FIGHTING THE SCOURGE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Human Trafficking Remains a Scourge on the Human Soul

The Editor's Notebook

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of ourselves as being very civilized.

Pope Francis spoke

in his encyclical, Laudato Si', on the need to safeguard the environment and to live in harmony with nature.

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Sacred remains of St. Maria Goretti will soon begin pilgrimage to United States

SCHEDULE INCLUDES VISIT AT SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL ON OCTOBER 21

Sacred remains of the saintly young Italian girl will be on display at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Columbus.

Three services will be offered at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Columbus on October 21.

St. Maria Goretti was a 12-year-old girl who was brutally murdered in 1902 by Alessandro Serenelli. She was canonized in 1950 and is now a patron saint of purity.

The Church of the Nativity in Utica
took down from Aug. 17 to 19 because of serious structural issues
related to insect damage that forced the
151-year-old building to be vacated in mid-
month. The church announced at a press
conference that Father Mark Hammond, the pastor of the church, had asked the diocese to con-
side a review of the church building.

The fire department recommended that the building be razed.

Hammond asked him to inspect the
building by a structural engineer in
June. The engineer recommended that the building be razed.

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in 1859 and operated as a Catholic church – and asked Maria if she forgave
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When Alessandro was released from
prison, he went to Maria’s mother and asked for her forgiveness. “I gave,” he said. “If my daughter can forgive him, why can’t I? I asked for forgiveness!”

St. Maria Goretti is a wonderful ex-
ample of mercy and forgiveness. Ales-
andro also serves as an example of conversion of mind and heart.

“Then Peter answered and said, ‘If I had not known you, Lord, I would have denied you three times.’ And so said every one of the disciples.” (Matt. 26:75)

Every year, the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Columbus holds a special event in honor of St. Maria Goretti. The event includes a prayer service, a eucharistic adoration, and a time of reflection on the life of the saint.

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by Pope Pius XI on November 20, 1929.

The feast day of St. Maria Goretti is August 6.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Perfection

How was your reflection on being a part of a sort of guild with your Faith this past week? The idea that we are all artisans and that each of us has our individual gifts of time, talent, and treasures to serve with the connection to our personal vocation when we think that we are doing things right and well and that we have no need to strive beyond what is set in that there is much more we can do. Complacency can be just as dangerous as worrying too much and trying to do everything. We have

Three Bags Full” consignment event

The two-year Three Bags Full consignment event will take place in six central Ohio locations this fall. Sale dates, times, and sites are: Thursday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (half-price on selected items Friday evening and Saturday). Franklin County Fairgrounds, 4180 Columbus St., Upper St. Mark.

Thursday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 12, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (half-price on selected items Thursday evening and Friday). St. Mark’s Catholic Church, 1615 W. Main St., Reynoldsburg.

Thursday, Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (half-price on selected items in evening) (Laouchre’s Family Restaurant, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus).

Sunbury Play Pray event

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 6633 East State Route 37, will present a prayer retreat on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12. Also in September, the church will again be offering the Alpha course, a practical introduction to Christianity providing an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting.

The retreat, with the theme “Lord, Teach Us to Pray,” will be presented by Sister Mary Elizabeth Kazoom, TOR, of the Franciscan Sisters of Penamore, based in Toronto, Ohio. She will guide participants through the basic of prayer, show ways to go deeper in prayer life, and teach to effectively pray for others.

The Alpha course will be offered for nine weeks, with sessions on Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 10, or Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. or 6 to 9 p.m., beginning Sept. 13. For more information, to register, or to go to the parish website.

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Sacraments and the disabled: Heaven for those before Jesus

As for confession, the same document states in No. 23 that “as long as the individual is capable of having a will of his own as the cause of sin, even if he or she cannot describe the sin precisely in words, the person may receive sacramental absolution.”

My guess is that in your situation, the pratice in the confessional would be giving your husband more than just a “beautiful” and granting him absolution to “stop otherwise doing.” I wouldn’t dare say to your husband, “Let’s thank God for your mercy and let’s just leave it at that.” Ask him for forgiveness for any sin he has done wrong. I would look to your husband for an avow or sealed recognition of dispepsy, with any recitation of acts of contrition personally and professedly to God. This will simply go unproclaimed by that “sacrament of absolution.”

I am also not sure that I am utilized for the husband and for his continued spiritual nourishment, which is the true gift that it stands as a beautiful example of fidelity to the marriage vow.

Q: "Human remains have been found that are 38,000 years old. But Christ was only two,000 years ago. Are all those "pagan" people before Jesus now in heaven? And why did he wait so long to come? (Homsa, Louisiana)

A: My first instinct is to quibble with your use of the word "pagan" to describe all those who lived on earth before Jesus. My dictionary defines "pagan" as "a follower of a polytheistic religion" or "one who has little or no religion and who regards religious observances and material goods." I hardly think that definition fits the Jews, who fought to defend monotheism and had a strong commitment to prayer and a strict code of personal morality.

But on to your question. Catholic theology has taught that the righteous, who had lived before Jesus in the "limbs of the fathers," a sort of spiritual waiting room where they remained "until in his human soul united to his divine person, our Lord Jesus Christ went down into Limbo," opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church in No. 657.

As to why Christ "waited so long" to come to earth, there is a matter of perspective. To be answered, I suppose, only in heaven, when we can ask the Lord himself. One theory is that the Roman Empire provided the optimal setting because by then common roads and a common language spread the known world and in the rotary of the Gospel could spread more quickly. (By that I mean that now, more than in the past, people engage in discussion in the public sphere."

For more information on the bereavement group or registration, contact Mary Lage at marylage63@hotmail.com. For the divorce support group, the contact is Loreta Sipeti at (614) 575-1350 or loreta1947@yahoo.com.

DEACON GENE STAKER RETIRES

Zanesville’s St. Joseph Catholic Church has announced a retirement reception in honor of Deacon Gene Staker from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, in the parish center. 103 E Main. St.

Deacon Staker was ordained a permanent deacon on May 26, 1998, by Most Rev. Joseph A. Binney, Catholic Cathedral by Bishop James Grinnell.
LOGAN ST. JOHN'S EVANGELIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 175TH ANNIVERSARY

Logan St. John Church will be celebrating its 175th anniversary for the next year, starting with a Vesper prayer service and a reception at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and concluding with a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell in September on 2016.

Between those two events, the church, located at 351 N. Market St., will host a number of other events to celebrate the parish, remember the past, recommit to the present, and remember others who have moved out of the parish, help the parish's children understand church history, and learn about the New Evangelization as the parish looks ahead to future services and growth.

Anniversary events will include an Octoberfest at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, an organ concert by Jeff Daubheimer at 7 p.m. Jan. 19, 2016; a parish mission in Lent; a program on the history of the parish school in April 2016; a celebration of Our Lady of the Puri- fied Conception, including Adoration of the Blessed Sac- rament and a procession, on Sunday, May 29, 2016; and a parish picnic and ice cream social on Sunday, July 17, 2016.

St. John Church was officially established when several early settler families in Hocking County acquired land on Walnut-Dowler Road, with the deed being signed on Sept. 7, 1841. A small church was built at that time. Its foundation can still be seen in July 17, 2016.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild of Our Lady of Fatima Church, 584 W. Broad St., will give people an opportunity to receive the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel after Mass on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 4. The group also prays the rosary at 10:30 a.m., following the 9 a.m. Latin Mass, or all Sundays in October.

The scapular, made of small brown squares, usu- ally from a discarded shirt, is an illustration of the Virgin Mary, connected by a cord and worn over the head. Devotion is to go back to the Virgin Mary’s appearance to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite monk, in 1251 in England. He handed him a scapular and said, “It is a privilege for you and all Car- melites, that anyone dying in this habit shall not suffer eternal fire.”

When Father Navarrette had it placed in his home, I wondered if it was out of sympathy. Was he like some of the devout women I know who cannot let a statue of Mary be destroyed? Did he connect somehow with the devotion that might have been put into the scapular? Could he have known the transformation that could take place in his home?

The statue wasn’t at Father Navarrette’s house very long when some of the Franciscan friars living there noticed a strange light surrounding the statue, making it glow. Then they noticed that something must have made them gasp, and perhaps, fall to their knees. The face was now one of beauty!

It was undeniable and unexplainable. Young Francisco Tupacque had not made this face. Surely there was some mistake! Unable to solve the mystery, he soon embraced it, elevating it as the statue in church on Feb. 2, 1837. Once the statue was there, devotion flowed from the people, and votive cur- atures were attributed to Our Lady of Copacabana. The word spread, and as piratical enriched the small Church past its capacity, a larger one was built.

The original statue remains there, at the church in Copacabana, Bolivia, dressed in intricately embroidered garments donated by those who prefer to see Mary clad as a queen. She looks more like a queen than the humble outfit she’s ususally depicted wearing, Our Lady of Copacabana makes me think of how I dress my kitchen table up for special days of the year. I’ll deck it in a special tablecloth, pull out the special place set, sit it with the special dishes. Often around that decorated table, there will be extra spots for guests, or family who aren’t usually with us for meals.

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Mary is online at SnoringScholar.com. She’s a wife, mom, and author, in addition to being a big fan of coffee and chocolate. Her latest book, “Mary at the Kitchen Table: Our Lady of Copacabana,” is currently available for preorder.
By Tim Puet

Slavery is not a thing of the past. Known and forced labor, human trafficking, and modern-day slavery are continuing to be prevalent today as human trafficking, it’s a $32 billion industry worldwide, with 20.9 million victims of human trafficking globally, in addition to the hundreds of thousands when taking into account estimates of adults and minors involved in the practice.

Two recent court cases within the area of the Diocese of Columbus are examples of the local impact of trafficking. In a two-week trial, a man was convicted in Delaware County Common Pleas Court of 13 counts of human trafficking. He faces up to 15 years in prison. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine said the man and two women were enslaved by a man who, according to law enforcement, was operating a forced-labor scheme out of a trailer park near Marion, with five victims, including four women and one man, ages 17 to 47. The victims were trafficked and forced to work in the food service and food-manufacturing industries, second only to the consumer products industry, which since 2002 has worked to eliminate human trafficking worldwide. The International Labor Organization estimates that there are 20.9 million victims of human trafficking globally, including 5.5 million children, with 55 percent of them being women and children.

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A healing which can leave the reader baffled

Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

The prophecies (found in Isaiah 35:4-7) seem to wear in their pronouncements between joy and sorrow, destruction and salvation, good times and bad. The negatives are as present as the positives, and it is sometimes hard to know which to believe. The positives are almost universally presented as an aspect of the future event (e.g., if at all, the fulfillment never looms very near.

And now it is time to bring up the notes that there are many frightened people, whom the prophet tells to “fear not!” The prophet announces that the Lord comes in one aspect of his fulfillment. In the next section, we will be given a glimpse of what is in store for them. This is the strangest action of the scene. We are supposed to think of the spitting which takes place between the touching of the saliva and the first putting of the hand on the man’s ear, or whether we’re supposed to think of the saliva which dangles, but is not really con - tacted with the hand. This is the strangest action of the scene. We are supposed to think of the saliva which dangles, but is not really con - tacted with the hand.

The documentary, produced by LiNK, notes that the refugees from North Korea will discuss their journey and their experiences as part of the film, which also will feature Che Guevara was Fidel Castro’s right-hand man in his efforts to topple the government in Cuba. He was born in 1928 in capital city of Havana, Cuba, to a wealthy Catholic family. After graduating from high school, he went to the United States to study physics at the University of Pennsylvania. However, he became more interested in philosophy and and was inspired by the thought of a more spiritual nature. Titled “Floating Like a Feather on the Breath of God” and led by cen - timist “Floating Like a Feather on the Breath of God” and led by cen - timist...
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Review by Tim Pust Catholic Times

Pope Francis, in his 2013 apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, invites people to “a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least the desire for such an encounter” among them. Through his papacy, he has spoken repeatedly about the importance of having an encounter and the relationship which results. One way to encounter Jesus is through the reading of the Scriptures. In the recently published book Life of Christ: A Lectio Divina Journey, the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs offer people a chance to move through Christ’s life, meditate on His words, and encounter and know him through the Lectio Divina method of Scripture study.

There are many excellent meditations about the life of Christ, but we thought they were missing something – a chance to use the Scriptures to have a real conversation with Jesus Christ. So Sister John Dominic, O.P., the book’s author, “put together an overview of Christ’s life, from the Annunciation to Mary’s Assumption, with questions and space for the reader to write a short response to each.”

Sister John Dominic’s four-page introduction includes an overview of the first Apostles, to which four pages of good questions are added. The fourth page provides space for the reader to write a short response to each. The fourth page ends with Jesus saying, “Those are things that really help me focus on the back of your mind. I’ve tried to just go on forever.”

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It’s going to be tough to take off the pads and uniforms, but Curtain has grown so much over the last two years, and he learned a lot about what causes there’s more football to be played.

Curtain, a medieval scholar who played football and basketball for Ready, and his teammates are hoping the film doesn’t leave him feeling down. Expectations are sky-high for a third consecutive trip to the NCAA Division II playoffs and a long run in the postseason. Curtain, who is a quick thinker on the field, will need to be a leader and a quarterback, and it’s going to take some time before he can do that. But expectation is to get a quick answer, for sure.” Curtain told me the key thing is being patient.

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Following Morning Prayer, recognition of milestone anniversaries for the deacons, and breakfast, Bishop Frederick Campbell spoke about ways the traditional definition of marriage and family life is being challenged today.

His talk was followed by a presentation about the moral, legal, and physical implications of end-of-life issues by Mark Huddy, moderator of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns; attorney Thomas J. Bonasera, and Dr. Kathleen Q. Lutter.

The program concluded with lunch and with the deacons reconsecrating themselves to the Sacred Heart, reciting the prayer the bishop said in reconsecrating the diocese to the Sacred Heart on Friday, June 12. Each deacon received a Sacred Heart image and a copy of the book The Heart of the Diaconate by Deacon James Keating, a deacon of the diocese who now serves as director for theological formation at the Institute for Priestly Formation, based at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

Pictured are (from left): Deacon Frank Iannarino, director of the Office of the Diaconate; anniversary deacons Jack Rankin, retired; Bob Neely, Columbus St. Dominic; Roger Pry, Canal Winchester St. John XXIII; Frank Duda, Newark St. Francis de Sales; Don Robers, Logan St. John; Steve DeMers, Newark St. Francis de Sales; Patrick Wilson, Newark Blessed Sacrament; Roger Minner, Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God; Bishop Campbell; anniversary deacons Chris Campbell, Columbus Immaculate Conception; Jim Davis, retired; Martin Mueller, retired; Tom Johnston, retired; Chris Varacalli, Scioto County Parish Consortium; Joe Checca, Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton; Tom Berg Jr., Columbus St. Andrew, chancellor of the Diocese of Columbus; Craig Smith, Columbus St. Anthony; Jim Morris, Hilliard St. Brendan; and Don Poirier, Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare; and Deacon Marion Smithberger, chairman of the Diaconal Council. Unable to attend the convocation were anniversary deacons Gene Dawson, Somerset Holy Trinity; Bill Gorman, retired; Richard Krick, retired; Ralph Parsons, retired; Phil Paulucci, Columbus St. Peter; Phil Rzewnicki, serving outside the diocese; and Pat Wiggins, retired.

The Diocese of Columbus Congratulates Deacons who are Celebrating Significant Anniversaries of their Ordination

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