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The Editor's Notebook

Learning for Life

By David Garick, Editor

Coming to work every morning means a lot to me. Not only does it provide an income to keep food on the table and a roof over our heads, but there is such satisfaction in doing a job and making a contribution.

It is easy to take for granted the tools that allow me to do my job. I got a great education. I had people who encouraged me to develop skills that permit me to write things like this column and to edit and manage this newspaper. I don't really think about those tools very often, I rely on them, and they seem integral to my life. But for many people who are on the margins of our society, those tools are nowhere to be found. The lack of basic skills leaves them stranded in poverty and isolated from the satisfaction of being an active and productive member of society.

Most of us have the opportunity to develop these skills beginning in childhood through the educational system. But there remain a significant number of adults in our community who lack the tools they need to climb out of poverty because of the stresses of generational poverty, immigration from another culture, or other adverse circumstances.

As Christians, we try to do what we can to provide direct assistance in terms of food, clothing, and shelter to those

in need. But even more crucial is the need for us to help our needy brothers and sisters develop the skills to break the cycle of poverty, to be able to make a livelihood for themselves and their families, and to become a full participant in society.

This edition of *Catholic Times* takes a look at how that is being accomplished at the Dominican Learning Center. For 20 years, the Dominican Sisters of Peace who run its programs, along with a legion of dedicated instructors and tutors, have been changing lives in a very profound way. Providing adult basic education, instruction to obtain high-school equivalency certificates, literacy training, and assistance in learning English offers gateways to the realization of self-sufficiency for thousands of people in our community.

The story on Page 10 will tell you how this program is impacting lives and how each of us can participate in this vital ministry, not just through financial support, but directly by volunteering as tutors helping people one-on-one to take those first steps up the ladder to success.



Non-discrimination order attacks religious freedom

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

President Barack Obama's executive order of July 21 has installed workplace rules forbidding the firing of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender people by the federal government and federal contractors -- a key provision in the Employment Non-Discrimination Act languishing in Congress.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has opposed the bill, known as ENDA, which was passed by the Senate last November, but was never scheduled for a vote in the House. The bill has been introduced in almost every Congress since 1994.

"Today's executive order is unprecedented and extreme and should be opposed," said Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's ad hoc committee for religious liberty, and Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, New York, chairman of the committee on laity, marriage, family life, and Youth.

"In the name of forbidding discrimination, this order implements discrimination," they said in a joint statement.

"With the stroke of a pen, it lends the economic power of the federal government to a deeply flawed understanding of human sexuality, to which faithful Catholics and many other people of faith will not assent. As a result, the order will exclude federal contractors precisely on the basis of their religious beliefs."

In an earlier posting July 21 on the USC-

CB blog, Archbishop Lori, Bishop Malone, and archbishops Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco and Thomas G. Wenski of Miami addressed their opposition to the changes put in place by the executive order, which does not include a religious exemption and could keep Catholic agencies from getting federal contracts.

"To dismiss concerns about religious freedom in a misguided attempt to address unjust discrimination in the workplace is not to advance justice and tolerance. Instead, it stands as an affront to basic human rights and the importance of religion in society," the four bishops said.

Archbishop Cordileone is chair of the USCCB subcommittee for the promotion and defense of marriage. Archbishop Wenski is chair of the bishops' committee on domestic justice and human development.

"The U.S. legacy of religious freedom has enabled the Catholic Church and other faith communities to exercise their religious and moral convictions freely and thus contribute to the good of all in society. No good can come from removing this witness from our social life," they added in the blog posting.

"Eliminating truly unjust discrimination -- based on personal characteristics, not sexual behavior -- and protecting religious freedom are goals that we all should share. The current political climate makes it very difficult to maintain a reasonable dialogue on these contentious issues, but we must keep trying."

THEOLOGY ON TAP BEGINS 2014-15 PROGRAM YEAR

Columbus Theology on Tap will open its 2014-15 year with a program at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14 featuring an "Ask Me Anything" session with Father Nicholas Droll, parochial vicar at Columbus St. Andrew Church, and Catholic trivia with Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches.

The program will take place in the cafeteria at Columbus St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave. The cost is \$5 per person. The event is for those aged

21 to 40. Participants are asked to bring identification and a side dish or dessert. The main dish, beer, wine, pop, and water will be provided. Vegetarian options will be available.

Those wishing to take part may RSVP on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ColumbusTheologyonTap> or by email at cbustheologyontap@gmail.com. Theology on Tap is an invitation for young adults to learn more about their faith and to share in their Catholic community.

Let's Share Our Faith

Let's Support the Church in Latin America

By Leandro M. Tapay

Special collections to help the Church in Latin America will take place in parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus on the weekend of Aug. 2 and 3.

This collection was established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to help strengthen the Church in that region.

The first missionaries from Europe arrived in Latin America half a millennium ago. Today, the region is the home for approximately half of the world's Catholic population.

In the last few decades, however, Church membership in the region has dropped dramatically. Latin America is now a "marketplace of faiths," including Protestant Pentecostalism, Buddhism, New-Age Mysticism, African Animism, and others.

Bishops from the region met in Aparecida, Brazil, and called for the Latin American church to be in a "permanent state of mission."

The bishops realize that "Latin America is a continent of people who are baptized, but who are not really disciples, much less missionaries," Jesuit Father Victor Codina, a theologian who lives in Bolivia, told Catholic News Service. "Many people have little sense of belonging to the Church," Father Codina said.

Experts from the region say that building a sense of belonging among Catho-

lics and encouraging them to share their faith experience -- which is the essence of mission -- are challenges for the Church in Latin America.

Father Codina said that to make the people become disciples of Christ, the Church has to begin by providing people with spiritual or religious experience.

"The people have to be initiated to the spiritual life. Without that, there is no faith, there is no discipleship, there is no mission -- there is no Christian life," he said.

"It is important for the Church in Latin America to view mission, not as taking the Catholic faith to the people, but to have a dialogue with them and to develop a relationship with them, especially those on the margins," Father Codina said.

"It is important for the church in Latin America to listen and to learn from the people who live there. There must be a recognition of the values of the various indigenous people who were the ones who suffered most from the impact of colonization," said Franciscan Father Roberto Tomicha, who is from the Chiquitano indigenous community in Bolivia's eastern lowlands.

Today's missionary challenge is to establish a relationship of equals between the Church and indigenous peoples, because the first European missionaries "had a paternalistic mentality," Father Tomicha said. "We are considered to



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has designated the weekend of Aug. 2 and 3 for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. The collection is a tangible demonstration of our solidarity with the Church across our hemisphere.

Although approximately half of the world's Catholic population lives in Latin America, the Church in the region is losing its members at

an alarming rate. They are drawn away from the Church by other faiths and by migration in pursuit of a better life elsewhere. Losing its members in large numbers, along with a low priest-parishioner ratio, the faith and the family structures in the region are weakened. Help is much needed to strengthen the faith of the people and to train pastoral leaders to take care of the flock.

The proceeds of the collection support catechesis, formation, evangelization, and other pastoral programs, which are designed to strengthen and to renew the faith of the people in the region.

I invite you to give generously to this collection, and I ask the Lord to continue to bless our efforts to bring the Good News to all. I am most grateful for your loving response to God's call to build His kingdom on earth.

Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus

be like children who never grew up."

"The goal of mission is "for people to have life and have it in abundance," said Dominican Sister Gabriela Zengarini, an Argentine theologian.

"In Latin America, we still have a long way to go before people have life in abundance.

"The beautiful thing about Aparecida, which still needs to be put in practice,

is that every believer is a disciple and missionary," Sister Gabriela said.

"Like the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well, the church in Latin America is called to encounter Christ and spread the word. Good news is not imposed. Good news is shared," she said.

Leandro M. Tapay is director of the diocesan Office of Missions.

Missionary Cooperation Plan Comes to Parishes in the Diocese

Representatives from 39 mission organizations are speaking at Masses throughout the diocese through September to share their mission experiences and to ask for support for their mission. They are part of the Bishop's mandatory annual Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP), administered by the diocesan Missions Office.

These organizations were selected from among 500 mission societies, religious orders, and mission dioceses which applied to take part. The program gives the parishioners a chance to experience a cross-cultural exchange and to financially assist the organizations in their efforts to spread the Gospel.

The Missions Office is responsible for collecting and disbursing the funds.

The Missionary Cooperation Plan was established in the late 1930s in the United States as a way of centralizing the efforts of missionary organizations from around the world who wish to appeal to Catholics in the United States.

"On behalf of Bishop Campbell, I would like to thank you for your hospitality, courtesy, and generosity to our missionary guests," said Missions Office Director Leandro Tapay.

Should you need more information about the program, call the Missions Office at (614) 228-8603, or visit the office on the Web by going to www.coldsdioc.org, then clicking the links to "Offices" and "Missions Office." You may also "Like" the office on Facebook or follow it on Twitter.



Front Page photo: Volunteer Ted Grasse works with learner Elizabeth Goya at the Dominican Learning Center in Columbus, which marks its 20th anniversary this year.

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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:

8/10 and 8/24

We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Tidbits

Did you ponder and meditate upon the things that are most important to you during the past two weeks? We considered the current issue of Redskins and Chief Wahoo, along with one of our most recent saints, Kateri Tekakwitha. We should continue to enjoy our professional sports. Our leisure time and relaxation are important. Most important is our pursuit of holiness and our own sainthood. We may not achieve formal canonization, but we still strive to get to the same level of holiness. To help us get there, we need the example of saints such as Kateri Tekakwitha. Our children look up to and even idolize many of our sports heroes. Some, it seems, are more deserving than others. Let us be sure to give our children and grandchildren the same opportunity to look up to and idolize our saints. Maybe our more contemporary saints are a little more "relevant," or maybe some of our older and more "traditional" saints are better received. Like us, each of our children is different. We do them a disservice if we fail to keep our saints at the forefront of our teaching and example, telling their stories with pride and sincerity.

Tidbits can refer to a number of things. No, they are not donut holes – those are Timbits. Tidbits usually refer to small items or pieces of information. They can be important, but are usually trivial. Hopefully, in this column, my tidbits will initiate some good thought and consideration for meditation. Four weeks ago, this column was titled "Miscellaneous." Summer just seems to be the time of year when we have less time to pray and meditate because the daylight is longer, we are busy doing more things, and, liturgically, we are in ordinary time. Nothing ordinary about it, but we do not have the focus of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. I offer some tidbits to ponder. A couple of weeks ago, I was watching the late local news, and the top three stories were about: 1) Abused animals, 2) Two different murders in Columbus, and 3) More killings in the Middle East. Yes, they were in that order. Why did the top story involve only animals? This is our order of priority, I suppose. After all, we live in a society that treats pets better than the unborn, our elderly, and our veterans. We know of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding Hobby Lobby and birth control, including abortifacients. Thank God our government cannot force an employer to provide these. I cannot explain the ensuing protests, showing signs such as "You can't take my birth control away." Seriously? It is simply amazing what we feel we are entitled to at no "cost." On a more positive note, especially regarding politicians, I saw the governor of Ohio on television recently, speaking on the issue of heroin addiction in young people. He said, "We were all created in the image and likeness of God, and we were all created for a purpose." Seriously – from a politician? How refreshing!

Our practical challenge for the next two weeks is a final tidbit from one of my co-workers, who shared this prayer with me the other day. Pray this short meditation each day: "God's job, I think, is to keep lovingly disrupting our lives, and our job is to see if there are fresh opportunities for faith hidden within those disruptions. As a result, God keeps finding fresh ways to shake up our complacencies and challenge us to resist the seductive temptation to play the victim."

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



St. Brigid Forms Middle School Group

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church is forming a middle school youth group for seventh- and eighth-grade students in the parish and school.

The group will be led by Kim VanHuffel and will meet once a month on Sundays, beginning in the fall, for faith, fellowship, community building, and service. Members will attend the 12:15 p.m. Mass as a group with their families, then meet in Hendricks Hall for prayer and pizza, followed by icebreaker activities and large- and small-group discussions. They will end the day by working on a different service project at each meeting, either in Hendricks Hall or at off-site locations.

"One goal of the program is to meet busy families where they are," VanHuffel said. "We understand it is sometimes difficult for parents to find meaningful service opportunities for Confirmation when parents and students are already overscheduled in today's world. We hope to make this easier for families and to give children a positive experience of service

by offering a variety of opportunities they can do with their friends, while also providing positive direction for the students during small- and large-group discussions about issues that challenge them today."

Before the program was launched, a committee was formed to study the interest in and need for it. The committee conducted online surveys and focus groups and met with individuals in the parish and school to determine the interest level and what parishioners would want to see in this type of program.

VanHuffel was a part of the committee. She has been a catechist at the parish for six years and taught sixth-grade religious education this past year. She also has served on the education committee at St. Brigid and has been a board member for Family First. Before moving to Ohio, she worked in the religious education department of a parish in Indianapolis. She holds a master's degree in theology and a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Msgr. Lane to address ninth annual Cradling Christianity fundraiser

The ninth annual *Cradling Christianity* fundraiser for Christians in the Holy Land will take place Thursday, Sept. 4 at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St.

The event will open with a 5:30 p.m. Mass in the school's chapel, followed by a silent auction, dinner, and featured presentation in the Walter Student Commons.

Mass will be celebrated by Father Peter Vasko, OFM, president of the board of trustees of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, and concelebrating



priests from central Ohio. A silent auction will feature a wide selection of items from the Holy Land.

This year's speaker, Msgr. Frank P. Lane, is spiritual director of Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West and the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati, host of St.

Gabriel Radio's *Foundations in Faith*, and a presenter for the Coming Home Network. Msgr. Lane made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land last year and will share his insights into the current situation there. Preserving Christian life in the Holy Land is the goal of the *Cra-*

dling Christianity dinners.

Information on upcoming Holy Land group pilgrimages will be available at the dinner. Those attending also will be able to talk to diocesan residents who have been on Holy Land pilgrimages

SILENT RETREAT ON PURSUING SPIRITUAL PERFECTION

Father Patrick Toner will direct a silent retreat for men, sponsored by the Catholic Laymen's Retreat League, from Friday to Sunday, Sept. 5 to 7 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Father Toner is pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church and an occasional columnist for the *Catholic Times*. He has long service as a military chaplain.

During silent retreats, the league creates the atmosphere of a contemplative monastery for 36 hours. The retreat begins with silence after dinner at 6 p.m. Friday and ends after Sunday Mass at noon. Retreat participants have opportunities to talk with one another while walking outside the center on the beautiful grounds of St. Therese's.

"Lessons in the Pursuit of Spiritual Perfection" will be Father Toner's retreat theme.

"Holiness is our goal, but getting there is the challenge," he wrote. "Based on

about their travel experiences.

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doing spiritual direction with seminarians, I have found that we can rely on an old classic, *A Handbook of Spiritual Perfection*, by Father Philip Dion. Spirituality is often a matter of how we handle our lives following some common-sense ideas. Motivation is where we begin. Using our full arsenal of prayer helps keep us on track. The two paths we consider are avoiding faults and practicing virtue. No program would be complete without a good self-examination and evaluation of our progress."

Father Toner will develop these insights in six conference presentations. He also will provide time for confessions and individual conferences, along with a question-and-answer session Saturday after evening prayer.

The cost for the retreat is \$130. For more information, contact Charles F. Kielkopf at (614)268-0175 or kielkopf.1@osu.edu.

SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

All women of the diocese are invited to a silent retreat from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 3 to 5, at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. The retreat, sponsored by the Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, will begin with registration Friday at 5:30 p.m. and end Sunday at noon.

Father Michael Hinterschied, a priest of the Diocese of Columbus, will be the retreat master. Born in Columbus and raised in Granville, he was a member of Granville St. Edward Church. He attended the Pontifical College Josephinum and Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 2012, he is parochial vicar at Westerville St. Paul Church. Father Hinterschied will speak on the theme "The Holy Spirit: The Sanctifier."

The fee is \$125, which includes six meals and a private room for two nights. Assistance is available for

those who need financial help. This traditional Catholic silent retreat will include Masses on Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday, all-night Eucharistic adoration on Saturday, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Quiet times for private prayer and meditation are built into the schedule.

The retreat league particularly invites women who have never made a silent retreat to "come away and rest for a while" in the beautiful setting of the lovely and historic St. Therese's Retreat Center.

For more information, e-mail retreatleague@gmail.com or call Sharon Gehrlich, retreat league secretary, at (614) 882-1946. The deadline is Friday, Aug. 1. Space is limited and fills quickly. You are registered only when your deposit of \$50 is received. No phone or email registrations can be accepted.

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ARE STATUES IDOLS; HOLY FATHER AS A JESUIT?

Q. In the Book of Revelation (9:20), I read this: "The rest of the human race, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, to give up the worship of demons and idols made from gold, silver, bronze and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk."

Why, then, do Catholics worship statues? Aren't they religious idols?" (St. James, Missouri)

A. Catholics do not worship statues. They use statues of Christ or of the saints to help them recall the people those statues represent -- just as it is easier to remember one's mother by looking at a photograph of her.

When Catholics pray before a statue, they are not adoring the marble or the wood used to create it. They are reminding themselves of the virtues displayed by those depicted by the statue and asking for heavenly help in their lives.

God forbade the worship of statues, but he did not forbid making statues for religious purposes. Some who attack the church on this refer to the passage in the Book of Exodus (20:4-5) that says "You shall not make for yourself an idol or a likeness of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or serve them."

But one need only read a bit further in Exodus (25:18) to hear the Lord's command that statues of angels be fashioned: "Make two cherubim of beaten gold for the two ends of the cover."

Q. My question is related to our Holy Father, in light of my admiration for him and for the new direction he is leading the church. Is Pope Francis still bound by the religious vows he professed as a Jesuit? I would imagine that Ignatian spirituality still plays a large role in his daily life, but is he still technically a member of the religious order? As pope, would he no longer be subject in obedience to the Jesuit superior general? (Philadelphia)

A. The question you raise -- whether Pope Francis is still a Jesuit -- is an interesting one and is, in fact, disputed by canonists. Some say that years ago, when he became a bishop, he was dispensed from his vows of poverty and obedience and therefore exited the Jesuits. I think that's being overtechnical.



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: **FATHER KENNETH DOYLE**
Catholic News Service

He was dispensed from poverty because, canonically, a bishop owns diocesan property, and from obedience, because from episcopal ordination on, a bishop is subject to the pope rather than to his religious superior. I consider Francis to be still a Jesuit, and I think that he does, too.

Just a few days after his election to the papacy, Francis wrote a letter to the Jesuit superior general in which the pope referred to the Jesuits as "our beloved order," and his papal coat of arms contains the official seal of the Jesuit order.

I would hold that Francis remains a Jesuit and is still bound by his Jesuit vows, but with an asterisk -- and I would quote *Code of Canon Law* No. 705 in defense of that position. Nothing is said directly in the church's code about a religious who has been elected pope, but Canon 705 states that "A religious raised to the episcopate remains a member of his institute but is subject only to the Roman Pontiff by virtue of the vow of obedience. ..."

So Francis, I would conclude, continues to be bound by the vows of chastity and poverty (simplicity of lifestyle), but not by obedience. Father Ladislav M. Orsy, a Jesuit canon lawyer who teaches at the Georgetown University Law Center, said recently of the pope, "His vow of obedience ... loses its meaning because he has no Superior to obey."

Ignatian spirituality (St. Ignatius of Loyola founded the Jesuits in 1534) clearly threads its way through much of what Pope Francis says and writes. Jesuit Father James Martin pointed out recently that Pope Francis has more than once invited his hearers to picture themselves present at a Gospel scene and to consider how they would have responded to Jesus -- a meditation technique favored by Ignatius in his spiritual exercises.

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

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From now through Friday, Aug. 8, the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, is hosting an art exhibit titled, "Tierra," featuring pieces using a variety of analog and digital media by Columbus artist Mabi Ponce de Leon.

Ponce de Leon is originally from Argentina and also has lived in Mexico. "Feeling both foreign and at home in the world," she said, "I explore what it feels like to be from two places and belong to neither. In my work, I have been exploring my role as an outsider

and my place of birth -- Argentina." Her recent works reference the idea of travel, displacement, and feeling foreign through the juxtaposition of maps, migrating animals, airplanes, flight documents, charts, and diagrams.

"Intellectually," Ponce de Leon noted, "we can understand moving long distances across the globe through the technology of flight. The resulting disorientation, however, is inexplicable and daunting." Through her artwork, she explores this experience.

Ponce de Leon received a master of fine arts degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and is working on an art history degree at The Ohio State University. She has shown in university and commercial galleries, art centers, and museums, and has curated several shows.

The exhibit is free and open by appointment only. Call (614) 416-1910 to schedule a visit.

Groups are welcome. For a brief video of Ponce de Leon and her exhibit, visit www.martindeporrescenter.net. The Martin de Porres Center is an outreach ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

BETTER IN HOT WATER: TEA AND LITERATURE

The Martin de Porres Center will host its second annual fundraiser, "Better in Hot Water: Tea and Literature," from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. The event will feature a traditional high tea and a program presented by Dr. Ann Hall, professor of English at Ohio Dominican University. She will explore both calm and chaotic sips memorialized in literature and will be assisted by Ohio Dominican University students.

For more than 10 years, the Martin de Porres Center, an outreach ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, has been serving the Columbus area. The center provides a variety of programming in the areas of spirituality, education, and personal growth, as well as reasonably priced rental space for not-

for-profit groups whose mission is in keeping with the center's.

Some recurring programs such as the Institute for Maturing Spirituality, a four-speaker series of webcasts on topics of interest to seniors, and the annual RCIA retreat days, conducted each year on the two weekends before the Easter Vigil, aim to serve the needs of often-underserved groups, while other events have established the center as a place of welcome and hospitality for a variety of religious and civic organizations. The center also has become known for its art exhibits, featuring a multitude of artists and media. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward continued programming.

The \$35 prepaid registration fee for the event is required by Friday, Aug. 8. Registration may be made in person, via mail by printing out the form on the center's webpage, www.martindeporrescenter.net, or online by credit card.

The Martin de Porres Center is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. For more information, contact the center at (614) 416-1920.

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Our Lady of Peace Parish is seeking a Business Manager who serves in support of the Pastor, ensuring that parish needs in administration, personnel, finance and facilities are fulfilled. This position will:

- Administer parish business operations; bookkeeping, payroll, employee benefits and cash flow through management of purchasing and payments
- Supervise the collection, counting, recording and depositing of parish revenue from all sources
- Coordinate parish liability and property insurance programs.
- Serve as a parish financial contact with financial institutions and the Diocese
- Attend parish committee meetings as designated by Pastor (includes some evening meetings)
- Manage financial reporting to the Pastor, parish and Diocese

This position requires strong business management skills, flexibility, and aptitude. To perform this job successfully, an individual should have knowledge of MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook), QuickBooks, and payroll systems. Excellent oral and written communication and human relation skills when dealing with co-workers, other parish or Diocesan employees, families and the general public are essential. A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience in Accounting or Finance experience is preferred. Significant previous business management experience required or equivalent combination of education and experience is required. Passing a background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course are mandatory. Salary is commensurate with experience. Benefits are according to Diocesan policy.

Send cover letter, resume, references and salary requirements by August 4, 2014 to Dominic Prunte, Diocesan HR Director, at: dprunte@colsdio.org

Bishop Hartley 1979 class reunion

The Columbus Bishop Hartley High School Class of 1979 will have its 35th reunion on the weekend of Friday and Saturday, Aug. 1 and 2.

Friday night will feature bowling at Marysville Lanes, 1189 Columbus Ave., Marysville, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$10 per person, plus

shoe rental. There will be a cash bar and grill.

Saturday's activities will open with Mass at 4 p.m. at Columbus St. Mary Church, 684 S. 3rd St., followed by a gathering at Plank's Café, 743 Parsons Ave. Those planning to attend are asked to reply to alisonboggs@yahoo.com or call (937) 594-0212.



ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Loren Brown



Two Inspiring Events

This past March, I attended the 155th men's Cum Christo weekend in Columbus. As many of you know firsthand, a Cum Christo weekend is an inspiring retreat that renews and deepens one's faith and includes guest speakers, reflection, and prayer. The team members, volunteers, and sponsors put a lot of work into making this a truly spiritual experience, and I can't thank them enough for that.

Three months later, in June, I was inspired again. At The Catholic Foundation's Dei Gratia event, Matthew Kelly gave a speech that touched us all deeply. He spoke to the simple, profound truths that aren't given the attention and recognition they deserve and need, including awakening our 'sleeping' brothers and sisters in the Church. Kelly spoke convincingly about many things, but in the end, we were left with a simple message: Engaging even just one percent of Catholics could change the world. The foundation of this message was an even more profound and infinitely simpler idea: hope.

During the past year, The Catholic Foundation made significant strides in furthering the Catholic mission. Of the 1,070 grants we gave, which totaled \$6.5 million, more than \$2.8 million went to Catholic education and faith formation, touching the lives of tens of thousands of people in various stages of their faith journey. While this is a wonderful statistic, with your help, we can cast an even wider net and bring more people into the faith, as well as re-engage more of our 'sleeping' brothers and sisters.

Our goal is to help provide a firm financial foundation upon which parishes can grow their

ministries. It is our hope that the financial support we provide will better enable parishes to build up their faith formation efforts, therefore enhancing the spiritual lives of their parishioners.

Much of the support for our parishes comes from endowment funds established by each church. Over the years, many of you have contributed to an endowment fund that directly benefits your beloved parish; if you have not, I encourage you to consider honoring your parish in this way.

Perhaps one of the best ways to support your parish is through leaving a bequest, a gift through provisions of one's will, to your parish endowment fund. Even if giving seems impossible because of current financial difficulties or the like, there are many forms of bequests that account for such support. For instance, an individual may give through her or his life insurance policy or retirement plan, or even donate real estate, such as one's house. Anyone who notifies The Catholic Foundation of a plan to leave a future gift will be recognized through membership in our Kyrie Bequest Society.

There is in us a great hope for the future. For as great as the need is, and as great as the difficulties will be, our hope is greater—our God is greater.

If you are interested in sharing in this hope by making a charitable bequest to support your parish, Catholic school, or Catholic charity, please give me a call at (614) 443-8893.

Brown is the president & CEO of The Catholic Foundation and a member of Granville St. Edward Church.

SPECIAL CHOIR FORMING AT CAREY SHRINE

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey invites area singers to join the 2014 Assumption Choir.

This choir, along with a brass quintet, will lead the music for the Vigil Mass of the Assumption in the shrine park at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.

This unique experience will give amateur and professional singers an opportunity to sing a variety of

music with a short-term commitment.

Rehearsals will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the original shrine church, next to the gift shop, on three successive Sundays: July 27, Aug. 3, and Aug. 10.

More information is available from the basilica's director of music ministries, Jack Gerding, at sic@olcshrine.com or (419) 396-7107.

BACKPACK PROJECT

Ohio Dominican University's Alumni Association Council will collect school supplies to benefit students who attend Columbus Holy Spirit School. The council's annual school supplies drive will take place from Aug. 1 to 29.

Donated school supplies may be dropped off at Guzman House, located off Sunbury Road north of ODU's main campus, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Holy Spirit School requests the following supplies: **facial tissues, paper towels, stickers, 24-packs of Crayola crayons, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, antibacterial wipes, index cards (three-by-five), 12-packs of Crayola colored pencils, copy paper, No. 2 pencils.**

Those wishing to make a monetary donation are asked to make checks payable to Ohio Dominican University and address them in care of Ann Snider, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus OH 43219

Once supplies are collected, members of the ODU community will put them into backpacks and deliver them to students at the beginning of the school year.

"This project is a wonderful opportunity for the ODU community and our neighbors to come together and truly make a difference in the lives of students in our local schools," Snider said. "Every item we collect shows a student that we support them, care about their academic success, and want them to achieve their goal of connecting their passion with a purpose."

This is the third year the council has sponsored a school-supplies drive to benefit a Catholic school or organization. In 2012, ODU collected enough supplies to fill 100 backpacks for Columbus All Saints Academy students. The inaugural drive also collected enough financial contributions to purchase a high-definition television for the school's library. In 2013, ODU collected a year's worth of school supplies for St. Stephen's Community House, as well as food to help fill the organization's pantry.

Holy Spirit School is a state-chartered Catholic elementary school of Columbus Holy Spirit Church, under the auspices of the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools. The school's mission is to maximize student learning through the development of responsibility, reason, and resilience. For more information on Holy Spirit School, go to its website.

PARISH SECRETARY

Christ the King Church is in search of a full-time secretary who is able to support the administrative aspects of its mission of evangelization.

English and Spanish language capabilities are essential, as well as advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office. Previous experience in the field is preferred.

Candidates should email resumes to: **Father David Schalk at schalk.ctl@gmail.com**



An American in a strange land

Sometimes, as I stand quietly staring into a crowd, I see so many unfamiliar faces. At one time, when I was much younger, I did not feel so apart from others.

In today's culture, we forget the many people who sacrificed their lives to make this nation a united one. Don't get me wrong, diversity is a wonderful thing, otherwise God would not have separated us by language. He wanted us to appreciate the excitement of learning from one another and for us to become closer as a result.

But lately, in such an ever-open society, it has become virtually impossible to distinguish foreigner from citizen. Such is the path we have chosen as a nation. We feel our way through life and let our emotions dictate our actions. We strive to become something special, something apart from everyone else. I recall what St. John Paul II once said: "Freedom consists



not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

Not so long ago, we let our knowledge speak for us. We used our wisdom to guide our decisions and strived to be as one. In my father's day, it was a necessity to share your food, your time, and your lives for the greater good because, in that era, we needed each other as much as we needed the air to breathe.

I look around and reflect on all that we have accomplished and what we are not yet willing to do. We are young, impulsive, brash, and egotistical. As Jesus taught us time and time again, we need to quiet our thoughts, settle, and steel our minds for what is and will be.

We so desperately need to return to a place when we were neither Jew nor

Christian, slave nor free, and be proud and together as a nation.

It is with a particular sense of both separatism and supplication that I find myself so melancholy while living in this land – a land made so rich with the history and the extraordinary everyday people that make being here so wonderful. I am an American in a strange land, but, by God's grace and mercy, I am also proud, so very proud to be a part of something so wonderful and to be my father's and, most certainly, my nation's son.

And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free.

And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.

And I gladly stand up, next to you and defend her still today.

'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land, God bless the USA.

(Lyrics, Lee Greenwood, 1996, Curb Records)

May the wind be forever at your backs, may the Holy Spirit bring your love into this world, and may His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas is a freelance writer and active in many diocesan and church ministries. He is a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church. He posts his thoughts online at <http://truegiftoffaith.blogspot.com>.

COORDINATOR OF NUTRITION AND WELLNESS

The Pontifical College Josephinum, a Roman Catholic seminary located in Columbus, Ohio, is in need of a part time coordinator of nutrition and wellness during the academic year to work 25 hours per week. The Coordinator of Nutrition and Wellness has the primary goal of implementing measures to improve the health of seminarians, faculty and staff.

Responsibilities include the following key duties:

- Work with food service contractor to recommend and monitor best practices in food preparation, food quality and nutritional content of menus
- Implements programs to provide seminarians and staff with options for healthy eating and life style activities as a wellness coach.
- Conducts inspections of food preparation and sanitation in kitchen/dining room.
- Works with Seminary Nurse to plan annual health fair.

A minimum of 2-3 years of experience in a similar position is required including attention to detail and excellent interpersonal communication skills. The successful candidate must be a team player. College Degree required in related nutritional health field. Must be able to support the mission of the Josephinum.

Please respond with a resume, letter of interest including salary history by August 1, 2014 to:

**The Pontifical College Josephinum, ATTN: Treasurer
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A conversation group of English-language learners at the Dominican Learning Center in Columbus includes (clockwise, from top) Sister Robin Richard, OP, Mahmadou Ndongo, Rosa Espinoza, Muangkay Chanthasene, Aisatta Dja, and Nene Dia.

Twenty years ago this November, the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs opened a center for adult education in the basement of the Columbus Corpus Christi Church rectory. One student showed up on the first day

to begin classes for her high-school equivalency diploma, and six sisters were available as teachers.

Two years later, that student, Louise Hackett, passed the General Educational Development test and

received her diploma. Today, she's a housekeeper at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The center's first administrators were Sister Marie Granger, OP, and Sister Raymunda Brooks, OP. Sister Marie continued to teach at the center until last fall, when she broke her hip. She's now a resident of the Mohun Health Care Center and serves as the Dominican Learning Center's director emeritus. Sister Raymunda lives at the sisters' Columbus Motherhouse.

Since that small beginning two decades ago, the learning center has assisted more than 6,100 students, with hundreds of sisters and lay volunteers serving as full- or part-time tutors and staff members. The center continues to be operated by the same congregation of sisters, now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace after several Dominican congregations were united in 2009.

Today, the center serves about 300 students and has about 190 tutors at

Sister Marie Granger, OP (left), with English as a Second Language learner Victoria Babajeva. Photos/ Dominican Learning Center

BY TIM PUET, *Catholic Times Reporter*

DOMINICAN LEARNING CENTER HELPING ADULTS LEARN FOR 20 YEARS

any given time. Sister Shawn Fitzpatrick, OP, has been its administrator since 2003. It remains in its original location, 1111 E. Stewart Ave. on Columbus' south side, where it will host a 20th-anniversary open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24. The milestone anniversary also will be marked at a reception from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, in the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus.

The center's role remains unchanged from what it was in 1994. As proclaimed in its vision statement, its goal is to help form "a central Ohio community where every person has the opportunity to experience a satisfying, fulfilling, and peaceful life because he or she is able to read, write, understand, and converse in English, and has proficient computation and technology skills."

The center's services include adult basic education (ABE) classes for those who need to upgrade their skills in reading, writing, and mathematics, GED preparation classes in the same subjects, and classes in computer literacy, English as a Second Language (ESL), and citizenship. The classes take place at the center and in the former Columbus St. Thomas School on East Fifth Avenue (GED, ABE, and ESL), the de Porres Center (ESL), Columbus Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St. (ESL), Mann's Mobile Home Park on Stelzer Road (ESL for Hispanic mothers), and 30 branches of the Columbus Metropolitan Library (ESL).

The center is closed for the summer to allow the sisters time for retreats and vacations and because most of its students have children who are out of school. Sister Shawn said that when an attempt was made a few years ago to keep programs going until July, attendance dropped dramatically following the end of the school year.

She also said that once programs resume on Wednesday, Sept. 3, the

center hopes to have ESL classes for Hispanics at Columbus St. Ladislav Church, 277 Reeb Ave., and the Bishop Griffin Center, 2875 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus.

Sister Shawn said the center serves people from 49 nations. Most range in age from 25 to 44, with women outnumbering men by about a 3-to-1 margin.

"In the 11 years since I've been here, the center has undergone a number of changes," she said. "The most obvious has been in the number of people we serve. When I came here, we had about 200 students and 100 tutors. Both of those numbers are now about 50 percent higher.

"We've also made a substantial change in how we approach prospective learners. For years, we would immediately assign ABE or GED students to a tutor. But about two years ago, we began requiring students first to complete an assessment of their skills, determining the level of instruction the need, and then to take a 12-hour success course before assigning a tutor.

"This has been of great benefit in helping students and tutors understand each other," Sister Shawn said. "We started the course because we found there was a cultural difference between the two groups. The tutors are mostly middle-class and have one set of experiences and expectations, while the students generally come from different economic circumstances, where the expectations are much different.

"Poverty is both systemic and generational," Sister Shawn said. "Systemic poverty is the type of situation where a person might be the proverbial 'one paycheck away from poverty,' but is able to lose a job and find another one because he or she has sufficient skills.

"For many of our students, however, their background involves two or three or more generations of poverty,

which is a lot harder to overcome. These learners are often single mothers with several children and are trying to balance work, family, and education at the same time, with little support at home.

"One of the important things in dealing with the culture of generational poverty is that we first have to build relationships with the students so they become comfortable with us. On reaching that point, they're more likely to call us so we can plug them into the right resources. We tell them there may be a time when they have to drop out of classes for a while, but we want them to communicate that information to us so we can give them the assurance and the encouragement that they're welcome back at any time," she said.

The success course starts with an orientation that clearly details what participants can expect, and what their responsibilities will be. It also covers teaching soft skills, such as time management and scheduling. In addition, it screens for learning disabilities, and helps learners create individual educational goals and plans. Participants are then individually evaluated by a center staff member and assigned a tutor.

ABE learners receive one hour of tutoring each week. Those who are ready to work on preparing for their GED exam receive two hours. Depending on individual needs, the tutoring can be one-on-one or in small groups. Students can work additional hours independently at the center using computer programs and other available resources.

Tutors are trained at a three-and-a-half-hour workshop that takes place at the center on Saturday mornings every month except June, July, and December, and includes a discussion of the culture of poverty and how it affects the students. The next workshop is scheduled Saturday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Following this workshop, each new

tutor takes part in a second workshop, which lasts about two hours, during which the tutor receives information about his or her student, goes over textbooks and skills, and answers any questions.

The center has six full-time employees, plus six part-time staff members serving as receptionists and in housekeeping and security, meaning the bulk of its work is done by the volunteer tutors.

"Ideally, we would have one tutor for every student," Sister Shawn said. "There's always a waiting list of students for ESL, ABE, and GED courses, which would disappear if we were able to provide enough tutors. We're about 100 tutors short, which is generally where we stand.

"Tutoring doesn't take a huge commitment of time, just an hour a week, or more if you choose. Tutoring times can be scheduled around your availability. The only requirement is a high school diploma. Otherwise, the most important thing a tutor needs is patience. It may take a while for someone to understand a concept, but once a breakthrough is made, it provides enormous satisfaction for both the student and the teacher."

Sister Shawn said that when classes resume in the fall, major changes are likely in GED test preparation classes because the test has undergone a substantial overhaul, becoming more reflective of what students need to learn in today's technology-driven economy, but also more difficult to pass.

"We have a committee studying the 2014 test and possible textbooks," she said. "Several of the companies which publish test preparation programs haven't issued their textbooks yet, and we don't like what we've seen so far in the materials which have been published." The center is planning two meetings on Tuesday, Aug. 26, with those who are studying for the test, and a similar gathering with tutors on Saturday, Sept. 6.



Above: Sister Robin Richard, OP (top) at the center with adult learner Sadiyo Aweys. Below: Math tutor Chris Reale with Darla Bartley, who earned her GED certificate.



The center is working toward a goal of being self-sustaining, but is not there yet. Funds for its programs come through an annual appeal from the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and from organizations including The Catholic Foundation, The Columbus Foundation, the Siemer, Kelly, J.K. Williams, Dollar General, and Marian foundations, the Providence Fund of the Sisters of St. Francis Holy Name Province, the Shalom Fund, and the Southeast Columbus Lions Club.

The center has come a long way in 20 years, adding space in the Corpus Christi building and locations elsewhere to serve a growing number of people.

"Residents of the neighborhood are very happy we're here," Sister Shawn said. "A lot of people over the years have come in to help just because they've seen the sign on our

building, so we know our presence is welcome. The center started 20 years ago when the St. Mary of the Springs Dominicans made a chapter commitment to serving the needs of the poor through promoting adult literacy. That mission continues with the Dominican Sisters of Peace commitment to 'promote justice through solidarity with those who are marginalized, especially women and children.'"

Besides needing tutors, the center also is looking for an advisory council member who has knowledge of fund raising, as well as assistance with individual projects such as phone answering, registering and testing new students on Tuesdays from 5 to 8 p.m., and helping with mailings. Anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity may call the center at (614) 444-7330.



REFURBISHING THE DOME AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The golden dome that dominates the landscape along Cleveland Avenue in north Columbus belongs to St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, the largest of the Eastern Rite Catholic churches in the Diocese of Columbus. The dome has served as a focal point in the community since the church was built more than 30 years ago. But the structure has developed small cracks and leaks, requiring workmen to come in and repair, seal, and repaint the shining dome. The exterior work is nearly complete.

PATRICK SPRIGLER, EAGLE SCOUT

Patrick Sprigler of Columbus St. Andrew Church has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank available in Boy Scouting.



He is a member of Scout Troop 295, led by Scoutmaster Doug Edgington, and will be entering his sophomore year at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School this fall. He has earned 45 merit badges, more

than double the 21 needed for the honor, 13 of which are required. Eagle Scouts also must serve for at least six months in a troop leadership position and complete a community service project. For his project, Sprigler col-

lected and shipped 230 pairs of children's and women's shoes, plus \$585 in donations, to the Friends of San Lucas Mission in Guatemala. He also has earned the Ad Altare Dei, St. Tarcisius, International Awareness, Santa Maria, and Pope Pius XII emblems, which are among several religious emblems available through the sponsorship of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. In addition, he has been an altar server at his church for several years, receiving the Serra Club Server of the Year award.

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Climate Change is on the Church's Agenda

By Jerry Freewalt

A large multinational organization recently convened a five-day workshop on environment and climate change titled "Sustainable Humanity, Sustainable Nature: Our Responsibility." Workshop organizers included some of the world's leading climate scientists, meteorologists, oceanographers, biologists, professors of physics and chemistry, energy engineers, sociologists, economists, and experts in public policy.

Workshop titles included "Ocean Climate: Changed in the North Atlantic Circulation," "Why Have Climate Negotiations Proved So Disappointing?," "Energy for Sustainable and Equitable Development," "Externalities, or the Unaccounted-for Consequences of Our Actions That Undermine Nature," "Global Knowledge Action Network for Adaptation to Climate Change," and "Human Natural Law As a Basis for the Safeguarding of Human Life and Nature in a Globalized World." There are many more. This organization is implementing plans to be a carbon-neutral state. It also is engaged in outreach efforts to assist climate refugees.

Any guesses where this workshop took place? If you guessed "Vatican City," you are correct. The workshop was jointly sponsored by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. The opening address was delivered by Pope Francis' most senior adviser, Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga.

Climate change is on the Church's agenda. Of course, this is not the first time the Church has addressed the issue. In 2011, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences released a report on the fate of mountain glaciers. Contributing to the report was world-renowned climatologist Dr. Lonnie Thompson of The Ohio State University's Byrd Polar Research Center. The report urges "all nations to develop and implement, without delay, effective and fair policies to reduce the causes and impacts of climate change."

Some people may wonder why the Church cares about climate change and what the connection is to our faith. The Catholic Church, through its social doctrine, has consistently expressed concern about care for God's creation.

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During the inaugural homily of his pontificate, Pope Francis made a challenge: "Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation!" He challenged us to be protectors of the poor and the environment – a challenge to all people of goodwill, to individuals as well as leaders of nations. A year later, Pope Francis' challenge continues. His general prayer intention for April was "that governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources."

His predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, also made many references to stewardship of the environment. In his 2010 World Day of Peace message, "If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation," he asked, "Can we remain indifferent before the problems associated with such realities as climate change?" St. John Paul II lamented in his 1999 World Day of Peace message that the "gradual depletion of the ozone layer and the related 'greenhouse effect' has now reached crisis proportions" and called the faithful to change their lifestyles and find ways to limit the factors that damage the environment.

In 2001, the U.S. Catholic bishops issued a statement on global climate change and issued a plea for dialogue, prudence, and the common good. Although the Church has consulted with many scientists and experts in the field of the environment, it acknowledges that it does not have all the answers to this complex issue. However, it also acknowledges that changes in the climate are taking place, that there are actions we can take that will have a positive effect on climate change, and that, on the side of prudence and concern for the poor and the common good, it is better to act now than wait until the problems get worse and the remedies are more costly.

The bishops teach that, at its core, global climate change "is about the future of God's creation and the one human family. It is about protecting both 'the human environment' and the natural environment. It is about our human stewardship of God's creation and our responsibility to those who come after us."

I know there is more I can do personally to be a better steward of God's creation, and I'm learning along the way. There are things all of us can do individually, as families, as parish communities, and as a nation to be good stewards of that which we have been entrusted. If you would like to learn more, visit the websites of the U.S. Catholic bishops' environmental justice program, the Catholic Conference of Ohio's "care for creation" resource, and the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Jerry Freewalt is a program director for the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

Websites:
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\$60 FOR RECYCLING AN OLD REFRIGERATOR

AEP Ohio is opening a new recycling facility in Groveport to support its ongoing appliance recycling program. To commemorate the grand opening, it is increasing the incentive paid to customers for recycling old, inefficient refrigerators and freezers to \$60 from now until Sunday, Aug. 31.

Customers who participate in the program not only will have their old refrigerators and freezers picked up for free, but also will save up to \$150 annually on household energy costs. The incentive for participating is usually \$50, but has been raised by \$10 through the end of August.

The program is open to AEP Ohio customers who live in Ohio. Customers must own the unit(s) being recycled. Refrigerators and freezers must be empty, in working condition, and a minimum of 10 cubic feet in size, utilizing inside measurements. JACO Environmental, an appliance recycler, will pick up and recycle refrigerators and freezers that are in working condition.

To schedule a free appliance pickup, call the new Groveport recycling center at (1-877) 545-4112.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Wisdom links the first reading and the Gospel



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

July 27

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

The first reading takes place shortly after Solomon has succeeded David as Israel's king. Upon becoming king, Solomon arranged for his half-brother, Adonijah (and other enemies), to be killed, and only then did he utter the lofty prayer of today's reading. Obviously, this court historian was favorable to Solomon. Given his parents (David and Bathsheba), it is no surprise that Solomon was aware of the palace intrigue, even before David died, once Solomon had been named by David to succeed him as king.

Solomon is praised forever after for the content of this dreamlike sequence in which the "humble and innocent" new king prays for "an understanding heart" and to be able "to distinguish right from wrong." The Lord is reported pleased by his request and responds, "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, **nor for the life of your enemies**, but for understanding ... I do as you requested." The Lord adds that Solomon will never have an equal for his wisdom and understanding. Obviously, Solomon's actions in Chapter Two were overlooked by the author of this prayer sequence in Chapter Three. As we have seen so often, though, we cannot hold ancient authors to our own standards of historical accuracy.

The link between the first reading and the Gospel must be the wisdom revealed in the teaching of Jesus,

CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER OF PEACE EVENTS

Events at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace for the next two months include a film presentation, the center's monthly women-to-women listening circle, a workshop on journaling, and a day of reflection for needlecrafters.

The film *Dead Man Walking*, starring Sean Penn and Susan Sarandon, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, followed by a conversation about Catholic teaching on capital punishment. The program will conclude at 9 p.m.

The listening circle begins at noon Thursday, Aug. 14, preceded by lunch at 11:30 a.m. All women are welcome to attend. Those with children are asked to make arrangements for them to be cared elsewhere.

The journaling workshop will take place Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will be con-

specifically the wisdom of the parables which conclude Matthew 13. In the first parable, the kingdom of heaven is like the case of a person who finds a treasure buried in a field, who will sell all she owns in order to buy the field (and the treasure hidden there). Some have tried to fault the buyer for dishonesty, but they miss the point of the parable when they do.

Those who would sell all they own to possess the treasure are like those who give up all to follow Christ. That is the treasure of the kingdom, which only the treasure hunters find. The stress lies in discovering what is truly important and ridding oneself of everything else in order to possess it.

Very similar to this is the case of the pearl merchant. In this case, there is not a question of coming by his find in some devious way. He goes off and sells all he has to buy the pearl. In itself, that seems futile, and it is if we are talking about pearls or gems of any other thing on earth. But Jesus is talking about how someone discovers the value of the kingdom of heaven and will part with everything in the way of possessing it.

The parable about the dragnet which collects all kinds of things besides fish is not about discovering the kingdom and wanting to possess it. It is rather about the end time judgment, when the *righteous* (fish?) will be separated from the *wicked*. Like the weeds sown among the wheat, it is not until the harvest that the separation comes (last week's Gospel). Commentators note the oddity of applying "righteous" and "wicked" to a haul of fish.

The wicked are thrown "into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." That was the same result for the weeds of last week's parable. Surprisingly, nothing is said about what happens to the righteous, which makes this more of a warning not to be bad than it is an encouragement to be righteous.

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ducted by author, *Catholic Times* columnist, and journal keeper Mary van Balen. A \$25 participation fee includes lunch, coffee breaks, and a journal. Participants who have a favorite journal are invited to bring it along. Those who would like to journal with the inspiration of a personal photo may do so.

Melanie Thomas, a spiritual director and needlecrafter from Springfield, will lead the day of reflection for knitters and crocheters from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. The cost of \$15 includes lunch.

Those who need financial assistance to attend or who would like to contribute to a scholarship fund to help others participate are asked to let the center know. The center is located at 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus and may be reached by phone at (614) 512-3731 or email at corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com.

The Weekday Bible Readings

7/28-8/2

MONDAY
Jeremiah 13:1-11
Deuteronomy 32:18-21 (Ps)
Matthew 13:31-35

TUESDAY
Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8-9,11,13
John 11:19-27 or
Luke 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY
Jeremiah 15:10,16-21
Psalm 59:2-4,10-11,17-18
Matthew 13:44-46

THURSDAY
Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1b-6b
Matthew 13:47-53

FRIDAY
Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5,8-10,14
Matthew 13:54-58

SATURDAY
Jeremiah 26:11-16,24
Psalm 69:15-16,
30-31,33-34
Matthew 14:1-12

8/4-8/9

MONDAY
Jeremiah 28:1-17
Psalm 119:29,43,79-80,95,102
Matthew 24:22-36

TUESDAY
Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22
Psalm 102:16-23,29
Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14

WEDNESDAY
Deuteronomy 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

THURSDAY
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:12-15,18-19
Matthew 16:13-23

FRIDAY
Nahum 2:1,3,3:1-3,6-7
Deuteronomy 32:35c-36b,39,41 (Ps)
Matthew 16:24-28

SATURDAY
Habbakuk 1:12-2,4
Psalm 9:8-13
Matthew 17:14-20

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JULY 27 AND AUGUST 3, 2014

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WWHO's cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

DAILY MASS

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

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

Mission Time

The Office of Readings for the Solemnity of the Ascension offers a lovely excerpt from one of St. Augustine's sermons *de Ascensione Domini*, in which the learned bishop of Hippo takes as his text Colossians 3:1-2: "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated, at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

A familiar enough text, right? But then Augustine, as is his wont, gives it a striking twist: "For just as he remained with us even after his Ascension, so we, too, are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. ... While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity; but in him, we can be there by love."

There are something on the order of 70 million Catholics in the United States. How many of us think of ourselves as being "already in heaven" with the Lord? And if we really believed that — if we really believed that the most important part of our being was united to Christ and thus incorporated into the life of the Holy Trinity — how would we comport ourselves here on earth?

We'd be on fire with a sense of mission.

There are many reasons to deplore the change in liturgical nomenclature for the weeks after the Easter Season, from Sundays "after Pentecost" to Sundays "in

Ordinary Time." As has been noted previously in this space (perhaps to the point of reader tedium!), there is nothing "ordinary" about time after the Resurrection and Ascension. For as that Colossians text suggests and Augustine makes explicit, human "time" has now been drawn into the divine life through the mystery of Christ's return to the Father and his being seated "at the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:3) as Lord of history. History, in that sense, is "inside" the Godhead.

And there is nothing ordinary about that.

Sundays "after Pentecost," by contrast, reminded the Church that the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit, celebrated on the 50th day after Easter, continues in the Church throughout history, so that the Church can continually bear witness to "that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands" (1 John 1.1) — the Risen Lord, who offers us, in our friendship with him, a participation here-and-now in the life of God himself.

The Pentecost Season (if you'll permit a lapse into a relevant bit of liturgical antiquarianism) lasts from Pentecost itself through midday of the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. It is the longest of the Church's seasons; it is the season of hope (hence the green vestments); it is a season for lengthening the stride of the spiritual life, in a steady rhythm of pilgrimage toward



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

the Kingdom where our hearts already rest because they rest in the Lord. But it is also, and above all, the season of mission. Because Pentecost is not simply about celebrating the gift of the Spirit to the Church. As the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles illustrates, Pentecost is about giving that gift away.

The Pentecost Season is when those who truly believe that "we are already in heaven with him" offer others the possibility of living like that. The offer is made in many ways: in acts of compassion and charity; in acts of explicit witness to Christ; in explaining why the Church believes what it does. If, as St. John Paul II and Pope Francis propose, the quality of our discipleship is measured by our commitment to giving others the gift we have been given, the lengthy weeks of the Pentecost Season are divinely ordered to that gift-giving.

About which there is nothing "ordinary."

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ODU Alumni Honored for Connecting Their Passion With a Purpose to Serve Others

Ohio Dominican University has recognized six alumni for their exceptional contributions to the university and society.

Mary Evelyn Ruetty (class of 1954), Mary Anne Duffy Brennan (1964), John Collins (1969), Dr. Ed Burney (1974), Matt Yuskewich (1974), and Mark Weiner (1994) received 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards from Dr. Peter Cimbalic, ODU president, at a banquet in their honor in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center.

Ruetty retired from Catholic Social Services in 2004 after a 50-year career with the agency as vice president of administration at the Holy Rosary Family Center, clinical supervisor, and social worker.

Brennan worked for the Hamilton County Welfare Department and was co-owner of PSB Educational Services. She has volunteered as a literacy tutor and served on the board of trustees for the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation in Cincinnati. She also was president of the Kidney Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and Catholic Social Services of Southwestern Ohio. Nine members of her family have graduated from ODU.

Collins spent his 40-year career working in housing and residence life offices

at colleges throughout the East and the Midwest. He has participated in the Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers and the Association of College and University Housing Officers International. He volunteers at his church and with Habitat for Humanity.

Burney is a professor of ophthalmology at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, and director of anterior segment diseases and the surgery center at University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland. He also is director of ophthalmology at the Louis B. Stokes Veterans Medical Center in Cleveland. He has taught and mentored more than 250 resident doctors and fellows. He volunteers in the community by offering glaucoma screening, mentoring high school students who are considering medicine as a career, and fundraising for his church.

Yuskewich founded the Winterset Certified Public Accountant Group in 1988. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Ohio Society of CPAs. He served on the Ohio society's PAC Committee of 50 and as treasurer of the Ohio House Republican Campaign Com-



Recipients of the 2014 Ohio Dominican University Distinguished Alumni Award, pictured with Dr. Peter Cimbalic, ODU president (far left), are (from left): John Collins, Matt Yuskewich, Mary Evelyn Ruetty, Mark Weiner, Mary Anne Duffy Brennan. Lucia McQuaide, recently retired diocesan school superintendent (far right), introduced each honoree. Not pictured is award recipient Dr. Ed Burney. Photo courtesy Ohio Dominican University

mittee. Former Gov. Bob Taft appointed him to the Ohio Business Gateway Commission. He also was chairman of the city of Upper Arlington's tax appeals board. He previously served on the ODU alumni council. He is active at Columbus St. Agatha Church and Columbus Bishop Watterson High School.

Weiner is the director of Licking County Victim Services and has provided direct services to crime victims for 21 years. He is a member of the Ohio Crisis

Response Team and the National Organization for Victim Assistance's national crisis response team.

"Our Distinguished Alumni Award recipients have used their unique talents, skills, and passions to realize God's purpose for their lives. Their personal and professional accomplishments and commitment to community service serve as a shining example of the type of extraordinary leadership that all ODU graduates can aspire to achieve," Cimbalic said.

Pray for our dead

BALLARD, Harold C., 79, July 2
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

BARCZA, Donald C., 66, July 14
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BARNA, Elsie A., 85, July 12
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

BERWANGER, Robert P., 84, July 14
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

BROSNAN, Virginia A., 84, July 17
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

CENESKIE, Blanche E., 86, July 13
St. Paul Church, Westerville

CLARK, Florence E., 95, July 14
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

COPELAND (BAKER), Mary, 90, July 12
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

CRABBE, Richard A., 50, July 11
St. John Church, Logan

CUPRIK, Milton, 88, July 5
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

DARBY, James W., 78, July 14
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

FANTOZZI, Carlo A., 89, July 13
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

HENRY, Helen, 92, July 6
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

HOLDEN, Joan, 84, July 8
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

KLARMAN, Lorraine M., 87, July 11
St. Mary Church, Delaware

MARTIN, Jane M., 92, July 6
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

MESKO, Helen, 90, July 14
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

NAGY, Joseph G., 75, July 13
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

NOWE, Marita T., 86, July 12
St. Michael Church, Worthington

Lucille H. Smithberger

A memorial service was held Saturday, Aug. 2 in the chapel at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center, for Lucille H. Smithberger, 99, who died Saturday, July 5.

She was born May 14, 1915, in Oregon, to Charles and Amy (Moore) Handley, and was a retired employee of the development office of the Diocese of Columbus.

PANARELLO, Salvatore, 65, July 12
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

PATRICK, Richard “Dylan,” 18, July 14
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

PLACE, Dallas H., 57, July 7
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

PRICE, Margaret, 95, July 16
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

REBER, David S., 73, July 10
Holy Trinity Church, Somerset

RICHISON, Anna R., 92, July 14
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

SARGENT, Margaret E., 97, July 9
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

SAYLOR, Dolores L., 76, July 19
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

SHEA, Louis R. “Rick,” 55, July 2
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

SPIKER, Wilma “Jean,” 88, July 10
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

STANTON, John F., formerly of Columbus, July 6
St. Columbkille Church, Fort Myers, Fla.

STROHMEYER, Keith, 54, July 7
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

THORNE, Richard J., 90, July 10
St. Peter Church, Columbus

TROMBETTI (O’GRADY), Maggie, 81, July 12
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

VONDERBRINK, Thomas R., 65, July 5
St. Paul Church, Westerville

WAGNER, Kathleen A., 91, July 10
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

WAGNER-RUCKER, Julie, July 19
St. Mary Church, Columbus

WEARS, Barbara A., 69, July 17
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

WITTKOPF, Genevieve M., 98, July 4
St. Michael Church, Worthington

WOJTA, Lois M., 84, July 11
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ralph; sister, Dorothy; and a great-granddaughter. Survivors include sons, Joseph (Linda) and Thomas (Janis); daughters, Karen (Daniel) Royer, Mary, and Rita (Thomas) Heiby; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Sister Laurene Hagman, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Laurene Hagman, OP, 82, who died Wednesday, July 16, was held Saturday, July 19, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Oct. 15, 1931, in Columbus to Robert and Laurene (Gasman) Hagman.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree in math from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University), a master of arts degree in theology from Xavier University in Cincinnati, and a master of science degree in math from The Ohio State University. She made her profession of vows on July 9, 1951, when she was given the name Sister Malcolm.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Lancaster St. Mary School (1952-54), Columbus St. Gabriel School (1954-58), Columbus Bishop Watterson High School

(1958-61, 1964-69, and 1975-77), and Columbus St. Mary of the Springs Academy (1961-62) and served as vice principal at Bishop Watterson (1966-69). She also was a teacher in the Diocese of Steubenville and in Connecticut and was a principal in New York City.

After her career in education, she ministered at Cincinnati and in Michigan and Missouri before serving from 1999-2002 in Chimbote, Peru. From 2002 until earlier this year, she was part of her congregation’s communications office, retiring to enter a ministry of prayer at Mohun Health Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, Richard, Stephen, and Robert. Survivors include brothers, Donald and Dr. Thomas; and sisters, Beatrice Elgin, Betty Spencer, and Dorothy Shumaker.

Sister Loretta Peterson, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Loretta Petersen, OSF, 87, who died Monday, July 15, was held Wednesday, July 17, at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was at the sisters’ cemetery.

She was born June 8, 1927, in Lackawanna, New York, to Frank and Helen (Hayes) Petersen, and was raised in the Panama Canal Zone. She graduated from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Seminary in Stella Niagara in 1944 and worked for four years in the Canal Zone as a civilian employee of the 15th Naval District before entering the Sisters of St. Francis on Sept. 26, 1948.

She professed her first vows on Aug. 17, 1951 and her final vows on Aug. 18, 1954. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York, in 1957 and a master of arts degree in library

science from the Catholic University of America in Washington in 1969.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she served as a teacher at Columbus Holy Rosary School (1951-52), New Lexington St. Aloysius Academy (1957-59), Columbus Rosary High School (1959-62), and Columbus St. Matthias School (1975-79), and a librarian at New Lexington St. Rose School (1982-87) and Mount Carmel Hospital in Columbus (1989-2004). She also served as a teacher or a librarian at schools in New York state, West Virginia, and California, and the St. Francis International School in Rome.

Following her retirement in 2004, she lived in the convent at Columbus St. Catharine Church until recently moving to the Stella Niagara Health Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother. Survivors include a sister, Eileen, and several nieces and nephews.

Ann M. Collins

Funeral Mass for Ann M. Collins, 71, who died Thursday, June 19, was held Monday, June 23, at Canal Winchester St. John XXIII Church. Burial was at Franklin Hills Memory Gardens.

She was born June 16, 1943 to Arthur and Catherine Wuellner, was a 1961 graduate of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, and received a bachelor’s degree from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1965 and a master of education degree from The

Ohio State University in 1968.

She had been organist at St. John XXIII Church since its founding in 2000 and previously was choir director at Groveport St. Mary Church for 11 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Molly Wheeler. Survivors include her husband, Bernie; son, David (Mary); daughters, Katie Labbon and Julie (Mykel) Keenan; sisters, Jean (Donald) Saftreed and Carol (Michael) VanPaepghem; and eight grandchildren.

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Saturday, August 2, 2014
453 N. 20th Street, Columbus, OH 43203
On the corner of 20th and Atcheson Streets**

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the “Fund-Raising Guide.” An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call David Garick

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JULY

**25, FRIDAY
Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center Open House
11 a.m. to 6 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 per-
mitting, for tours. Also on Aug. 1. 614-866-4302**

**26, SATURDAY
Bob Lennon 5K Loop Run/Walk at Hoff Woods Park
8:15 a.m., Hoff Woods Park, 556 McCorkle Blvd., Wester-
ville. Lennon Loop five-kilometer run/walk honoring
the late Bob Lennon, Columbus St. Francis DeSales High
School teacher and coach. Starts with dash for children
at 8 a.m.
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 Aug. 2. 614-565-8654**

**Inaugural Mass for New Sisters at Chillicothe St. Peter
11 a.m., St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., Chillicothe. Mass
of Inauguration for newly arrived Franciscan Sisters of
the Immaculate Heart of Mary. 740-774-1407
Memorial Mass for Children at Resurrection Cemetery
1 p.m., Chapel, Resurrection Cemetery, 9571 N. High St.,
Lewis Center. Memorial Mass for all unborn babies bur-
ied in cemetery’s Garden of the Holy Innocents, and for
other babies whose parents want to honor their lives.
614-906-3115; 614-800-8888**

**27, SUNDAY
Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225
Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat con-
temporary music. 614-861-1242
St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles
Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by
general meeting, ongoing formation, and social.
Elizabeth Bowen, OFS 614-276-1953**

**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 Aug. 3. 614-886-8266
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Colum-
bus. Mass in Spanish. Also on Aug. 3. 706-761-4054**

**28, MONDAY
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Co-
lumbus (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.**

**29, TUESDAY
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay
St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer group meeting. Also on
Aug. 5. 740-653-4919**

AUGUST

**1, 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 Refu-
gee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues
through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.
Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center Open House
11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987
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mitting, for tours. 614-866-4302
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.
614-882-7578**

**All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m.
Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; prayer until
11:30 p.m.; private prayer until 7:30 p.m. Saturday.**

**All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Colum-
bus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. un-
til Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church’s Knights
of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.**

**1-2, FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Bishop Hartley Class of 1979 Reunion
Columbus Bishop Hartley High School Class of 1979 35th
anniversary reunion. 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, bowling at
Marysville Lanes, 1189 Columbus Ave., Marysville: 4 p.m.
Saturday, Mass at St. Mary Church, 672 S. 3rd St., Colum-
bus; 5:30 p.m. Saturday, social gathering at Plank’s Cafe,
743 Parsons Ave., Columbus. 937-594-0212**

**2, SATURDAY
Mary’s Little Children Prayer Group
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee
Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, fol-
lowed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ
format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888
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
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.
614-512-3731**

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

**4, MONDAY
Prayer Shawl Ministry at Corpus Christi Center of Peace
10 to 11:30 a.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E.
Stewart Ave., Columbus. Prayer shawl ministry for all
knitters, crocheters, and quilters. 614-512-3731
Aquinas Alumni Luncheon
11 a.m., TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, 1210 S. James Road, Co-
lumbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni
luncheon.
Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus.
Mass for Catholic family life. Homily: “The Second Sor-
rowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar.”
614-235-7435**

**5, TUESDAY
Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting
7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road,
Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting.
614-221-7601**

**Abortion Recovery Network Group
7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-
Granville Road, Columbus. 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. 614-444-4411**

**7, THURSDAY
Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart
7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Co-
lumbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of
Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction
and social period. Prayers for deepened holiness and in-
creased fortitude for bishops and priests. 614-372-5249**



BOOK REVIEW

JESUS: A PILGRIMAGE

'Life-changing' Jerusalem trip was cornerstone for new 'Jesus' book

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

Jesuit Father James Martin today has a hard time believing that he initially turned down a suggestion to go to Jerusalem as source material for his newest book, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*.

"Initially, I didn't want to go because I thought my own mental images of Gospel passages and stories that I'd prayed over for years and years would be supplanted by touristy locales," Father Martin said.

But in heeding a fellow Jesuit's advice, Father Martin discovered his Jerusalem visit "provided a great structure for the book: a little narrative, a little scriptural exegesis, and some reflections."

In a telephone interview with Catholic News Service before the book's March 11 release, Father Martin said the trip "informed and deepened the book in a way I never anticipated. There were some profound spiritual experiences there."

One of those was his visit to the Bay of Parables, "seeing rocky ground, fertile ground, and thorns, and remembering Jesus was talking in parables. He was probably saying 'Look at those thorns there, look at those rocks there.'"

"The trip was life-changing, frankly," Father Martin said.

His aim in writing *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* was "to combine the Jesus of history with the Christ of faith, which you don't often find put together in one book."

He learned that the elements are not often found in the same book for a reason: It's a lot of work. "Certainly, the easiest parts (to write) were the pilgrimage narratives. Except for few glances at a map, that was pure narrative," Father Martin said. "The spirituality (part), I was looking through my retreat journals, hoping that I was communicating helpful insights. The biblical exegesis was the most work. I was hoping that I had the most current biblical scholarship. I sent the book to 10 to 15 biblical scholars to make sure that every jot and tittle was correct."

Father Martin said some dimensions of Jesus' life and ministry revealed themselves to him in new ways as a result of the trip. "For one thing, the close confines in which he worked along the Sea of Galilee, where he walked among the crowds, the crowds pressing in on him. The towns were close by one another. It's easy to imagine him being pressed by the crowds and wanting to get away from the crowds," he said.

At the same time, the priest said he was struck by "how far apart some of these towns are. When it says Jesus and his disciples traveled to Jericho, that's one line (of Gospel text). It took

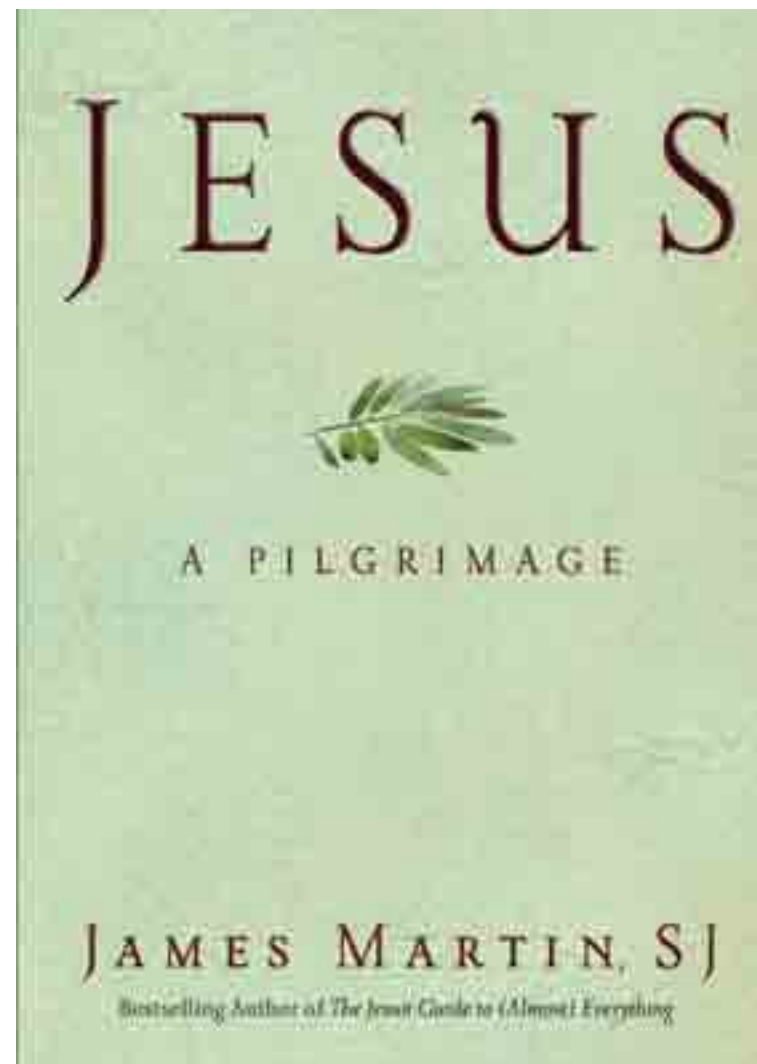


several days. It shows the strenuousness of his ministry."

Father Martin recalled celebrating Mass once in Jerusalem when "I looked at the host and said, 'Take this, all of you, and eat of this. This is my body.' I thought of Jesus taking his body to all these places. ... He took his body to the people in these places. The physicality ... was really driven home."

He added that he learned something about himself in the writing of his experiences in Jerusalem. "The way that grace works in writing. When I was writing a particular chapter, I could feel myself growing more and more enthusiastic and focused. I'd feel more enthusiastic about the topic and I got more into it. God was drawing me more and more into the topic. That was a grace," Father Martin said.

"And, as I was finishing the book, I could feel the graces withdraw. I don't know if I



could do the book now," he added. "For example, I remember writing the chapter on Nazareth, looking at the best available Jesus scholarship on what life in Nazareth was like for a few months. When I finished the chapter, I thought, 'I'm not interested in that any more.' And that was the working of grace."

Even so, "I want to say this is the most enjoyable book I've written yet," Father Martin said. "It was like a dream come true for me. I was sorry when the project ended."

He also got to read the book in a studio for an 18-hour audiobook version. "I never wanted to sound like Gregory Peck so much in my entire life," he joked.

He said it's been "super cool" to be a Jesuit during the past year, with Pope Francis, himself a Jesuit, occupying the chair of Peter. "I love Pope Francis for who he is and what

he's said and what he's done, but it's also a source of great joy to see a Jesuit ask people to taste the riches of Ignatian spirituality and the Jesuit tradition, being invited to pray in Ignatian ways, being a contemplative in action," he said. "So I can't get enough."

It's been pretty nice as well being Jesuit Father James Martin: author, editor, intermittent commentator on CNN, and chaplain to *The Colbert Report*. He also is editor at large of *America* magazine, which is published by the Jesuits.

"I love being a Jesuit," he said. "Without a doubt, my Jesuit vocation is the greatest gift of my life. I know it was the best decision I ever made. I also enjoy my work at *America* a great deal, too. How great an opportunity to write a book about Jesus, too."

"I can't think of anything more satisfying -- except meeting him at the end of my life."

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Auxiliary Bishop Jan Hendriks of Haarlem-Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and churchgoers light 298 candles, representing the victims of the crashed Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17, before a Mass in the Cathedral of St. Bavo in Haarlem on July 20. All 298 passengers and crew members -- including AIDS scientists on their way to the 20th International AIDS Conference in Melbourne, Australia -- died when the plane was shot down on July 17 in eastern Ukraine.

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Catholic faithful travel in boats with an image of the Virgen del Carmen during an aquatic procession at the Port of San Juan, Nicaragua, on July 16. Many seaside towns celebrate the annual feast of the Virgen del Carmen, a patron saint of sailors.

CNS photo/Oswaldo Rivas, Reuters



An Iraqi man carrying a cross and a Quran attends Mass at Mar Girgis Church in Baghdad on July 20. Pope Francis called for prayers, dialogue, and peace as the last Iraqi Christians fled the Iraqi city of Mosul.

CNS photo/Ahmed Malik, Reuters



Men lift a replica of a boat known as a "Moorish galleon" during celebrations ahead of the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Williamsburg, in the Brooklyn borough of New York City, on July 13. Every year, the Italian-American community in Williamsburg re-enacts a fourth-century pageant at the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to commemorate the return of San Paolino, bishop of Nola, Italy, who was held captive for two years by North African conquerors. The "Moorish galleon" replica represents the boat on which San Paolino returned to Nola.

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FRANCISCAN SISTERS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARIES

Three Columbus Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity are celebrating significant anniversaries of their profession of vows. This year is the 50th anniversary as professed members of the order for Sisters Joanne Fogarty, OSF, and Regina Snyder, OSF, and the 70th anniversary for Sister Carmen Paris, OSF.

The three joined nine other Franciscans who formerly worked in the Diocese of Columbus for a jubilee Mass and dinner at the order's Stella Niagara, N.Y., provincial house.

Sister Joanne has led Hilliard St. Brendan Church's ministry of faith formation for the past 14 years. She now directs the parish's new ministry of welcome and hospitality. She is a Perry County native and a former principal of New Lexington St. Rose School.

Sister Regina, originally from Columbus St. Catharine Church, does development work and grant writing for

Columbus Holy Spirit School. She has been principal of St. Mary, St. Agnes/St. Stephen, St. Cecilia, and St. Leo schools, all in Columbus.

Sister Carmen, retired at the Columbus St. Leo convent, ministers to the elderly and families. She was a housemother at the former Columbus St. Vincent Orphanage and also served in Columbus at St. Ann's Hospital and in nursing homes.

Other jubilarians with local ties are:

50 years: Sister Donna Marie Anthony, OSF, a volunteer at the St. Francis Center in Niagara Falls, N.Y., taught at the former Pope Columbus John XXIII School and New Lexington St. Aloysius Academy. **Sister Maureen Harris, OSF**, spiritual care and outreach coordinator for five Buffalo, N.Y., parishes, was a chaplain at St. Ann's Hospital. **Sister Elizabeth Neumeister, OSF**, director of the St. Francis Center at Niagara

Falls, served at St. Vincent Orphanage. **Sister Edith Wyss, OSF**, provincial of the order's Holy Name Province, based at Stella Niagara, taught mathematics at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School.

60 years: Sister Mary Diehl, OSF, retired at Stella Niagara, was a housemother at St. Vincent Orphanage and served at St. Ann's Hospital. She did pastoral ministry for Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel and Holy Rosary-St. John churches and for Central College Presbyterian Church in Westerville.

65 years: Sister Owen Doody, OSF, retired at Stella Niagara, taught at the former Columbus St. John the Evangelist School and New Lexington St. Aloysius Academy, as well as Columbus St. Anthony and Worthington St. Michael schools. She was principal of the former Columbus Holy Rosary School. **Sister Mary Lacaria, OSF**, re-



Celebrating anniversaries of their profession of vows as Stella Niagara Franciscans are: (from left): Sister Regina Snyder, OSF, Sister Carmen Paris, OSF, and Sister Joanne Fogarty, OSF. Photo courtesy Stella Niagara Franciscans

tired at Stella Niagara, was principal at Columbus St. Anthony School. She taught at Columbus Holy Rosary, St. Leo, and St. John the Evangelist schools and St. Aloysius Academy.

70 years: Sister Joan Nelson, OSF, retired at Stella Niagara, was housemother at St. Vincent Orphanage, taught at New Lexington St. Rose and Lancaster St. Bernadette schools and was a staff member at St. Therese's

Shrine Center in Columbus. **Sister Catharine Tronolone, OSF**, of Buffalo, is teaching English to members of the order in Poland. She taught at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School.

75 years. Sister Laura Garges, OSF, retired at Stella Niagara, served in various capacities at St. Aloysius Academy, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, and St. Therese's Shrine Center.

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