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The Editor's Notebook

Ordination

By David Garick, Editor

This week, *Catholic Times* celebrates the ordination of six new priests. This is an exciting time for these young men, their families, and all of the faithful.

It's always exciting when someone begins a new career. But when a man becomes a priest, it goes to a much higher level. It is not just a new job. We have a huge celebration within the church to mark this very significant event. We express our gratitude that the Holy Spirit has again provided men educated in the truth of our faith and inspired to stand with our bishop in providing the sacraments that are central to our relationship with God.

We all have experienced the serene pleasure of coming out of Mass enriched in our faith and filled with the love of God, having just participated in the intimate communion with Our Lord through the Blessed Sacrament. It is only through the loving and sacrificial actions of a priest, such as the ones ordained this week, that we have access to this incredible blessing.

We have all experienced the relief and sense of renewal that comes in the Sacrament of Reconciliation when the priest tells us that our sins are forgiven. Intellectually, we know that God is always ready to forgive those who truly repent. But to hear those words of forgiveness directed to us in regard to the actual sins we wish with all of our hearts to erase – only a priest such as the ones ordained this week can say those words with authority. Only a priest can help us close the door on the fail-

ings in our past and open the door of the confessional to a bright new day for our souls.

We have all known priests who played a special role in our lives. Men who were there with consolation in difficult times. Men who shared in joyful moments in our lives. Men who helped us to understand God's will for our lives. Men who brought Christ's presence into our daily existence.

This week, we have six more such priests. Next year, we hope that four men ordained as deacons this May will join the ranks of priests in the Diocese of Columbus.

We continue to have a serious shortage of priests. But the good news is that we have an increasing number of seminarians in the diocese who are discerning and acting on God's call to serve his people, and we hope that they, too, will be presented for ordination in the years ahead.

Still, we can never have too many good priests. So continue to pray for vocations. And be sure to take a moment to pray for our newly ordained priests.

They are the men who one day will be remembered for being there for a Baptism, a first Communion, as presider at a wedding, or at a funeral for a loved one. They are our visible connection to Christ. They are dedicating their lives to bringing God to us. We should thank God for giving them to us.



D.C. Cardinal: "Christ didn't change his words, and neither should the Church"

By Matt Hadro
CNA/EWTN News

It is not discrimination for a Catholic to publicly profess his faith, Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington insisted in a pastoral letter titled "Being Catholic Today."

"It has become increasingly acceptable," he stated, "to disparage as bigoted and mean-spirited anyone who seeks to uphold fundamental truths about the human person that have been recognized throughout history."

Church teaching is rooted in an "authentic humanism," he added, and "it is neither discrimination nor an undue imposition on the freedom of others to promote that belief and live by it."

The letter, published on Sunday, May 24, outlined various challenges facing Catholics in the United States who want to practice their faith publicly. The faith must be lived in action because the "missionary activity of the Church is essential to her identity," Cardinal Wuerl said. This is practiced through Catholic ministries to the poor, immigrants, and children.

These ministries must never be

severed from the teachings of Christ, he added. "The Church is not a business, a club, or a special-interest group. Her origins are found in the will and actions of Christ," he said.

Yet threats loom to the practice of the faith because some wish to impose a secular morality on everyone, including Catholics, he explained. This would include a forced "tolerance" for acts such as abortion or sexual activity that contradicts Church teaching.

As a primary example of this threat, the cardinal cited two Washington, D.C. laws. One, the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act, mandates that employers, including religious and pro-life organizations, are not free to hire and retain only those employees who do not publicly contradict their mission.

The other law, the Human Rights Amendment Act, forces religious schools to "endorse, fund, or provide other assistance for the promotion of sexual conduct contrary to their faith and moral beliefs," he said.

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Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

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

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Front Page photo:

Six men about to be ordained as priests by Bishop Frederick Campbell kneel in front of him to pledge their obedience to him and his successors on Saturday, May 30 at Westerville St. Paul Church.

CT photo by Ken Snow

SIX NEW DIOCESAN PRIESTS ARE ORDAINED



Photos, clockwise: Six new priests were ordained for the Diocese of Columbus on Saturday, May 30, at Westerville St. Paul Church. They are (first row, from left) Fathers Sean Dooley, Thomas Gardner, Nicola Ventura, Brian O'Connor, Anthony Davis, and Michael Hartge. Participants in the ordination ceremony included (back row, from left) Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director; Bishop Frederick Campbell; and Msgr. Christopher Schreck, rector/president of the Pontifical College Josephinum.

All the priests in attendance laid their hands on the heads of the new priests immediately following their ordination by the bishop. Among those doing so were (from left) Father Charles Cotton, Father David Poliafico, Msgr. Stephan Moloney, and Msgr. Christopher Schreck.

Bishop Campbell anoints the hands of newly ordained Father Thomas Gardner. CT photos by Ken Snow

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Bishop Frederick Campbell, speaking to six new diocesan priests, told them their ordination gives them the same opportunity as St. Paul had nearly 2,000 years ago to influence the world through the words and example of Jesus.

"Whether it be Miletus, Ephesus, or Rome (sites of Paul's missionary journeys), Chilli-cothe, Dover, or Columbus, what awaits the priest of Christ is the sacred opportunity to touch hearts and minds with the word of Christ and the power of the sacramental presence of the Lord. What a marvelous work to which you have been called, my brothers," the bishop said to Fathers Anthony Davis, Sean Dooley, Thomas Gardner, Michael Hartge, Brian O'Connor, and Nicola Ventura during his homily at their ordination Mass on Saturday, May 30, in Wester-

ville St. Paul Church.

The new priests will receive their first parish assignments later this month. The bishop indirectly noted that in his homily, saying, "The ministry of a parish priest is one of arriving and departure, although marked by a constant, unchanging devotion and witness to God's grace.

"We take up a new charge with expectation, and perhaps some wonderment," he said. "We meet new members of the faithful, and others seeking for the face of God – people not yet known to us by name, but marked with the title 'Christian.' "They long for the gospel message and the experience of the presence of Christ. They hunger for meaning in their lives, in a future that stretches beyond death into eternity. They seek forgiveness of sins and renewal of life.

"Our zeal is for the good of souls and the glory of Christ,

not for some comfortable niche," the bishop said. "Our joy is the many companions whom we meet on our pilgrimage to the Kingdom."

The Gospel reading for the Mass was from John's account of the Last Supper, during which Jesus told the Apostles, "I am the vine and you are the branches." Bishop Campbell told the new priests, "By your ordination, you will be engrafted onto the singular priesthood of Jesus Christ. His mission will be yours. His voice will speak through your voice. His presence will give meaning to your words and actions. But remember who is the vine and who are the branches."

Continuing his reference to the Last Supper, the bishop noted that at that time, the Apostles were "invited to become witnesses to the extraordinary, sublime, and awesome conversation that occurs eternally within the Blessed Trin-



ity. In a like fashion, when a priest offers the Eucharist, he re-presents that divine conversation directed to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. He will invite all the faithful to become witnesses to that conversation.

"The faithful long to hear those words of sacrificial love and know the gift of truth and life being offered," the bishop said. "Speak them, my brothers, with clarity, care, and devotion, so that, moved to give glory to God, the faithful may be full of thanksgiving and committed to lives lived worthy of so great a gift."

Bishop Campbell concluded his homily by asking those in attendance to "encourage these men with your prayers and Christian companionship. Through your generosity, support them in their work, and

with them, give glory to God. Pray often and always for an increase in the number of those who hear the call of the Lord and respond wholeheartedly."

Family members and friends of the new priests filled the pews in the church and additional seats which were set up for the two-hour, 15-minute Mass, with the crowd spilling into the building's gathering space, where it watched a closed-circuit television feed.

The rite of ordination began after the reading of the Gospel, with the six candidates for the priesthood, who until then were seated with their families, being called from the congregation and presented to the bishop by Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, who declared them ready for the priesthood.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Bed

Did you remember and celebrate the courage, valor, and sacrifice of our U.S. veterans the past two weeks? I wonder how many of us were able to actually decorate the grave of a veteran. Attending a parade or any type of community or church ceremony to honor our veterans is a good gesture and even means a lot to our surviving veterans. We need to appreciate their service and sacrifice, also. Our service men and women do not serve to be decorated. They are not in it to see how many medals and recognition they can get. And even though they are always ready and willing to give their lives for their country and its citizens, they are in no hurry to have their graves decorated. But when you and I simply thank them for their service in a sincere way, they appreciate that more than anything. Even beyond Memorial Day, when you see a veteran, take the few seconds out of your day and show your gratitude. Good stewardship is based on gratitude. Like veterans, we give of our time, talent, and treasure to show our thanks for all of God's good gifts.

God lives under my bed. You may or may not recognize this as a short witness that has been published for a number of years, and pops up on the internet from time to time. It is a really personal and thought-provoking testimonial that is worth sharing. I do not know the source, so I cannot give proper credit. But I can give credit to my Mom, who suggested that I use it for one of my columns. In the same spirit of always doing what I was told while growing up (haha), I will listen to the wisdom of my Mom and share this story with you. It truly provides great material for meditation and contemplation. "My brother thinks God lives under his bed. He was praying out loud and I stopped to listen. 'Are you there, God? Where are you? Oh, I see, under the bed.' His unique perspectives are often a source of amusement. But that night something else lingered long after the humor. He was born 30 years ago, mentally disabled as a result of difficulties during labor. He reasons and communicates with the capabilities of a 7 year old, and he always will. I wonder if he realizes he is different. Is he ever dissatisfied with his monotonous life? He does not seem dissatisfied. He does not know what it means to be discontent. His life is simple. He will never know the entanglements of wealth or power, and he does not care what brand of clothing he wears or what kind of food he eats. His needs have always been met, and he never worries that one day they may not be. He does not shrink from a job when it is begun, and he does not leave a job until it is finished. But when his tasks are done, he knows how to relax. He is not obsessed with his work or the work of others. His heart is pure. He still believes everyone tells the truth, promises must be kept, and when you are wrong, you apologize instead of argue."

Our practical challenge the next two weeks is to simply meditate on these points, and in conclusion, "Not confined by intellectual reasoning, when he comes to Christ, he comes as a child. He seems to know God, and to really be friends with Him. God seems like his closest companion. I envy the security he has in his simple faith. He has spent his whole life in that kind of innocence, praying and soaking up the goodness and love of God. And one day, when the mysteries of heaven are opened, and we are all amazed at how close God really is to our hearts, I will realize that God heard the simple prayers of a boy who believed that God lived under his bed. My brother won't be surprised at all."

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



40 Hours Devotion at St. Brendan

The traditional 40 Hours devotion, featuring continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament over a period of one full day and parts of two others, will take place at Hilliard St. Brendan Church from 1 p.m. Friday, June 5 to 7 a.m. Sunday, June 7, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

The faithful are invited to come to the church at any point during that time and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament for as long as they wish. Several groups from the parish have committed to an hour of prayer time during that period.

The Liturgy of the Hours, the Church's official prayer, will be recited at various points during this time. Highlights of the event, which is a preparation for that Sunday's Corpus Christi feast, include:

Friday, Sext (midday prayer), 1 p.m.; None (mid-afternoon prayer), 2 p.m.; Vespers (evening prayer), with choir, 7 p.m.; Compline (night prayer), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Matins (Office of Readings) 7 a.m.; Mass, 8:15 a.m.; Lauds (morning prayer), 9 a.m.; family hour presentation for children and parents, 10 a.m.; Terce (mid-morning prayer), 11 a.m.; Sext (midday prayer), 1 p.m.; None (mid-afternoon prayer), 2 p.m.; Mass, 5:30 p.m.;

Compline (night prayer), 9 p.m.

Sunday, Benediction and Reposition, 7 a.m.

There will be a Eucharistic procession following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. In addition, the Vatican-approved traveling exhibit of Eucharistic miracles which has been shown at several churches in the diocese will be displayed from 1 p.m. Friday to 7 p.m. Sunday.

The display of 140 panels includes photos and historical depictions related to 126 Eucharistic miracles which have occurred in various nations, and serves as testimony to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. All the miracles have been recognized by the Vatican as being authentic.

For more information, contact the church at (614) 876-1272.

The Eucharistic miracles exhibit, which has visited more than 1,000 parishes in Italy and other nations, also will be displayed from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 13 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 14, at Marion St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St.

For more information, contact the church at (740) 382-2118.

St. Agnes 60th Anniversary

Columbus St. Agnes Church, 2364 W. Mound St., will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the church building and remember the first anniversary of the death of Father Richard Pendolphi, its former pastor, on Friday, June 5.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with

a procession and dedication of an Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine. Bishop Frederick Campbell will preside at the Mass which will follow. There will be a potluck celebration after Mass. Those interested in attending are asked to call the parish office at (614) 276-5413.

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Reconsecration to the Sacred Heart will take place June 12

By The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

We are looking forward to Friday, June 12, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, when Bishop Frederick Campbell will reconsecrate the Diocese of Columbus to the Sacred Heart during a Mass which will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. We consider this to be "the great act" of his episcopate.

The heart has always been seen as the center of a person. Eucharistic miracles all over the world show the real presence of Jesus Christ and His absolute love for us through the Eucharist, to which His Sacred Heart points.

The significance of the Sacred Heart in our community of sisters is very important. Our Constitution teaches us that through the evangelical councils, and especially through chastity, we consecrate ourselves with an undivided heart to the total love of Christ. Responding to this gift of His love in faith and trust, we freely place all the affection of our hearts on the person of Jesus Christ by an undivided love that we reserve for Christ, and we consecrate to Him all the human powers of love.

We established a convent at Chillicothe St. Peter Church in 2014. Our congregation of sisters is from India. When we walk into Catholic homes there, we see a picture of the Sacred Heart in the center. Each family, as well as all Catholic institutions, colleges, schools, businesses, and even vehicles are consecrated to the Sa-

cred Heart. Even poor Catholic families make a small Sacred Heart shrine.

The first and most important ceremony during a housewarming is the enthronement of the Sacred Heart. This tradition and devotion plays an important role and has a positive influence among young people discerning their vocation in life.

In each convent of our religious order, we have a special morning offering in which we hear the rising bell and "offer our prayers, actions, and sufferings of this day in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for which He pleads and offers Himself in all the Holy Masses throughout the world in reparation for our sins." We pray, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, infinite goodness, may all know you and love you ever more and more."

Devotion to the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart help us become lovers of Our Lord, and there is no more perfect prayer we can offer than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In the Mass, it is as if His heart is beating on the altar after consecration. On every First Friday, we consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart. Every morning and every first Saturday, we consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and receive holy Communion in a special manner. Before that, we have a nine-day novenas in honor of the Sacred Heart every month.

With immense gratitude and joy, we thank God for Father Stash Dailey for his holy work in spreading the devotion to the Sacred Heart in our diocese. When Father William Hahn asked us start this devotion

in Chillicothe and Waverly and invite Bob and Cathy Dye to form a ministry, we were excited and felt at home. Father Hahn finds time to come with us to enthrone individual houses. So far, 12 families in the area we serve have the image of the Sacred Heart enthroned in their homes, and many more have expressed interest.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart became widespread after Jesus revealed the 12 promises of His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, but it did not begin then. It is rooted in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, beginning with the early Church Fathers.

St. Gertrude, during a revelation on the feast of St. John the Evangelist, laid her head near the wound in the Savior's side and heard the beating of the divine heart. She asked John if he had felt these pulsations on the night of the Last Supper, and why he had never spoken of this experience. John replied that this revelation had been reserved for subsequent ages when the world, having grown cold, would have need of it to rekindle its love.

In the second century, St. Justin the Martyr wrote, "We the Christians are the true Israel which springs from Christ, for we are carved out of His heart as from a rock." Pope Gregory the Great preached about the devotion in the seventh century. St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bonaventure, and many other saints of the 11th and 12th centuries had tender devotion, admiration, and adoration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In the twentieth century, St. Faustina communicated God's divine mercy and

love in a new way. In her *Diary*, she wrote: "He brought me into such close intimacy with Himself that my Heart was espoused to His Heart in a loving union, and I could feel the faintest stir of His Heart, and He of mine. The fire of my created love was joined with the ardor of His eternal love."

The devotion to the Sacred Heart is powerful and may help families today, including young men and women who deny or doubt the existence of God. Even if they live in a faithful home, they're likely to be influenced by money sports, music, cars, education, TV, family, food, clothes, job, status, and pornography. Even today's education is filled with evolution, secularism, and worldliness. It is time we need to turn to the Lord more than ever. Our opponent, the devil, is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him and be steadfast in faith (1 Peter 5:8). Our Lord Jesus Himself must be the very center of our life.

We sisters think it is important to bring the Sacred Heart into the homes of the faithful because, through its enthronement, it will become the center of our homes and Christ will become king of our hearts. The family can experience His presence in the home, and He will be our constant friend. Such renewed faith makes us holy and sanctifies our lives. Mathew 10:32 says "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Through this consecration to the Sacred Heart, we are proclaiming before men that Christ the King is our Savior.

THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART IN THE HOME

By Jennifer Mulligan/Chillicothe St. Peter Church

The devotion to the Lord's Sacred Heart is not a new thing. And acknowledging Jesus as king of your household is not something that is old and outdated. The practice of enthroning your home to Jesus' Sacred Heart is simply one of the most important and relevant ways a family can daily live out its Catholic faith in today's chaotic world.

As Catholics, we know that Mass and the Eucharist are the source and summit of our faith. We are able to do this at least weekly, and, if fortunate enough, we can go to daily Mass. It is here where we meet Jesus and unite ourselves with Him and his Sacred Heart in the most intimate way, in holy Communion. But did you know there is another way to unite you and your family with Jesus?

The devotion to the Sacred Heart is where a family places an image of Jesus in a prominent area of the home. All family members participate in a ceremony in which Jesus is proclaimed king of the household.

Practically speaking, families pray, read Scripture togeth-

er, and learn more about different facets of the Catholic Church from a DVD to be watched each evening for seven days. Spiritually speaking, Jesus gave 12 promises to St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque in 1675 for those who practice this devotion. A home devoted to the Sacred Heart is a home where Jesus dwells among the family. Family members rely on Christ to guide them and protect them and their undertakings.

My husband, Mike, and I first enthroned our home in 2009. We renewed our enthronement in 2012 and 2015. This does not mean that we will have a perfect family or that we will not be faced with challenges. But knowing Jesus is king of our household and that we trust in Him reminds us that we are not in charge.

It is a daily reminder that Jesus loves us so deeply and wants us to come to Him. Sadly, so much of the world is indifferent to Him. By having the image of his Sacred Heart exposed, on fire and burning with love for each of us, we can find a place in our own home to rest in Him.

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The Newark Catholic High School Foundation is seeking applications for the position of Development Director. The successful applicant will work with the trustees of the Foundation, 20-30 hours per week, to advance the fund raising activities of the Foundation, design and direct annual giving, special gifts and planned giving, maintain databases and perform the daily activities of the Foundation office. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter detailing relevant experience to the Newark Catholic Foundation, One Green Wave Drive, Newark, Ohio, 43055 no later than June 19, 2015.

Further information is available on the NCHS Foundation tab of the Newark Catholic High School website, www.newarkcatholic.org, and the website of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, www.colodioc.org.

Confirmation at a high school; Cremains of non-Catholic



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Recently, at a Catholic boys' high school, the priest who is the campus minister gave first holy Communion and also (during the same ceremony) the sacrament of confirmation to six young men. I'm certain that the priest received permission from our bishop to do this, but I have two questions.

First, isn't the local parish the place where these sacraments should be administered? And second, this ceremony took place a week before Easter, but I thought that converts were supposed to be brought into the church at the Easter Vigil. (City of origin withheld)

I have no doubt that the priest you speak of had permission to confirm the young men in question. While the ordinary minister of confirmation is the diocesan bishop, there are a number of circumstances in which the church's canon law permits a priest to do this. The most common one, as stated in Canon 883, No. 2, is when a "presbyter (priest) ... baptizes one who is no longer an infant or admits one already baptized into the full communion of the Catholic Church."

As you indicate, adult converts are usually received into the church at the Easter Vigil, but the ceremony is not restricted to that one night. I imagine, in this situation, the school would have been closed for vacation over Easter; the priest probably

decided that, for all of the students to be able to see (and be inspired by) their classmates taking these steps in faith, the ceremony should be held earlier.

With regard to your suggestion that such a ceremony is best held in a parish (again, there is no canonical mandate), I agree that normally it is wise (for the long-term benefit) to "plug the student in" to his local parish. In this situation, though, the chaplain may have decided that the "teaching opportunity" outweighed the rest.

I am a Catholic convert, and I learned recently that the church discourages keeping the remains of cremated relatives in the home. My mother and father (both of whom were non-Catholic) specifically requested no funeral service and no burial at their passing. They opted instead for cremation and an in-home wake, and asked that their cremains be kept by me, their only child. I followed all of their desires, including keeping their cremains in my home. Now I wonder whether I am doing wrong.

Also, is there any concern that keeping cremains in the home somehow "traps" a person here on earth and keeps them from moving on to heaven -- or is that simply something made up by "ghost-hunting" shows on television? (Corydon, Indiana)

Cremation has been permitted in

the Catholic Church since 1963. However, as explained in an appendix to the church's *Order of Christian Funerals*, the church teaches that the cremated remains are to be treated with the same reverence as a body of the deceased. This means that the cremains are to be placed in a worthy vessel and, following the religious services, to be buried or entombed in consecrated ground.

Without knowing the religion of your parents, but guessing that they may have been Protestant, I can tell you that cremation is widely accepted in the Protestant churches, and that there are generally no strictures as to the final disposition of the ashes.

Since your parents were under no obligation to follow Catholic guidelines, I think you can feel comfortable in honoring their wishes and keeping their remains in your home, where I am sure they are being treated with honor and respect.

I have never before heard the theory you propose, that keeping cremains at home precludes the deceased from moving on to heaven -- and, to be honest, that doesn't make much sense to me: How would people be any more "trapped" in an urn on your mantelpiece than in an urn in the cemetery?

My strong suspicion is that your parents are already at peace with the Lord in heaven, regardless of where their ashes now rest.

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



Fisher Catholic boys track team wins MSL Cardinal Division

For the first time since 1979, the Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School boys track team took first place in the Mid-State League Cardinal Division. Team members and coach Gary Moore are pictured with the championship trophy. Aaron Wood was first in the 3,200- and 1,600-meter runs and second in the 800, behind his twin brother David. The 3,200 relay team of Aaron Wood, David Wood, Zach Dryden, and Wyatt Messerly placed first, as did the 800 relay team of Bryce Quaintance, Wyatt Messerly, Eli Frazier, and Nick Klitzka. Klitzka also won the 300 hurdles and placed second in the 110 high hurdles. Jacob Burley placed first in the shot put and second in the discus. Mason Collier placed first in the long jump, with second place going to Hayden Muck-ensturm. Collier also placed second in the high jump.

Photo courtesy Fisher Catholic High School



Columbus Saints win state lacrosse championship

The Columbus Saints won the Ohio middle school lacrosse tournament, a competition involving nearly 100 teams from throughout the state. The team consists of seventh- and eighth-grade boys from Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare, Worthington St. Michael, Hilliard St. Brendan, and Columbus Our Lady of Peace, St. Catharine, St. Timothy, St. Agatha, and Immaculate Conception churches.

Corpus Christi Celebration

The annual West Columbus Deanery celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike. It will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for the sick, for vocations, and for peace. It will conclude with Evening Prayer, a procession, and Benediction. Bishop Frederick Campbell will preside, assisted by the priests and deacons of the deanery. All extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers, those who are newly baptized, first communicants, and those who have been confirmed this year are invited and encouraged to be a part of the procession. Parishes in the deanery are the host parish, Columbus Holy Family, St. Agnes, St. Aloysius, St. Cecilia, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Stephen, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Plain City St. Joseph, and London St. Patrick.

Pray the Rosary!

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What Is VSED and Why Should It Matter to Us?



MAKING SENSE Out of Bioethics
Father Tad Pacholczyk

More than 20 years ago, Dr. David Eddy, writing in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, described how his mother, though not suffering from a terminal illness, chose to end her life through VSED (voluntarily stopping eating and drinking). She was "very independent, very self-sufficient, and very content." When she began to be afflicted by various ailments, including rectal prolapse, she talked with her physician-son about "how she could end her life gracefully."

When she asked him, "Can I stop eating?", he told her that if it was really her intention to end her life, she could also stop drinking, since, "without water, no one, not even the healthiest, can live more than a few days." After a family bash celebrating her 85th birthday, she "relished her last piece of chocolate, and then stopped eating and drinking." She died of dehydration six days later, with her son arranging for pain medications to be administered during her final days and hours.

Choosing not to eat or drink can be packaged as a noble and well-intentioned way to avoid intense pain and suffering, but VSED ultimately represents a flawed choice. It subtly draws us into the mistake of treating the objective good of our life as if it were an evil to be quelled or extinguished. We have a moral duty to preserve and protect our life, and to use ordinary means of doing so. Suicide, even by starvation and dehydration, is still suicide and is never morally acceptable.

For some critically ill patients, continued attempts to ingest food and liquids may cause significant complications, including severe nausea, vomiting, or complex problems with elimination. Such patients may find themselves effectively incapable of eating or drinking. This is not VSED, but a direct manifestation of their advanced disease state, and does not raise any of the ethical concerns associated with VSED.

As disease or severe illness advances, and a patient draws near to death, various bodily systems may begin to fail, and a natural decrease in appetite can occur. This is also different from a voluntary decision to stop eating and drinking — VSED refers specifically to a conscious, elective decision on the part of a patient not to eat or drink when eating and drinking would be anticipated to provide benefit to them without undue burdens.

As people are dying, the real evil that often needs to be quelled or extinguished is pain, and severe pain is properly addressed by non-suicidal means, that is to say, through effective pain management and palliative care strategies.

Dr. M. Scott Peck, in his book, *Denial of the Soul*,

argues that the "failure to treat pain is medical practice ... (and) one of the worst crimes in medicine today." We live in an age that possesses a remarkable arsenal of methods and pharmaceuticals to address physical pain, depression, and death-related anxiety, leaving little excuse for individuals to fear undergoing agonizing and pain-racked deaths.

Some have sought to suggest that patients who choose VSED may feel less pain because the nervous system becomes dulled and the body may end up releasing chemicals which provide natural analgesia or pain relief. "What my patients have told me over the last 25 years is that when they stop eating and drinking, there's nothing unpleasant about it -- in fact, it can be quite blissful and euphoric," said Dr. Perry G. Fine, vice president of medical affairs at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in Arlington, Virginia. "It's a very smooth, graceful, and elegant way to go."

Such claims, however, remain highly controversial and strain credulity.

Dehydration and starvation constitute a form of assault against the integrity of the body and the whole organism, and if the body reacts by releasing chemicals, this is a form of "shock" response to an escalating traumatic situation. As noted for Dr. Eddy's mother, pain medications were required to control the significant suffering and discomfort that would otherwise have ensued from her dehydration/starvation.

Even those who promote VSED advocate uniformly for concurrent pain control. In fact, Helga Kuhse, a well-known advocate of assisted suicide, once argued that when people see how painful a death by starvation and dehydration really is, then, "in the patient's best interest," they will soon come to accept active euthanasia through, for example, a lethal injection. Indeed, VSED is frequently promoted by right-to-die advocates as one method among others to carry out suicide or euthanasia.

By its nature, VSED appears to be defined by the intent to cause death by forgoing the most basic requirements to conserve human life. Intentionally engaging in such damaging and self-destructive behaviors, by foisting dehydration and starvation onto our mortal frames so as to shutter our earthly existence, can never represent an ordered kind of human choice.

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ST. BRENDAN DRESS-DOWN FUND



Faculty members at Hilliard St. Brendan School each donate \$1 to a dress-down fund for every Friday they dress down during the school year. At the end of the year, the money is used for service- or mission-based scholarships, based on recommendations and selected by the faculty. This year, St. Brendan graduate Ryan Sarver was selected to receive the donation. He is a student at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School who will participate in a service trip to Nicaragua through the International Samaritan group from June 21 to 28. He will be volunteering in a garbage-dump community outside of Managua. Activities he will be involved in are helping to build a school, teaching English to the children in the community, and distributing much-needed supplies. Pictured are (from left) St. Brendan faculty member Marsha Duffey, Ryan Sarver, and his parents, Tanya and Kerry.

Photo courtesy St. Brendan School



ST. BERNADETTE HAIR DONATION

The seven Lancaster St. Bernadette School students pictured, along with one teacher, three alumnae, and three parents, donated more than 10 feet of hair to Children with Hair Loss, a nonprofit organization that provides human hair replacements at no cost to children who have medically related hair loss. Students, staff, and parents gathered for an all-school assembly to watch and cheer as stylist Maria Waibel cut off dozens of ponytails. After the assembly, the donors were treated to an “after-cut” party and styling. Students who donated their hair are (from left) Gabbie Bruno, Avee Solt, Mary Grace Frazier, Diana Woo, Brooke Vogel, Emeline Neighbor, and (seated) Grace Beiter.

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What Difference Does It Make If I’m Cheerful?

I’ve heard it enough that it makes me roll my eyes: “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). I mean, hey, it’s in the Bible and everything.

Until recently, though, I didn’t understand it from God’s point of view.

To me, that was just another rule, another nice thing I needed to do for God. It was one more impossible fight against my fallen human nature, trying to be someone I’m just. NOT.

And then I asked my 10-year-old daughter to do some odd household chore that she hates.

This child and I share a common loathing of things that (a) take us away from what we want to be doing (which is usually never ever EVER housework and is often reading), (b) involve housework, and (c) are demanded of us by other people.

So I get her attitude. I understand it so well that I would laugh if it didn’t drive me absolutely crazy.

She did the chore. And, while I knew I was right to ask her (nay, require her) to do it, I wasn’t really looking forward to asking her the next time. It’s as much a chore to get her to do some of these things as it is just to do them myself. But never fear, I am not fooled into letting her off the hook so easily!



Finding Faith in Everyday Life

Sarah Reinhard

A day or so later, I asked my seven-year-old to complete a similar task. It’s a thankless household chore (so thankless I don’t even remember what it was) and one that had no glory associated with it.

But this daughter had a totally different reaction.

“Sure, Mom!” she said brightly, practically skipping off to do it. “No problem!”

The difference made me stop in my mental tracks. I all but felt that Bible verse course through me -- “God loves a cheerful giver.”

How often do I hand over my gift of time or money or talent with a grudge the size of an Oklahoma tornado, forgetting that the very reason I have anything to share is because of God’s generosity?

When’s the last time I went skipping merrily along to do that task I hate the most?

Why is it so stinkin’ hard to SMILE and be CHEERFUL when I’m doing something I HATE?

This week, I’m quite sure I’m going to have a chance to put this into practice. I’m going to face some hurdle, some request, some small mundane task that puts me right over the edge. I’m going to feel anything but cheerful.

Did my seven-year-old enjoy that dull household task? I doubt it. But, it didn’t stop her from smiling about it and doing it cheerfully. It didn’t impede her attitude in the least.

And that attitude of cheerfulness made me see the task as more. It made her completion of it a gift in a way it wouldn’t have been before.

God grant me the grace to do the same this week for those who ask me to give.

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Jesus Gives Himself to Us So That We Can Become Like Him

By Leandro M. Tapay/Diocesan Missions Director

Corpus Christi is one of my favorite feasts – the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. We believe in the Real Presence on the basis of Jesus’ authority. His words are the reasons why we hold this truth to be true. He is the One who said “This is my Body,” not “This is the symbol of my Body,” and “This is my Blood,” not “This is the symbol of my Blood.”

And from St. Paul’s words, especially in the first letter to the Corinthians, we see that the early Church took Jesus’ words seriously.

At every Mass, then, the events of Jesus’ death and resurrection are not merely recalled but are somehow made present for us again. In a sacramental but real way, you and I are contemporaries of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross and of His glorious resurrection from the dead.

Why does Jesus want to do this? Why does He give Himself to us? What is the purpose or point of receiving the Eucharist? What’s supposed to be the result? The answer to these questions is simple, but not easy.

The answer is simply this: Jesus gives Himself to us so that we can become like Him. We are what we eat – or we are supposed to be, anyway, as Catholics. This doesn’t simply mean to be nice or to be kind. That doesn’t sum up Jesus’ life. It means to be obedient to the Father. It means to be eager to do God’s will. All that the Lord has commanded us, we will do.

We do what the Lord has commanded – not only on Sunday, not only when it is convenient for us, but in all we do. This is supposed to be the aim in life – to grow in conformity to Jesus, true God and true Man.

We are supposed to embark on this goal with great confidence and trust that this will be for our good, since no one has done anything like He has; for He has not only created us, but has poured out His Blood for us.

In many ways, it comes to this: When we come forward at Mass and receive the Eucharist, Jesus becomes truly present in our bodies ... but is He present in our hearts? In other words, do we really love Him? Do we think of Him always? Is it our desire to please Him in all things?

So how does the transformation happen whereby we become more like Jesus? It has been said that three things are necessary: (1) the sacraments, especially the Eucharist; (2) contemplating what we receive in the sacraments; and (3) our living out or putting into action what we receive in the Eucharist.

Our lives are full of noise and distractions. There is, for many of us, little silence in our lives, little time to ponder, little time to prayerfully reflect on what God has done for us. Perhaps the best thing we can do is to make it a priority each day to pray – to “waste time with God,” to think about what God has done for us and to ask Him to let us know what He wants us to do.

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Father Anthony J. Davis

"You may not hear this from many priests, but I love theology," Father Anthony Davis said. "The things I remember best about last summer when I was at the cathedral as a deacon were meeting people from different parishes and getting a chance to really explore theology. It's something I do at every opportunity."

Father Davis, 26, grew up in Strasburg in Tuscarawas County, where his parents run the Manor restaurant. He attended Dover St. Joseph Church and School and New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School, and entered the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2007. He has a brother, Nicholas, 28, and a sister, Natalie, 21.

"My grade-school teachers talked a lot about service and love of neighbor, and I was always attracted to that model as one of the natural ways of living that is part of the priesthood," he said. "Religious vocations were supported at the schools I attended, but not pushed. This gave me the freedom to enjoy the possibility of thinking of the priesthood as an option without feeling pressured into it."

"In the same way, my parents were supportive of my desire to become a priest, without being forceful about it. My mother's side of the family is Catholic and my father's is Methodist, but both sides supported

me because they knew I felt called by God. My father became a Catholic about 15 years ago. He said it happened because of what he learned about the Church from sending my brother and sister and me to a Catholic grade school."

Father Davis said his first thoughts of possibly being a priest came in second grade, when he was preparing to receive his first Communion, and in fifth grade, when he became an altar server. "Until I started serving, I didn't realize that Mass was something that took place every day," he said. "I was the sacristan in high school. That gave me a great opportunity to become more familiar with the liturgy, prayer, and the sacraments, and to consider that I was being called."

"Father Bill Arnold was the pastor in Dover at the time, and I was impressed by his dedication to the parish. Father Joe Yokum was assigned to the parish as a seminarian, and I was struck by his youth and joyfulness. Father Mike Lumpe was a transitional deacon at St. Joseph's, and talking with him strengthened my feeling that the priesthood was something I might be meant to do."

Father Davis said he was involved in about 10 weddings and 15 baptisms and was the homilist for one or more Masses on most weekends while serving this

past summer and during the school year as a transitional deacon at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. "I learned that for a good homily, you need to start early in the week and not put it off, that sometimes things aren't working and you just have to start over, and that it's always good to visualize at least two fictional scenarios for what you have to say," he said.

He was a member of the golf team at Tuscarawas Catholic and says golf and reading, mostly of theological works, are his favorite pastimes.

"What I look forward to most about the priesthood is the chance to serve people and to help them face the realities of life with courage," he said. "I recognize that I'm young and may not have a lot of answers to people's concerns, but I can point to the words of Jesus and the Church's teachings, which are everlasting and make up for my lack of experience. I feel both humble and confident about the life I'm entering. I ask people to be patient with me, as I hope to become more pastoral with the passage of time."



Father Thomas L. Gardner

When Father Thomas Gardner told his parents that he felt God was calling him to become a priest, his father responded that he knew it all along.

"My dad loves to tell people that on the day I was born, he had a thought, inspired by God, that 'Wow! I think this boy's going to be a priest,'" said Father Gardner, 28.

The newly ordained priest's full name is Thomas Lion Gardner, with his middle name honoring an ancestor, Lion Gardiner, an engineer who came to America from England in 1635 and founded the first English settlement on Long Island.

Father Gardner grew up in Bexley, attending Columbus St. Catharine Church and School and Bexley High School. He is the son of Jeff Gardner, manager of the Whitehall Credit Union, and Mary Gardner, who worked from home as an editor and is a substitute secretary for the Bexley schools. He has three sisters – Amy, 30, Julie, 24, and Laura, 21, – and a brother, Billy, 26.

"I feel a great motivation to serve the people of God through the Church, but it didn't come at an early age," said Father Gardner, who received a bachelor's degree in technology education from The Ohio State University. He entered the Pontifical College Josephinum in

2009, graduated from its pre-theology program, and completed his seminary studies there last month.

"My call started to become clearer in my freshman year in college, when I began to think of the faith in a more adult way," he said. That's when he told his parents of his decision. He considered transferring to the Josephinum, but decided to earn his OSU degree first. While in college, he became very involved with St. Paul's Outreach, a group of Catholic college students who live in community and evangelize other students of all faiths.

"SPO really helped my faith blossom," he said. "It gave me an opportunity to get up every day and pray with other men for a lot of hours, to grow a lot in my relationship with Jesus, and to share my faith with others. Having strong Catholic friends and brothers in Christ and living a communal life with them gave me a lot of hope for the future of the church."

"The constant support of my parents and siblings has been a huge blessing, and several priests have set really good examples for me on the way," he said. Among those influences were Msgr. David Sorohan and the late Father Joseph Murphy, who formerly served at St. Catharine's; the late Msgr. James Ruef, his pastor while in college; and Father Donald Franks, who he de-

scribed as "a very positive influence. I was drawn to how much he obviously enjoyed the life of the priesthood."

Since being ordained a transitional deacon last year, he has been at Westerville St. Paul Church, the diocese's largest parish and the site of his ordination. "It's been amazing to get up and preach there in front of thousands of people and touch them, to see the Holy Spirit work through my words," he said.

"Two other great experiences were the work I did with the Confirmation class and youth group at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, where I got to connect with a lot of young people, and my summer assignment at Sunbury St. John Neumann, a very active church where I could see God working on the parish as a whole."

"All of this, plus trips to Rome, the Holy Land, and World Youth Day in Brazil as a seminarian have deepened my convictions and kept the Spirit's fire alive in me. Now I'm ready to be an instrument God can use to change people's lives."



Father Sean M. Dooley

The 100th anniversary of Zanesville's landmark St. Nicholas Church was a joyous occasion in itself, but it also had a more lasting effect – one which came to fruition 16 years later when Father Sean Dooley was ordained a priest on Saturday, May 30.

Father Dooley, 27, grew up as a parishioner of St. Nicholas, which has been in existence since 1842 and has been at its current location since 1899. The 1999 centennial of the building's dedication came when Father Dooley was a fifth-grader in St. Nicholas School.

"I remember there was a big Mass to mark the occasion, with Bishop (James) Griffin and lots of other priests participating. I went to that Mass with my grandmother. I really didn't want to go, but seeing all those priests standing at the altar to celebrate Mass made an impression," Father Dooley said.

"That might have been the first time I thought that maybe I might be a priest some day. That same year was when I began as an altar server, giving me a chance to see priests up close. That also had an impact."

Father Dooley's parents, Kevin and Suzanne, operate Dooley's restaurant in downtown Zanesville, near the famous Y Bridge. He has two younger brothers – Patrick, 25, and Dennis, 23. His father is religious education coordinator at St. Nicholas. Two great-aunts have

served the Church as members of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

One of those aunts is deceased. The other, Sister Frances Joseph Hildebrand, OSF, is 93 and living in the order's Motherhouse. The Manitowoc Franciscans taught at St. Nicholas for decades and continue to serve the Zanesville area with the Genesis HealthCare System.

Father Dooley graduated from Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School in 2006. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2010 and a master of divinity degree from the college last month. He was ordained as a transitional deacon earlier this year.

He has served at the Perry County Consortium of Parishes since then. Last year, he worked at Columbus Holy Family Church and the diocesan Office of Social Concerns. He also has done summer work at Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains, New Boston St. Monica, Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona, and Gahanna St. Matthew churches.

"My family raised me in an environment of prayer and has always been very supportive," he said. "From them, I learned to be open to the Holy Spirit in whatever I do. The priests at St. Nicholas also were a great influence because they were very relatable and easy

to talk to. Father Charlie Klinger was my pastor while growing up and Father Jim Cszasz (now pastor of the Perry consortium) was his associate. Then came Father Leo Connolly, Father Bob Kitsmiller, and the current pastor, Father Martin Ralko, all of who encouraged me."

Father Dooley said preaching every weekend in Perry County since his diaconal ordination has been of great benefit. "I still get nervous, especially before my first sermon of the weekend, but I've had several parishioners tell me 'I really needed to hear that,'" he said. "It's encouraging to know that the Holy Spirit has led me to say something which has been helpful."

"I realize that I'm young and that there are plenty of things I don't know and will learn with time. When I get concerned about what I'm going to say, I try to remember that my presence as a deacon and now as a priest and my willingness to listen are what is important. I don't have all the answers and know people don't expect me to, but I trust that the Holy Spirit will lead me in the right direction."



Father Michael R. Hartge

As a radio broadcaster, Father Michael Hartge used to bring the news of the day to people in southeast Ohio and in North Carolina. Now as a priest, he's a newscaster of a different sort, bringing the Good News of Jesus to the people of the Diocese of Columbus, particularly those of the parish to which he will be assigned.

Father Hartge, 30, is the son of Frank Hartge, business manager of Columbus St. Patrick Church, and Judeen Hartge, a third-grade teacher at Gahanna St. Matthew School, from which he graduated. He has two brothers, Frank, 32, and Joe, 21, and a sister, Molly, 28. He is a graduate of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and received a bachelor of science degree in communications from Ohio University in Athens in 2007.

After graduating from OU, he was employed by WAIS radio in nearby Nelsonville, where he did morning newscasts, was a disc jockey, and sold advertising time. After 14 months, he went to WSGE, a public radio station operated by Gaston College in Dallas, North Carolina, near Charlotte, serving as music director and being on the air for the 2 to 6 p.m. "drive time" slot.

"The priesthood was something that was on my heart for as long as I can remember, but the reality of choosing a career set in after graduation, and I wasn't ready just then to be a priest," Father Hartge said. "However,

that possibility never went away. In time, the glamour of being on the air wore off."

While home for Christmas in 2008, Father Hartge talked with Father Jeff Coning, then diocesan vocations director, and decided to enter the seminary. "When I look back, I felt promptings from the Holy Spirit all along. I started thinking I should try the seminary instead of changing radio jobs to try to be happy," he said.

He describes his decision to leave radio as "the best choice I ever made. It's a lot more exciting bringing the Word of God to people than bringing the secular word." He entered the Pontifical College Josephinum in the fall of 2009 and received master of divinity and master of arts degrees in theology from the college last month. His summer assignments have included parishes across the diocese, including one summer in the Office for Divine Worship.

Father Hartge was a member of the track team at St. Charles and continues to enjoy running, bowling, and hiking in the Hocking Hills and at area parks.

During the past year as a transitional deacon, he served St. Matthew, his home parish. "It's been a joy and a privilege to work with people I've known for so many years," he said. "My first couple of baptisms involved families I knew, and that brought back good memo-

ries. It also was fun being the target of 'Dunk the Deacon' in the dunk tank at the parish festival."

He is grateful for the assistance he has received in his journey to the priesthood from many priests of the diocese, particularly Msgr. Stephan Moloney, pastor of Columbus St. Andrew Church and diocesan vicar general, and Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, who was his former pastor at St. Matthew's. An uncle, Father Russ Tikalsky, has been a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for almost 60 years and assisted in vesting Father Hartge following his ordination. "Through him, I got to learn about the priesthood on a very personal level," Father Hartge said.

"I'm excited to be serving a parish as a priest, wherever that might be, and hope the people of that parish will be excited to have a newly ordained priest," he said. "In whatever I do, I hope I don't let my actions somehow get in the way of what God wants. I'm just a conduit through which his grace and mercy can be delivered to people."



Father Brian J. O'Connor

Father Brian O'Connor says that as he enters the priesthood, he's most enthusiastic about "the opportunity to be an occasion of Christ for people."

"Knowing I have the chance to do that is an incredible gift," he said. "I can't imagine doing anything else — being with people when they need you most, seeing them on their best and worst days."

"When people talk to me as a priest, I know they're not going to be coming for Brian O'Connor's advice, but for an encounter with Jesus Christ and his church. That's something I know I'll always be able to give them, even if I can't give people the perfect answer they may be looking for."

Father O'Connor, 29, has an older brother, Sean, 33, and is the son of Dennis O'Connor, an optician, and Dianna O'Connor, religious education secretary at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish.

"With my mom working at church, the priesthood was something I always thought about," he said. He graduated from Pickerington Central High School in 2004 and began studies at The Ohio State University in environmental science and geology.

"As I got involved with youth ministry at OSU, the thought that I was meant to be a priest never went away, and I realized I had to at least give it a try," he

said.

Father O'Connor said one of his major influences during that period was Father Ty Tomson, himself a seminarian at the time, who talked to him about seminary life and gave him an example to follow. Other priests who he says he hopes to emulate are the late Msgr. Stephen Hawkins, his pastor while growing up at Seton; Father James Klima, the current pastor at Seton; Father Denis Kigozi of Columbus St. Thomas Church, a longtime family friend; and Father David Schalk of Columbus Christ the King Church.

He left OSU after three years to attend the Pontifical College Josephinum, from which he received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. He was awarded his master's degrees in divinity and theology last month.

He spent summers on assignments at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul, Dover St. Joseph, Columbus St. Cecilia, Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare, and his home parish, with a major focus on youth and young adult ministry.

This past summer, he spent a week in Madison County as co-leader of the diocesan Gospel Road mission, a weeklong program in which young people perform service projects for parishes and for people limited by health or mobility issues in a particular

area of the diocese.

As a transitional deacon, he has been serving the recently formed Knox-Licking Consortium of Parishes, consisting of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul, Danville St. Luke, and the Church of the Nativity in Utica.

"It's been a great challenge trying to serve all three parishes the best we can, but God has provided us the grace necessary to do it," he said. Father O'Connor preached and took part in Masses on two weekends per month in Mount Vernon and two weekends at the other two parishes.

"A good homily doesn't just come to you at once," he said. "It's hard work that has to be done. Homily preparation is the fruit of a lot of prayer. You know you have the chance to reach people with a life-giving message, so it's something you put a lot of thought into."

"In becoming a priest, I'm heading into unknown territory. It's a little scary, but that's where the Holy Spirit comes in. With his guidance, I'm ready to face whatever challenges come to me."



Father Nicola D. Ventura

It took a little while for Father Nicola "Nic" Ventura to feel certain about his call to the priesthood, but he kept getting hints along the way.

His father, also known as Nic, said that when his namesake was baptized, "he had his hands folded across his chest, and he was just a few weeks old. I thought he would be either a father of 12 (children) or a father of 12,000 (as a priest)."

"I remember something that happened in first grade at St. Mary's in Lancaster with Sister Nadine (Buchanan, OP)," said Father Ventura, 26. "She said during story time one day that 'Some of you young men will be priests.' I thought 'That could be me.'"

"Father Don Franks, who was the pastor at St. Mary Church at the time, told my father that 'Your son is going to be a priest.' I felt he might be right, but my parents wanted me to have a little more experience before I made up my mind about it, so after I graduated from Fisher Catholic High School in Lancaster, I went to Otterbein University for a year."

Following his freshman year at Otterbein, he attended a summertime retreat conducted by Minnesota-based National Evangelization Team Ministries at Franciscan University of Steubenville. "That's when I really heard the Lord saying he wanted me to serve

him as a priest," Father Ventura said.

"I realized that God had kept calling me and knew I was facing the biggest decision of my life, so I decided to go for it (the priesthood). My sense of being called to do this has gotten stronger ever since, and I'm humbled that I can follow the Lord in this way."

Father Ventura is the oldest of four children of Nic and Deanna Ventura. His father is self-employed in digital technology and his mother works at JCPenney in Lancaster and teaches dance at the local YMCA. His siblings are Stacie, 23; Kyle, 21; and Robert, 18.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in 2011 and a master of divinity degree and master of arts degrees last month from the Pontifical College Josephinum. The paperwork for his admission to the college asked him whether he had other ordained religious in the family, and in researching this, he learned he has a great-uncle who was a monsignor, a great-aunt who was a nun in Cuba, and a cousin who was a priest in that nation. In addition, he has a grandmother in Cleveland who makes vestments for priests.

He is the second Lancaster St. Mary parishioner to be ordained a priest of the diocese in recent years, joining Father Matthew Morris, ordained in 2013. Father Ventura said the influence and support of

Father Franks and the parish's current pastor, Father Craig Eilerman, were key elements in their path to the priesthood. "Even some of my cousins who don't practice the faith were influential," he said. "They said 'You have to do this.'"

His preparation for the priesthood has included summer assignments at Columbus Christ the King Church and his home parish. He also has been featured with some of his fellow Josephinum students on the St. Gabriel Radio program *The Seminarians* and with diocesan young people Tricia Kasson, Kayla Walton, and Joel Yarmosch on *Alive for More*, heard weekly on the same station. His hobbies include creative writing and camping.

"It's been great being able to encounter the Lord and bringing him into other people's lives as a seminarian and a transitional deacon. I'm ready to serve the people of God even more as a priest," Father Ventura said. "In taking this step, I rely on the strength of God and recognize that whatever happens in my ministry does not come from my ingenuity, but from God's grace."



MOUNT CARMEL NEW ALBANY PRESIDENT APPOINTED

Mount Carmel Health System has appointed Diane Doucette as president of Mount Carmel New Albany. She had been senior vice president of clinical services at the hospital since 2007.

"Diane has been a strong leader at Mount Carmel for several years," said Claus von Zychlin, president and chief executive officer of Mount Carmel Health System. "Her efforts have helped shape Mount Carmel New Albany into a nationally recognized leader in delivering the highest quality, people-centered care."

"Mount Carmel New Albany is among the best hospitals in the nation,"

Doucette said. "I am honored to have the opportunity to work with our talented team of physicians, clinicians, and staff to build upon that success while fulfilling Mount Carmel's mission as a transforming, healing presence within our communities."

Doucette was instrumental in designing, developing, and opening the New Albany Surgical Hospital, which joined Mount Carmel Health in 2007. Her extensive experience in health care includes serving as vice president and chief nursing officer at the New Albany Surgical Hospital, director of operations at Ortho Excel, and administrator of orthopedics at Grant Medical Center.

In addition to her new role at Mount Carmel New Albany, Doucette will have systemwide oversight of the orthopedics service line. She assumed the position on Sunday, May 24. Doucette succeeds Richard D'Enbeau, who retired at the end of May.



NATHAN PELINE WINS LANICCA SCHOLARSHIP

Columbus St. Andrew School eighth-grade student Nathan Pelino is the winner of the \$500 George LaNicca IV Community Service Scholarship. He was selected for this award based on his commitment and enthusiastic spirit as he volunteered at Lifeline of Ohio. He will attend Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School.



BISHOP READY SIGNEES

Columbus Bishop Ready High School students who have signed letters of intent to continue to play sports in college are (from left) Alex Eblin, football, Ohio Northern, with his mother, Dawn; Connor Lancia, football, Toledo, with his father, Robert; and Ashlyn Szabo, soccer and track, Plymouth (New Hampshire), with her father, Henry.

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Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Cycle B)

The cup contains the means of our redemption



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

June 7

Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

The Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord flows naturally from the Easter (baptismal) season, and Pentecost with its gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Eucharistic gathering for the “breaking of bread,” as it was called in the early days of the Church, was among the earliest rituals of the Christian movement. As people gathered in memory of Jesus, they began to realize the transforming power of gathering together to eat, this most basic of human celebrations.

In imitation of the Israelites, who announced “We will do everything the Lord had told us” after receiving the Law from Moses, the early Christians commemorated what the Lord Jesus had given them on the night before he died. The bizarre ritual described in Exodus, with the people being sprinkled with blood after hearing the book of the covenant being read, indicated their commitment to their promise. They were saying by this action, in effect, “May what happened to these bulls and worse happen to us if we do not keep this covenant.” The sprinkling of blood on the altar bound the Lord to remain their God, thereby symbolizing that both parties were bound to the covenant that was established between Israel and the Lord.

In Exodus, the leaders also ate a sacrificial meal in the presence of the Lord to celebrate the covenant which “seals the deal” in many of the ancient covenant rituals in the ancient Near East. Whether this meal aspect of the covenant was known by Jesus (and/or Mark) is not known, but it certainly adds an Old Testament ele-

Statue dedication at St. Leo

The St. Leo Preservation Society will dedicate an outdoor statue of St. Michael the Archangel in the courtyard of Columbus St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

The statue will be dedicated to the protection of Columbus police officers and Franklin County sheriff’s deputies in honor of St. Michael’s continued protection of St. Leo Church, which no longer serves a parish but continues in active and regular use for a variety of Masses and other events.

All Columbus police officers and Franklin County sheriff’s deputies and their families are invited to attend the dedication, which also is open to the general public. For more information, call Lori Mitchell at (614) 444-8353.

ment to the “sacrificial nature” of what Jesus does at the Passover meal with his disciples.

The Letter to the Hebrews continues to use sacrificial language, but connects it with the blood of Christ Jesus. Modeled on Jewish patterns of worship and the structure of worship, Christ Jesus is presented as “the high priest of the good things that have come to be.” The ancient high priest could enter the inner tabernacle only once a year. The “more perfect tabernacle” to which the author refers is the heavenly realm, which is not made by human hands. By means of this passing through, the perfect high priest Jesus cleanses us from sin, offering us “eternal redemption,” which enables us to worship the living God.

Because blood carried the life principal of a being (human or animal), blood was to be avoided at all costs. The high priest of Judaism offered the blood of bulls and goats in the sanctuary. In contrast, Christ offered his own blood once for all, thereby entering into the true sanctuary of God’s own holiness. We note that Christ’s redemption cleanses our consciences “from dead works to worship the living God.” This means the one who believes that he/she is redeemed from sin by Christ possesses a clear conscience forever after and no longer has to worry about doing this or that to make up for sins. Christ did that once for all by shedding his blood. This becomes a central focus therefore of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Catholic who scurries away from the cup because it represents some “new thing into the Mass” misses altogether the reason the precious blood of Christ was restored to the Eucharist. It was done not only to present a fuller symbol of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, but to impress upon us all the nature of our belief in Christ’s redemption. Pity the poor folks who refuse to acknowledge this as they hurry by the cup without at least pausing to acknowledge that the cup contains the very means of our redemption.

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

Bishop Ready reunion

The Columbus Bishop Ready High School Class of 1970 will conduct its 45th anniversary reunion from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at JP’s Party House, 2000 Norton Road, Columbus. The event will have a Hawaiian theme, and dress will be casual, with dinner and a live band.

Those wishing to attend are asked to send \$35 per person to Sharon Muller, 292 S. Brinker Ave., Columbus OH 43204.

The reunion committee also is planning a golf outing at Oakhurst Country Club, 3223 Norton Road, Grove City. For more information, email Mike Gorman at swiftspace614@gmail.com or Joni Finley at JoniDave@columbus.rr.com or call Liz Pizzurro at (614) 272-2062.

The Weekday Bible Readings

6/8-6/13	6/15-6/20
MONDAY 2 Corinthians 1:1-7 Psalm 34:2-9 Matthew 5:1-12	MONDAY 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Psalm 98:1,2b,3-4 Matthew 5:38-42
TUESDAY 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Psalm 119:129-133,135 Matthew 5:13-16	TUESDAY 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 Psalm 146:2,5-9a Matthew 5:43-48
WEDNESDAY 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Psalm 99:5-9 Matthew 5:17-19	WEDNESDAY 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Psalm 112:1b-4,9 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
THURSDAY Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3 Psalm 98:1-6 Matthew 5:20-26	THURSDAY 2 Corinthians 11:1-11 Psalm 111:1b-4,7-8 Matthew 6:7-15
FRIDAY Hosea 11:1,3-4,8c-9 Isaiah 12:2-6 (Ps) Ephesians 3:8-12,14-19 John 19:31-37	FRIDAY 2 Corinthians 11:18,21-30 Psalm 34:2-7 Matthew 6:19-23
SATURDAY 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 Psalm 103:1-4,9-12 Matthew 5:33-37	SATURDAY 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Psalm 34:8-13 Matthew 6:24-34

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JUNE 7 AND 14, 2015

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for 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).

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 (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

We pray Weeks II and III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

The Catholic Church’s German crisis

The 21st-century Church owes a lot to 20th-century German Catholicism: for its generosity to Catholics in the Third World; for the witness of martyrs such as Alfred Delp, Bernhard Lichtenberg, and Edith Stein; and for its contributions to Biblical studies, systematic and moral theology, liturgical renewal, and Catholic social doctrine, through which German Catholicism played a leading role in Vatican II’s efforts to renew Catholic witness for the third millennium. At the council, more than the Rhine flowed into the Tiber. Let’s not forget the Seine, the Meuse, the Potomac, and the Vistula. But the Rhine’s flow was strong.

Which simply intensifies the shock on reading the German bishops’ report to the Vatican in preparation for this coming October’s synod. One of my correspondents deemed it a *de facto* declaration of schism. I read it as an unintentional *cri du coeur*: a confession of catechetical disaster and pastoral failure on a nationwide scale, to which the German episcopate has no response save to urge others down the path that has led Catholicism in Germany into profound incoherence.

When one tries to discuss this catastrophe with senior German churchmen, one rarely finds, these days, a sobered openness, born of the recognition that something has gone terribly wrong and that another approach to evangelization and catechesis must be found—an “all-in Catholicism” rooted in the joy of the Gospel preached and lived in its full integrity. Rather, what you often find is a stubborn doubling-down. “You don’t understand our situation” is the antiphon, typically spoken with some vehemence.

Yet is it really the case that we obtuse non-Germans



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

don’t understand? The statistics on German Catholic practice—more accurately, the lack thereof—are not pontifical secrets. Those statistics are embodied by what visitors observe in German cities on Sunday: largely empty churches. Now comes this report for the synod, which suggests that, on matters of marriage, the family, the morality of human love, and the things that make for genuine happiness, German Catholic thinking is virtually indistinguishable from that of nonbelievers.

And still the German episcopate suggests that more dumbing down of Catholic doctrine and practice is the answer, now on a global scale. It’s quite remarkable. And it will certainly be remarked upon, and not favorably, in Rome in October.

In October 2001, I had an engaging two-hour conversation with Cardinal Karl Lehmann, now one of the grand old men of the German hierarchy. We discussed the crisis of belief throughout Europe (and Europe’s related demographic meltdown) at length. Then the cardinal offered me a copy of his newest book, *Now Is the Time to Think of God*. I must say I found the title ... striking. I knew he intended it as a challenge to the

regnant secularism of the time, but you had to wonder: What else had this distinguished scholar, and his colleagues at the higher altitudes of German theology, been speaking about for these many years?

To make a very long story short, they had often been speaking-about-speaking-about-God: that is, they’d been chasing their tails in trying to respond to the crisis of belief in late modernity. And in doing so, they’d gotten stuck inside what Polish philosopher Wojciech Chudy, an intellectual great-grandson of John Paul II, called the post-Kantian “trap of reflection”: thinking-about-thinking-about-thinking, rather than thinking about reality—in this case, the Gospel and its truths. Less elegantly, I’d describe Chudy’s “trap of reflection” as the quicksand pit of a subjectivism become self-absorption, from which it’s hard to extract oneself and answer the Master’s call to “Come, follow me.”

The German Catholic crisis is not primarily institutional. The Catholic Church is Germany’s second-largest employer and its institutions are robust. The crisis is one of faith. German Catholicism is in crisis because German Catholics have not embraced the Lord Jesus and his Gospel with passion, conviction, and joy, and are seeking their happiness elsewhere. That’s sad; that’s tragic; that’s dispiriting.

But it’s also nothing to be commended as a model for others, except as a cautionary tale about the effects of surrendering to the spirit of the age.

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In both cases, Catholic institutions that live their faith by serving the poor are being forced to violate Church teaching. The Washington archdiocese led an effort to oppose the laws, which were passed by the City Council and signed by the mayor in January.

An effort to disapprove of the laws passed the U.S. House but not the Senate, ultimately failing to stop the laws from going into full effect. Catholic and pro-life organizations in the city might fight the laws in court if a discrimination lawsuit is brought against them.

Cardinal Wuerl listed other threats to religious liberty, such as demands that Catholic teachers be able to contradict Church teaching in their words and actions.

This battle is being waged in San Francisco by opponents of Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone’s move to clarify Church teaching in employee handbooks for diocesan teachers. This included statements of Church teaching on sexual ethics and assisted reproductive technology.

A campaign against the archbishop’s

action was launched, including a public letter asking Pope Francis to remove Archbishop Cordileone.

“Some now wrongly claim it is discrimination for the Church to insist that those who teach in Catholic schools present Catholic teaching in word and in witness,” Cardinal Wuerl said.

“As Catholics, who we are cannot be separated from how we live. Jesus taught us to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and care for the sick and those in need, and the Catholic Church’s history of educating and serving the poor is long and well-known.”

Catholics can show love to everyone without approving of sin, he said.

“We can embrace someone who has had an abortion. But we cannot proclaim that the killing of a child in the womb is good. For someone to insist that we do so under the guise of avoiding ‘discrimination’ is unjust,” the cardinal said.

Rather than an objective judgement of an action, “discrimination” is actually something very different, and something the Church has abhorred through the ages.

“In an age when the prevailing society treated some people like property, the first Christians saw slaves and nobles as brothers and sisters in Christ,” Cardinal Wuerl said. In modern times, Catholics helped the civil rights movement obtain equal rights for Americans of all races, he added.

“Prejudice and discrimination are wrong because they divide the human family, violate fundamental human dignity, and are contrary to the truth and charity to which we are all called,” he continued.

Yet although the Church embraces all sinners, it cannot approve of sin, he added. “Jesus did not change his message just because some who heard it felt it was a ‘hard saying.’”

“No one should be surprised that the Church continues to be faithful to Jesus’ Gospel – his teaching,” he said. “After all, it is his message, his Church. We are not free to change either.”

The Church is not imposing its will on everyone, he added, but rather seeks the freedom for Catholics to practice their faith publicly.

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St. John Church, Logan

BENNETT, Harold Jr., 67, May 26
St. Mary Church, Chillicothe

BRANAGHAN, Richard L. Sr., 92, May 21
St. Paul Church, Westerville

CANFIELD, Karen A., 74, May 21
Christ the King Church, Columbus

CASADAY, Charles R. "Dick," 84, May 24
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Columbus

CASASANTA, Victor C. Jr., 72, May 24
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

CASIMIR, Reynold, 95, May 20
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

CHANDLER, Donald P., 70, May 16
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

CORNETT, Kathryn M., 82, May 23
Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, Columbus

CRNKOVICH, Frances C., 100, May 19
St. Leo Church, Columbus

D'ANDREA, Frank, 94, May 29
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

DARWIN, Mona M., 78, May 23
St. Peter Church, Columbus

DELONG, Kathleen, 86, May 23
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

DeVITO, Albert D. Jr., 78, May 17
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

DICK, Hugh A., 58, May 23
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

DONALDSON, Charles W., 86, May 27
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

FERMO, Florence M., 82, May 24
St. Paul Church, Westerville

FERRIS, Dr. William E., 84, May 18
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

FORSYTH, Jean, 89, May 24
Sacred Heart Church, Columbus

FRANK, Janet L., 82, May 23
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

FRASURE, Jan R., 70, May 7
St. John Church, Logan

GAY, Dr., Alfonso Y., 79, April 12
St. John Church, Logan

GLASS, Robert S., 100, May 21
Christ the King Church, Columbus

GOODMAN, Sharon L., 74, May 29
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

HERBERT, Kathleen C., 84, May 19
Christ the King Church, Columbus

JOSEFOWICZ, Joel L., 46, May 20
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KERSH, Eleanor R., 90, May 18
St. Peter Church, Columbus

KEYES, Daniel, 85, May 22
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

MAIBERGER, Edward F., 87, May 16
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

MASSARA, Linda, 63, formerly of Columbus, May 24
St. Columbkille Church, Wilmington

MEYER, Martha R., 95, May 17
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

MEYERS, Richard J., 75, formerly of Columbus, May 21
St. Patrick Church, Toledo

POE, Laud Jr., 88, May 24
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

PROKOP, Stephanie M., 92, May 22
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

PULSINELLI, Tony J., 99, May 22
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

RITTER, Regina M., 73, May 10
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

ROSE, Wilma M., 92, May 13
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

SAMPSEL, James W. "Doc," 94, May 20
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

SCALES, Albert L., 79, May 26
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

STALEY, Joseph E., 78, May 30
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

SWIGER, Judy A., 70, May 20
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

TANKOVICH, Anthony L.J., 74, May 21
St. Mary Church, Delaware

VON CLAUSBURG, Theodore J., 81, May 17
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

WAITE, Charlene M., May 18
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

WITTKOPF, Thomas, 70, May 28
St. Michael Church, Worthington

ZANDE, Marilyn, 79, formerly of Columbus, May 22
St. Therese Church, Mooresville, N.C.

Sister Margaret Mahoney, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Margaret Mahoney, OSF, 94, who died Friday, May 15 at the Stella Niagara Health Center in Stella Niagara, New York, was held Wednesday, May 20, at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara. Burial was in the sisters' cemetery.

She was born February 18, 1921, in Buffalo, New York, to Jerome and Frances (Unterlander) Mahoney. She graduated from the Seminary of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at Stella Niagara in 1938 and received a bachelor of science degree in education from Mount St. Joseph Teachers College in Buffalo in 1949 and a master of science degree from Fordham University in 1970.

She entered the Stella Niagara Fran-

ciscan order on Sept. 7, 1939, and professed her first vows in 1941 and final vows in 1944, taking the name Sister M. Bernard. In the Diocese of Columbus, she served as a teacher at Columbus Holy Rosary School (1949-50) and Columbus St. John the Evangelist School (1963-64). She also taught at schools in New York, West Virginia, and New Jersey. From 1985 until her retirement in 2004, she worked in the Buffalo area with the poor, the disabled, and AIDS patients, and in pastoral care at Buffalo General Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jerome, John, Joseph, and Walter; and sisters, Mary, Mildred, Frances, and Eleanor. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Sister Rose Perry, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Rose Perry, OSF, 88, who died Monday, May 18 at the Stella Niagara Health Center in Stella Niagara, New York, was held Tuesday, May 26, at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara. Burial was in the sisters' cemetery.

She was born September 15, 1926, in Buffalo, New York, to Edward and Anna (McMahon) Perry. She graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Buffalo in 1944 and received a bachelor of science degree in education from Mount St. Joseph Teachers College in Buffalo in 1960.

She entered the Stella Niagara Fran-

ciscan order on Sept. 3, 1944, and professed her first vows in 1946 and final vows in 1949, taking the name Sister M. Gerard. In the Diocese of Columbus, she served as a teacher at Columbus St. John the Evangelist School (1954-57) and Holy Rosary School (1959-61 and 1969-70). She also taught at schools in New York, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Rome, Italy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Edward, Eugene, John, Nelson, and Robert; and sisters, Sister Mae Perry, SM, Sister Lurana Perry, SM, and Ursula. Survivors include sisters, Sister Frances Clare Perry, OSF, Patricia Hinterberger, and Anna Perry.

Betty Lutz

A funeral service was held Tuesday, June 2, at the Phillips Funeral Home in Ironton for Betty Lutz, 95, who died Thursday, May 28, and was the stepmother of Father Kevin Lutz, pastor of Columbus St. Mary Mother of God, Corpus Christi, and St. Ladislav churches.

She was born Feb. 14, 1920, in Ironton to Earl and Elizabeth Wade, and moved to Columbus in 2009.

She was a graduate of Ohio University, taught in elementary and high schools for more than 30 years, and was a field director for the Ken-O-

Valley Council of the Girl Scouts of America. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ironton since 1929 and of the American Association of University Women and the Business and Professional Women/USA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Killian Lutz. Survivors include Father Lutz; stepdaughters, Sheila Lutz and Michaelleen (Ed) Wesley; sister, Barbara Turley; one grandson; three granddaughters; two great-grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

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4, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. Also on June 11. **614-262-0390**

Holy Hour at Holy Family

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. **614-221-4323**

'The Canary Effect' at Corpus Christi

6:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "The Canary Effect: Kill the Indian, Save the Man," a documentary about the nation's policies toward Native Americans, followed by a conversation with a representative of the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio. Free-will offering will be taken for the Corpus Christi center. **614-512-3731**

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart
7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of

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Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. Prayers for deepened holiness and increased fortitude for bishops and priests. Also on June 11.
Back in His Arms Again Meeting
7 p.m., Panera restaurant, 782 N. State St., Westerville. Monthly meeting of Back in His Arms Again group for mothers who have experienced the loss of a child.

5, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. **614-866-4302**

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Speaker: Attorney David Martin on "What Can One Man Do?"

St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale

4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods.

St. Agnes 60th Anniversary Mass

7 p.m. St. Agnes Church, 2364 W. Mound St., Columbus. Celebration of 60th anniversary of dedication of church, with procession and dedication of Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine, followed by Mass and potluck. **614-276-5413**

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

5-6, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Girls Discernment Weekend at Chillicothe St. Peter

St. Peter Convent, 126 Church St., Chillicothe. Discernment weekend for girls ages 13 to 18, sponsored by Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **740-774-0474**

5-7, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

40 Hours Devotion at St. Brendan

1 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Sunday, St. Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard. Traditional 40 Hours devotion, featuring continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and praying of the Liturgy of the Hours. A Eucharistic procession will take place after the 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, and the Vatican-approved traveling exhibit of 140 panels related to Eucharistic miracles worldwide will be on display from 1 p.m. Friday to 7 p.m. Sunday.

6, SATURDAY

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

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

H A P P E N I N G S

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. Also on June 13.

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. **614-372-5249**

Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass for Religious

10 a.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Annual Jubilee Mass for sisters and priests who live in the diocese, are members of religious orders, and are celebrating significant anniversaries of their ordination or profession of vows.

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion.

Filipino Mass at Holy Cross

7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. **614-224-3416**

7, SUNDAY

Exposition at Church of the Resurrection

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

West Columbus Deanery Corpus Christi Celebration

Noon to 4 p.m., Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson. Feast of Corpus Christi celebration for West Columbus Deanery, with Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for the sick, for vocations, and for peace, and Evening Prayer and procession, with Bishop Frederick Campbell presiding.

Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace at St. Pius X

4 to 5 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Monthly interfaith service sponsored by Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence for an end to violence in central Ohio and for those affected by it.

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. Also on June 14. **614-886-8266**

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. Also on June 14. **706-761-4054**

Compline at Cathedral

9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline. **614-241-2526**

8, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). **614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.

9, TUESDAY

Calix Society Meeting

6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of

Catholic alcoholics. Preceded by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, across street from meeting site.

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life prayer group meeting. Also on June 16. **740-654-6928**

11, THURSDAY

Women to Women Listening Circle at Corpus Christi

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Women to Women program for women of all ages and life circumstances. Begins with soup lunch until noon, followed by listening circle. No child care available on-site. **614-512-3731**

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Pregnancy Decision Health Center abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. **614-888-8774**

12, FRIDAY

Diocesan Reconsecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, featuring reconsecration of the Diocese of Columbus to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

12-14, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Engaged Encounter Weekend at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Engaged Encounter weekend, based on Catholic teaching, for couples preparing for marriage and wishing to explore and deepen their love relationship. Fee \$225 per couple. Information at www.engaged.org.

13, SATURDAY

Farm Fresh 5K Race/Walk at Shepherd's Corner

9 a.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Ninth annual Farm Fresh five-kilometer all-terrain race/walk to support the center.

Bishop Ready Class of 1970 Reunion

7 to 11 p.m., JP's Party Place, 2000 Norton Road, Columbus. Columbus Bishop Ready High School Class of 1970 45th anniversary reunion. Casual dress; Hawaiian theme. Dinner and live band, \$35 per person. **614-272-2062**

13-14, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at Marion St. Mary

6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 9 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Moira Hall, St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. Traveling exhibit displaying 140 panels relating to Eucharistic miracles.

14, SUNDAY

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality.

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting

1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

Father Snoke's 50th Anniversary Celebration

2 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Mass celebrated by Father F. Richard Snoke for the 50th anniversary of his ordination, followed by barbecue.

ST. ANDREW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Anna Molnar and Emily Latshaw (second and third from left) of Columbus St. Andrew School are this year's winners of the eighth-grade essay contest sponsored by the St. Andrew Church Women's Club. Their essays discussed how the virtues taught by Jesus help to build a Catholic community. With Molnar and Latshaw are Joel Wichtman, principal, and Suzanne Emsweller, assistant principal, of St. Andrew School. Both girls will be attending Columbus Bishop Watterson High School.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

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Each man answered "Present" as his name was called, then walked to the altar and was seated in front of the bishop, who addressed the remarks in his homily specifically to them and delivered it from his chair, rather than from the pulpit.

Following the homily, each candidate declared he would undertake the office of priesthood and promised obedience to the bishop and to his successors. Bishop Campbell had ordained five of the six as deacons one year earlier and Father Dooley as a deacon in January. They have been serving at various parishes and completing their final year of priestly studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum since then.

After their declaration came the congregational chanting of the Litany of the Saints, during which the soon-to-be priests prostrated themselves on the floor around the altar in a gesture of supplication symbolizing their unworthiness.

Following completion of the litany, each man knelt before the bishop, who laid his hands on their heads one by one in the traditional sign of ordination,

with the priests of the diocese who were in attendance repeating that gesture individually.

This was followed by the bishop's prayer of ordination, investiture of the three with stoles and chasubles, the anointing of their hands by the bishop, and the sign of peace from each of the priests on hand. The new priests then joined the other priests at the altar to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist and to pronounce the words of consecration for the first time.

After his final blessing at the end of the ordination Mass, the bishop invited the newly ordained priests to give him a blessing. Each approached and blessed him, and he kissed their hands before the assembled clergy left the church in procession. The new priests then returned to the altar to pose for pictures and give individual blessings to family and friends, with a reception following.

The day after their ordination, they celebrated Masses of Thanksgiving and delivered their first homilies as priests at their home parishes. They join about 600 men nationwide who are to be ordained this year.

116th Commencement at the Pontifical College Josephinum

Twelve students from the Diocese of Columbus were part of the Class of 2015 at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

The class, consisting of 61 students from 19 dioceses, was awarded degrees and certificates from the college of liberal arts, pre-theology program, or school of theology of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy on Saturday, May 16, during the college's 116th commencement exercises.

Twenty-five students of the school of theology, representing 11 dioceses, received degrees of master of divinity or master of arts. The homilist and principal celebrant at their baccalaureate Mass was Bishop Frederick Campbell of Columbus.

That group included six students from the Diocese of Columbus – Anthony Davis, Sean Dooley, Thomas Gardner, Michael Hartge, Brian O'Connor, and Nicola Ventura – who received the degree of master of divinity, which signifies fulfillment of the requirements for priestly ordination. Bishop Campbell ordained them as Columbus diocesan priests two weeks after

they were awarded their degrees.

Davis, Gardner, Hartge, O'Connor, and Ventura also received master of arts degrees. The baccalaureate in sacred theology, a pontifical degree conferred by the Josephinum in affiliation with the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, was awarded to Davis, Gardner, O'Connor, and Ventura.

Bachelor's degrees were awarded at a separate Mass, at which the celebrant was Msgr. Christopher Schreck, rector/president of the Josephinum, and the homilist was Father Michael Gossett, vocations director for the Diocese of Steubenville, a graduate of the college.

Four Columbus diocesan seminarians were among 25 students from 13 dioceses who graduated from the Josephinum's college of liberal arts. Pushkar Baum and Bryant Haren were awarded bachelor of arts degrees in the humanities. Paul Brandimarti and Joseph Szablewski were among 11 pre-theology seminarians from six dioceses who received bachelor of arts degrees in philosophy.



Marion students learn history through visit to local cemetery

Middle-school students from Marion St. Mary School recently shared a three-day camping experience at Lutheran Memorial Camp in Morrow County. They had a prayer service in an outdoor chapel and were able to learn about area history by investigating a nearby cemetery. Students also learned about wilderness survival, animal habitats, frontier living and cooking, archery, and fishing, as well as native flora and fauna.

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Catholic Home Missions Appeal



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated one weekend every year for the Catholic home missions appeal. In our diocese, the collection will take place on the weekend of June 6 and 7. The program was established to guarantee continued funding for the mission dioceses in the United States which cannot continue to exist without financial help from Catholics elsewhere.

The financial assistance is offered to the scattered and isolated churches in the vast wilderness of Alaska, in the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, the Appalachian regions, the Southwest, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the distant Pacific islands such as American Samoa and the Marshalls. Funds from the appeal extend and strengthen the presence of the Catholic Church in these areas by providing basic pastoral services.

The Catholic home missions appeal helps fund evangelization efforts, religious education programs, education and training of seminarians, and the training of pastoral care givers in the areas of the United States where Catholics are few and the Church is fragile.

Our prayers and support for the appeal help meet the faith needs in these dioceses. Helping satisfy the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters across America unites all of us as a Catholic family. I invite you to respond generously to the Catholic home missions appeal.

May the Lord bless us in our efforts to help expand and strengthen the presence of the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus

SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE VALEDICTORIANS

Columbus Bishop Watterson and Bishop Hartley high schools have announced their valedictorians and salutatorians for the class of 2015.

Watterson's valedictorians are Tyler Bair, Gabby Bouchard, Olivia Britt, Neejad Chidiac, Gina DePalma, Gino Dettorre, Kylie Dougherty, Christine George, Bridget Geyer, Maggie Hamrock, Maria Jeric, Lucy Kayuha, Maggie McCarthy, Megan Samuelson, Emily Thomas, Samantha Toscano, Claudia Valachovic, Sophia Wible, Marissa Wierzbicki, Taylor Woodford, Samantha Zelnik, and Maria Zulliger.

Hartley's valedictorians are Emily Franz, Jarrod Fyie, and Patrick Lawrence. The salutatorian is Connor Kilbarger.



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