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The new organ for Washington Catholic Church, 239 S. St., will be dedicated at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, during a service of solemn Evening Prayer (Vespers).

The service will be held by Father Jimmy Hatfield, pastor of the parish, will preside. Music will be provided by the St. Colman Choir. The service will feature works with organ, selected to showcase the instrument’s ability to accommodate the liturgical and historic programs of the church. The new organ will bring the financial stability that is necessary to continue our work. I’m looking forward to kicking off our 2013 fundraising and development campaigns in the next few weeks. I love it if we could grow to have a larger presence across all faith (and even non-faith, ethnic, and political) backgrounds.

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NEW ORGAN DEDICATION

NEW DIRECTOR FOR COLUMBUS RIGHT TO LIFE

Beth Vanderkooi is the new executive director of Columbus Right to Life (GCRTL), replacing Ruth Yoston, 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 education, 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 Federal Credit Union, where she was director of state policy for the last four years. She has been involved with the credit union for five years, and a past president of the organization.

“I am not only excited about the opportunity to serve a pro-life organization, but I have always had a special connection to the Catholic Church for my faith and my life,” she said. “I’ve always had a special connection to the Catholic Church for my faith and my life.

I have a strong belief in the value of every human life. And I want to do everything I can to help protect the innocent from harm. In the same way, we can do the same regarding the unborn. St. Colman is where I first learned about the importance of pro-life work and how important it is to work with other pro-life organizations. I have been involved with GCRTL since 2004, and I am excited to continue this work. I’m looking forward to kicking off our 2013 fundraising and development campaigns in the next few weeks. I love it if we could grow to have a larger presence across all faith (and even non-faith, ethnic, and political) backgrounds.

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Vanderkooi is a native of Bellville, graduate of Ashland University, and a member of Columbus St. Mary Church. Before working for the Farm Bureau, she was on Ohio Senate aide for five and a half years, managed a state political campaign, and was the venuing director and helped write the state’s original human trafficking law.

She helped organize the annual Rally For Life at the statehouse and is making plans for sidewalk counsels for the upcoming Women’s Conference on March 2, and the Catholic Men’s Conference on March 3.

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WHY GO TO MASS: RULES FOR ECURHASIC FAST

**QUESTION & ANSWER**

By Father Kenneth Doyle

Q: When our family members get older, I find that even attending Mass becomes less of a priority. How can I motivate them to attend?

A: The obligation to participate in Mass is on Sundays and during Holy Days of Obligation. For some people, this is simply not possible. However, if the ability to understand Mass attendance is a role of membership, just as with any other organization, then Catholics agree to be bound by the code and need of the community.

The deadline for applications is Friday, March 15. Applications may be submitted to the office at 332 Riverbend Road, Louisa KY 42056, or online at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com. For more information and the internship application, please call (606) 638-0219.

RULES FOR EUCHARISTIC FAST

**Section 1**

Canon No. 919, Section 1, states that “a Catholic who desires to receive the most holy Eucharist is bound to observe complete abstinence from food for the time of Mass and celebration of the most holy Eucharist is one of the most solemn and fruitful acts of the faithful.”

**Section 2**

Canon No. 919, Section 2, clarifies that “the obligation is one of a spiritual kind. If a Catholic, they agree to be bound by the code and need of the community.”

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is not optional. It is a requirement of the Catholic Church’s Code of Canon Law. The obligation was established by the Church in the 4th century and is the most important and oldest of all the Church’s Laws. It is a requirement for all Catholics, regardless of age, gender, or status. The obligation is fulfilled by attending Sunday Mass.

There are many couples waiting and hoping to have a child. The alternative of abortion is not an option for them. They realize that the decision is a personal one, and that the Church’s teaching on the matter is clear. They believe that the Church’s teaching is a matter of conscience, and that they have a right to make that decision for themselves.

I feel that I should share my story with others. I believe that other people can learn from my experience and that they can be inspired to take action. I also feel that my story can help others to find hope and to know that they are not alone.

In 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the requirement from a complete fast after midnight to a fast for a two-thirds of the day. In 1964, Pope Paul VI changed it to one hour, to be eaten in a manner that will not cause pain or discomfort. This is the practice that is followed today.

This was our fourth pregnancy. With young children and this pregnancy, it would have been a difficult pregnancy. Instead, it was a celebration of God's love and a reminder of the beauty of life.

We were blessed with our fourth child, a daughter. We named her Morgan. She was born on July 22, 2011, at 4:40 PM. She was a healthy baby and a joy to us all. We were so happy to have her and are grateful to God for her life.

I am grateful for the opportunity to share my story and to encourage others to be open to the presence of God in their lives. I believe that God is always with us and is always waiting to be loved.

The mission of the Catholic Church is to be a community of faith and to be a place where people can come together to worship and to grow in their relationship with God.

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THE PILL AS HEALTH CARE?

Physicians will sometimes prescribe a hormonal regi- men in the form of a hormonal contraceptive like the Pill to treat serious gynecological problems like fibroid tumors, as heavy menstrual bleeding, dysmenorrhea (painful menstruation in the form of a hormonal contraceptive like the Pill is only treating the woman’s symptoms), or other conditions, 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 medical condition when the harmful treatment is not available. In this case, the unintended consequences would be the impeding of pregnancy in one’s fertility and the potential health risks and side effects of the Pill.

Married couples sometimes struggle with the question of whether a pathology is serious enough to warrant the therapeutic use of the Pill. The Pill, taken properly, can prevent pregnancy. If the Pill is taken properly, it can prevent pregnancy. If the last menstrual period is regular, it can be taken at any time from 5 to 7 days after the first day of bleeding. The Pill also offers more latitude for sexual activity. As heavy menstrual bleeding, dysmenorrhea (painful menstruation), 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.

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 on 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, which will also be available via a live webcast.

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, $310,373
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- 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. All applications will be reviewed by a committee of the Challenge in Changing Times grant’s committee awards grants to those within each category who demonstrate the greatest need.

Applications will be accepted online through April 8. For complete application guidelines, directions, and frequently asked questions, visit www.catholicfoundation.org/grants/grants/.

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WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The tens of thousands of participants at the annual March for Life in Washington on Friday, Jan. 23, demonstrated how determined they are not only by how large they are but by continuing how determined they are not only 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 predominately took a gentler tone, such as “Abolish Abortion Contraception!” or “I Am the Pro-Life Generation.” Among the hundreds of buses of young people attending from across the nation were several from the Diocese of Columbus. Students and young ministers on those buses represented parishes including Columbus Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Victory, St. Agatha, St. Andrew, St. Catherine, St. Margaret of Cortona, and St. Patrick; Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Galena St. Matthew; Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton; and West Jefferson St. Simon and Jude.

Allee Ogden, an eighth-grader from Seton, said she was amazed at the scale of the crowd. "Many speakers praised the resilience of the crowd for braving a cloudy, snow-dusted ground. They also spoke of the pro-life movement getting re-energized by young people who are becoming its new torchbearers."

Some brought photos from Joe Pishitelli (St. Patrick) and Seton Parish. "This trip, more than anything, made me see that abortion is a choice and I could have been one of the people present," she said. "This trip, more than anything, showed me unity." Using the event as a way to bring up the issue of crisis pregnancy centers, she said, "This trip, more than anything, showed me unity when Catholics stood together."

"During the trip, I took pictures 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 day night), unify 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 pray that political leaders will listen to the chants and all the prayers and look at all the signs, something in you clicks and a passion to end this evil is united inside of you," said John Hoffman, an eighth-grader from Buckeye Lake.

Hannah Whisman, a 10th-grade 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 35 million babies up in arms 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 pro-life movement protesting the decision. At the rally, Monahan praised Gray for her long dedication to the cause. "Several speakers also endeavored to get the pro-life movement on its feet with the first march and leading each one until her death. During the rally, a videobit to honor her was shown."

This year’s rally did not include speeches by dozens of politicians. Some legislators announced and even made a whole speech. 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 promote the unborn and promote a culture of life.”

Youth activist Rueben Vargas made a message for the youths who made up the largest part of the crowd. "You can’t just sit around waiting for the pro-life movement to happen. You have to get up and make it happen," he said.

He said he was amazed at the size of the crowd. "I thought about how many people were there," he said. "I was so amazed that I took pictures and made it happen," he said.

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 Elisabeth -- 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. "I am an evangelist and pray that they will join me in the pro-life movement.”

Gray as a young priest in the 1970s. "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."

"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. "I am 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 voice of her generation.”

"She was an inspiration for himself and countless others. She continues to pray for us as 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 as it is seen as a better option than abortion for women, especially those facing economic pregnancy.
COLUMBUS PRO-LIFE SUPPORTERS RALLY AND PRAY

BY TIM PUES
Reporter, Catholic Times

The executive director of the 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 have the effect it once did.

“We are all familiar with the old ‘talking points’ – abortion is a choice, abortion is a complicated issue, but that is not the case anymore,” said Vanderkooi, who is a legislative aide at the Statehouse.

“Anyone who dared to push it on us have been successful in convincing us that it is not through their rhetoric and their well-funded conclusions, you start to see the truth – a baby is a baby, and it deserves the right to life. . . .There is nothing complicated about that.”

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Ohio Dominican University is proud to host College Goal Sunday, the free statewide college financial aid event designed to help students and parents complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Sign up at 2 p.m. Feb. 10, 2013. The event will take place on the second floor of Graff Hall (1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219).

For more information, contact 614-251-4778 or ODU’s Financial Aid Office.

The rally was preceded by the annual Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell.

“We must redefine our efforts to protect the lives and minds and hearts about the grave questions of human life and dignity,” said “After 40 years of defending the right to abortion, many people’s sensitivity to the dreadfulness of the violent death of the unborn can be clouding the issue. But once you sort through the noise, it deserves the right to life. . . . There is nothing complicated about that.”

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COLUMBUS PRO-LIFE SUPPORTERS RALLY AND PRAY

BY TIM PUES
Reporter, Catholic Times

The executive director of the 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 have the effect it once did.

“We are all familiar with the old ‘talking points’ – abortion is a choice, abortion is a complicated issue, but that is not the case anymore,” said Vanderkooi, who as a long-time legislative aide at the Statehouse.

“Anyone who dared to push it on us have been successful in convincing us that it is not through their rhetoric and their well-funded conclusions, you start to see the truth – 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 pro-life support for pro-life activities is waning. Most recently, a story in the state legislature.

“My understanding of the question 18 received from the state exchange created a 2012 Gallup poll showed that 50 percent of those surveyed labeled viable and can live outside the womb.

“They (pro-abortion forces) are starting to pull away and they have changed their rhetoric,” said Vanderkooi, who as a long-time legislative aide at the Statehouse is familiar with the nuances of political language.

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“I respond that an unplanned pregnancy is a complicated issue, but it is not a right to abortion. I open our arms to mother and baby and promote a society that loves and protects everyone’s help.”

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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 1965-80.

He was born in Cleveland, was a gradu- ate of John Carroll University, which has inducted him into its Hall of Fame, and 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 311-31-3. His 1966 team finished first among large schools in the Ohio Associated Press and Press International polls, making the Eagles unofficial state champions, since there was no official championship tournament at the time. The highlight of that 20-year-old season was a 32-0 victory in the season finale against Upper Arlington, which broke the Golden Bears’ 24-game winning streak, and was the first high school football game to be televised live in Ohio.

He then became an assistant coach for college/professional teams, including the University of the 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 championships. 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.

Services included his former wife, Eli- nora; sons, Thomas (Dianne) and Brad (Dawn); four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions should be made to the John Carroll University Athletics Department, 100 North Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-2150; or the University of the Toledo Foundation, 2800 W. Bancroft Street, Toledo, OH 43606, Attn: John Carroll University Athletics.

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BOOK REVIEW

C.S. Lewis’s exploration of Christian faith inspires new generation

By Jonathan Luxmoore

Catholic News Service

In a wooded suburb of this faith-filled 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 surrounding by wall maps and pictures depicting a fantasy world.

When Clive Staples Lewis bought The Kilns, a former brick factory in 1930, he said its remote calm would produce a stream of Christian stories, the best known of which, “The Chronicles of Narnia,” has since sold 100 million copies in more than 47 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,” and is giving him renewed appeal today.

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

Dr. Michael Floyd, a professor of church history at Oxford, said Lewis’ non-denominational approach to Christianity explains why it is so popular in the U.S. and is giving him renewed appeal today.

“Lewis has become a standard bearer for conservative Christians when religion seems to be undergoing a great realignment between the forces of tradition and change,” Dr. MacCulloch told Catholic News Service. “His tensity 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 credit Lewis’ success in capturing the Christian imagination, while the theological abstractions of churches often seemed too highbrow.

In his “The Screwtape Letters,” a series of imaginary exchanges between an older and younger devil, Lewis described human weakness and self-deception, showing how Christian communities could be corrupted with “snobbery intensity and defensive self-righteousness.”

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

Relatives and nurses attend a funeral for a woman who died 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.

When the Polish capital’s first “Life Window” was dedicated in 2006, it was “a tidal wave,” said the Rev. Philip Pavone, executive director of Project Defending Life, the organization that promoted the project.

A nun is seen in the window of a “baby hatch,” or “Window of Life,” inside the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on Jan. 26. The images of the two new U.S.-born saints that flanked the sanctuary were Washington on Jan. 26. The images of the two new U.S.-born saints that flanked the sanctuary were franchise of the Catholic Diocese of Washington.

The late Pope John Paul II also revealed a knowledge of Lewis’ works when the two met during a 1989 general audience in Rome and the late pope praised his 1960 work, “The Four Loves,” as well as Lewis’ devotion to a spiritual apostolate.

“Lewis owed it to his fans to avoid 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 name and meaning, you’ll have nothing to come back to,” he said.

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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.