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The Editor's Notebook

My sheep know my voice

By David Garick, Editor



The horrific events this week in Boston have provided us with another reminder that we live in a world struggling against evil. We yearn for peace and long for a world of love and respect for one another. But the evil one continues to drag humans into the dark abyss of suffering and death.

Our Lord Himself had to suffer incredibly at the hands of evil men before rising again in glory. We, His humble followers, are not immune to that same suffering in this sinful world. But He has shown us that beyond the vale of tears lies the joy of everlasting bliss in the arms of our loving God. Through faith in Him, we find safety and peace.

This Sunday's readings are especially appropriate in this time of tragedy. In the reading from the Book of Revelation, John tells of a vision of a multitude dressed in white robes: "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in

his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst any more, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Likewise, in the Gospel reading, Jesus tells us, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand."

Pray for the victims of this evil act in Boston. Pray for all who suffer from the unjust pain inflicted in this world. When evil surrounds you, listen for the voice of the shepherd. Know that Christ can give us the strength to endure the pain of this world and the assurance that in His love we can achieve eternal joy and peace.

Pope and church leaders offer prayers for victims, first responders in Boston

By Catholic News Service



Pope Francis responded to the bombings in Boston by invoking peace for the souls of the departed, consolation for the suffering and strength for emergency and medical personnel. Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone said Pope Francis was "deeply grieved by the loss of life and grave injuries caused by the act of violence perpetrated" near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15.

The explosions left three people dead, including an 8-year-old boy, and more than 140 wounded.

Cardinal Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, sent the message on behalf of the pope.

"In the aftermath of this senseless tragedy, His Holiness involves God's peace upon the dead, his consolation upon the suffering and his strength upon all those engaged in the continuing work of relief and response," the message said.

"At this time of mourning, the Holy Father prays that all Bostonians will be united in a resolve not to be overcome by evil, but to combat evil with good, working together to build an ever more just, free and secure society for generations yet to come," the message said.

Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, issued the following statement from the Holy Land, where he is on pilgrimage:

"The Archdiocese of Boston joins all people of good will in expressing deep sorrow following the senseless acts of violence perpetrated at the Boston Marathon today. Our prayers and concern are with so many who experienced the trauma of these acts, most

especially the loved ones of those who lives were lost and those who were injured, and the injured themselves.

The citizens of the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are blessed by the bravery and heroism of many, particularly the men and women of the police and fire departments and emergency services who responded within moments of these tragic events. Governor Patrick, Mayor Menino and Police Commissioner Davis are providing the leadership that will see us through this most difficult time and ensure that proper procedures are followed to protect the public safety.

In the midst of the darkness of this tragedy we turn to the light of Jesus Christ, the light that was evident in the lives of people who immediately turned to help those in need today. We stand in solidarity with our ecumenical and interfaith colleagues in the commitment to witness the greater power of good in our society and to work together for healing."

"The deaths and injuries of people gathered for the celebration on Patriots Day in Boston call on all of us to pray for the souls of those killed, the healing of those injured and the restoration of peace for all of us unsettled by the bombings," said Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Pope names international panel of cardinals to advise on Vatican reform

By Francis X. Rocca/Catholic News Service

Amid rising concerns about corruption and mismanagement in the central administration of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis named an international panel of cardinals to advise him on the latest reform of the Vatican bureaucracy.

The Vatican Secretariat of State announced on April 13 that the pope had established the group -- which includes Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley (pictured with the pope) and Sydney Cardinal George Pell -- to "advise him in the government of the universal church and to study a plan for revising the apostolic constitution on the Roman Curia, 'Pastor Bonus.'"

"Pastor Bonus," published in 1988, was the last major set of changes in the Roman Curia, the church's central administration at the Vatican. It was largely an effort at streamlining by reassigning responsibilities among various offices, rather than an extensive reform.

Complaints about the shortcomings of Vatican governance increased markedly during 2012 following the "VatiLeaks" of confidential correspondence providing evidence of corruption and mismanagement in various offices of the Holy See and Vatican City State. That affair prompted an internal report which Pope Benedict XVI designated exclusively for the eyes of his successor.

The College of Cardinals extensively discussed the problems in meetings preceding the conclave that elected Pope Francis last month. According to the April 13 Vatican statement, the suggestion for an advisory panel on reform arose during those meetings.

Only one member of the new panel is a full-time Vati-

can official: Cardinal Giuseppe Bertello, president of the commission governing Vatican City State. All of the others currently serve as diocesan bishops.

The group's coordinator is Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, who is also president of Caritas Internationalis, a Vatican-based umbrella organization for national Catholic charities around the globe.

The other members are Cardinal Francisco Javier Errazuriz Ossa, retired archbishop of Santiago, Chile; Cardinal Oswald Gracias, archbishop of Mumbai, India; Cardinal Reinhard Marx of Munich and Freising, Germany; and Cardinal Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya of Kinshasa, Congo.

The Vatican statement said they will meet for the first time from Oct. 1-3, but are "currently in contact" with Pope Francis.

The panel's membership represents five continents, with the largest number -- three members -- coming from the Americas. Three members, more than any other linguistic group, hail from English-speaking nations (counting India). Two members are native speakers of Spanish. Only one member shares the Italian nationality of the majority of Vatican employees.

Both Pope Paul VI and Blessed John Paul II also named international panels of cardinals to advise them on curial reform.

A 1986 commission of six cardinals, whose recommendations contributed to "Pastor Bonus," included two Italians, an Austrian, a Canadian, a Venezuelan, and a Nigerian. All were serving as Vatican officials at the time.



The 15-member Council of Cardinals for the Study of Organizational and Economic Problems of the Holy See, established in 1981, also contributed to the process that produced "Pastor Bonus." It has continued to meet twice a year to review the consolidated financial statements of the Holy See and Vatican City State, among other resources. The council's members hail from five continents, where they all serve as diocesan bishops.

The Holy See -- whose major organs consist of the Secretariat of State, nine congregations, 12 councils, and three tribunals -- employed 2,832 employees as of the end of 2011. Its financial statements for 2011 showed a deficit equivalent to about \$19.4 million at current exchange rates.

The commission governing Vatican City State, which is not part of the curia, employed another 1,887 persons at the end of 2011 and reported a surplus of the equivalent of \$28.4 million, largely owing to revenues from the Vatican museums.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT/Clergy Assignment

Accepted the resignation of Father Patrick Rogers, pastor, St. Mary Church, Delaware, effective immediately. Msgr. Anthony N. Missimi, retired, to Parochial Administrator pro-tem, St. Mary Church, Delaware, effective immediately.



Front Page photo:

The presentation of the gifts begins the Liturgy of the Eucharist at the Mass for Filipino Catholics celebrated by Father Ramon Owera, CFIC, at Columbus Holy Cross Church on Saturday, April 6.

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DeSales student to go to Washington for Jefferson Awards program

Tyler Moon, a junior at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, has been chosen to be central Ohio's representative at the national Jefferson Awards program in Washington in June.

He was notified of the honor after being selected as one of five central Ohioans who received \$500 local Jefferson Awards from WBNS-TV and Nationwide Insurance at a luncheon Thursday, April 4. School guidance counselor Roseann Costello, who nominated him for the award, accepted it on his behalf because he was out of town on spring break.

The Jefferson Awards, described as "a Nobel Prize for public service," honor ordinary individuals who are performing extraordinary deeds. They are presented by the American Institute for Public Service, founded in 1972 by the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and U.S. Sen. Robert Taft Jr. of Ohio. Their primary purpose is to serve as a call to action for volunteers in local communities.

Local award winners are selected by judging panels in more than 90 commu-

nities, with the help of more than 150 television and radio stations and newspapers who serve as media partners. The five central Ohioans who received this year's awards were among 20 local finalists selected from 215 nominees. Being selected to go to Washington makes Moon eligible for one of five national Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis awards for public service.

Moon was honored for his work with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. He has Crohn's disease, an inflammatory bowel disease that may affect any part of the gastrointestinal tract. He has raised more than \$40,000 for the foundation during the past five years through his involvement with its annual walk in June at Franklin Park Conservatory and through an annual fund raiser which began in 2011 at Giammarco's restaurant and which this year will take place there on Wednesday, April 24.



He is the only young person on the local board for the walk, and also is involved with the foundation's Improve Care Now program, a national group of 20 people who take part in studies and offer feedback designed to improve the quality of care for Crohn's and colitis patients.

Moon's condition was diagnosed when he was in fourth grade. He says that

because it keeps him from absorbing nutrients well, he has low bone density, preventing him from playing contact sports, but he is able to eat anything except spicy foods. He takes about 15 pills a day to control his condition and has to have an intravenous infusion of anti-inflammatory medication every two months.

"Dealing with the medical profession all the time has made me interested in the medical field," he said. "I've realized how important it is to be a good doctor, the kind patients want to have because

he encourages them, so I'm thinking of studying to become a doctor when I go to college."

The Jefferson Awards program has joined with the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche to encourage volunteering in high schools by training high school students in lifelong leadership skills. It is using the example set by students and their adult mentors in an effort to attain a goal of doubling the amount of volunteering in participating schools and passing the tradition of service on to the next generation.

Donations for the Jefferson Awards are received from hundreds of individuals, corporations, and foundations. A small endowment helps underwrite their costs.

This is the second straight year a DeSales student has been one of the five central Ohio Jefferson Award winners. Last year, the program honored Kristen Sellan, now a senior at the school, for her "Cuddles from Kristen" blanket project, in which she and other students make blankets for families at the Columbus Ronald McDonald House.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Truth

Did you meditate for some time this week on our weak human nature and pray for forgiveness from our own sinfulness? This is the Easter season and we must be positive and rejoice in the Resurrection. But we must also take care to not get lost or too distracted. We have to pray for the grace to be good people, good and faithful stewards of our many gifts, good Catholic Christians, and good examples of what all these mean. We discussed and discerned some of the evil in the world this past week. As easy as it is to be passionate about the evil that others do, and even easier to point it out and condemn those who practice it, we must first look at ourselves and look deep inside our souls. Yes, we have a responsibility as Christian witnesses to stand firm on the truth of what is right. Yes, we are sinners, and we cannot be perfect. But also yes, we can rise above simple finger pointing and be sure of two things: testify to the truth and live the truth. Always stand up for right and truth, be assertive and firm against evil, and be the best possible example to the world.

“What is truth?” Just as Pontius Pilate asked Jesus as He was about to be condemned to death, we ask ourselves the same question. Truth was and is the life and words of Jesus Christ. Truth is the pure love of God. Truth is the “Yes” of Mary. Truth is good triumphing over evil. Truth is found in the sacraments. Truth is embodied in the Eucharist. We point out our own personal faults and shortcomings in our quest for truth. We live as truthful examples of the Word of God and dare to challenge evil in the world. We answer the daily call to be good and faithful stewards of the Body of Christ. We embrace the great commission and the new evangelization, teaching everyone and preaching the truth of the Gospel. How do I even begin to do this? I suggest starting with the truth of the Ten Commandments. Too old-fashioned? Hardly! First, where does God rank in comparison with money, power, status, addictions, and pleasure? The truth is I may not live each day as if there are no other gods but God. Second, does it really matter each time I use God’s name in vain and in anger? The truth is I already know the answer. Third, how many other priorities come before Sunday Mass and my active participation? The truth is too many. Fourth, how easy is it to verbally abuse, ignore, mistreat, or forget our parents? The truth is many of us honor and respect our parents, but too many of us do not. Fifth, do we kill? The truth is we go about our business each day while unborn babies are killed, prisoners are executed, children starve to death, and forgotten elderly pass away as no one notices. Sixth, how many ways are there to commit adultery? The truth is with cheating so common, divorce at a 50 percent rate, and marriage continuing to be less important, we have a true crisis here. Seventh, how acceptable is stealing? The truth is we all find ways – small and large – to rationalize stealing. And we all just filed our 100 percent honest tax forms. Eighth, how many opportunities do we have each day at work, in the streets, and at home to bear false witness? The truth is real faith, hope, love, and humility would never allow this. Ninth and tenth, how do we covet? The truth is let me count the ways.

Our practical challenge this week is to bear witness to the truth. Can I challenge myself to live as a good and faithful steward of God’s Truth? Of course; we must! This week and beyond, keep the Ten Commandments at the forefront of your mind. Change your habits for the better. Love God and love His Truth. Be the answer to Pilate’s question. These are commandments of truth, not mere suggestions.

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STEVEN STEIGELMAN, EAGLE SCOUT

Steven Steigelman has received the Boy Scouts’ highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout, after completing all his merit badge requirements and performing a service project for his parish, Columbus St Timothy Church, as part of its 50th anniversary. He gathered family stories and pictures from parishioners that will be part of a time capsule at the parish and raised money for engraving the rock which marks the capsule’s burial site. The inscription on the rock is a quote based on 1 Timothy 6:20 – “St. Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to us.”

Steigelman, a junior at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, is a member of Scout Troop 296, sponsored by Columbus St. Andrew Church. He also is a recipient of the Red Sash of Merit, awarded by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for service to his troop, community, and parish. His Eagle court of honor was attended



by Fathers Timothy Hayes and Michael Watson, pastors respectively of St. Timothy and St. Andrew churches. Deacon Marion Smithberger of St. Timothy led prayers. Photo courtesy Steigelman family

TUTOR TRAINING

The Dominican Learning Center will conduct its next tutor training session from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, in the basement of the former Corpus Christi Church rectory.

The center needs tutors to work in its unique one-to-one learning environment for adults who want to learn how to read or to gain the knowledge required for a high-school equivalency diploma, and for immigrants seeking instruction in

English as a Second Language.

Volunteer tutors in reading, writing, math, or conversation can come to the center or their local library and work around their own schedules for one hour per week.

They need to be older than 18 and have a high school diploma. Books are provided free to tutors.

Anyone interested in tutoring may call (614) 444-7330 or go to www.dominicanlearningcenter.org.

ChemCamp at Bishop Hartley

Are you a sixth- seventh-, or eighth grade student tired of doing the same things each summer? Would you like to get a head start on high school and have a summer experience worth talking about in the fall?

Then check out ChemCamp at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday, June 10 to 14. The camp will give students entering sixth through eighth grades in the 2013-14 school

year a chance to learn science by doing science and to see what chemistry is all about by conducting experiments in a high school chemistry laboratory.

Don’t wait until high school to find out what doctors, chemists, veterinarians, pharmacists, and forensic scientists already know – that chemistry is amazing and powerful. Contact Evan Wagner at ewagner@cducation.org or (614) 237-5421, extension 10735, if you are interested. Space is limited.

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Asian Pacific Catholics for Mary Pilgrimage

Asian and Pacific Catholics will conduct their annual Marian pilgrimage Saturday, May 11. This one-day pilgrimage is a celebration of faith and heritage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington and is open to everyone.

The event will begin at 1 p.m., with a procession featuring many of the Marian images venerated throughout Asia and the Pacific. This will be followed by a call to prayer and the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The rosary will follow at 2 p.m., with each mystery led by a different Asian community. The climax of the celebration will be a multilingual Mass at 2:30 p.m., celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Barry Knestout of Washington.

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Pope Francis reaffirms Vatican’s call for reform of U.S. nuns’ group

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Pope Francis reaffirmed the Vatican’s call for reform of the U.S.-based Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

Archbishop Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, told the conference that he had “recently discussed the doctrinal assessment with Pope Francis, who reaffirmed the findings of the assessment and the program of reform for this conference of major superiors.”

The doctrinal congregation met on April 15 with the LCWR leadership and Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, who had been assigned by the Vatican to oversee the reform of the pontifically recognized leadership group.

LCWR, in a statement on its website, said its representatives included Franciscan Sister Florence Deacon, president; Sister Carol Zinn, a Sister of St. Joseph, president-elect; and Sister Janet Mock, a Sister of St. Joseph, the organization’s executive director.

LCWR is a Maryland-based umbrella group that claims about 1,500 leaders of U.S. women’s communities as members, representing about 80 percent of the nation’s 57,000 women religious.

“The conversation was open and frank,” the organization said.

“We pray that these conversations may bear fruit for the good of the church,” it said without further elaboration.

Last April, the doctrinal congregation issued an assessment of LCWR, citing “serious doctrinal problems which affect many in consecrated life.”

The assessment called for the organization’s reform to ensure its fidelity to Catholic teaching in areas including abortion, euthanasia, women’s ordination, and homosexuality. LCWR’s canonical status is granted by the Vatican.

During the April 15 meeting at the Vatican, Archbishop Muller said the group, like any conference of major superiors, “exists in

order to promote common efforts among its member institutes as well as cooperation with the local conference of bishops and with individual bishops.”

“For this reason, such conferences are constituted by and remain under the direction of the Holy See,” said the written statement released by the doctrinal congregation.

“It is the sincere desire of the Holy See that this meeting may help to promote the integral witness of women religious, based on a firm foundation of faith and Christian love, so as to preserve and strengthen it for the enrichment of the church and society for generations to come,” the statement said.

The meeting marked the first time Archbishop Muller met with the LCWR leadership, giving him the opportunity to express “his gratitude for the great contribution of women religious to the church in the United States as seen particularly in the many schools, hospitals, and institutions of support for the poor which have been founded and staffed by religious over the years,” the statement said.

During the meeting, the archbishop “then highlighted the teaching of the Second Vatican Council regarding the important mission of religious to promote a vision of ecclesial communion founded on faith in Jesus Christ and the teachings of the church as faithfully taught through the ages under the guidance of the Magisterium,” it said.

Bishop Leonard P. Blair of Toledo, Ohio, and Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield, Ill., were named last year to assist Archbishop Sartain in reviewing and providing guidance and approval, where necessary, of the work of LCWR. They were also to draw on the advice of fellow bishops, women religious, and other experts.

Bishop Paprocki has said, “It is important to note that the doctrinal assessment of LCWR does not deal with the faith and life of the 57,000 women religious in the United States” nor is it meant “to

call into question the faith and witness of so many dedicated and faithful women religious throughout the country.”

In an article he published last May in the *Catholic Times*, the diocesan newspaper in Springfield, the bishop said the major concerns center on “problematic statements and serious theological, even doctrinal, errors” in talks at LCWR’s annual assemblies; “policies of corporate dissent” on such issues as women’s ordination and ministry to homosexual persons; and the “prevalence of certain radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith” in some LCWR programs and presentations.

Bishop Paprocki had said the work with Archbishop Sartain and Bishop Blair included “the development of initial and ongoing formation material that provides a deepened understanding of the church’s doctrine of the faith” and “guidance in the application of liturgical norms” to give the Eucharist and Liturgy of the Hours “a place of priority in LCWR events and programs.”

“In sum, the purpose of the doctrinal assessment is to work collaboratively to renew LCWR and strengthen the doctrinal foundations that should guide the organization’s many important initiatives and efforts,” Bishop Paprocki had said.

Donation to St. Brigid

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School has received \$3,000 worth of golf equipment donated on behalf of the Memorial Tournament. The equipment, plus training received by physical education teacher Mary Beckwith at the Memorial’s Clubhouse Kids Golf Tour, will help prepare her to incorporate lessons on the fundamentals and etiquette of golf into the curriculum on a yearly basis. In addition, a golf professional came to the school recently to work with first- and second-grade students.



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL SERVES U.S. DIOCESES IN NEED

The 2013 Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up in many dioceses on the weekend of April 27 and 28, helping to bridge the gap for isolated parishes and missions in dioceses and eparchies across the United States and in the U.S. territories of the Caribbean and Pacific islands.

The annual appeal is the primary source of funding for grants from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' subcommittee on Catholic home missions. In the United States, 44 percent of all dioceses and eparchies currently receive support from the appeal for basic and essential pastoral programs such as evangelization, catechesis, seminary formation, and lay leadership training.

"Many Catholics in the United States don't realize how many dioceses are struggling, often right next door," said Bishop Peter F. Christensen of Superior, Wis., chairman of the subcommittee. "Once appointed bishop of Superior, I became painfully aware that my former parish budget and staff were more than double the operations of the entire diocese I now serve." Grants from the

Dominican service opportunity

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single women ages 18 to 45 to a weeklong service opportunity at their Shepherd's Corner ecology center in Blacklick and/or outreach in the city of Columbus from Monday, May 13 to Sunday, May 19.

Participants will care for land, life, and spirit and spend time

Catholic Home Missions Appeal help support 84 struggling dioceses and strengthen the Church here at home.

The needs of mission dioceses are diverse. For instance, the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee covers 18 counties in the Florida panhandle; three counties do not have a resident priest and one county does not have a Catholic church. Vast physical distances, a rocky economy, and a highly diverse ethnic population are also challenges. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps the diocese provide support for programs in 57 parishes and missions.

The Diocese of Tyler, in east Texas, has grown tremendously since it was established in 1987. Beginning with 40 active priests, it now has 90 priests, 15 seminarians, 40 vowed religious women, and more than 100 deacons. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal assists the diocese in seminary education and vocation ministries to serve in rural, low-income parishes.

These are just two examples of how dioceses can benefit from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

in prayer, reflection, work, and fun. Outdoor and indoor work will be available. Meals and housing will be provided.

To register, contact Sister Cathy Arnold at carnold@op-peace.org or (614) 633-6160 (call or text). Space is limited. The registration deadline is Wednesday, May 1.

Communion questions involving lawmakers and nonpracticing Catholics



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I read in the paper that Vice President Joseph Biden and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi both received holy Communion at the Vatican during the installation Mass of Pope Francis, in spite of their pro-choice views on abortion. Is there an official church position on this? (Clifton Park, N.Y.)

A. In 2004, Catholic bishops held long discussions at several meetings on the very issue you raise. With a few bishops in favor of withholding Communion from politicians who favor abortion and the majority against, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops decided to leave such decisions to individual bishops in their dioceses.

The conference noted that Catholics in political life who act "consistently to support abortion on demand" risk "cooperating in evil and sinning against the common good." Such persons should therefore examine their consciences seriously about their worthiness to receive Communion, said the conference, but decisions about any sanctions to be imposed should rest with each bishop in his own diocese.

Among bishops, there are naturally diverse opinions -- not about the clear moral wrong of abortion, but with regard to pastoral judgments and tactical strategies. All would agree that bishops should meet privately and individually with politicians who favor abortion in order to explain clearly the church's moral teachings and to encourage them to protect

human life, not just privately but in their public decisions.

Several bishops have sided publicly with the position expressed in 2004 by now-retired Archbishop Alex J. Brunett of Seattle that those politicians who persist in public opposition to Catholic moral principles "should voluntarily withdraw from eucharistic sharing without the need for formal action by the church."

"With that understanding, however," Archbishop Brunett explained, "ministers of the Eucharist should not take it upon themselves to deny holy Communion to anyone who presents themselves."

Other bishops have said specifically that no judgment should be made on the state of someone's soul and that those who present themselves for Communion should be presumed to consider themselves in the state of grace.

All bishops are pledged to defend human life in the womb, but opinions vary as to how best to do it. While some would say that allowing lawmakers who favor abortion to receive Communion makes that seem an acceptable political position, others argue that Communion was not intended to be used as a weapon and that a pastoral and educational approach is more productive in the long run than sanctions.

Q. Recently a priest came to visit my elderly mother, who is in a nursing home. He gave the sacrament of the (anointing of the) sick, not only to my mother but also to my sister and me,

who happened to be visiting my mother at the time.

Then he gave holy Communion to all three of us, without inquiring whether we were all practicing Catholics. In fact, my sister, though she was raised a Catholic, never goes to Mass any more, so it felt awkward to watch her take Communion. What are your thoughts on this? (Wisconsin)

A. Often when I make Communion calls to the homebound, there is a caregiver or family member with the one who is sick or elderly. Unless I know that person not to be a Catholic, after I have given Communion to the one I'm visiting, I turn and ask whether those present would also like to receive.

My expectation is that a non-Catholic or a nonpracticing Catholic will decline, and that is what they should do. I do not feel it is my place to "grill" the person by saying, "Are you a practicing Catholic in the state of grace?"

In the case you raise, I would hope that the priest asked whether you and your sister wanted to receive Communion and did not simply hand you the host; if he did ask, your sister should have said simply, "No, thank you."

As for the anointing of the sick, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in No. 1514 and 1515 provides that it be administered to those "in danger of death from sickness or old age," "just prior to a serious operation" or to "the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced." I'm not sure, then, why the priest included you and your sister in that sacrament.

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

Steinour to Address ODU Graduates

Ohio Dominican University's 99th commencement exercises will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4. Approximately 300 students will have degrees conferred upon them as they are joined by hundreds of family and friends in Alumni Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.



Stephen Steinour, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Huntington Bancshares Inc., will deliver the commencement address.

"We are excited to share this momentous occasion with our students and their families," said Dr. Peter Cimbalic, ODU president. "Our students have dedicated years to their studies at Ohio Dominican University, and their professional and personal preparedness will undoubtedly be proven as they enter this next exciting phase of their lives."

"We are thrilled that Mr. Steinour has graciously accepted our invitation to speak at commencement, and our soon-to-be graduates will have an opportunity to learn from one of the most successful business people in the nation."

Steinour was selected as "Banker of the Year" for 2012 by *American Banker* magazine.

Before joining Huntington, he was a managing partner of CrossHarbor Capital, where he served as an investment committee member and was responsi-

ble for the general management of the firm.

He previously served as president and chief executive officer of Citizens Financial Group.

He joined CFG in 1992 and also served as its chief executive officer of mid-states regional banking, senior credit officer, risk man-

agement executive, and vice chairman of wholesale and retail banking.

He also served as a division executive for loan recovery at Fleet Financial Group and as executive vice president at Bank of New England. He also has been an analyst for the Treasury Department and worked for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Steinour is a graduate of Gettysburg College and the executive program at Stanford University's graduate school of business.

He is a member of the board of directors of Exelon Corp., a member of The Columbus Partnership, a trustee of Liberty Property Trust, a trustee of the Columbus Downtown Development Corp., a trustee of the Eisenhower Fellowships, and a member of the American Bankers Association.

He is a past chairman of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and a former trustee of the National Constitution Center.

Bishop Hartley signs



Two Columbus Bishop Hartley High School seniors recently signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college. Shown with their parents are Ronnie Bolden (above), who will be a swimmer at the University of Kentucky, and Nick King, who will play football at Walsh University. Both won state championships at Hartley — Bolden as a junior in the 50-meter freestyle and King as a sophomore member of the Hawks' 2010 Division IV championship team.

Photos courtesy Bishop Hartley High School



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Scioto County Year of Faith Conference

The Scioto County Deanery will sponsor a Year of Faith conference titled "Seeking Jesus" on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2, at Portsmouth Notre Dame High School, 2220 Sunrise Ave. Nationally known speakers Father Larry Richards and Vinny Flynn will give talks. Mass will be celebrated both days, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as the celebrant for Sunday's closing Mass.

There will be Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament, prayer including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary, and a vocations roundtable discussion with Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, and seminarians.

The conference will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Food will be available both days. For more information or to register, go to www.seekingjesus2013.com.



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WISLER PLANS TO BIKE ACROSS AMERICA FOR CSS

Don Wisler has spent parts of three summers bicycling around Ohio to raise money for Catholic Social Services. Now that he's about to retire from CSS after 10 years as its president and chief executive officer, he's making plans for a bigger bike challenge — a 50-day, coast-to-coast ride of nearly 3,700 miles from mid-June to early August.

Wisler has been riding for about 12 years and averages 100 to 150 miles a week on his bike. This trip is far beyond anything he's done before.

"It will take me through the Cascades, the Rockies, the Tetons, the Black Hills of South Dakota, and the Appalachians. We'll average about 500 miles a week, far and away more than I've ever done," he said. "There will be seven days when we ride more than 100 miles, and I've begun to wonder if by the fifth week, I'm going to enjoy cycling as much as I claim to."

He will be riding a 2010 specialized Roubaix bicycle which has a total of 20 gears. Training has been a bit slow this spring, as temperatures have been colder than normal, but he's been spinning indoors regularly throughout the winter. He has been to the Hocking Hills area for two days of riding so far this year and plans to return several more times.

"I live in Dublin and the terrain there is pretty flat. The biggest 'hills' I generally ride on are the overpasses on inter-



state highways, certainly not enough to get me in shape for this ride," he said.

His travels through Ohio in the Across Ohio Bicycle Adventure (XOBA) tours of 2008, 2009, and 2011 raised \$15,429 for Catholic Social Services. He hopes to do at least that well for this ride. He also has taken part in statewide rides through Iowa and Virginia.

As with his rides across Ohio, he's

making this trip both for personal satisfaction and to benefit CSS. "As a cyclist, this is an ultimate goal," he said. "If I complete the trip, it will let me say I've crossed 10 states and part of a Canadian province."

"I also plan to visit local Catholic social agencies during the ride when I have a chance and to write a blog throughout the trip, using the postings to share the trip with others, but also as a platform to highlight services offered by CSS to address problems such as hunger, poverty, domestic violence, and aging."

He is asking people to donate any amount from a penny or a dollar or more to CSS for each mile he rides. Since the trip will total 3,667 miles, a penny-a-mile donation would total \$36.67 for the full trip, and a dollar per mile would equal \$3,667.

Anyone pledging 25 cents or more per mile (\$916.75 for the complete ride) will have their name or logo displayed on his shirt.

His adventure is part of the Across America North tour organized by America By Bicycle. Wisler and about 45 other cyclists taking the tour will start Sunday, June 16, by dipping the back wheels of their bicycles into the Pacific Ocean at Astoria, Ore.

If all goes well, the tour will end Monday, Aug. 5, when the front wheels of the bikes are dipped into the Atlantic at Portsmouth, N.H.

They will travel through Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, the Canadian province of Ontario, New York, Vermont, and New Hampshire.

After a 30-mile ride the first day, daily mileage for the tour will range from 120 in Wyoming to 39 in Idaho. Rest days are planned in Boise, Idaho; Casper, Wyo.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Manitowoc, Wis. (where a seven-mile ride will be followed by a four-hour ferry trip across Lake Michigan to Ludington, Mich.); and Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The closest stop Wisler will make to Ohio is in Port Huron, Mich., where the tour will cross the Blue Water Bridge into Sarnia, Ontario, followed by a three-day ride across southwest Ontario to Niagara Falls.

The bikers will cross the Columbia, Snake, Missouri, and Mississippi rivers, view Mount Hood and Mount Rushmore, and see Yellowstone National Park, the Wisconsin Dells, the Erie Canal, and several other national parks and monuments.

Anyone who wants to support Wisler's ride may do so by going to [www.colscss.org](http://colscss.org) or more specifically to <http://colscss.org/css-president-to-retire-ride-across-america-for-css>.

Wisler also has started a Facebook page titled Don's Big Bicycle Adventure Across America for his updates on the trip.

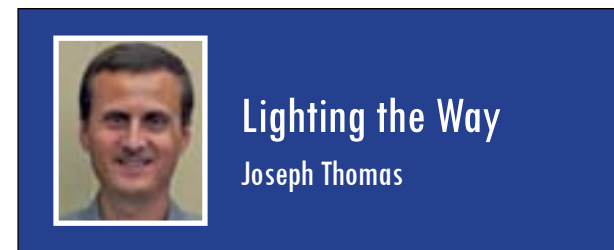


Our personal rituals call us to reverence God's gift of life

Rebirth, renewal, remembrance, and reflection are all ways in which each of us can contribute some small act of kindness toward our fellow man. By allowing ourselves to be absorbed into the warmth of the Spirit, we come to realize that all other things seem to pale in comparison to the embodiment of His being. Life is what it is all about. We are born, live, and die within the confines of this space. But when we pass on, we enter into a realm that is eternal. Jesus gave such a precious gift when He died on the cross and, through His resurrection, became the Sacrificial Lamb of God, Christ our true light. He created a gateway to the human soul through His spirit, by which we could now enter into the very nature of Heaven.

Not before the time of Jesus had man ever contemplated praying through another to God. God's son became our guide and our savior in a world largely occupied by people who would not believe or fathom such a sacrifice. As for those who trusted in His mercy, their Christian fire has now become a holy flame.

Burning brightly in our hearts is that light by which we measure our personal relationships with God. What we fail to recognize is the gift He gave to us in the form of the Eucharist. Every day, He is here with us, celebrated in the power of a simple prayer and in the power and promise of innocence and redemption. Most of the time, we fail to recognize that we are already one with Christ. We are as much a part of



Him as He is of us.

We are the soul of the church; we give ourselves to Him freely and without reservation. We invite Him into our heart not only to consume our inhibitions, but also to create a sense of belonging, so that we may use His strength in helping to cope with many of life's challenges. It is this flame that lights the candle by which we are guided, like the stars in the night sky.

There are many travelers on this road and we are constantly being visited. Without us knowing or recognizing it, we are haunted by their fragrance. The smell permeates us, binds us, and comes to us in many different ways. Have you ever felt the need to do something, but you did not know why? Have you ever discovered yourself in a strange place, but do not know how you arrived there? This is His spirit alive in everything around us, in every being roaming the earth throughout time. We are called by its warmth and by our compulsion to give unceasingly through acts of kindness and prayer. I can tell you now in the

Actions speak louder than words

By **Father Patrick Toner**

The recent article about Korean War chaplain Emil Kapaun being awarded the Medal of Honor inspired me to do a search. In my years as a military chaplain, I have always felt honored to be part of something special.

These chaplains and their accomplishments speak to something all of us are called to do; namely, to put our faith into action.

The four chaplains who served aboard the USS Dorchester were my first inspirations. Their actions were unselfish and inspirational. The image of the four of them, having given away their life jackets, standing together and singing hymns as the ship went down, left a lasting image that has shaped how I understand what a chaplain is about.

The four chaplains were lieutenants in the United States Army: the Rev. George L. Fox (Methodist), Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), the Rev. Clark V. Poling (Reformed Church in America), and Father John P. Washington (Roman Catholic). In late 1942, the chaplains were transferred to Camp Myles Standish in Taunton, Mass., and attended chaplains school at Harvard University. A special medal was issued for them.

The Vietnam War gave us three chaplain Medal of Honor winners; Father Vincent Cappodano, who is being canonized by the Catholic Church, Chaplain Charles Watters, and Chaplain James Angelo Liteky. In the Korean War, there was Chaplain Emil Kapaun, who also is being canonized. In the Second World War, there was Father Joseph O'Callahan.

prime of my life that I am constantly amazed at the capacity of the human heart, in the way God moves us toward Him like the rise and fall of the tide along the shore.

We need to come to Him and never waver. When Jesus says to repent and believe in the Gospel, He is inviting us to become a part of something larger than ourselves. He is telling us that though the body lies still, the soul and spirit roam free. Like an excerpt from an old Stan Jones song, it sings to what was preached:

As the riders loped on by him, he heard one call his name

"If you want to save your soul from hell a-riding on our range

Then cowboy change your ways today, or with us you will ride

Tryin' to catch the devil's herd, across these endless skies"

Yipie i-oh, yipie i-ay! Ghost riders in the sky

Ghost riders in the sky

Ghost riders in the sky ...

May the Holy Spirit travel within every one of us. May we go along for that eternal ride, and may His peace be with you always.

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

"Three Bags Full" Consignment Event

The 10th annual Three Bags Full children's spring consignment event will take place at several central Ohio locations. The sale benefits Catholic and pro-life charities such as the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, the Joseph's Coat clothing ministry, and the Knights of Columbus.

Remaining sale dates, times, and sites are:

Thursday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton.

Friday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Edwards Building, Franklin County Fairgrounds, 4100 Columbia St., Hilliard.

Families sell items they no longer need using an online bar-coded tagging system. Each family receives a consignor number which identifies the family. Families price their own items. Bar codes are scanned at checkout, so families can log into their online account to see a listing of what sold each day.

Families earn 65 percent of the selling price. If they volunteer, then can earn as much as 80 percent. The entire sale is run by families volunteering to help, from setup to teardown.

In addition, families participating receive a presale pass for consignors only. The "early bird" sale also is open to first-time mothers and to families of military, police, fire, and emergency medical personnel. Families in these categories may register in advance at the organization's website, www.threebagsfull.info.

Within a week, consignors receive a check in the mail for the profit on the items they sold.

All items must be clean, neat, and of good quality. Items are all inspected, and anything stained, damaged, worn-out, or out of style is not accepted. Families interested in selling their items must preregister online at www.threebagsfull.info.

There are deadlines to register before each event, as listed on the website. For more details, call Joyce at (614) 561-5300.

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FILIPINO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Story by **TIM PUET**, *Catholic Times Reporter*
 Photos by **JACK KUSTRON**



Father Ramon Owera, CFIC, places his right hand on the forehead of a parishioner, who bows to him in a gesture of respect common in the Philippines. This and other pictures taken Saturday, April 6, are from the Mass in the Tagalog dialect for Filipino Catholics which Father Owera celebrates on the first Saturday of each month at Columbus Holy Cross Church.



Most of the 500 or so central Ohio families who trace their ethnic background to the Philippines have been here for decades and long ago adapted to American life. But many still feel a strong attraction toward the Pacific islands where they or their ancestors have their origin. The presence of a priest from the Philippines in Columbus has enabled them to celebrate Mass regularly in a language they know well, and they have enthusiastically embraced the opportunity.

Father Ramon Owera, CFIC, is one of two priests from the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception who came to Columbus in March 2011 to serve as chaplains of hospitals in the Mount Carmel Health group while residing at the city's oldest parish, Holy Cross Church. Father Owera and Father Jose Manickathan, CFIC, were sent to the city in response to an invitation to their priestly order by Bishop Frederick Campbell, who became familiar with its work while he was auxiliary bishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis.

It didn't take long for news of Father Owera's presence to spread among members of the area's Filipino community. "This was one of the most exciting things to happen in years," said Nelia Bulosan, who has been a resident of the United States for more than 40 years. "As much as I love America, there's always a little homesickness for where I grew up. You're always looking for someone else who comes from the Philippines and understands this."

Nine months after Father Owera's ar-

rival at Holy Cross, the church hosted a pre-Christmas novena known as *Simbang Gabi* that is traditional in many parts of the Philippines. At least 60 people were on hand for some or all of the nine nights of the event, some from as far away as Dayton, Athens, and Parma. Prayers were said in both official languages of the Philippines – English and Tagalog, the most commonly used of the many dialects spoken in the islands.

About 200 people attended the Mass on Dec. 23, 2011, which concluded the novena and was concelebrated by six priests, representing three Catholic rites. The potluck dinner afterward filled the available space at the old Holy Cross School to overflowing, with many people eating in nearby classrooms or while sitting on the steps to the building's upper floors.

"The success of that *Simbang Gabi* celebration went far beyond anything we'd imagined," said Laura Punsalan, one of its organizers. "That convinced all of us who put it together that we could have a regular Mass in Tagalog." Father Owera said he began celebrating that Mass at Holy Cross in July of 2012. It's scheduled on the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

About 75 people from all over central Ohio came to this month's Filipino Mass on Saturday, April 6. Father Owera said that's a typical attendance for the service. When he asked for newcomers to raise their hands at the end of Mass, about a dozen people responded. He said that's also been typical and has been one of the most encouraging sights he has seen at

the Mass each month.

Punsalan said the *Simbang Gabi* program was repeated last December and drew a response that was similar to the 2011 novena, again attracting people from well beyond the Columbus area, even though there was no closing potluck because of the overcrowding the previous year.

Most of those at Holy Cross who were asked said they go to the Tagalog Mass in addition to attending weekly Sunday Masses at their home parishes. Members of the area Filipino Catholic community also are part of the nighttime Eucharistic vigil on the first Friday of each month at Holy Cross and gather weekly on Sundays for a BNP prayer group (from the Tagalog phrase *Banal Na-Pag-aaral*, meaning "holy study") at which Father Owera is frequently present.

A traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima is a focal point for the BNP gatherings, which include the rosary and Fatima devotions. The in-home events are hosted on a rotating basis by whichever community member has volunteered to provide space for the statue for a given period.

Having a Mass in Tagalog provides those of Filipino heritage with a rare opportunity to use the language outside of their homes or their conversations with others from a similar background. "I've been here 40 years, and when I'm at home with my family, we still find it easier to communicate with each other in Tagalog," Punsalan said.

"But outside of that and talking with

people here who know the language, the only other time I use it is when we go to California, or to Canada, where I came here from, and see other people from the Philippines." California has a Filipino population of nearly 1.5 million because of its location on the Pacific coast, and Hawaii has 342,000 people from the Philippines. Somewhat surprisingly, the third-largest Filipino population in North America – more than 181,000 – is in the Toronto area, where Fathers Owera and Manickathan both were assigned before being transferred to Ohio.

Tagalog is the first language of the Manila area and of about a quarter of the Filipino population of 95 million and is used as a second language in most of the rest of the island chain, but it's only one of more than 100 languages spoken in the Philippines. A dozen more indigenous languages have at least one million native speakers. Cebuano, named for the island of Cebu, ranks second, with about 20 million using it as their principal language.

Punsalan's brother, Raul Pepino, said Cebuano is the language he's most comfortable with, but he's more likely to use Tagalog or English, depending on the person with whom he's conversing. "Depending on where you are in the Philippines, it's not uncommon to have parts of the Mass in three different languages, sometimes with the readings in all three," he said. The April Filipino Mass at Holy Cross was primarily in Tagalog, with parts of the homily in English. "It's usually in Tagalog exclusively, but I added some English this time because I



knew I had more English speakers present," Father Owera said.

Those attending the Mass said that like many families from other nationalities who have settled in the United States, they are finding it hard to pass their language on to their children, who are much more comfortable speaking English because they use it all the time outside their homes.

"The young people's priorities are different, and I can understand that," said Sally Paz. "You can speak your language at home, but you can't force the children to do it." Fellow parishioner Basil Riel added, "I speak only English to my grandchildren because that's the only language they know. I recognize that's the language that surrounds them and that they've been brought up to use."

Those at the Tagalog Mass said one obvious difference between being Catholic in the United States and in the Philippines is that the presence of Catholicism is much more apparent in the latter nation. The Philippines has a Catholic population of about 75 million, making it the nation with the third-largest number of Catholic citizens in the world after Brazil and Mexico.

The Catholic presence in the Philippines results from the nearly four centuries they were a colony of Spain, from the arrival of Spanish explorers in 1521 to the Spanish-American War in 1898.

After the war, they became a possession of the United States until 1946, when they were granted independence. American influence in the nation lingers through the official and everyday use of English and the structure of the government, which is very similar to that of the United States.

The Catholic Church has survived some difficult times in the last 70 years in the Philippines, most notably three years under Japanese occupation in World War II and 14 years of martial law under Ferdinand Marcos, a constitutionally elected president who took on the powers of a dictator. The Church is widely credited with inspiring what became known as the People Power revolution that led to Marcos' ouster in 1986.

"The people hated Marcos, and he made life more difficult for the Church the longer he stayed in power," said Tony Paz, Sally's husband. "Finally, the archbishop of Manila (Cardinal Jaime Sin) began to speak up strongly against Marcos and tell the people to fight for their rights and support the rebellion that was growing against him. That's what ultimately drove Marcos out."

Today, Catholic leaders in the Philippines, like those in the United States, are at odds with the government over contraception-related issues. The legislature

Rally shows a range of issues at heart of push for immigration reform

By Patricia Zapor
Catholic News Service

At a massive rally on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol on April 10, the underlying demand -- comprehensive immigration reform -- came with different primary interests for different people.

A look at the range of issues underlying the effort to produce a bill that can pass in both the Democratic-controlled Senate and the Republican-controlled House helps explain why it's taking so long for a bipartisan Senate panel to produce a bill, reported to be 1,500 pages long.

Among the issues being cited that day:

- Making it easier to reunite families; putting a stop to separation of parents from children and husbands from wives through deportation.
- Allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses.
- Enacting the DREAM Act.
- Shortening the waiting times for legal immigration and increasing the number of visas for unskilled workers.
- Giving people who are living in the shadows a chance to legalize their status and stop hiding for fear of deportation.
- Protecting the labor rights of those who lack legal status.

Signs carried by participants, points raised by the dozens of speakers who took the stage, and testimony given in an *ad hoc* hearing in the House and at various news conferences around Washington raised all those points and more.

Some people focused on self-interests, but not all.

Fatima Abdelsadek, a 17-year-old from New York, sat in the shade with a group



of fellow children of Arab immigrants. Though her family doesn't face the legal obstacles that trouble many of the people at the rally, she passionately pursues the goals of comprehensive reform.

"All our families come here for the American dream," she said. She's gathered hundreds of postcards for members of Congress calling for immigration reform.

One news conference focused on the parents of young adults who would be affected by the DREAM Act, which would provide a path to legalization for those who were brought to the United States as children and remain in immigration limbo, lacking permission to live and work in the U.S. but disconnected from their homelands.

At that event, DREAM Act activists introduced their mothers, who also lack legal status, and some of whom face deportation.



"My dream is for my mother to live without fear and realize her own American dream," said Lorella Praeli, according to a report of the press conference from organizers. "She is an original dreamer, who sacrificed so much for me to have a better future." Praeli is United We Dream's director of advocacy and policy. She was brought to the United States from Peru as a child as the family sought medical treatment.

In a hearing room below the Capitol a short time later, a Jesuit priest from Arizona talked about the people he meets.

"We at the Kino Border Initiative watch in disbelief as we receive women deported to Nogales (Mexico), while their husbands are repatriated to distant points of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border because of the Department of Homeland Security's Alien Transfer Exit Program," said Father Sean Carroll, executive director of the Kino Border Initiative, a Jesuit ministry and education program. He spoke at a hearing hosted by Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz.

"These women endure serious trauma because of separation from their husbands, since they are alone in an unfamiliar city and very vulnerable to exploitation and violence at the hands of organized criminal syndicates that prey on recently deported migrants," the priest said.

Other families remain separated, with parents deported to Mexico and minor children -- often U.S. citizens -- left in the care of extended family or foster homes, said Father Carroll. He cited a November 2011 report of the Applied Research Center, which said 5,100 children were in foster care because their

parents were in immigration detention or had been deported.

"In the first six months of 2011, the United States government removed more than 46,000 mothers and fathers of U.S. citizen children," said Father Carroll. "This reality falls far short of what Scripture teaches regarding care for the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. Our current policies essentially leave many children as orphans, wives and husbands as widows and widowers, and the stranger deported across the border, away from their family members who need them so deeply."

He referenced the Jesuits' February report, *Documented Failures: The Consequences of Immigration Policy on the U.S.-Mexico Border*, which looked at data collected from March through October 2012 from nearly 5,000 people who passed through a dining hall in Nogales. Located a few blocks from the U.S. border, the dining room run by the Kino Initiative serves people who were recently deported or are planning to try to get into the United States illegally.

The Mexican and Central American migrants were questioned about how they were treated by the U.S. Border Patrol and by police agencies in other countries and about the circumstances at home that led them to leave.

The fact that it was an *ad hoc* hearing itself speaks to the complexities of immigration legislation. Typically such hearings are sponsored by members of the party that does not control their branch of Congress. *Ad hoc* sessions are held when the party that is in control won't schedule a hearing on the topic, or won't allow witnesses presenting certain perspectives. Half-a-dozen House Democrats, most of them freshmen from states with large immigrant populations, attended Grijalva's hearing.

Other data cited at the *ad hoc* hearing came from reports titled *How U.S. Immigration Policy Fragments New Mexico Families*, by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico and the Regional Center for Border Rights, and *In the Shadow of the Wall: Family Separation, Immigration Enforcement and Security* by the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Arizona.

Photos: People rally for comprehensive immigration reform on April 10 near the U.S. Capitol. Demonstrators urged lawmakers to support a path to citizenship for an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S.

CNS photos/Larry Downing, Reuters

On the farm or battlefield, Kansas priest gave 'totally of himself'

By Joseph Austin
Catholic News Service

The legacy of Army chaplain Father Emil Kapaun endures because of the men who knew him on the battlefield and in a prison camp during the Korean War, said a spokesman for the Army Office of the Chief of Chaplains.

"The legacy is kept alive by the stories of the soldiers," Chaplain Kenneth W. Stice, a colonel, told Catholic News Service at a media roundtable at the Pentagon on April 10. "That legacy goes on whether recognized ... or not."

With Stice were the priest's nephew Ray Kapaun and Father John Hotze, judicial vicar for the Diocese of Wichita, Kan., the home diocese of Father Kapaun. They spoke to CNS the day before President Barack Obama presented the Medal of Honor posthumously to the war-hero priest in a White House ceremony.

It is the nation's highest military award for bravery. Ray accepted the honor on behalf of his uncle, who died May 23, 1951, in a North Korean prisoner of war camp. Many of those who had served with the priest looked on from their seats.

"I did not know my uncle ... he died before I was born," Ray told CNS at the Pentagon. Born six years after the priest's death, Ray came to know his uncle through the many stories told by his father and mother



in that valley, these men turned to a psalm ... 'Even though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.'"

The record shows that the 35-year-old chaplain had the chance to fall back to safety during a battle between U.S. and Chinese forces, but instead chose to stay and was captured along with dozens of men. He ministered to his fellow soldiers even in the prison camp.

"I think what sets him apart is that he was willing to give totally of himself," he said. "If you look at his life, growing up he was a typical Kansas farm boy, (whose) family did not have much." He had to be creative

with what tools he had, the priest said.



and the soldiers who knew him in his final days.

The POWs who knew the priest continued to talk about him after their liberation, Stice noted.

"I do believe that he is a saint after all that I've found out about him," Father Hotze said about the late priest, who is a candidate for sainthood. Father Hotze has been investigating the chaplain's life for his sainthood cause since 2001.

When soldiers fall wounded on the battlefield, they need someone there to give them encouragement and hope.

Years later in the POW camp that was his home in his final days, Father Kapaun used his wits to steal food from the guarded warehouse to supply the starving soldiers with food, Father Hotze told CNS.

"He gave his life for his sheep," Army Chief of Chaplains Father Donald Rutherford told a Pentagon Channel reporter during the media roundtable.

In his homily on Palm Sunday, April 6, 1941, Father Kapaun said, "Men find it easy to follow one who has endeared himself to them. A man finds it a pleasure to serve one who has saved his life."

"(Father) Kapaun did that," said Stice. He used every opportunity to encourage the troops, gave them a will to live, a meaning and a purpose to keep going, the chaplain said. He trained soldiers to be loyal to their country and their values, and to never let go of that thing that holds all of humanity together: life.

Photos: (Left) Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Father Emil Kapaun in an undated photo. (Right) A member of the military holds the Medal of Honor during the medal ceremony for Father Kapaun at the White House on April 11. CNS photos/ Bob Roller (left), courtesy The Catholic Advance (right)

Faith strengthens family coping with missing journalist-son

By Maryangela Layman Roman
Catholic News Service

Call it a mother's intuition, but Diane Foley knew something just wasn't right when her eldest son, James, didn't contact the family last Thanksgiving.

As the day wore on, her worries grew, because no matter where in the world he was, Jim always found time to call his family, especially on major holidays.

Last Thanksgiving, that call never came.

Diane, a nurse practitioner in the family's home state of New Hampshire, had spoken with Jim about four or five days earlier. A journalist on assignment in Syria, he had called her at work to offer his condolences on the recent death of her 104-year-old aunt.

The previous month, the family had celebrated Jim's 39th birthday with him at their home and Jim had been texting or Skyping the family every couple days during his trip to Syria to cover that country's civil war as a freelance jour-

nalist for GlobalPost.

"He's very good about calling us on major holidays or important days, so on Thanksgiving Day, we expected a phone call and didn't get one," said Diane's husband and Jim's father, John Foley, an internist.

The next morning, Jim's fellow journalist, Clare Gillis, called the family to let them know Jim did not return to their home base in Turkey after a reporting assignment over the border in Syria, John told the *Catholic Herald*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wis.

While the Foley family was alarmed by this development, it was not an unfamiliar scenario for them. About a year and a half earlier, Jim, then freelancing in Libya, was apprehended on a Libyan battlefield and was held captive in a Tripoli jail for 45 days.

Just as they did during his first capture, the Foleys are leaning heavily on their Catholic faith for support.



James Foley is pictured in Aleppo, Syria, in November 2012, the same month in which he was captured while working as a freelance journalist covering the nation's civil war. CNS photo/courtesy Nicole Tung

Members of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish in Rochester, N.H., they were in Milwaukee on April 5 for a prayer vigil at Marquette University for their missing son, a 1996 Marquette graduate.

Diane, who retired two weeks ago to devote more time to finding James, said she typically begins her days praying

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)

The sheep are truly safe with the shepherd



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Acts 13:14,43-52
Revelation 7:9,14b-17
John 10:27-30

The Gospel scene takes place in December in Jerusalem at the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, which recalled the victory over the Syrians by the Maccabees in 164 BC. The feast honored the rededication of the Temple, which became an annual celebration. Jesus' questioners ask if he is the Messiah. He turns the conversation to his care for his sheep and his unity with the Father ("The Father and I are one" in John 10:30).

Those who believe in him are his sheep, and, like any good shepherd, he knows his sheep and they know the shepherd's voice. He offers his sheep "eternal life," which helps explain why they follow him and they are safe under his care ("in my hand") because "My Father" has given them to me. Because they ultimately belong to the Father, and because he is one with the Father, they are truly safe with him.

This strongly suggests the Johannine author offering consolation and hope to his contemporaries, who are reminded that by belonging to Jesus, they belong to the Father, and that they are safe with him. The shepherd language also recalls Old Testament passages where the king, David, or one of his successors was thought of in the shepherding role. In Ezekiel 34:33, we find "I will appoint one shepherd over them to pasture them, my servant David; he shall pasture them and be their shepherd. I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be prince in their midst. I, the Lord, have spoken."

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in the Philippines recently passed a law that will guarantee access to birth control and sex education classes to millions of people, despite strong opposition from the nation's bishops.

Bulosan said she was in Manila for Holy Week this year, "and it was like a ghost town, or as much as it can be in such a big city. It seemed everybody started going to resorts on Holy Thursday and stayed there for the rest of the weekend, and were more interested in that than the religious aspect."

But public expressions of the faith remain very much a part of everyday life in the Philippines. "The bus and taxi drivers still make the sign of the cross when they pass a church, and with all the churches there, they have to do that a lot," Tony Paz said. And as Columbus diocesan development director Rick Jeric noted in

There the reference to David was clearly to one of David's successors, because David had died hundreds of years before. Yet David's successors had all the power he did as an absolute ruler in Israel, and if he was appointed as ruler by the Lord, then he was to rule with divine support. Because the lines were often blurred between the absolute power of a king and that of the Lord, prophets were also sent by God to warn monarchs when they went too far. See Nathan's warning to David in 2 Samuel 12 after he had taken Bathsheba for a wife, driven purely by lust.

Because Israel's king historically had been endowed with such absolute power and because Israel still hoped for an anointed savior to come as Messiah and restore Israel's fortunes, it is easy to see why the question about whether Jesus is the Messiah or not arises, and it arises immediately before Sunday's gospel begins. "The Jews" come to him and ask "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

That means that the signs he had already worked have begun to have an effect on the people in this dramatic moment when they demand an answer. He answers, "I have told you so but you have not believed. The works I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep." Now the scene is properly set to consider Sunday's Gospel. As we can see, the background and setting give a better understanding of Jesus' words, especially when Jesus says "The Father and I are one." No biblical passage makes sense without knowing its context.

Acts continues to tell of the developing church, but this time Paul is introduced as the one who first preached to the synagogue communities of Asia Minor. When that did not work, he turned his attention to the Gentiles and became the apostle to the Gentiles from this point on.

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

a *Catholic Times* story on his recent visit to the Philippines, all the converted Jeeps known as Jeepneys which are used as part of that nation's transportation system are decorated by their operators with religious symbols.

Members of the congregation at the Holy Cross Tagalog Mass say they recognize their good fortune in having Father Owersa residing in Columbus. "This Mass is so important to us because it's one of the few chances we have to preserve our heritage and to listen to the Gospel in the words we know best," Tony Paz said.

"The presence of Father Ramon gives us an opportunity very few people have in this part of the country," his wife added. "We hope he will be able to stay with us for many years, as we're not likely to have this chance another time."

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 42:2-3;43:3-4
John 10:1-10

TUESDAY
Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1-7
John 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
John 12:44-50

THURSDAY
1 Peter 5:5b-14
Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-17
Mark 16:15-20

FRIDAY
Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-11
John 14:1-6

SATURDAY
Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1-4
John 14:7-14

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 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

The Joy of the Easter Season



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

There 's a reason that Lent is 40 days and Easter is 50. We are supposed to celebrate a little longer than we are to suffer. In our modern world, we love the concept of suffering if it has to do with a long-held personal goal, or a personal-interest story often revolving around some Olympic athlete preparing to fulfill a lifetime dream. However, sadly, if it has to do with faith, too many people just can't imagine the concept. In making the Easter season 50 days, the Church wanted to show the world that while the faithful are supposed to carry their crosses, we are also supposed to live joyous lives. No one wants to be a part of something in which everyone looks depressed and not happy to be there.

During the Middle Ages, some monks would not eat at all during Lent, but they would drink very thick wheat beer and flavored beer. They did so not only to fast, but also because water was often contaminated, not because they were alcoholics (keep this in mind the next time someone claims that monks were often drunk or that flavored beer is a fancy modern yuppie invention).

However, once Lent was finished, the monks often would enjoy 50 days of feasting. Feasts in 1313 were entirely different than those of 2013, but both were a cause of celebration. Then and now, Pentecost ended

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the rosary for her son's safe return, then heads to daily Mass before returning home to her laptop to try to connect with people who can help them locate him.

"I feel God is really with us. God knows where he is. It's up to us to find him," said Diane, as John added, "Lord, please don't make it so hard."

Diane said that while the prayers of their own community and the Marquette community are strengthening, she is concerned about Jim's emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being.

While at Marquette, the Foleys said, the eldest of their five children developed a social justice awareness. He graduated with a degree in history and joined Teach for America; he taught in inner-city schools in Phoenix and Chicago.

Teaching, however, did not "fire his passion," according to his father.

He enrolled at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and earned a master's degree in 2008.

By reporting on the atrocities taking place in remote parts of the world, Jim felt he was giving a voice to the voiceless, said his parents.

Diane said the couple is "very proud of Jim's work, his courage and passion about it."

While concerned for his safety, they don't like to describe Jim as reckless.

During his captivity in Libya, the food was decent, Jim was allowed to shower, and, most importantly, noted his father, he was allowed to contact his family.

While he was raised with the Catholic faith, his

the Easter season and the Church returned to ordinary time until Advent.

Long before our modern times, cultures in Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa revolved around the Church's calendar, as well as the agricultural calendar. No one would violate the norms of the Church's calendar or the time-honored traditions of the planting and harvesting season. There was a rhythm to life, and no one would dare tinker with it.

Village churches would be immaculately decorated during the Easter season to show the joy one and all felt for the season. Today, our parish churches remain decorated with Easter flowers as long as they can bloom. The culmination of the Easter season was Pentecost, and villagers in the past often would decorate not only their parish church, but also the town with elaborately colored flowers to accentuate the work of the Holy Spirit.

parents said, Jim's Libyan captivity seemed to draw him closer to God.

Because Jim freelances and does not work for one major news organization, his family members have to develop contacts on their own in their search for him.

Father Joseph Khouiery, a priest of Lebanese descent who serves at the neighboring parish in the family's home Diocese of Manchester, N.H., has been helpful, they noted, adding that they don't expect to find Jim through traditional ways.

It's not a case in which governments can negotiate the release of an individual, they explained, because in the Foleys' case, they don't know who is holding him.

Instead, they are trying to make contacts with people such as food or oil suppliers or American contractors or anyone who might be close to the situation.

"It's been four months and we really don't know any more than what we did the day he was captured. There were several witnesses, so we know it happened, we know where it happened, but he hasn't been seen since, so it's time to really look at some of those other angles to try to get information," said Diane.

And, of course, they are leaning on prayer.

"Faith has been part of family life, but this has deepened my faith because there is our hope. Our hope is that God will take care of Jim," said Diane, noting that family members have to be patient, "in God's time, not our time."

John added, "We also have to trust in 'thy will be done.' Obviously, we wish this would clear up yesterday, but that's not the way it works."

The Easter season also helps kick off the parish festival season, although most festivals take place after Pentecost, in Ordinary Time. This is all done to remind us of the joy of the empty tomb and Christ's resurrection. Our modern world has interesting ways of celebrating, from riotous celebrations following important sporting victories to high-tech gadget launches in which retailers often open their doors at midnight to allow camped-out shoppers access to purchase various types of software and phones. In these frenzied scenes, it is very apparent what many people worship today.

St. Teresa of Avila, who lived in the 1500s, was fond of saying, "I don't need to be around another dour holy man or holy woman. The Lord Jesus needs the help of joyous men and women." One of Mother Teresa's requirements for the women who joined her order was that if they didn't like to smile, they weren't cut out for the order. It would do us well to be more joyful people and to show that joy to an increasingly faithless world that needs all the joy it can get. The world needs to see the joy of the Lord, and we are the ones who are to show that joy.

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

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

The next Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will feature Msgr. Christopher Schreck, rector-president of the Pontifical College Josephinum, speaking on "The Vocation Boom and the Josephinum."

The meeting will follow the church's 11:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, May 3. No reservations are necessary, but a \$10 donation is requested to cover expenses. The luncheon will conclude by 1 p.m.

The club meets on the first Friday of every month except January, July, and August. For more information on the club or other activities of Columbus Catholic Men, go to www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com.

Grief Support Group

A new grief support group will be forming and will meet for six weeks beginning Thursday, May 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Worthington St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St. Co-facilitators will be C.G. Jones and Mary Ann Koncal.

The group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one or a friend, giving participants the opportunity to share with others in a similar situation, A Christian-based manual, suggested readings, and handout material will be available.

For more information or to register, please call Jones at (614) 846-2361 or the parish office at (614) 885-7814.

Pray for our dead

DAVIS, Benita N., 78, April 4
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

DOOLEY, Linda L., 64, April 7
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

DRISCOLL, Gilbert J., 90, April 10
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

FREDELAKE, Robert W., 63, April 10
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

FREDERICH, Margaret A., 95, April 13
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

GOMEZ, Patricia, 74, April 2
Holy Family Church, Columbus

HATZO, Alicia J., 89, Dec. 15, 2012
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

HEMMER, Paul V. "Pete," 94, April 9
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KELLEY, Richard J., 82, April 14
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

KINKADE, Robert "Bruce," 86, April 7
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

MARINELLI, Angelo O., 81, April 14
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

MORALES, Rafael, 62, April 8
St. Peter Church, Columbus

O'BRYAN, John C., 88, April 9
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

Dolores Eilerman

Funeral Mass for Dolores Eilerman, 83, who died Tuesday, April 9, was held Monday, April 15, at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in Sharpsburg, Ohio, to Ignatius and Sarah (White) Esser.

She served as a Eucharistic minister and volunteered on many committees at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

She was preceded in death by her

Carol A. Krecsmar

Funeral Mass for Carol A. Krecsmar, 67, who died Tuesday, April 9, was held Friday, April 12, at Columbus St. Ladislus Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Feb. 13, 1946, in New Brighton, Pa. to the late John and Ann (Toth) Krecsmar.

She attended St. Ladislus School

OSTRZENIEC, Alois J., 58, of Columbus, April 1
St. Stanislaus Church, Erie, Pa.

PALUS, Edward M., Army Col. (Ret.), 83, April 8
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

PAUL, Clarice A., 95, April 12
St. Nicholas Church, Columbus

RARICK, John J. II, 52, April 12
St. Paul Church, Westerville

RING, Phyllis, 84, April 10
St. Mary Church, Marion

SCAPEROTH, Henry J., 84, April 2
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

SCHMIDT, George F., 91, April 8
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

SPIRES, Ellen E., 77, April 13
St. Mark Church, Lancaster

STARNE, Lucette, 89, April 4
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

STEWART, Kathryn J., 61, March 30
St. Michael Church, Worthington

SULLIVAN, Lawrence, April 14
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

WHELAN, Raymond P., 85, April 9
St. Paul Church, Westerville

WOOD, Virginia, 62, April 11
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

parents; husband, Cletus; brothers, Edmund, Fred, and Herbert; sisters, Mary Sutter and Frances Wattercutter; and a grandson. Survivors include sons, Father Craig Eilerman, pastor of Lancaster St. Mary Church; Kevin, and David; daughters, Sharon (Mike) Post, Ann (John) Halliday, and Lynn (Terry) Lovell; three grandsons; three granddaughters; and two great-granddaughters.

and Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and was employed by Columbus St. Christopher Church, the Lazarus Co., and the Arthritis Foundation. She was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Hungarian Cultural Association.

Survivors include a sister, Mary Beth.

Sister Michael Mary Naughton, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Michael Mary Naughton, OP, 87, who died Thursday, April 11, was held Saturday, April 13, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Jan. 9, 1926, in Brad-dock, Pa., to Michael and Mary (Finnerty) Naughton.

She entered the novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus in 1956 and made her profession of vows in 1957. She received her practical nursing license from Courter Tech High School in Cincinnati.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she volunteered at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus in the pharmacy and physical therapy departments, and served her congregation for most of her life by ministering to the sick and

the infirm as a staff member, pharmacy assistant, and central supply director at the Mohun Health Care Center. She also served the congregation as procurator, seeing to the upkeep of the buildings and grounds at St. Mary of the Springs.

Students at St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) knew her from her service to them at Hamilton Hall in 1957 and 1958. Following her retirement, she did community service at the Springs Press before coming to the Mohun center to live in 2005. She also ministered in Cincinnati and New York state.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Michael; and sister, Theresa. Survivors include a brother, James (Katherine) Naughton; and sisters, Dolores Bonacci and Jane O'Toole.

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H A P P E N I N G S

APRIL

18, THURSDAY

Catholic Women's Cooking Club Dinner
6:30 p.m., Lavelle Hall, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Catholic Women's Cooking Club dinner focusing on Southern cuisine. First of three "Americana" dinners with chef Justin Hernandez. RSVP requested. 614-241-2540

20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. 614-406-9516

18-20, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Hartley Presents "The Diary of Anne Frank"
7:30 p.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. School's theater department presents "The Diary of Anne Frank." 614-237-5421
Bishop Watterson Presents "All Shook Up!"
7:30 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School's performing arts department presents "All Shook Up," a musical inspired by the songs of Elvis Presley. 614-268-8671

19, FRIDAY

DeSales Presents "Hello, Dolly!"
7 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School's drama department presents the classic musical "Hello, Dolly!" 614-237-5421

19-21, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend
Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, for couples interested in making good marriages better. 740-746-9003

"Women and Suffering" Retreat at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Silent retreat on "Women and Suffering" with Father Michael Mary Dosch, OP, pastor, Columbus St. Patrick Church. Sponsored by Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League. 614-866-1611

20, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654
Tutor Training Session at Dominican Learning Center
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Training session for people interested in one-to-one tutoring of adults studying to learn to read, to receive a high-school equivalency diploma, or to learn English as a second language. 614-444-7330

St. Charles Father-Son Mass and Breakfast
9:30 a.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass and buffet breakfast for incoming freshmen and current students and their fathers, fourth- to eighth-graders and fathers interested in learning about the school, and alumni fathers, uncles, and grandfathers. Speaker: Chuck Gehring, chief executive officer, LifeCare Alliance. 614-252-9288, extension 21
High Tea and Food Talk at de Porres Center
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport

Road, Columbus. High tea with talk by Amy Heyd, author of "Saints at the Dinner Table." 614-416-1910

"Knit-in" at Church of the Resurrection
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. "Knit-in" for prayer shawl ministry groups and individual knitters and crocheters. Supplies and instruction for learners will be available. Bring bag lunch; desserts and drinks provided. 614-342-6003

21, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Our Immigrant Church" with Father John Stowe, OFM Conv, rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey.

Praise Mass at Seton Parish
11:15 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Praise Mass with contemporary music by parish's small musical groups. 614-833-0482
St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

2 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Rosary and ongoing formation followed by social time, general meeting. Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676

DeSales Presents "Hello, Dolly!"
2 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School's drama department presents the classic musical "Hello, Dolly!" 614-237-5421

Healing Mass at St. Elizabeth
4 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Healing Mass celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson, sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, preceded by rosary and praise and worship at 3. Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available at Mass. 614-237-7080

Discussion at St. Paul on Hunger
6:30 to 8 p.m., Miller Hall, St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Discussion on "Hunger in Our Midst" with Matt Habash, president and chief executive officer, Mid-Ohio Foodbank. 614-882-2109
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

22, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, (Christ the King Church campus), Columbus. 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157
Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. 614-459-2766

23, TUESDAY

Girls Life Awareness Luncheon at Josephinum
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Life awareness luncheon for eighth-grade and high school girls, with Sister Mary Michael, OP, principal of Worthington St. Michael School, speaking on "The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Christ Jesus" and discussing vocation choices, followed by tour of Josephinum for those interested. Sponsored by Serra Club of North Columbus. 614-738-4233

Ohio Dominican Adult Education Open House
6 p.m., Room 112, LEAD campus, Ohio Dominican University, 2600 Airport Drive, Columbus. Open house to discuss adult undergraduate education programs. 614-473-9003
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. 740-653-4919

25, THURSDAY

20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. 614-406-9516

Artist Reception at de Porres Center
7 to 9 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Road, Columbus. Reception for artist Robert Shetterly, whose "Americans Who Tell the Truth" portraits are being exhibited through May 17. 614-416-1910
NFP Class at Our Lady of Peace

7 to 9 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. First of four Natural Family Planning classes taught by diocesan-trained teachers in the symptothermal method. Cost \$65 per couple; preregistration required. 614-241-2560
'Courage' Support Group Meeting
7:30 p.m., A Catholic organization providing support for individuals with same-sex attractions. Mary Louise 614-436-8676

25-27, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale
9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items, benefiting Catholic and pro-life charities including JOIN, Joseph's Coat clothing ministry, and Knights of Columbus. 614-561-5300

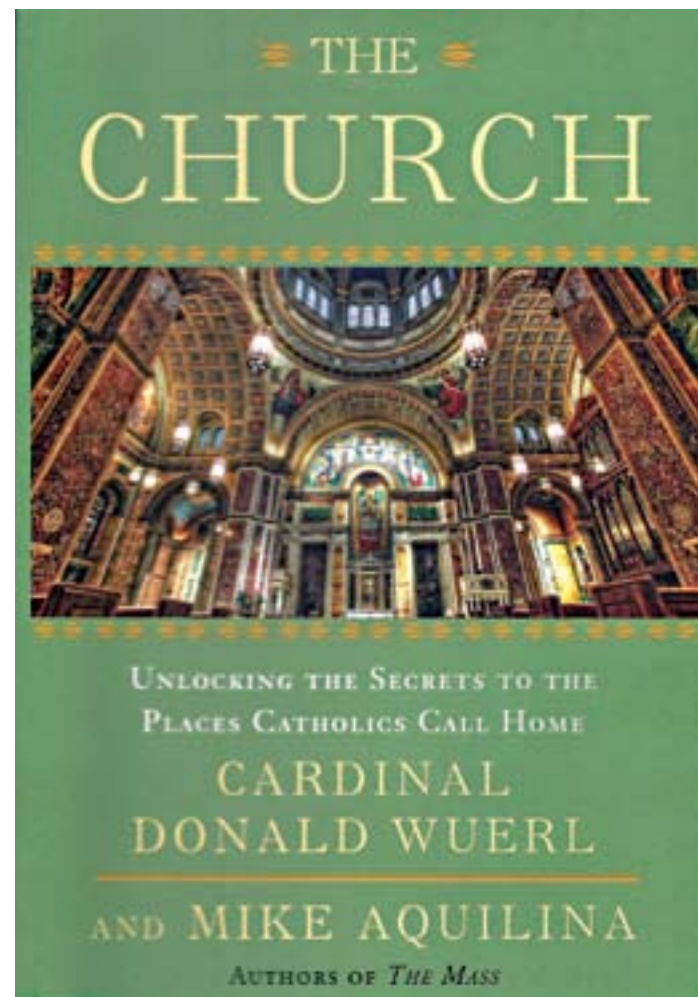
26, FRIDAY

Multigenerational Event at de Porres Center
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Road, Columbus. Discussion by young people and senior citizens of what it means to tell the truth, inspired by exhibit of Robert Shetterly's "Americans Who Tell the Truth" portraits. Includes Institute for Maturing Spirituality webcast from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to be shown at Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. 614-416-1910

JOIN BiblioBenefit at St. Andrew
7 p.m., Nugent Hall, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. BiblioBenefit IX sponsored by Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, with "Wagon Train" theme. Reservation deadline April 19. 614-845-4523
Lancaster St. Mary Presents "The Wizard of Oz"
7 p.m., St. Mary School, 309 E. Chestnut St., Lancaster. Middle school students present "The Wizard of Oz." 740-654-1632

26-28, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

DCCW Silent Retreat at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Silent retreat sponsored by Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, directed by Father Joshua Wagner. Theme: "Journey in God's Garden ... Cultivating the Fruits of the Spirit." Reservation deadline April 19. 614-228-8601



BOOK REVIEWS

Unlocking the Secrets to the Places Catholics Call Home

How architecture combines with theology

The best-selling authors of "The Mass," Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington and Mike Aquilina, bring an insightful and practical guide that explores the architectural and spiritual components of the Catholic Church in "The Church."

In this thought-provoking book, they illuminate the importance of the Church in its many guises and examine the theological ideas behind the physical structure of churches, cathedrals, and basilicas. "The Church" is perfect for curious travelers, prayer walkers, and anyone who enjoys architecture.

How is a church designed? What is the function of the altar? What does the nave represent? What is the significance of the choir loft? Sure to intrigue travelers who enjoy architecture, history and faith,

this new book includes amazing photography.

Cardinal Wuerl commissioned the official photographer of the Archdiocese of Washington provide more than two dozen beautiful black-and-white photographs.

Cardinal Wuerl is the archbishop of Washington and the best-selling author of "The Catholic Way." He is known nationally for his catechetical and teaching ministry and for his efforts on behalf of Catholic education.

Aquilina is the author of more than 20 books including "The Mass of the Early Christians" and "Fire of God's Love: 120 Reflections on the Eucharist." He appears regularly on EWTN with Scott Hahn.



Knowledge of Catholic past deepens faith

By Carl Bunderson
Catholic News Agency

A new book authored by Dr. James Hitchcock, professor of history at St. Louis University, is aimed at helping Catholics live their faith more richly by exposing them to the Church's 2,000-year history.

"It gives them a complete, rich picture of the Church. ... A Catholic who knows that will have a deeper faith," Hitchcock told CNA.

"If you don't know where you came from, you don't know where you're going, and you're not even sure where you are right now," he said.

"In order to understand what the Catholic Church is and what it means to be a Catholic, one has to understand the evolution and development of dogma, the various kinds of spirituality, the relationship between the Church and cultures, and religious art and music."

The book is meant for Catholics and non-Catholics and provides explanations of potentially unfamiliar terms. It features helpful marginal notes to assist readers in easily finding what they are looking for.

Hitchcock said his approach to history aims for "honesty," while also regarding the Church as a "major positive force."

The author, who specializes in the renaissance and

reformation eras, said that writing a history of such a broad subject as the entire history of the Catholic Church was a challenging task.

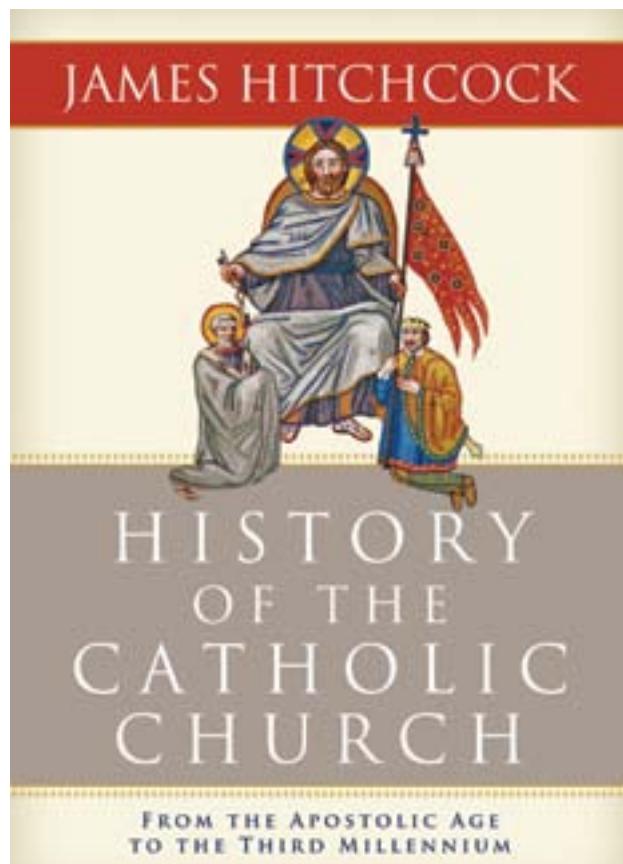
"I boned up on some of the fields myself, but I do also rely on what other historians have done. ... All historians have to do that; unless you have a pretty narrow subject, you cannot master the whole thing, and you're going to have to rely partly on what other people have done," he said.

Hitchcock emphasized the importance of reflection on the past for evaluating choices in the present. Inculturation, the process of adapting the faith to local culture, "needs to be approached with a tremendous amount of both faith and discernment." While "the word is new, the activity isn't," he said.

Hitchcock also discussed how history can guide the new evangelization. Though it is "still in the process of being defined," he said that in the past, the Church has successfully evangelized through zeal.

Hitchcock finished by reflecting on how Christianity's world view has affected the view of history itself. "That history is moving toward a goal gives it meaning. The pagans couldn't see any meaning to history. It was a meaningless circle going round and around," he said.

"But the Christians said it's moving toward



something, and we're called upon to bring about the presence of Christ in the world. It's directly related to evangelization, and moving toward the eventual fulfillment of history."

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



An injured victim is carried from the scene of an explosion at the Boston Marathon on April 15. Two bombs exploded in the crowded streets near the finish line of the marathon, killing at least three people, including an 8-year-old boy, and injuring more than 140. CNS photo/Daily Free Press/Kenshin Okubo, Boston University handout via Reuters



North Korean defectors living in Seoul pray for peace and reunification of the divided Korean Peninsula, during a church service in Seoul on April 7. North Korea, angry about new U.N. sanctions imposed for its third nuclear weapon test in February, has made increasingly strident warnings of an imminent war with South Korea and the United States. CNS photo/ Lee Jae-Won, Reuters



During a prayer walk sponsored by Christian Churches Together at Kelly Ingram Park in Birmingham, Ala., on April 15, members holds hands in prayer at the "Kneeling Ministers" sculpture. The statue depicts the Revs. John Thomas Porter, Nelson H. Smith and A. D. King kneeling in prayer after being confronted by Public Safety Commissioner Bull Connor during an April 7, 1963 protest. Christian Churches Together sponsored a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail." CNS photo/Mary D. Dillard, One Voice

Why a Catholic Cemetery?

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614-491-2751

518 Mt. Calvary Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43223

Resurrection Cemetery

614-888-1805

9571 N. High St./Rt. 23 N.
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

Holy Cross Cemetery

740-927-4442

11539 National Rd. SW/Rt. 40 E.
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

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