the impeding of one's fertility and the potential health risks and side effects of the Pill (the evil effect).

Married couples sometimes may struggle with the question of whether a pathology is serious enough to warrant the therapeutic use of the Pill. The wife of one couple I worked with reflected on the matter and concluded, "Yes, the bleeding is intense, and I'm basically wiped out for at least two or three days each month, but it's not so debilitating that my husband and I can't manage, and we'd really prefer, morally and medically speaking, not to get mixed up with a powerful pharmaceutical like the Pill."

Other treatments beside the Pill may at times be available to remedy these medical conditions without having to impede fertility. Some young women, though, may be content to opt for a treatment that also offers more latitude for sexual activity. Approaching the medical use of the Pill in this way can raise concerns about ambiguous intentions. A friend of mine who dated several young women who were on the Pill for a medical condition described his own experiences and struggles this way:

"Those I know who have done this also tended to be the ones who were sexually active. ... I believe it does have an effect on one's psyche and soul. In fact, in the past I've dated two women who were doing this and it made it really, really hard at times to be chaste. When I brought up alternative ways to treat something that doesn't involve the Pill, they got very defensive. So I think it definitely blurs a line even in the minds of the most faithful Catholics who rationalize that this is what the doctor ordered."

Lines can blur not only in the minds of those who may be dating, but also in the minds of medical students, who may be taught to prescribe the Pill almost reflexively for various gynecological issues, rather than addressing the root cause of the problem. As Dr. Lili Cote de Bejarano has noted, "For most of these conditions, the Pill is only treating the woman's symp-

oms, while her underlying medical problem — the cause of the symptoms — remains unaddressed and undiagnosed."

Lines become further blurred when medical professionals start to insist that the Pill, taken purely to avoid pregnancy, is "health care." It is not, in fact, health care, but a lifestyle decision. This decision is frequently made in the midst of a cultural backdrop that encourages "neutered" sex in an endless array of forms, and sanctions the misguided view that "health" means we have the right to practice consensual indiscriminate sex without consequences.

The Pill, when chosen strictly for these contraceptive purposes, fails the test of being health care because it does not heal or restore any broken system of the human body. On the contrary, it actually breaks a smoothly working system — the reproductive system — by disrupting the delicate balance of hormonal cycles regulating a woman's reproductive well-being and fecundity.

When taken for lifestyle purposes, the Pill is quite the opposite of health care — being, in fact, detrimental to women's health — in light of its frequent side effects of weight gain, headaches, and depression, as well as its heightened and well-documented risk of thrombotic stroke, myocardial infarction (heart attack), and breast cancer. The International Agency for Research on Cancer, an arm of the World Health Organization, classifies hormonal contraception as a Group 1 carcinogen.

When a married couple has a proportionately serious reason not to become pregnant — for example, when pregnancy itself would seriously threaten the woman's life or health — they can opt for periodic abstinence during part of her cycle by assessing various indicators of fertility. This is sometimes referred to under the general heading of "Fertility Awareness Methods," and offers a morally acceptable, safe, and effective approach to spacing children.

To sum up, then, the use of the Pill for medical (non-contraceptive) purposes requires a disciplined approach to the matter. Alternative medical therapies should be seriously considered, the great good of fertility should be respected, and unspoken sexual agendas should not be allowed to trump the duty to exercise moral responsibility and sound medical judgment.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION'S CHALLENGE IN CHANGING TIMES GRANTS

The Catholic Foundation will begin accepting applications for The Challenge in Changing Times grants at noon on Monday, Feb. 11.

Parishes and Catholic elementary schools with a sponsoring parish may apply for grants, and all applications must be submitted online no later than noon Friday, March 8.

The Catholic Foundation also will host a grant workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12. All potential applicants are encouraged to attend. The workshop also will be available via a live webinar.

Grants in four categories are made possible by the endowments created through *The Challenge in Changing Times* campaign. For 2013, the following funds are available in each category:

Capital for Parishes, \$215,371
Catholic Elementary School Assistance, \$161,965
Evangelization and Care for the Poor, \$154,388
Assistance to Seniors, \$36,153

The maximum potential grant in each category cannot exceed 25 percent of the total available dollar amount. After reviewing all applications, The Catholic Foundation's grants committee awards grants to those within each category who demonstrate the greatest need.

Applicants will receive either a Phase II Invitation or a denial email by Thursday, April 18, and the grants committee will make final decisions by Monday, June 24. For complete application guidelines, directions, and frequently asked questions, visit www.catholic-foundation.org/grants/grants/.

If you have additional questions or would like to RSVP for the workshop, contact Amy Parker or Danielle Biancone at (614) 443-8893 or (1-866) 298-8893.

BLACK HISTORY FAIR

The annual Black History and Memorabilia Collector's Fair, sponsored by Black Catholic Ministries, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus.

The event is open to anyone who wishes to display, view, trade, buy, or sell collector's items, family treasures, and memorabilia. There is a fee of \$10 per display table. The deadline for vendor registration is Friday, Feb. 1. For more information, contact Lillian Jackson at Black Catholic Ministries at (614) 228-0024.



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Accepting the Grace of Confession

Why, oh, why do I procrastinate on the most important things — things like confession?

It's not like I don't know better. I once took my spiritual director's advice and went through a stretch of going to confession once a month. I remember how, though life wasn't any easier, it was more intentional in many ways. My last visit to confession, though, began like this: "Father, it's been — no, wait! Really?!? SEVEN MONTHS? Since my last confession."

Seven months was far too long for me to wait. No, I hadn't killed anyone. (Yet.) But even so, I could feel the weight — the weight of all those small sins and the addition of all those small steps away from God's grace. I was carrying a heavy load that I didn't even notice until it was gone. My penance that day was as ironic as it was suitable. Father gave it to me with a smile.

"Your penance is to teach RCIA tonight."



**Finding Faith in
Everyday Life**

Sarah Reinhard

"Awww, come on, Father! I was already going to teach RCIA tonight!"

"And the topic will be ... confession."

We both laughed. I'm still laughing.

I suspect that this sort of thing happens so much more easily when you have an ongoing relationship with your confessor, when he knows you individually. I've noticed something as a catechist in my parish and a Catholic adult. Kids have a far better feel for confession that we do. They believe me when I share my encouragement that they go to confession often

and soon. You only need to go to one youth event and see the lines of teens to see evidence.

So why don't the adults tend to act on this knowledge with the trust that the youth do? In my own life, it comes down to a combination of laziness and pride. I have to make the time to go. I have to arrange my schedule and figure out how and when and where. Then I have to humble myself enough to accept that the priest has (a) heard worse than what I'm bringing, no matter how bad I think I'm being, and (b) receives his own set of graces to forget and act as Jesus.

When's the last time you were at confession? When's the last time you went to meet Jesus with the spirit of humility and gave him the burden of your sins?

Go. Soon. Lent is coming, and you'll appreciate the Resurrection so much more deeply with a freshly cleaned soul!

Sarah Reinhard is the author of A Catholic Mother's Companion to Pregnancy and can be found online at SnoringScholar.com.

Sixth Annual Christian Unity Celebrations

About 100 people were in attendance at the Christian unity service which took place Friday, Jan. 18, at Columbus St. Peter Church. It started with a potluck in the Blue Room, followed by a prayer service in the church. Father Justin Reis, the church's pastor, one of seven ministers from Catholic and other Christian communities who were in attendance, welcomed everyone.

The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 24, verses 13-35, was read by the Rev. Ronald Botts, pastor of Highlands Presbyterian Church on Smoky Row Road.

The theme for this year's celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was "What Does God Require of Us?" (Micah 6:8).

The homilist, Father Jared Wicks, SJ, scholar in residence at the Pontifical College Josephinum, preached on Micah's prophetic call to spiritual, ethical, and practical worship in daily life: to do justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God. "Walking with



God" becomes concrete for Christians in chapter 24 of Luke's Gospel, which tells the story of the two disciples going to Emmaus. Jesus showed them that He

Himself sums up all of Scripture, doing this in a way which inflames hearts as His Word comes to dwell within. Our task is to give lifelong attention to Him,

who is our Lord and our companion on life's journey.

A message from the Rev. Rich Hagoian, pastor of Smoky Row Brethren Church, was read by Jayne Davis. It described the congregation's outreach ministry with other churches, including St. Peter. Food is donated by local establishments throughout the week. The food is sorted, packaged, and distributed on Saturday mornings to more than 3,000 people who stop by to receive adequate food for their households. More than 116 tons of food was distributed during 2012 through the Smoky Row Food Pantry and its network of volunteers. About 100 families had a complete Thanksgiving meal, and more than 150 children were given Christmas gifts. Clients have become volunteers and caregivers as they discover the simple truth that "generosity in the name of Jesus can change lives and carry people through sorrow." Those in attendance at the prayer service approached the altar with cash gifts to support this project.



AT ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE, CROWDS SHOW ENDURANCE, PASSION TO CONTINUE

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The tens of thousands of participants at the annual March for Life in Washington on Friday, Jan. 25, demonstrated how determined they are not only by showing up in such large numbers on a bitter cold day, but by continuing a 40-year tradition of protesting the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion.

"Forty years ago, people thought opposition to the Supreme Court's decision would eventually disappear," Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley told the crowd assembled on the National Mall for a rally before the march along Constitution Avenue to the front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

He noted that Nellie Gray, founder of the annual march, who died last year, "was not going to allow that to

happen," nor was the pro-life movement. "The march grows stronger every year," he said.

Various media outlets put the estimate for this year's March for Life crowd at between 500,000 and 650,000. An official crowd estimate has not been provided by police since about 1995.

Many speakers praised the resiliency of the crowd for braving a cloudy 20-degree day and standing on snow-dusted ground. They also spoke of the pro-life movement getting re-energized by young people who are becoming its new torchbearers.

Hundreds of high school and college groups were scattered in the crowd, their members texting, taking pictures, and creatively protesting by wearing pro-life stickers on their

faces and carrying placards in the backs of their jackets.

Their placards did not have jarring images or messages, but predominantly took a gentler tone, such as "Abolish Abortion Courageously" or "I Am the Pro-Life Generation."

Among the hundreds of busloads of young people attending from across the nation were several from the Diocese of Columbus. Students and youth ministers on those buses represented parishes including Columbus Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Victory, St. Agatha, St. Andrew, St. Catharine, St. Margaret of Cortona, and St. Patrick; Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Gahanna St. Matthew; Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton; and West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude.

Allee Ogden, an eighth-grader from Seton, said she was amazed at the size of the crowd.

"During the trip, I took pictures for

a March for Life report I am doing for my history class. I couldn't get a very good picture of all the people in the crowd, so Glenn (another participant) picked me up and put me on his shoulders," she said. "That made it as though I were eight feet tall, but even then, I could not see the end of the people marching. I was completely shocked at the thousands of people present."

"This trip, more than anything, showed me unity," said 17-year-old Sarah Rini, a fellow parishioner. "It showed me unity when Catholics from all over the country gathered at the Basilica (of the Immaculate Conception for a Mass on Thursday night), unity with other pro-life supporters at the March for Life, and unity with my own community through the entire trip."

"When you stand in the crowd of thousands and look around and just listen to the chants and all the praying and look at all the signs, something in you clicks and a passion to end this evil is ignited inside of you," said John Hoffman, an eighth-grader from Buckeye Lake.

Hannah Whisman, a 10th-grader from Seton, said the march made her grateful that she is from a pro-life family. "My mom had me when I was 18 years old," she said. "She wrote me a letter when she found out she was pregnant. She told me she was scared, but she loved me so much and that I was a blessing. My mom, if she was brought up in a different family, could have been pro-choice and I could have been one of those 55 million babies up in heaven

who have been aborted since the *Roe v. Wade* decision was issued on Jan. 22, 1973.

Jeanne Monahan, new president of the March for Life Education & Defense Fund, is 40 -- just as old as the movement protesting the decision. At the rally, Monahan praised Gray for her long dedication to the cause. Several speakers also credited her for getting the pro-life movement on its feet with the first march and leading each one until her death. During the rally, a video tribute to her was shown.

This year's rally did not include speeches by dozens of politicians. Nine legislators were announced and only a handful spoke.

Another new aspect at this year's rally was more use of social media technology, with speakers before the rally's start urging participants to tweet about the rally and follow March for Life on Facebook.

One tweet read to the crowd, which drew a loud cheer, was from Pope Benedict XVI. It said, "I join all those marching for life from afar, and pray that political leaders will protect the unborn and promote a culture of life."

Youth activist Rueben Verastigui had a message for the youths who made up the largest part of the crowd. "You can't just sit around waiting for change to happen. You have to get up and make it happen," he said.

He told them to be involved in pro-life work in their schools and said that even if they feel they are alone, they should remember this experience. "Look around, we are not alone. We are not the future of the pro-life movement; we are the pro-life movement," he said.

Mary Salmon, who has been coming to the march for 15 years, said she is energized by the march to continue her work in crisis pregnancy centers. Salmon, a parishioner from St. Andrew's Parish in Clifton, Va., said the movement cannot just keep responding to its opposition, but needs to take the lead. "We have to do something more," she said.

Cardinal O'Malley was the homilist for Thursday night's vigil Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. He described Nellie Gray as "the Joan of Arc of the gospel of life," saying he worked alongside Gray as a young priest in the 1970s. "She was an inspiration for myself and countless others. Surely, she continues to pray for us in her place for eternity," he said.

Cardinal O'Malley then focused on the direction in which he believes the pro-life movement should be headed by calling upon Catholics to work to change society's negative perception of adoption so it is seen as a better option than abortion for women, especially those facing a crisis pregnancy.

He said the Year of Faith, which runs through November, "is a call to a deeper conversion so we can become effective apostles of the Gospel of life in the new evangelization." Citing the Gospel reading for the Mass -- Mary's visitation to Eliz-

abeth -- he said "the Gospel of life is imperative to Christ's disciples."

"God is urging us to be defenders of life in the midst of the culture of death," he said in urging widespread efforts to change the perception that adoption is a bad choice for women.

THE PILLARS OF THE BASILICA

A reflection on the March for Life

by participant Morgan Cole, a 10th-grade student from Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church:

During the opening Mass of the annual National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, my eyes continued to drift toward the back of the Crypt Church, where I was standing for the Mass because of the sheer number of people in the church.

At the back, behind the altar, there stand 10 stone pillars of different colors and patterns. Each of the pillars represented the country or state where the stone was mined. Looking around, I noticed other such pillars along the edges of the room. Likewise, they were all different.

As I thought to myself, I began to realize how these pillars, though they all look different and come from different places, all must come together to support the Upper Church, the Basilica itself. We, as Catholics, must be just as these pillars. It does not matter the color of our skin, our age, our gender, our strengths or weaknesses. All that matters is that we join together and act as one to uphold the Catholic Church and her teachings.

The Mass itself was another reminder of this, for as you looked to one side to the other, you saw all sorts of people -- man and woman, young and old, black and white, tall and small. All of these people together, praying for the same cause -- the end of all abortions and a respect for life. We are the stone pillars of the Church, and if we work together, nothing can defeat that which we support.



Top of page (from left): Demonstrators make their way to the U.S. Supreme Court building during the March for Life; **A group from Columbus St. Patrick Church takes part in the march; Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley speaks at the opening of the Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Bottom:** Students from Pickerington Seton Parish and Columbus St. Patrick at the basilica. CNS photos by Daniel Sone and Nancy Phelan Wiechec; local photos from Joe Pishitelli (St. Patrick) and Seton Parish



COLUMBUS PRO-LIFE SUPPORTERS RALLY AND PRAY

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The executive director of the Greater Columbus Right to Life organization says the language now being used by supporters of abortion shows that the pro-life cause is winning more people over.

Beth Vanderkooi said abortion supporters are being forced to change what they feel is their strongest argument because their former rhetoric doesn't seem to have the effect it once did.

"We are all familiar with the old 'talking points' - abortion is a choice, abortion is a right, abortion should be safe,

legal, and rare," she said at the Ohio Statehouse on Tuesday, Jan. 22, during the annual Rally for Life sponsored by her organization. "Anyone who dared to disagree was guilty of waging a 'war against women.'"

Vanderkooi said recent polls and studies indicate support for that position is waning. Most recently, a story published on the front page of *The Columbus Dispatch* of Sunday, Jan. 20, noted a 2012 Gallup poll showed that 50 percent of those surveyed labeled themselves as pro-life, a 32-percent turnaround from when Gallup started asking the question 18 years earlier. At the same time, the percentage of those responding who said abor-



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Photos, clockwise from left: Bishop Frederick Campbell speaks at the Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral; scenes from the Statehouse Rally for Life. Beth Vanderkooi is the speaker. CT photos by Ken Snow (Mass) and Jack Kustron (rally)



tion should be either strictly limited or banned altogether rose in that span to 59 percent, an increase of eight percentage points.

"They (pro-abortion forces) are starting to lose, and in response, they have changed their rhetoric," said Vanderkooi, who as a longtime legislative aide at the Statehouse is familiar with the nuances of political language.

"They are now telling society that abortion is a complicated issue and not to be hasty to judge or jump to an extreme position.

"I respond that an unplanned pregnancy is a complicated issue, but that we should open our arms to mother and baby and promote a society that loves

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them both," she said. "Abortion is complicated, but only because those who push it on us have been successful in clouding the issue. But once you sort through their rhetoric and their well-funded conclusions, you start to see the truth - a baby is a baby is a baby, and it deserves the right to life. ... There is nothing complicated about that."

She noted that the good news about public support for pro-life activities was tempered locally by an announcement that the Complete Healthcare for Women abortion provider plans to open a facility "just steps from Seton Parish in Pickerington," in addition to its office on Cleveland Avenue in northern Columbus.

Vanderkooi and three other speakers were cheered by a crowd of about 100 people who came out in 11-degree temperature and a wind chill of minus-4 degrees to show their support for the pro-life cause on the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion in the United States. The scheduled hourlong program was cut to 40 minutes because of the weather.

Among those braving the chill was Barb Herman of West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church, who said she came because "I feel like I have to put my money where my mouth is. I've been an active pro-life supporter for many years. It's just a continuous battle and we can't give it up."

Jesse Roberts of Dublin St. Brigid of

Kildare Church, a new member of the Right to Life board, said, "The cause has become a passion to me the more I realize what's at stake, I want to get really immersed in it, so I had to be here." Another first-timer at the event, Phil Chafin of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, said, "I'm just concerned for the children who may be victims of abortion. They need everyone's help."

Also speaking was state Rep. Cheryl Grossman, R-Grove City, Ohio House majority whip, who noted that during the 2011-12 session of the state Legislature, lawmakers passed several bills which demonstrated their commitment to doing all they can to prevent life.

She said House Bill 63 revised the state's Judicial Bypass for Parental Consent law. This bill strengthens current law by requiring a "clear and convincing evidence" standard, requires judges to specifically inquire about a minor's understanding of the possible physical complications of an abortion, and requires judges to question how much the minor has been prepared to respond to such questions.

House Bill 78, the Viable Infants Protection Act, prohibits abortion after 20 weeks, when a child is proved to be viable and can live outside the womb. House Bill 79 excludes abortion coverage from the state exchange created in the federal health care reform law.

House Bill 153 (the state budget bill) contains several important provi-



Monica Siemer of Columbus Christ the King Church (holding sign) is surrounded by others who attended the Statehouse Rally for Life in spite of 11-degree weather. CT photo by Jack Kustron

sions. It includes protection of student groups such as pro-life and Christian clubs on college campuses by preserving their right to use and benefit from school funds and facilities without being forced to compromise their mission or beliefs. It also includes a provision that the Ohio Department of Health apply for federal abstinence education grants to reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies.

In addition, it also contains a ban on taxpayer-funded coverage of non-therapeutic abortions in insurance plans of local employees, including employees of counties, school districts, and regional transit authorities, and it prohibits the performance of abortions at taxpayer-funded public hospitals.

Longtime local pro-life activist Alicia Healy included several references to Scripture in her talk. "We do not turn away from the great national sin" of abortion, she said. "Those of us who are spiritual understand the spiritual effects of the culture of death. Actions have consequences. When you elect representatives who choose life, you have a culture of life. When your representatives choose wickedness, it leads to a culture of death."

She challenged Republicans who make up the majority in both houses of the Legislature to live up to the party's past and take an even stronger pro-life stance. "The party that ended slavery should end abortion," she said.

The closing speaker, Rev. John Coats II, senior pastor of the Columbus Metropolitan Church of God in Christ, reminded the audience that someone

who is pro-life must respect life in all its forms, and in doing so must oppose human trafficking as modern-day slavery, support the growth of foster care and adoption programs, and be an advocate for people in nursing homes and other care facilities.

He quoted from God's promise to Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

"Abortion is wicked, yet abortion is legal," Coats said. "Choose the culture of life and it will bring about the healing of our land."

Other clergy appearing on the program were Father Donald Franks, pastor of Columbus St. Mary, Corpus Christi, and St. Ladislav churches, who delivered the invocation, and the Rev. Howard Williams of the Victorious Life Christian Center, who said the closing prayer.

The rally was preceded by the annual Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell. In his homily, Bishop Campbell said the day was a "sad anniversary."

"We must redouble our efforts to change hearts and minds about the grave questions of human life and dignity," he said. "After 40 years of widespread abortion, many people's sensitivity to the dreadfulness of the violent death of the unborn can be dulled. Their consciences must be reawakened."

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Jesus' hometown crowd quickly turns hostile



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Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19
I Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30

We probably know more about Jeremiah's personal life than about any other prophet's. He pretty much wears his heart on his sleeve and lays it bare to all who care to look. As he looks back at his life, he says at the beginning of this written work that he sees how the Lord was with him, even from within the womb.

Not only has he realized that call from his earliest days, but he also realizes that he did so, convinced that the Lord would be with him throughout his prophetic life. He probably had to suffer rejection and mockery before he realized that the Lord was with him, but this written work is a retrospective account of his prophetic life.

Most scholars agree that the book underwent various revisions over the years and that Baruch the scribe was instrumental in the writing of the book. There is widespread similarity between Jeremiah, the Books of Kings, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, and the two Books of Samuel. Those works combine in scholarly circles to form what has been called the "Deuteronomistic History."

That means that all those works are thought to have been written under the influence of a school of thought which used similar words and phrases throughout. Taken together, they all suggest that if the Israelites will obey the statutes and ordinances and decrees of the Lord God, then things will go well with them in the land. If they violate or ignore those statutes, ordinances, and decrees then things will go badly.

Jeremiah was written near the end of that period,

when it had become clear that the critical punishment which had been threatened by prophets for years was now upon Israel, which is about to go into exile in Babylonia.

The Gospel reading shows how quickly people's feelings about a prophet like Jesus can pass from favor to rage. At the beginning, the people "spoke highly of him and were amazed at his gracious words (his eloquence, perhaps?)." At the end of the passage, "they were all filled with fury ... and led him to the brow of the hill ... to hurl him down headlong."

What got him in trouble? Anyone who has ever had to deliver a challenge to a congregation knows that it doesn't take much. In this case, because the people in the synagogue thought they knew him ("Isn't this the son of Joseph?"), he responds, "Amen, I say to you no prophet is accepted in his own native place." He goes on to illustrate his point by referring to some of the great deeds done by the Old Testament prophets Elijah and Elisha.

The incident takes place in Nazareth, which is the town where he was raised, but his fame and notoriety will arise from the time he spends in the Sea of Galilee area. This is not surprising, since it is a familiar routine. A son or daughter leaves home and becomes famous in something. For the home folk, that person remains "our boy or girl." The idea that he or she might grow up to become "someone" does not compute. So it was with Jesus.

The people of his "hometown" wanted to see him "perform," as they had heard he had done elsewhere. That attitude betrayed a certain unbelief, which boiled into rage when he basically exposed their duplicity. His healing power and teaching authority just does not have the same effect "at home" as it does elsewhere.

Paul's ode to love in the second reading becomes the model for all Christian behavior. If we are without love, then we are nothing. In love, we were created. In love, we are sustained. Let us pray we die in love.

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

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Hebrews 11:32-40
Psalm 31:20-24
Mark 5:1-20

TUESDAY
Hebrews 12:1-4
Psalm 22:26-28,30-32
Mark 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY
Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15
Psalm 103:1-2,13-14,17-18
Mark 6:1-6

THURSDAY
Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24
Psalm 48:2-4,9-11
Mark 6:7-13

FRIDAY
Hebrews 13:1-8
Psalm 27:1,3,5,8-9
Mark 6:14-29

SATURDAY
Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21
Psalm 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 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.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ's and WWHO's cable channel listings.
Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)
(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).
Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

DAILY MASS
8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

Catholic Schools Help Keep Our Catholic Identity

With the direction in which our society is headed, the need for Catholic schools is greater than ever. Our children are becoming immersed and shaped by a culture that is increasingly attacking our Catholic faith. I don't want this column to simply be another one that says Catholic schools are a good thing; I want the reader to understand why they are a good thing and why we need more of them.

In 1965, Catholic school population peaked across the United States. There were many reasons for this, two of the larger ones being that Catholic families were

larger, while tuition rates were low or nonexistent because religious sisters were being paid next to nothing. Today, the size of the Catholic family is much smaller and tuition rates are much higher. However, so, too, is the average Catholic family's income. Whereas we once were toward the bottom of the economic totem pole, now we are near the very top. Sadly, Catholics are giving far less as a percentage of income than they did in the 1950s and early 1960s. As a matter of fact, when Catholic incomes began to rise in the late 1960s and 1970s, it seems too



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

many Catholics responded by showing God very little gratitude and giving the Church less and less.

In many evangelical churches and Jewish synagogues, members are told what they are to give, based on their income, which in turn greatly subsidizes schools and social programs. We depend on the generosity of our parishioners. We can do

better. We need to build parishes and schools where people live, but our good Bishop Frederick Campbell can't do that unless he has the money to undertake such an effort. Can you imagine living in a growing area, only to find out that your favorite grocery store expects you to drive a good distance rather than build near you? As you know, it doesn't work that way; otherwise, those grocery stores would be out of business.

This is not to say any-

thing negative about parish schools of religion or CCD. They do the best they can with the limited amount of time they have, which is generally 30 to 35 sessions a year, while Catholic schools are in session over 185 days.

As parents, we might want to ask who we want to shape our children's minds -- the teachings of Christ and His Church, or the latest whims of pop culture? While faith formation and stellar academics are the hallmarks of Catholic schools, these schools also foster a great community atmosphere. I am willing to bet that I am not alone in the fact that my closest friends are still those I met during my grade school and high school days at St. Mary's and Marion Cath-

olic in Marion during the 1970s and 1980s.

Some people have complained that the faith formation aspect of Catholic schools is not what it once was, yet it is certainly much better than in the warm and fuzzy period that was the 1970s. My personal experience is that our local parish and diocesan education efforts are better than they have been in the last 50 years. We need to build on these efforts to keep our faith front and center in a world that so desperately needs to feel its love, grace, and truth.

Hartline is the author of *The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism* and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

New Pickerington abortion clinic to bring death to home that once celebrated life

By Tricia Kasson

Even though I cannot remember the best day of my life, I am convinced it is forever changed. The day was a November Sunday in 1988, the day I was welcomed into the Catholic Church. After the sacrament of Baptism, my family celebrated at my grandparents' house. The home was filled with joyful people celebrating the beauty of new life and the richness of faith.

Through the years, I would continue to experience the fullness of life in those same rooms: more sacramental celebrations, sleepovers with my cousins, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The quaint home often welcomed me with the smells of apple crisp or peach cobbler, with laughter, and, most importantly, with love.

Recently, my grandparents had to sell that house. Unbeknownst to them, the buyer was Dr. Mervyn Samuel. When questioned by realtors, the doctor said he operated an obstetrics and gynecology clinic that offers counseling and adoption services. The clinic might offer counseling and adoption referrals, but it also ends the new and beautiful life that was once celebrated in the same home. The rooms have now been remodeled and the windows cemented shut in preparation for the grand opening of a new abortion clinic.

I am writing this letter because I think it

is important to be informed on what the abortion industry tries to hide -- manipulation, greed, and ultimately death. And more importantly, to ask for your commitment to pray for the end of abortion, the destruction of this new clinic, and the conversion of both Dr. Samuels (father and son) and their staff. This is a tragedy not only for my family, the community of Pickerington, and central Ohio, but for all of humanity. Let us take time to reflect during this period set aside to celebrate human rights and honor the courage of a leader, Martin Luther King. How are we being asked to manifest that same courage and passion for life?

Satan can be deceiving. Satan can be cruel. Satan can try desecrating the sacredness of life and family. Satan can try to steal all the happy memories I cherish in that house. But he will not succeed. Satan is not all-powerful, all-knowing, or ever-present. He must cringe at the sound of Our Lady's name, remembering how she crushed his head with the power of love. "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive" (Matthew 21:22).

As the president of Franciscan University proclaims, "The age of casual Catholicism (Christianity) is over; the age of heroic Catholicism (Christianity) has begun."

Tricia Kasson is a member of Columbus St. Patrick Church.

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St. Mary Church, Delaware

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St. Matthias Church, Columbus

BUCKINGHAM, William L., 91, Jan. 21
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

BURLING, Maralee, 70, Jan. 19
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

CARNEY, Margaret “Peg,” 74, Jan. 25
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

CLARK, Michael D., 84, Jan. 25
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

CROOK, Penny, 56, Jan. 22
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

DELANEY, Chauncey R., 84, Jan. 24
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

Richard L. Walker

A memorial Mass for Richard L. Walker, 79, who died Monday, Jan. 14, was held Saturday, Jan. 26, at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, where he served as football coach from 1960-66.

He was born in Cleveland, was a graduate of John Carroll University, which has inducted him into its athletic hall of fame, received a master’s degree from The Ohio State University, and served in the Army as a lieutenant.

His coaching record at Watterson, where he also was a history teacher, was 51-11-3. His unbeaten 1966 team finished first among large schools in the Ohio Associated Press and United Press International polls, making the Eagles unofficial state champions, since there was no state postseason tournament at the time. The highlight of that

DOWELL, Donald, 89, Jan. 12
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

DUEMMEL, Margaret “Peggy,” 76, Jan. 22
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

EBERLE, Virginia R., 90, Jan. 26
St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Pickerington

FERGUSON, Kay, 64, Jan. 13
St. Mary Church, Bremen

FRENCH, Dorothy F., 82, Jan. 25
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

GERARDI, Judith E., 66, Jan. 24
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

GRANNIS, Mary J., 86, Jan. 17
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

HALLAM, Kenneth W., 79, Jan. 23
St. Luke Church, Danville

HILL, Helen, 93, Jan. 15
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

year was a 32-0 victory in the season finale against Upper Arlington, which broke the Golden Bears’ 28-game winning streak and was the first high school football game to be televised live in central Ohio.

He then became an assistant coach for college and professional teams, including the University of Toledo, the U.S. Naval Academy, Ohio State, the New England Patriots, and the Pittsburgh Steelers, with whom he was a part of two Super Bowl champions. He also coached in the U.S. Football League and the Canadian Football League and at other high schools before going into semi-retirement in Las Vegas, where he died.

Survivors include his former wife, Eleanor; sons, Thomas (Dianna) and Brad (Angela); daughter, Kim (Dick) Kurth; and five grandchildren.

HUMPHREYS, James L., 78, Jan. 22
Holy Trinity Church, Jackson

INGRAM, Elizabeth L., 92, Jan. 23
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

JAMES, Susan F., 75, Jan. 18
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

KUHN, Evelyn L., 84, Jan. 24
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

LAHNA, Winifred, 90, Jan. 21
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

LENNON, Joyce E., 59, Jan. 26
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

MARTINI, Blanche M., 94, Jan. 17
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

MENSING, Henry E., 85, Jan. 24
St. Paul Church, Westerville

NOBLE, Catherine M., 80, Jan. 21
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

PORGINSKI, Herman, 88, Jan. 21
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

REES, Verna J., 86, Jan. 19
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

REISS, LaVerne A., 91, Jan. 21
St. Michael Church, Worthington

ROBISON, Marvin L., 84, Jan. 22
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

ROBINSON, Marguerite O., 79, formerly of Columbus, Jan. 26
St. John the Evangelist Church, Naples, Fla.

STERZINAR, Olga A., 75, Jan. 21
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

STRAQUADINE, Edith L., 83, Jan. 24
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

WALTER-MARCO, Jennifer L., 43, of Columbus, Jan. 25
Guardian Angels Church, Copley

WEISER, William L., 83, Jan. 25
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

WILBUR, William L., 81, Jan. 25
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

YONKER, Raymond J., 96, Jan. 20
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

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Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Catholic Man of the Year Luncheon
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club meeting, with Bishop Frederick Campbell presenting diocesan Catholic Man of the Year award to Joe Buttress of Columbus St. Christopher Church. Details at www.columbuscatholicmen.com.
St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, and baked goods. **614-882-7578**

‘Clergy Who Cook’ at Josephinum

7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. “Clergy Who Cook” fund raiser for seminarians. **614-985-2234**

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.

2, SATURDAY

Mary’s Little Children Prayer Group

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

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**

NFP Class at Newman Center

10 a.m. to noon, St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. First of five Natural Family Planning classes taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the symptothermal method. Cost \$65 per couple; preregistration required. **614-241-2560**

Bosco Bash at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

2 to 9 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Bosco Bash rally for students from grades six to eight, sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. **614-241-2565**

Candlemas Service at Columbus St. Patrick

5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass of Our Lord’s Presentation at the Temple, followed by blessing of candles and candlelight procession through church, with traditional Dominican chant and oblatio candelabrum, a special Dominican custom.

Columbus St. Mary School Gala and Auction

7:30 p.m., Columbus Athenaeum, 32 N. 4th St., Columbus. Eighth annual gala and auction benefiting Columbus St. Mary School, honoring Sister Regina Snyder, OSF, former principal. **614-445-9668**

Filipino Mass at Holy Cross

7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. 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. “A Social History of International Volunteering in Central America” with

Katherine Borland of The Ohio State University.

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**

NFP Class at St. Nicholas

2 to 4 p.m., St. Nicholas Church, 955 E. Main St., Zanesville. First of four Natural Family Planning classes taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the symptothermal method. Cost \$65 per couple; preregistration required.

Cathedral Concert Series

3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Concert featuring Roberta Gary, professor of organ at University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, with cathedral organists and chamber orchestra.

Scout Day With the Bishop

4 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Annual Scout Day with the Bishop program, with Bishop Frederick Campbell honoring diocesan Scouts who have received religious awards.

‘Catholicism’ at St. Andrew

6:45 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Part 6 of Father Robert Barron’s “Catholicism” video series, followed by small-group discussion. Also at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6. **614-451-4290**

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

Marian Prayer Group

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for Catholic family life. **614-235-7435**

Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Thomas

7 p.m., St. Thomas Church, 2692 E. 5th Ave., Columbus. Meeting of Charismatic Prayer Group. **614-832-9525**

Vatican II Video Series at St. Pius X

7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Wagoner Road, Reynoldsburg. “Human Dignity,” third of five parts of “The Faithful Revolution” series of hourlong videos on the Second Vatican Council. **614-866-2859**

4-6, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Parish Mission at St. Edward

7 p.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville. Parish mission featuring Father Richard Sparks, CSP, speaking on “Being Catholic in the 21st Century: What Really Matters.” Identical presentations will be made after 9 a.m. Mass on same days.

5, TUESDAY

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting

Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting with Father Giles Mary of the Friars of St. Francis. Reservations required.

‘Encourage’ Support Group Mass and Meeting

6 p.m. Mass, followed by 7 p.m. meeting of a new Columbus-area Catholic organization providing solace, support, and counsel for parents and relatives of those with a same-sex attraction. **614-372-5249**



BOOK REVIEW

C.S. Lewis' exploration of Christian faith inspires new generation

MERE CHRISTIANITY

By Jonathan Luxmoore
Catholic News Service

In a wooded suburb of this fabled university city, a battered typewriter sits on a desk beside a bay window that overlooks a tangled landscape of oaks and beeches.

Nearby, ancient bookshelves guard a leather armchair surrounded by wall maps and pictures depicting a fantasy world.

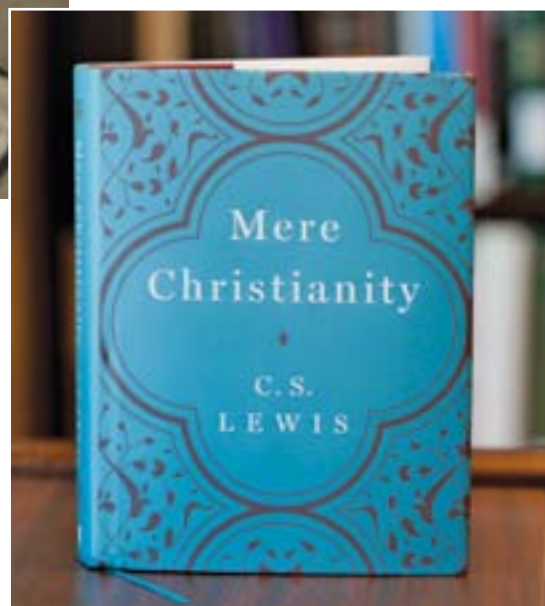
When Clive Staples Lewis bought The Kilns, a former brick factory, in 1930, he used its remote calm to produce a stream of Christian stories, the best known of which, "The Chronicles of Narnia," has since sold 100 million copies in more than 45 languages.

But Lewis also gained renown for his Christian apologetics. His "Mere Christianity," published in 1952, was rated "best religious book of the 20th century" by the U.S. magazine *Christianity Today*.

Until now, Lewis has been largely ignored at Oxford University, where he taught for three decades until his death in 1963. He has gained greater recognition in the U.S., where the Episcopal Church celebrates a "Holy C.S. Lewis Day" each November.

With interest growing, however, and three books of the Narnia series now blockbuster films, things are changing.

"Lewis wasn't a professional theologian, but his sense of the world Christianity portrays was just as profound as the best modern theologians," said Judith Wolfe, an expert on the author and a theology faculty member of Oxford's St. John's College.



total disbelief, acting a part, eating and drinking my own condemnation."

When Lewis returned to the Anglican faith at Oxford in 1931 -- thanks to the devoutly Catholic Tolkien, author of "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy -- he described himself as "the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England."

Although Lewis disappointed Tolkien by declining to become a Catholic, he was sympathetic to the Catholic doctrines of confession and prayers to the saints. His return to faith released new powers of imagination and launched him on a fresh career as an interpreter who popularized Christianity.

Lewis' "Mere Christianity," based on wartime broadcasts for the BBC, tackled popular objections to Christianity, stripping it to its essentials with simple arguments and observations.

Diarmaid MacCulloch, professor of church history at Oxford, said Lewis' nondenominational approach to Christianity explains his popularity in the U.S. and is giving him renewed appeal today.

"Lewis has become a standardbearer for conservative Christians when religion seems to be undergoing a great realignment between the forces of tradition and change," MacCulloch told Catholic News Service. "This tension runs across the theological categories and can now unite a conservative Catholic with a conservative Protestant, something which wouldn't have happened half a century ago."

Other experts concur that Lewis succeeded in capturing the Christian imagination, while the theological abstractions of churches often seemed too highbrow.

In "The Screwtape Letters," a series of imagined exchanges between an older and younger devil, Lewis satirized human weakness and self-deception, showing how Christian communities could be corrupted with "uneasy intensity and defensive self-righteousness."

"People are picking up intuitively again on the timeless religious element in his books, even if they're not directly aware of their fundamentally Christian message," the priest said.

Lewis was raised in the Anglican Church of Ireland, but abandoned his faith in school, recalling in "Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life" how he had received Communion "in



Walter Hooper, an American Catholic who was living with Lewis at the time of his death, remembers the author as affable and hard-drinking, but also as a man who sincerely attempted, against difficult odds, to live a Christian life.

Now 81 and a trustee of Lewis' estate, Hooper has edited Lewis' letters and diaries, some of which were rescued from a bonfire two months after the writer's death.

He agreed that interest in Lewis also is growing among Catholics.

During a 1988 Cambridge University lecture, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger praised Lewis' rejection of "destructive relativism."

Hooper recalled how Blessed John Paul II also revealed a knowledge of Lewis' works when the two met during a 1988 general audience in Rome and the late pope lauded his 1960 work, "The Four Loves," as well as Lewis' devotion to a practical apostolate.

"Lewis owed it to his fans to avoid complexities and set Christianity's core beliefs in place," Hooper told CNS.

"But he was adamant those core beliefs, the deposit of faith, must always remain, no matter how things change. If you get rid of Christianity's sense and meaning, you'll have nothing to come back to," he said.

Lewis has been criticized by atheists in Britain and the U.S., while many professional theologians still maintain a haughty disdain for him.

But Hooper predicted Lewis' contribution to popularizing Christianity will gain ever greater acknowledgment, especially when the Christian faith appears in danger of being ignored.

"Because the academics wouldn't touch him, it's taken a long time for his creativity to be taken seriously. But Lewis couldn't deal with anything without illuminating it, and I think many people are now appreciating the inspirational power which runs through his work," he said.

NEWS IN PHOTOS
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A national Mass of thanksgiving for the canonization of St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Marianne Cope is celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on Jan. 26. The images of the two new U.S.-born saints that flanked the sanctuary were on loan from the Vatican. These banners hung from St. Peter's Basilica during the two saints' Oct. 21 canonization ceremony.
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Relatives and nuns attend a Jan. 27 wake for victims of a fire that occurred early that morning at the Boate Kiss nightclub in Santa Maria, Brazil. The blaze raced through the crowded nightclub in southern Brazil, killing more than 230 people as the air filled with deadly smoke and panicked partygoers stampeded toward the exits, police and witnesses said.
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A nun is seen in the window of a "baby hatch," or "Window of Life," inside the Sisters of Our Lady of Loreto residence in Warsaw, Poland, on Dec. 16. When the Polish capital's first "Life Window" was dedicated in 2006, it was one of dozens newly installed around Europe as a safe place for unwilling mothers to leave their babies.
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SOCIAL NETWORKS NEED MORE LOGIC, LOVE AND LESS RANTING, RAGE, POPE SAYS

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

Social media need to promote more logic, kindness and Christian witness than bluster, star status and division, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Given that the online world exposes people to a wider range of opinions and beliefs, people need to accept the existence of these other cultures, “be enriched by it” and offer others what “they possess that is good, true, and beautiful,” the pope said.

Christians are called to bring truth and values to the whole world – online and off – remembering that it’s ultimately the power of God’s word that touches hearts, not sheer human effort, he said in his message for World Communications Day.

The theme of the 2013 celebration – marked in most dioceses on the Sunday before Pentecost, this year May 12 –

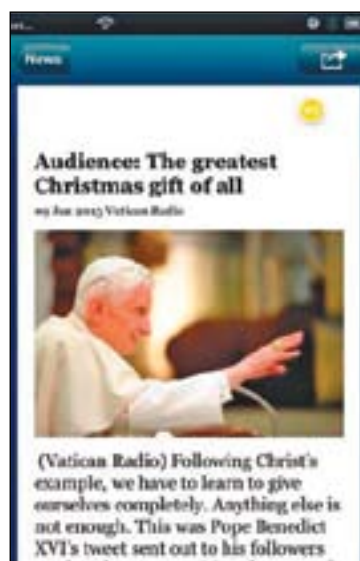
is “Social Networks: Portals of Truth and Faith; New Spaces for Evangelization.” The papal message was released on Jan. 24, the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron of journalists.

Social media “need the commitment of all who are conscious of the value of dialogue, reasoned debate, and logical argumentation,” the pope said.

Social forums need to be used wisely and well, which means fostering balanced and respectful dialogue and debate, he said, and paying special attention to “privacy, responsibility, and truthfulness.”

Too often, popularity – garnered either from fame or strategic powers of persuasion – determines the “significance and effectiveness” of online communication, not “intrinsic importance or value,” he said.

Catholics can “show their authenticity” by sharing their hope and joy and its source



in Jesus Christ. Catholics also should give witness by the way they live their lives and how their “choices, preferences, and judgments” are fully consistent with the Gospel, he added.

Msgr. Paul Tighe, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, told reporters during a briefing that

the pope is asking everyone to take responsibility for creating a more humane culture online by being respectful and honest and contributing to the growth and well-being of individuals and society through social networks.

Very often in new media, “the more provocative I am, the more strident, the more extreme I am in my views, the more attention I get,” he said. But, he said, the pope “is calling for the importance of the quiet voice of reason. We need moderation, reason, and logic; otherwise, our debates are going nowhere.”

In his message, the pope said, “Dialogue and debate can also flourish and grow when we converse with and take seriously people whose ideas are different from our own.”

Social networks are an important place for people of faith to reach out to others “by patiently

and respectfully engaging their questions and their doubts as they advance in their search for the truth and the meaning of human existence,” the pope said.

If evangelizing is to bear fruit, he said, people need to remember that “it is always because of the power of the word of God itself to touch hearts, prior to any of our own efforts.”

The level of debate can be toned down and sensationalism avoided when people begin to put more trust in the power of God’s work “than any confidence we place in human means,” he said.


“We need to trust in the fact that the basic human desire to love and to be loved, and to find meaning and truth – a desire which God himself has placed in the heart of every man and woman – keeps our contemporaries ever open to ... the ‘kindly light’ of faith,” Pope Benedict said.


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