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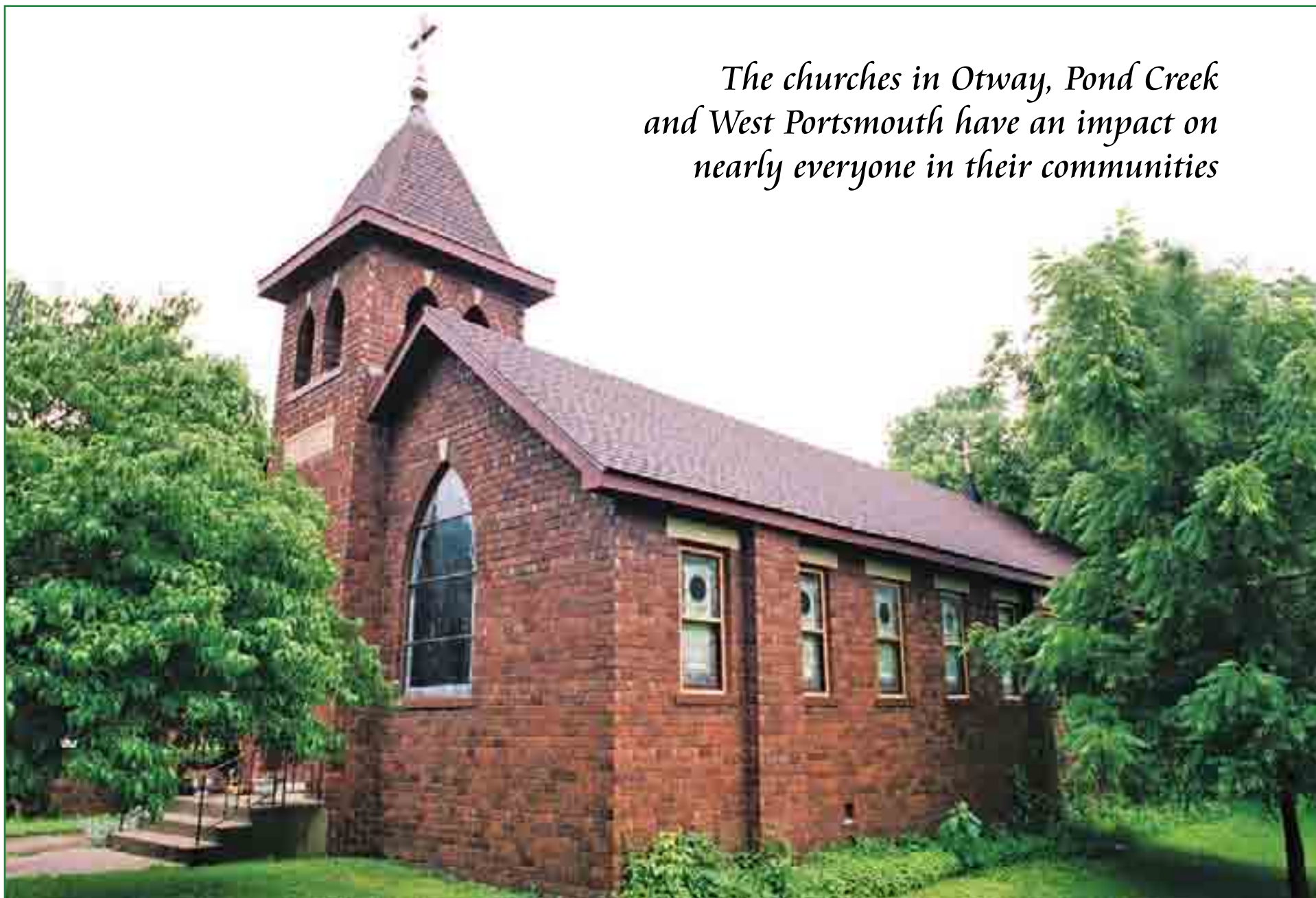
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The Editor's Notebook

Peace and Vacation

By David Garick, Editor



I have just returned from a week of vacation. I feel very refreshed and at peace. My wife and I spent our time exploring the winding back roads of Kentucky, from the banks of the Ohio River, through lovely little hamlets, misty valleys, and lush hillsides, surrounded by just the sounds of nature. It was a cleansing time.

We all get too caught up in the pressures of modern life: the constant schedules, phone calls, emails, deadlines, demands that pile up on top of us. Yes, work is good, it is important. We need to earn a living and make productive use of the talents God gives us. But just as God gave Adam and Eve the responsibility to care for the Garden of Eden through hard work, they were living in a beautiful garden created by a loving God whom they could encounter in that special place. Like them, we also have fallen from grace. But the garden still is there, and God beckons us back to his love in the beauty of his creation.

When we step away from our daily toil, it is good to go back to Eden, just as the prophet Elijah went before the mountain of God but did not find God in the forces of this world. God was not in the driving wind, or the earthquake or the consuming fire. Rather, God was present in the peace of a still, small voice. It is that peace that unites us with our Lord.

We find that in the myriad gifts of God's creation. It is there in the gentle roar of the ocean's surf on a

lonely beach. It is there in the sweeping vista from a towering mountaintop. It is there in the eyes of an innocent fawn in the deep forest or a group of wild turkeys gathered in a peaceful glen. Most of all, we find that peace in God's greatest earthly gift to us -- in the eyes of the people he has placed in our lives: the parents who gave us life and direction, the spouse who is our life partner and cherished companion, the children and grandchildren who learn from us and build new lives infused with the love we share with them.

When we step away from the demand of daily life and allow ourselves to be washed over with the beauty of the things and the people God has created for us to share, we draw closer to God himself, and we find peace. That's why vacations are so important.

In the words of St. Paul: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ... Then the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:6-9).

Pope Francis holds pastoral staff in Nu Guazu Park in Asuncion, Paraguay



Pope Francis holds his pastoral staff as he arrives to celebrate Mass in Nu Guazu Park in Asuncion, Paraguay, on July 12. This marked the conclusion of a weeklong return to South America by the first pope from the Western Hemisphere. The Holy Father was greeted by cheering throngs throughout his journey, which began in Ecuador, then moved on to Boliva before concluding in Paraguay. CNS photo/Paul Haring

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Clergy Assignment
Msgr. John K. Cody to Judicial Vicar, Diocesan Tribunal, continuing as pastor, St. Christopher Church, Columbus, effective July 1.

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: August 2, 16 & 30
We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September

Front Page photo: Otway Our Lady of Lourdes Church, dedicated in 1917, is one of three parishes in western Scioto County where Father David E. Young serves as pastor. The others are in Pond Creek and West Portsmouth. CT file photo by Ken Snow

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Top: Fourth-degree Knights of Columbus begin the Mass procession. Bottom: From left, Deacon Phil Paulucci, Father Mark Summers, Deacon Joseph Schermer, and Father Justin Reis.



ST. PETER CHURCH 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

Members of St. Peter Church gathered on Sunday, June 28 for a Mass commemorating the 45th anniversary of the founding of the parish on Smoky Row Road in northwest Columbus. The Mass was celebrated on the day before the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29. The congregation included 30 founding members of the parish who began attending Mass in 1970 with Father William J. McEwan, its first pastor. The parish's Masses were celebrated in the auditorium of Perry Middle School on Snouffer Road through June 1971, then were moved to the St. Turibius Chapel at the Pontifical College Josephinum and remained there until the church building was completed in 1973.

Aaron Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man, with timpani, drums, trumpet,

and French horn, sounded as fourth-degree members of the parish Knights of Columbus council escorted the founding members, along with the church's current pastor, Father Mark Summers, and former pastor, Father Justin Reis, in procession to the altar, where they celebrated Mass, assisted by Deacons Joe Schermer and Phil Paulucci.

Deacon Paulucci delivered a rousing, joy-filled homily based on the touches described in the day's readings: the touch of Jesus making the daughter of Jairus alive and well, and the touch of the hemorrhaging woman whom Jesus called "daughter." He pointed out that St. Peter Parish is the living, breathing Body of Christ, with its members having ministered to one another for 45 years. In touching one another, they have created



Top: Altar servers take part in the procession for the 45th anniversary Mass of Columbus St. Peter Church. Bottom: Some of the parish's founding members. Photos courtesy St. Peter Church



a history, a legacy, and a mandate for the parish as community. The celebration opened on Thursday, June 25, with 45 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in the church's day chapel. By the time Adoration concluded with Benediction on Saturday morning, June 27, more than 250 worshipers had taken time to pray and contemplate in the presence of the Body of Christ, displayed in the historic monstrance once used by the original Columbus St. Peter Church on New York Avenue. This monstrance, a spectacular piece of parish history, was on loan from the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, where it is part of an extensive collection of items from that church. Mass was followed by a family reunion and parish picnic attended by

400 parishioners and friends. A traditional picnic lunch was served, including homemade desserts donated by parish members. Picnic participants were entertained by music, children's games, bingo, and a photo booth - all enjoyed by the young and the young at heart. Parish committees donated 10 gift baskets and assorted toys which were raffled off, with proceeds going to support West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows, Otway Our Lady of Lourdes, and Pond Creek Holy Trinity churches, where Father David E. Young is pastor. Father Young served as a deacon at St. Peter before being ordained a priest. The presentation of gift baskets by St. Peter parish committees as a means of raising funds for Father Young's parishes has become a St. Peter tradition.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Familia

How did it go during the past two weeks examining the bottom of your priority lists? Of course, not everyone is lax or can be assumed to have their priorities out of proper order. In my case, I am so tired of waiting for the right time in my life to turn things around and do some more meaningful and Christian things, serving the needy and living the Gospel. We are still able to do so each day, no matter what our current situation is. Remember, God's love and the Great Commission of Jesus Christ challenge us to serve and model His love in our own place and in our own time. As I grow older and hopefully wiser, I am able to do more, so I must. If I truly believe in Christian values, I must preach them and model them. I am challenged to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. How do I do that? As I get closer to retirement, one thing is clear: I cannot plan to sit around and do nothing.

Remembering back to my high school Latin class, I recall that so many words had multiple meanings. Put a better way, many English terms found their roots in a single Latin word. There is currently a lot of focus on the family, both in the world and in the Church. In a very similar way, there is focus on marriage and family life. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, is coming to the United States in September to attend the World Meeting on Families. The misguided secular society in the United States and beyond is clamoring to "redefine" marriage and families, as if that is up to us. I guess there is nothing more satisfying than trying to play God. One of the messages that is received loud and clear is that the family has changed forever. There is no need to fight it – just accept the fact that all the benefits of a sound and solid family made up of one male husband and father and one female wife and mother are rights that anyone and everyone deserves, no matter the situation. No wonder I chose to use a word like "misguided" earlier. The Latin root of the word familia is "familia." Among the words derived from "familia" are household, clan, and even religious community. These are deep and rich roots. Households are close-knit, faith-filled, functioning entities where everyone supports one another, with commitment forever. Clans run deep, with long legacies of faith and togetherness. Religious communities are definitely families, and families are challenged to be communities where faith and religion are number one. For too long, the focus has been on "me" and the blissful happiness of the individual. No one wants to sacrifice for others any more. All is good, via rationalization. What a prophet Vice President Dan Quayle was nearly 30 years ago when he said the number one problem in the United States was the breakdown of the American family. Of course, everyone merely scoffed and laughed.

Our practical challenge these next two weeks is to pray and meditate over the question of how I handle challenges with my spouse, parents, children, co-workers, parishioners, and neighbors. Is it always all about me? When I die, how certain am I that Jesus will put His arm around me and say "Gee, you poor thing, you had to put up with all those bad people leading you astray?" Somehow, I think we need to pay more attention to our own attitudes and shortcomings, as individuals and as a nation and society.

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



ODU Online Programs for Career Changers

Ohio Dominican University, which has established itself as a leader in adult education, is helping bridge the talent gap in the insurance industry by offering a fully online certificate program in insurance and risk management.

The certificate, geared toward professionals wishing to enhance their skills for a career change, takes six to 10 months to complete and consists of five online courses, which earn participants a total of 15 credit hours. Students are able to customize their certificate by choosing between several options, allowing them opportunities to explore different areas of interests within the industry, from life and health insurance to property and casualty insurance.

"ODU is making large strides to support the growth of the insurance industry here in Ohio," said Ohio Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, who also serves as director of the Ohio Department of Insurance. "The ODU insurance and risk management certificate program is so important because it will help talented career-change candidates enhance their skills and prepare them for successful and rewarding careers in the insurance industry."

Students who complete the insurance and risk management certificate program at ODU have the option to waive two courses from the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) curriculum if they choose to pursue that designation. Additionally, Insurance Industry Resource Council (IIRC) member companies will offer interview opportunities upon certificate completion to students who maintain a 3.0 average in the program.

Ohio is the seventh-largest state in terms of insurance employment, and its insurance industry is facing an unprecedented talent gap. It needs to fill 26,000 jobs by 2020, according to a 2013 IIRC study.

"The insurance industry offers stable, high-paying jobs, and thousands of opportunities are available in Ohio," said Robert P. Restrepo, Jr., co-chair of the IIRC and chairman of State Auto Insurance Companies. "A common misconception is that all insurance jobs are sales jobs. Sales positions are vital to the success of the industry, but a career in insurance sales isn't the only option for interested candidates."

"The Insuring Ohio Futures program has identified 30 in-demand careers in insurance, all of which require different sets of skills, and each position is a priority for the industry. Baby-boomer retirees leaving the industry are creating job opportunities at every level of experience, so skills developed in other industries, from construction to nursing, are in demand across all sectors of insurance. This is why we encourage career-change professionals from other industries to consider this online certificate program."

All certificate students take two standard courses: fundamentals of insurance and risk management, and operations and management of insurance companies. They then have the ability to choose three of the following four courses, depending on their interest areas: personal property-casualty insurance and risk management; project management; life and health insurance; and commercial property-casualty insurance and risk management.

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Missionaries of the Precious Blood Celebrate Milestone Anniversaries

Four priests and one religious brother who are members of The Missionaries of the Precious Blood and have ties to the Diocese of Columbus are celebrating milestone anniversaries.

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood are Father Patrick Patterson, CPpS, and Father Kenneth Schroeder, CPpS.

Father Patterson, a native of Kendallville, Indiana, entered the society in 1952 and was ordained on June 5, 1965.

He has been a pastor and a missionary. After serving at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Cleveland following his ordination, he was assigned to serve in the community's mission in Chile in 1968. He worked in parishes in Chile and eventually became director of the Chilean Vicariate.

He returned to the United States in 1995. In 2001, he was assigned to Columbus St. James the Less Church, where he served as parochial vicar, ministering in particular to the Latino community there.

In July of 2013, he retired to the St. Charles Center in Carthage, where he now lives.

Father Schroeder, a native of New Cleveland, entered the society in 1951 and was ordained on June 5, 1965.

After his ordination, he served at Hamilton St. Joseph Church and Columbus St. James the Less churches. In 1973, he was appointed to the congregation's formation program at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana.

He returned to parish ministry in 1978 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Cleveland. He served as a chaplain with the Army Reserves beginning in 1972, then entered active duty as a chaplain with the Army later in 1978. He accompanied troops of the 1st

Armored Division into Iraq during Operation Desert Storm.

He retired from the military in 2000, and in 2001 became pastor of Maria Stein St. John the Baptist Church. In July 2004, he became pastor at a cluster of five parishes in Maria Stein: St. John the Baptist, Nativity, Precious Blood, St. Rose, and St. Sebastian. He was also active in the leadership of the congregation, serving on the provincial council.

In 2008, he retired to the St. Charles Center, where he now lives.

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of his profession as a religious brother is Brother Thomas Bohman, CPpS.

A native of Osgood, he was incorporated into the congregation on May 25, 1975. He has been involved in teaching, parochial ministry, and administration during his years as a brother.

He taught at St. John the Baptist School in Whiting, Indiana, and at Precious Blood School (now Mother Brunner School) in Dayton. In the 1980s, he also served as director of formation for the congregation's brothers, and of special formation for all candidates in the congregation.

In August 1989, he was appointed pastoral associate at Cleveland Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. He was also in parish ministry at St. Henry Church in St. Henry.

In 1999, while still involved in parish ministry, he became administrator of the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, where he served until returning to teaching and parish ministry at Cleveland St. Adalbert/Our Lady of the



Bro. Thomas Bohman



Fr. Scott Kramer



Fr. Patrick Patterson



Fr. Ken Schnipke



Fr. Kenneth Schroeder

Blessed Sacrament Church and School. During that time, he also served on the provincial council.

In 2010, he was appointed to the parish staff of Columbus St. James the Less Church, where he serves in sacramental ministry and as religious education director and pastoral associate for the Anglo and Latino ministries.

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood are Father Scott Kramer, CPpS, and Father Ken Schnipke, CPpS.

A native of Tiffin, Ohio, Father Kramer was ordained on June 9, 1990, in New Riegel. His first assignment was as parochial vicar at Wapakoneta St. Joseph Church. In 1993, he became associate pastor at Columbus St. James the Less Church.

In 1998, he was appointed pastor of Kalida St. Michael and Cuba St. Isidore churches. In 2006, he returned to St. James the Less as its pastor. He served there until 2012, when he was appointed rector at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio, where he currently lives.

A native of Glandorf, Father Schnipke was ordained on June 16, 1990. His first assignment was as parochial vicar at Minster St. Augustine Church. In 1993, he was appointed associate pastor at St. Andrew Parish in Orlando, Florida. In 1995, he became pastor of Nativity Church in Longwood, Florida.

He was elected vice provincial

director in 2002 for a four-year term. During this time, he also served as director of vocations and co-director of initial formation. In 2006, he was re-elected vice provincial director. He continues to serve the community in that position.

In August 2010, he became pastor of Celina Immaculate Conception and Rockford St. Teresa churches, where he currently serves.

These priests and brothers, along with other Missionaries celebrating milestone anniversaries, were honored during a special liturgy on Wednesday, July 1, the Feast of the Precious Blood, at the St. Charles Center in Carthage. "The faithfulness of these men to their calling is an inspiration to us," said Father Larry Hemmelgarn, CPpS, provincial director of the Cincinnati Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. "We are happy to honor their service to the people of God and their commitment to our congregation."

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood is a religious society of priests, brothers, and lay associates founded in 1815 by St. Gaspar del Bufalo. Society members work as missionaries in parishes in the United States and abroad, in education, and in a wide range of apostolates promoting the cause of God's reconciliation worldwide by proclaiming the Word.

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Parents' sins visited on children?; Convalidating a marriage



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. "The sins of the fathers are visited on the children." Is that saying an adage, a Catholic teaching, or God's own words? Thirteen years ago, two relatives of mine received an equal and large bequest. An oral directive from the deceased had provided that each beneficiary should donate one-fifth of his inheritance to a church restoration fund.

Both were clearly aware of the directive, but only one complied -- thus putting an end to any harmony in what had been a close family. The complying relative's descendants are now enjoying financial comfort, while the other's family has suffered a huge reversal of fortune. Is the saying I quoted first of any relevance here? (Metuchen, New Jersey)

A. Certain passages in Scripture -- taken in isolation -- would seem to lend credence to the adage you quote. One, in particular, is Exodus 20:5, which says, "I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their ancestors' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation."

But the context of that passage is God's deliverance of the Ten Commandments, specifically where he speaks about the sin of idolatry. What the Lord is saying is that the practice of idolatry has a way of inserting itself into a cultural heritage; raised in such a tradition, children will be hard-pressed to overcome it.

Does that mean that children will be punished by God simply because their parents sinned? By no means. Ezekiel 18:20 could not be more clear: "Only the one

who sins shall die. The son shall not be charged with the guilt of his father, nor shall the father be charged with the guilt of his son."

In the example you raise, I don't believe that the family's reversal of financial fortune comes as divine retribution for the ethical failings of an earlier generation. But I do think that moral laxity can sometimes seep down through one's descendants and make life troublesome many years later.

Q. My daughter is scheduled to be married four months from now, and her fiance is a born-again Christian. He was baptized a Catholic in his country of origin, but when his family immigrated to the United States, they began to attend a Christian charismatic community. My daughter was baptized and raised as a Catholic, educated in a Catholic school, and still practices her Catholic religion faithfully.

My concern is that they have opted not to get married in a Catholic church. The pastor of the fiance will officiate at their wedding in a garden ceremony. I am encouraging them to have their marriage blessed subsequently by a Catholic priest, and they both seem willing. But I don't know whether this is possible, and, if so, how to accomplish it. What are the requirements for having a marriage convalidated by the Catholic Church? (Dublin, California)

A. This may be even simpler than you thought. It's possible that the upcoming ceremony itself, given the proper permissions, could be recognized by the Catholic Church as a valid marriage. Your daughter's fiance, now a practicing Christian charismatic, would not be considered a Catholic, and a dispensation can be granted for what is considered a "mixed marriage."

Also, the Catholic Church not infrequently allows non-Catholic clergy to officiate at such a mixed mar-

riage (especially if the officiant has a close connection with the non-Catholic family) -- and sometimes in a nonreligious setting (e.g., a garden).

So your daughter and her fiance should speak with a local Catholic priest, who will know his diocese's guidelines and will help them seek the necessary permissions.

If for some reason this does not work out, then subsequently, sometime after the ceremony that is planned, the marriage could be convalidated (or "blessed") in the Catholic Church. For this, the couple would need to meet with a priest, fill out the required questionnaire, and receive diocesan approval to repeat their vows before a priest in a Catholic church.

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In an effort to reach even more possible retreatants, the board is asking any woman in the Diocese of Columbus who is interested in attending one of these retreats to send contact information to the league's secretary, Sharon Gehrlich, at retreatleague@gmail.com.

This information includes name, email address, street address, home and cell phone numbers, and parish affiliation. Those who do not have email may contact Gehrlich at (614) 882-1946 to be added to the mailing list. Anyone currently on either the email or postal mail list who no longer wishes to receive notices should ask Gehrlich to remove her name.

Those who have never experienced a traditional Catholic silent retreat are especially encouraged to respond. In this overstimulated world, silence is a most precious gift.

The primary means of informing

diocesan women about upcoming retreats is by email. Space is limited at St. Therese's and fills quickly, usually within the first three days after an announcement is sent. Thus, those who receive the emails have the best chance of attending retreats. Because of publication delays in the print media, the spots are often filled by the time notices appear in the *Catholic Times* and local church bulletins.

Contact information will be added to the league's data base and will ensure that those interested will receive advance information about the league's scheduled retreats. Respondents can feel secure that the lists are never sold or shared with other organizations, but are solely intended for the league's use to reach as many women of the diocese as possible.

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THE BANKING OF SPERM AND EGGS BEFORE CANCER TREATMENTS



MAKING SENSE Out of Bioethics
Father Tad Pacholczyk

Chemotherapy and radiation can affect sexual organs and how they work. The American Cancer Society addresses the potential effects on male fertility this way: "Chemo may lower the number of sperm cells, reduce their ability to move, or cause other changes. ... Because permanent sterility (infertility) may occur, it's important to discuss this issue with your doctor BEFORE you start chemo. You might want to think about banking your sperm for future use."

Various moral concerns arise in the wake of the proposal to freeze reproductive cells such as eggs or sperm. Catholic teaching always has stressed the importance of the marital act in bringing about new human life. Even if sperm were procured in a morally acceptable way -- i.e., not through withdrawal or masturbation -- the subsequent use of the sperm sample would involve techniques that were either directly immoral, such as *in vitro* fertilization or intracytoplasmic sperm injection, or at least of a dubious moral character, such as Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer (GIFT) or intrauterine insemination (IUI).

The latter two techniques have never been directly mentioned in official Church documents, so the question of whether they might be morally allowable continues to be discussed among Catholic moral theologians. GIFT involves collecting sperm after the marital act, placing it near an egg -- but separated by an air bubble -- within a thin, flexible tube called a catheter. After insertion into a woman's reproductive tract, the sex cells are injected into her fallopian tube so fertilization can occur inside her body, rather than in a petri dish. Meanwhile, IUI (also known as artificial insemination) involves the placement of sperm into a woman's uterus by a catheter or a means other than a natural act of intercourse.

An important Vatican document known as *Donum Vitae* (On the Gift of Life) emphasizes that morally acceptable interventions used in procreation cannot be substitute for the marital act, but should serve to facilitate that act to attain its natural purpose. Even when sperm is collected in an acceptable manner, by using a silastic sheath during marital relations (i.e., a perforated condom without any spermicide), it still appears that the subsequent steps of GIFT and IUI involve a substitution/replacement of the conjugal act by injecting the sex cells into the woman's body via a cannula. In other words, the marital act does not itself cause a future pregnancy, but only enables the collection of sperm, which is then used for another procedure that brings about the pregnancy.

For these reasons, GIFT and IUI do not appear to be morally acceptable, and I generally dis-

courage married men undergoing cancer treatments from banking their sperm, since there does not appear to be any legitimate procreative uses once the sample has been stored.

The situation is more nuanced when it comes to the question of banking a woman's eggs or ova. We can identify at least one technique for assisting procreation called LTOT, or Low Tubal Ovum Transfer, that would be morally acceptable and could be carried out using previously frozen eggs. Originally designed for women with blocked, damaged, or diseased fallopian tubes, LTOT relocates her egg, placing it into the fallopian tube below the point of damage so that her husband's sperm, introduced into her body by the marital act, can reach the egg and bring about fertilization. LTOT, however, is performed only rarely, and it can be challenging to find a reproductive specialist who routinely does the technique.

There are, moreover, safety concerns about the process of egg retrieval from a woman's body, about the high-dose hormones used, and about cryopreservation of the eggs. Strong chemicals are used in the freezing process, and no one knows how much the eggs might absorb. Moreover, there has been little systematic follow-up of children born from frozen eggs, so it remains unclear whether they face increased health risks when they arise from an egg that has been frozen and thawed.

In principle, nevertheless, if the egg harvesting step could be carried out with low risk to women, if the egg freezing process would not cause any deleterious effects on children who might later come into being, and if the eggs were only used for morally legitimate purposes like LTOT, freezing a woman's eggs would appear to be morally allowable.

Another emerging method of preserving fertility for cancer patients relies on the removal and freezing of sections of the ovary (rather than individual eggs). This ovarian tissue can later be grafted back into a woman's body following chemotherapy, allowing her to again ovulate naturally, and, in some cases, conceive naturally. A number of babies have been born as a result of this technique, and insofar as a woman was enabled to conceive a child through marital acts with her husband, this approach also would not seem to raise any fundamental moral concerns.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org.

Now Accepting Nominations for Catholic Woman/Young Catholic Woman of the Year

Parishes, organizations, and individuals in the Diocese of Columbus are encouraged to submit nominations for the 2015 Catholic Woman/Young Catholic Woman of the Year award. Nominations are due by Wednesday, July 22.

The awards are sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and recognize an outstanding woman (aged 31 and above) and an outstanding young woman (aged 16 to 30) who each give unselfishly to their parish and her community. This is the 12th year that the diocese has so honored a young Catholic woman, and the 27th year for the Catholic Woman of the Year award.

Nomination materials have been distributed to diocesan parishes, but nominations may be submitted by anyone, and more than one nominee from each parish in for each award category is permitted. A panel of judges will review the nominations and choose this year's honorees.

The awards dinner with Bishop Frederick Campbell will take place Sunday, Aug. 16, with a reception beginning at 5 p.m. at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. In addition to the Catholic Woman/Young Catholic Woman of the Year award winners, each nominee will be recognized at the dinner for her contributions.

Tickets are \$30 each. The DCCW is offering to purchase dinner tickets for all the nominees.

Nominations must be submitted in written form or electronically to the DCCW office at 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215, or to mmccormick@colsdio.org. Contact the office at (614) 228-8601 if you have questions or need nomination or dinner reservation forms, which can also be found online at <http://www.colsdio.org/Offices/DeptforSpiritualLifeandParishMinistry/DiocesanCouncilofCatholicWomen/CatholicWomanYoungCatholicWomanoftheYear.aspx>.

St. Christopher Shelter Dedication



The Women's Club of Columbus St. Christopher Church, along with friends and family of Columbus Trinity Elementary School fifth-grade student Abigail Iannitto, donated money to the school to build a picnic shelter next to the school playground. The shelter is named for Abigail's mother, Janelle Iannitto, who died last year, and is dedicated to all deceased parents of Trinity students, including first-grade student Calina Falasca's father, Erik, who also died last year. Pictured are (from left): Janelle Iannitto's parents, Barbara and Joe Schmitt; Janelle's mother-in-law and father-in-law, Carmella and Nick Iannitto; Abigail Iannitto; Janelle's husband, Nick Iannitto; and Msgr. John Cody, St. Christopher's pastor. Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School

Local man ordained to the priesthood

Father Charles Shonk, OP, formerly of Columbus, was ordained to the priesthood for the Dominican order on May 22 at St. Dominic Church in Washington.

The ordaining bishop was Archbishop Charles J. Brown, apostolic nuncio to Ireland. Also ordained by Archbishop Brown at the same ceremony were seven other new Dominican priests: Fathers Thomas More Garrett, John Maria Devaney, Boniface Endorf, Gabriel Torretta, Innocent Smith, Vincent Ferrer John Bagan, and Philip Neri Jordan Reese.

Father Shonk has been assigned to temporary ministry at Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church through Aug. 31. He is the son of Richard and Susan Shonk, who attend Cincinnati St. Gertrude Church and formerly were members of Columbus St. Patrick Church. He also is the nephew of Sister Maxine Shonk, OP, pastoral minister of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

He studied philosophy and classical languages at Denison University in Granville. Before entering the Dominican order, in 2009 at St. Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati, Father Shonk worked as a teacher at St. Agnes Boys



School in Manhattan.

He made his first profession of vows at the priory in 2010, then was assigned to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington to pursue studies for the priesthood. He made his lifelong profession of vows in 2013.

During his years of formation, Father Shonk has been engaged in various ministries, including visiting the sick at the Washington Hospital Center and serving the poor with the Missionaries of Charity. He was ordained to the diaconate in March 2014 and has served as a deacon at St. John the Beloved Parish in McLean, Virginia.

The Order of Preachers, commonly known as the Dominicans, was founded in France in 1216 by St. Dominic de Guzman. The Order is dedicated to the proclamation of the Word of God for the salvation of souls. The Dominican way of life consists of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and includes theological and philosophical study as the basis for preaching. Dominican friars live in community, gathering each day for common prayer. There are more than 6,000 Dominican friars worldwide.

Father Shonk is a friar of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. The province, based in New York City, was established in 1805 and has more than 275 friars engaged in parish ministry, foreign missions, campus ministry, retreat work, and education. The province also operates Columbus St. Patrick Church and Providence College in Rhode Island.

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Making order in our lives requires living in the present moment

Cleaning house, it seems, provides many metaphors for the spiritual journey. Last month, I shared that decluttering my closet alerted me to the dangers of having more "stuff" than I could possibly need. I also became aware of the grace that can come with simplifying. I'd like to tell you that now I'm sitting in a well-organized home enjoying the peace that comes with a simplified living space.

Not so. Life just keeps happening. While moving boxes in the basement, I discovered walls stained with mildew. A torrential downpour added to the problem. So instead of a living room where everything has its place, I have a place with everything in it.

Books, photos, and mementos once stored in cardboard boxes have spilled onto the floor and flat spaces upstairs, drying out before being repacked in plastic bins. The physical mess is one thing. The mental stress is another.

The process tempts me to sort through it all, deciding what stays and what goes before anything is repacked. As any of you who have moved know, sifting through the accumulation of a lifetime, however long or short, is a complicated task. There are memories as well as things to be dealt with, and the task is not accomplished in a weekend. But for some reason, I knew that mine could. It had to be finished before I could move on to anything else. What was I thinking?

I've managed to recycle, donate, or throw out a lot, but more remains. Each evening when I come home



Grace in the moment
Mary van Balen

from work, I tell myself "I'll finish tonight." Dishes pile up in the kitchen, laundry in the basement. Everything doesn't make it back into the closet, and my refrigerator is almost empty, since grocery shopping is on hold during the process.

I think it's the illusion of control raising its seductive head, the image of an ideal space that engenders my frustration and anxiousness. Rather than denying the process, I've decided to make friends with it. Instead of embracing unreasonable expectations and some vision of perfection to come, I've decided to embrace the moment. That's where things happen. That's where progress is made, a bit at a time. That's where I learn whatever this process has to teach.

That's where God is: Always in the present.

It's not only the mess in my house that calls for such presence. Not only personal challenges or tragedies. It's our neighborhoods and cities, our nation and our world. These communal "messes" require of us all the discipline of being in the moment. And discipline it is. Sometimes it's easier to be anywhere else.

During the days following the hateful murders of

nine people sitting together with their Bible study group, people responded to the moments as they came: expressions of forgiveness in court, a national outpouring of support, our president's eloquent eulogy at the funeral of the Rev. Clementa Pinckney. But now comes the day-to-day confrontation of racism in this country by ordinary people going about their ordinary routines.

If personal struggles can be overwhelming, worldwide issues can be paralyzing in their immensity. Poverty. Oppression. Terrorism. What can one person do?

That's the wonder of meeting God in the moment: You never know. Bit by bit, I'll put my boxes away. Person by person, food will be shared, shelter offered. You may find yourself attending neighborhood meetings to discuss the sale of guns in your neighborhood. You might discover a food pantry that needs your hands. You might find a child that needs tutored. You might discover that people you were willing to ostracize as "too different" are actually pretty much like everyone else. You might meet with your senator, write letters, or change a vote.

It's dangerous, living in the moment. You never know what you might discover or where you might be called. One thing is certain: You won't discover the grace in the moment if you're not there.

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What do you think of when you think of summer? Lazy days, long nights, or days at the beach? At this time of the year, we bare ourselves for the sake of comfort, whether or not that sight may be pleasing to everyone's eyes. It is part of our culture in this flavor-of-the-moment world that has changed so dramatically. We are numb to realizing what is tasteful and what is gaudy.

There are habits of wearing our underwear strategically so that our friends can see the brand we wear through our dropped pants. As Mom would say, "I hope they are clean." There is a habit of wearing almost-nothing swimsuits. For that, Mom might say such persons "should just put down those Speedos."

We used to be a people of norms, not afraid of setting

down examples of right and wrong – no matter how right or, to a teenager, how wrong we were.

I was attending church the other day and thought I would do a little experiment by counting the number of parents and children wearing flip-flops and shorts to Mass. The air conditioning is on, guys! I was stunned! I counted more than 100. Considering that the acorn does not fall far from the tree, we must set an example for our kids to follow.

If we care enough to look presentable, they will imitate what we do. We may not follow fashion, but we do know what is acceptable. Forget the loincloth, put down the bearskin, and sidetrack that fig leaf!

If it's hot outside, somewhere, someone is laughing

Men by Faith
J. P. Leo Thomas

– not at our ability to stay looking cool, but at our need to be comfortable. "Naked and afraid" is how we come into this world. It is certainly not how we are meant to live in it, or, in some cases (as unpleasant as it may sound), to wear it. Share the breeze. Let this be a season of responsible fun for our families, for our parish communities, and for those with delicate constitutions. Be bold, go "phat" free.

Thomas is a Gahanna St. Matthew parishioner.

Small Parishes with Huge Impact on Communities

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Western Scioto County's three parishes are among the smallest in size in the Diocese of Columbus, with a combined total of about 200 families, but their influence in the communities they serve is enormous.

West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows and Otway Our Lady of Lourdes churches both operate thrift stores which serve thousands of people yearly. Pond Creek Holy Trinity Church's hall has become the site for many community and church events which draw people within a radius of about 50 miles from small towns in Scioto, Pike, and Adams counties.

The three churches are connected by a winding 17-mile stretch of Ohio Route 73, from Otway in the north to West Portsmouth in the south. They have been served by one priest since 1985, when Father John Statmiller, who had been at Otway since 1976, was appointed to also be pastor of the other two parishes. He continues to live in Otway in retirement.

The current pastor of the three-parish cluster, Father David E. Young, succeeded Father Statmiller in 1997. "We're not large parishes in terms of numbers," Father Young said, "but we're large in grace and in outreach" because of the thrift stores, Holy Trinity Hall, and a three-parish pig roast in September which is one of the county's largest annual events.

Father Statmiller started the Born Again thrift store in 1979 in Otway, across Route 73 from Our Lady of Lourdes. The second store, with the name New to You, opened on the Our Lady of Sorrows parish grounds in 1987, replacing an earlier outreach program which had been operated from a shed that burned down. The Pond Creek parish also had a similar store at one time.

In the past year, Born Again and New to You have served an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 people. Pattie Warrick, co-manager of the Otway store, said that about 1,500 people have come to her shop consistently for the past few years and that New to You's customer base is larger.

All items available in both stores have been donated and are sold at minimal cost – for example, 50 cents for shirts and pants and \$1 for winter coats at New to You. "And if people can't afford that, we'll give them the items they need for free," said Vicky Brush, the West Portsmouth store's co-manager. The shops also have bedding, small appliances, and other household goods readily available, and sometimes stock furniture and medical items such as wheelchairs and walkers, or can obtain them on request.

Thrift stores are needed in the communities the three parishes serve because of Scioto County's continuing economic difficulties. Nearly one-fourth of the county's residents have incomes below the federal poverty level, and its most recent unemployment rate was the third-highest in the state.

"It's an area where people are used to making do with what's available and going from there, so stores like ours play a key role," Father Young said. "People come here to fill their material needs, but also to share in a sense of community, of sharing each other's concerns."

"Some days the store is just packed, and it becomes a real get-together, a great place to socialize and learn how people can help each other out," Brush said. She said her store, open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and co-managed by Pat Collins, obtains all the items it needs from people in the local community and has a staff of about 15 other volunteers.

The store in Otway is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. Molly Chandler is co-manager, and Denise Ault, Ruth Moore, and Mary Kay Hummel, who has been with the store since it opened, also serve as volunteers. Besides receiving local donations, the Born Again shop benefits from annual clothing drives conducted by Tom Loar of Columbus, who served western Scioto

County as a lay missionary for seven-and-a-half years in the 1990s and maintains ties to the area.

The western Scioto County parishes are among three parish groupings in the county. Father Adam Streitenberger is pastor of the two parishes in Portsmouth, the county seat, and parishes in Wheelersburg and New Boston have Father Joseph Yokum as pastor and newly ordained Father Thomas Gardner as parochial vicar.

Those seven parishes are among 25 official sites in the county where Masses have been offered over the years, according to the diocesan Catholic Record Society. Eastern Scioto County has been part of the Diocese of Columbus since the diocese was organized in 1868, but the parishes west of the Scioto River remained in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati until 1944, when creation of the Diocese of Steubenville resulted in a redrawing of diocesan boundaries for all of southern and central Ohio.

The history of the Pond Creek parish dates to 1854, when it was organized by French immigrants. A church was built in 1861 and replaced by the current church building in 1967. The datestone at the entrance to the Otway parish lists its founding date as 1917. A parish hall was added 50 years later.

Catholics in West Portsmouth were served by a mission of the Otway parish for a time in the 1920s and '30s. Priests of the Glenmary Home Missionaries began serving the Pond Creek and Otway churches in the early 1940s, organized a Catholic information center in West Portsmouth in 1944, built a church there in 1948, and returned the three western Scioto churches to the care of priests of the Diocese of Columbus in 1956.

The Pond Creek parish hall, built in the early 1950s, is a legacy of the Glenmary Fathers' tenure. "It's called a parish center, but it's really a community center," said parishioner Benita Osborne. It's used for family reunions, wedding receptions, funeral luncheons, Boy Scout troop

meetings, and other parish events. It's also a frequent site for benefit programs or collection of items to assist people who find themselves unexpectedly facing difficulties related to illnesses or home fires.

The hall hosts the pig roast, which this year is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26. "We roast five 250-pound pigs, using them for sausage and pulled and shredded pork barbecue sandwiches. We always run out of food by the end of the day," said Lois and Ed Russell, co-chairs of the event.

They said the roast made about \$18,000 for the parishes last year. It started at Otway in the late 1980s or early '90s, then became a combined effort of all three churches, replacing a combined parish picnic. Games, music, a Chinese auction, and raffles of donated items and cash are part of the day. "It's not structured, just a very relaxed atmosphere, and it brings people from all over," said parishioner Judy Cooper.

Other annual parish activities include a pancake breakfast at Pond Creek, and Easter egg hunts at West Portsmouth and Otway. The West Portsmouth church joins with congregations in its community from other denominations each year for an ecumenical Thanksgiving service, with the churches taking turns hosting the event.

Each summer, young people from various locations come to western Scioto County for a week to perform household repairs for homebound residents unable to do the work themselves. The youths use Holy Trinity Hall as their base and stay there each night.

Youth groups from Columbus Christ the King and St. Anthony churches and Wahlert Catholic High School in Dubuque, Iowa, have visited the area for the past several summers. "The group from Christ the King helped my 82-year-old mom last year," Brush said. "They scraped old paint around the windows and siding, repainted, covered a hole in a shed, and redid the walls and



the entranceway, and they were so enthusiastic about helping. You couldn't find a nicer bunch of kids."

The visits by the youth groups include nightly activities such as visits to the floodwall murals in Portsmouth, music, and fireworks. Parishioners who have been active in planning these events include Rita Frye at Otway and Marian Beckett and Joan Flanagan at Pond Creek.

Columbus St. Anthony and St. Peter and Worthington St. Michael churches are among parishes from around the diocese which provide food, toys, and clothing to the western Scioto County parishes during the year. During the Christmas season, the western parishes join the other four parishes in the county, the Portsmouth office of Catholic Social Services, and Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish for an annual Giving Tree program involving young children and teens and for distribution of holiday food baskets to families. In addition, the West Portsmouth parish distributes food on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, with the assistance of Catholic Social Services and the county St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Father Young said that because of a recent increase in the number of young children in the Otway parish, it has begun using the Catechesis of

the Good Shepherd, which features "hands-on" Montessori-type activities, as its religious education program. A house next to the church has been partly converted for use by the program, which takes place on Sunday mornings during the school year and is directed by Sharon Redouty.

In recent years, the area's Latino population has grown to the extent that a Mass in Spanish is offered each Sunday at 6 p.m. in West Portsmouth. Father Young said about 30 people usually attend, with the number sometimes as high as 50. The Masses frequently are followed by gatherings in the church basement. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated each year on Dec. 12 with a late-night Mass that includes the "Happy Birthday" serenades to Mary known as *mananitas*, followed by a light meal of bread and hot chocolate.

Cooper noted that Father Young, when he decided to celebrate the Mass in Spanish, did not know the language, but learned enough to enable him to say Mass. That prompted him to respond, "Now I know why people say that if you want to learn a language, you'd better learn it while you're young. I can't say my Spanish is very good, but it's enough to get by, and people appreciate the effort."



Top of page: A window from Otway Our Lady of Lourdes Church, founded in 1917. Above: The church's interior. Right: Father David E. Young, pastor at Otway and at West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows and Pond Creek Holy Trinity churches, with parishioners (from left) Ed and Lois Russell, Judy Cooper, Vicky Brush, and Benita Osborne. The three churches in western Scioto County are connected by a winding 17-mile stretch of Ohio Route 73 and until 1944 were part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

CT file photos by Ken Snow (top 2); CT photo by Tim Puet



Top: The interior of West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows Church, built in 1948 and first staffed by the Glenmary Home Missionaries, who served all three western Scioto County parishes at one time. Above: The hall at Pond Creek Holy Trinity Church, built in the early 1950s, serves a variety of parish and community uses. Right: The exterior of the Pond Creek church building, built in 1967 to replace a church that was more than 100 years old. The Pond Creek parish was organized by French immigrants in 1854. CT file photos by Ken Snow



RUN THE RACE CLUB PERFORMS HOME MAKEOVER

The Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Run the Race Club, along with the school's family and consumer science classes, performed a one-day house makeover for a family of six on the city's west side.

Plans for this service project began during the last school year, when Sarah Gantz, a DeSales alumna and teacher, talked with Rachel Muha, founder of The Brian Muha Foundation and the Run the Race Club. Gantz's belief in the foundation's mission motivated her to start a similar club at DeSales.

Muha selected the family, then Gantz met with its members to find out their needs and create a plan for the makeover day.

Through the donations of DeSales faculty members and families, the group brought furnishings into every space: beds, a dining table, chairs, storage, and cabinets, as well as household items such as lamps, artwork, and

dishes.

Students also created items for the house in class, including a fabric banner for the playroom, re-upholstered chair seats, do-it-yourself string lights, and painted furniture pieces. DeSales senior Catharine Kistner shot pictures of the children that are featured throughout the house and was their mother's most treasured part of the project.

On makeover day, club members worked from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. painting, cleaning, and putting rooms back together for a full one-day renovation. The group completed all projects and rooms on time.

Students created designs for spaces in the home, using basic design concepts, sewing skills, and do-it-yourself projects they learned in class. The group relied heavily on donated items from faculty, students, parents, and friends. New purchases were made from funds raised by the

group.

Students and club members used the project to implement skills and concepts of functional and creative living. It also was an opportunity to analyze real-life issues and challenges put on family life, especially through the perspective of the child and his or her healthy development.

The DeSales community has embraced the school theme of "One Makes a Difference" and is trying to make a difference to this family by giving it not only an improved home environment, but also the memory and experience that people do care.

Rachel Muha started the foundation in memory of her son Brian, one of two Franciscan University of Steubenville students killed in 1999 after intruders broke into their off-campus house. The foundation allows his kind and charitable spirit lives on in his family and friends, who are committed to helping others in his name.



13 Franciscans Celebrating Anniversaries

Sisters Mary Caryl Perkinson and Margaret Scanlan, both of whom serve in the Diocese of Columbus, were among 13 Franciscans celebrating anniversaries of their profession of vows as religious on Friday, June 26 at the Stella Niagara, New York, provincial house of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. Both have been Stella Niagara Franciscan sisters for 50 years.

Sister Mary Caryl (formerly Sister Mary Luke) is a spiritual director who also tutors English as a Second Language students at the Dominican Learning Center in Columbus. She taught for several years before serving as housemother at what is now St. Vincent Children's Center in Columbus. She then ministered as pastoral associate at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, Columbus St. Leo, St. Philip, and St. Ladislav, Akron St. Sebastian, and Granville St. Edward churches. For six years, she was campus minister at Walsh College in North Canton, also serving on retreat teams and as a spiritual director.

Sister Margaret (formerly Sister Doro-

thea) came to know the Franciscans as a student at Columbus St. Leo School, where she later taught and was director of religious education and pastoral associate at St. Leo Church. Now of Columbus Corpus Christi Church, she drives and assists retired sisters at the St. Leo Convent. Sister Margaret also taught in New Jersey and at Lancaster St. Bernadette and Columbus St. Matthias School, and was religious education director at St. Matthias Church. She headed religious education at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Charleston, West Virginia. She later traveled throughout the Diocese of Steubenville as a diocesan religious education consultant. Recently, she served in various capacities at Columbus St. Mary School.

Marking her 60th anniversary at the community's jubilee Mass and dinner was Sister Mary Doone (formerly Sister Helena), who moved to Stella Niagara last month after a long career in education in Columbus. She entered the convent from Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. She taught at the former

Columbus St. Peter and Pope John XXIII schools.

Others with Columbus diocesan ties who live at Stella Niagara include Sister William Elsener, a 70-year jubilarian who for 32 years performed chaplaincy, radiology, and other ministry at what is now The Ohio State University Medical Center-East. Celebrating her 60th anniversary was Sister Frances Clare Perry (Sister Majella) who taught in

the diocese and was principal of Columbus St. Leo, New Lexington St. Rose, and Lancaster St. Bernadette schools.

Sister Carolyn Fisher, a 50-year jubilarian, entered the convent from New Lexington St. Rose School.



Sr. Mary Doone



Sr. Mary Perkinson



Sr. Margaret Scanlan

Notre Dame Associates Renew Commitment



Local Associates of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur made the annual renewal of their commitment at Columbus St. Agnes Church. Mass was celebrated by Father Ronald Aubry. Making her first commitment was Elizabeth Gregg, a member of Columbus St. Matthias Church. The Associates also honored Sister Lois Ann Meyer, SNDdeN, and Sister Marie Shields, SNDdeN, both of whom are celebrating their 60th anniversaries as members of the Notre Dame de Namur congregation this year. An Associate is committed to live the gospel message of St. Julie Billiard, founder of the order. Through prayer, relationships, and ministries, Associates commit themselves to express in our time, as St. Julie did in hers, that "God is good." Pictured are (from left) Associate Mary Ellen Logan, Elizabeth Gregg, Father Aubry, Sister Lois Ann, and Sister Marie.

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Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

Jeremiah makes an appearance in the first reading with a warning to the “shepherds, who mislead and scatter the flock.” He is referring to Judah’s kings, who ignored their duty to the people of the land, and whose actions led to the scattering of the people, who have been forced into exile in Babylonia.

The blame for this exile is placed squarely on the kings, whose behavior brought this about.

This leads to a renewed promise of a future king in the line of David who will govern and rule wisely and who will do justice in the land. The Lord will bring the strays back and allow them to increase and multiply, echoing the Genesis blessing of the humans (Genesis 1:28), which was probably written at about the same time as Jeremiah.

The name of the future “righteous shoot to David” will be “The Lord our justice.” This is a play on the name of Judah’s last king, Zedekiah, when means “just is Yah,” a poetic abbreviation for the divine name YHWH. The gruesome details of the end of Judah can be found in 2 Kings 25.

The Ephesians reading shows how central Paul sees the integration of Gentiles with the rest of Christians, who came from Jewish backgrounds. Paul sees this as a form of the peace of Christ, which reconciles and unites the two groups as one in Christ. Paul sees the cross of Christ as the instrument which brings with it reconciliation with God.

The Gospel scene comes after the “apostles” return from their missionary journey. Usually they are called “the Twelve” or his disciples. The word *apostle* occurs only twice in Mark (here and in 3:14), and it is never used in any other sense than companions of Jesus, not as ones exercising ruling authority. They were given authority over unclean spirits by Jesus, but no ruling

authority of any kind.

We are not told what Jesus did while his companions were gone on their missionary excursion, but we must suppose he continued his own teaching in other Galilean villages. When they return, he invites them to go away to “a deserted place” for a time to rest. It implies a place removed from hustle and bustle of the crowds of people.

The crowds follow them from the shore and find them when they come ashore after their boat ride. Jesus “was moved to his core” by the large crowd, and he saw that “they were like sheep without a shepherd.” This is the only visible link with the first reading, in which shepherds were mentioned. Here, the response to the description of the crowds as being like sheep without a shepherd is that Jesus “began to teach them many things (or at length).”

This is all a lead-in to what will culminate in the feeding of the many people that will begin in next week’s Gospel. In the meantime, it is interesting that Jesus sees them “shepherd-less” and decides that the antidote for that is that he “teach them.” The implication is that those who are taught by Jesus have found the shepherd they were lacking. At the same time, Jesus “teaches them” before all else, and, in the learning process they come to recognize their true shepherd.

Getting away for rest is a necessary thing. Jesus realized it was necessary for himself and for his disciples. Summer usually is the season for such rest and relaxation. Even while we rest, we remain disciples of Jesus, and he remains with us when we rest. Even the Lord God rested on the seventh day after all the work done in creation. Enjoy!

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The Weekday Bible Readings

7/20-7/25	7/27-8/1
MONDAY Exodus 14:5-18 Exodus 15:1b-6 (Ps) Matthew 12:38-42	MONDAY Exodus 32:15-24,30-34 Psalm 106:19-23 Matthew 13:31-35
TUESDAY Exodus 14:21-15:1 Psalm 15:8-10,12,17 (Ps) Matthew 12:46-50	TUESDAY Exodus 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28 Psalm 103:6-13 Matthew 13:36-43
WEDNESDAY Exodus 16:1-5,9-15 Psalm 78:18-19,23-28 John 20:1-2,11-18	WEDNESDAY Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99:5-7,9 John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42
THURSDAY Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b Deuteronomy 3:52-56 (Ps) Matthew 13:10-17	THURSDAY Exodus 40:16-21,34-38 Psalm 84:3-6a,8a,11 Matthew 13:47-53
FRIDAY Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19:8-11 Matthew 13:18-23	FRIDAY Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37 Psalm 81:3-6,10-11b Matthew 13:54-58
SATURDAY 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 126:1b-6 Matthew 20:20-28	SATURDAY Leviticus 25:1,8-17 Psalm 67:2-3,5,7-8 Matthew 14:1-12

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JULY 19 AND 26, 2015

SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listings.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)
(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

DAILY MASS

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

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

Summer Vacation and Inviting Others to Church



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

Summer is always great for unwinding with the family and catching up with friends. This is the perfect time to reflect (unconsciously or consciously) about our faith. Whereas holy days and holy times of the year such as Lent and Christmas naturally make us ponder our faith and our eternal state, summer, with its relaxed atmosphere, can help us do so without giving it much thought.

Summer is also a time of parish festivals. I have often thought each parish should have a subtle beer-tent ministry. In the moments of fun and sharing of stories that occur at festivals, the unchurched and the fallen-away can be reached in their own space.

Through the years, I can’t tell you how many people at various parish festivals have opened up to me and confided that their lives aren’t where they should be. They remember a time, often in their youth, where they were in a better place.

This is where we need to reach out to people and help them see where God would like them to be. Often, through acknowledging our own shortcomings, we get those around us to see that we all are fallen people in need of God’s love and mercy and His Church’s sacraments.

Think about it; How many times do we invite people to dinner, ball games, happy hour, etc., but we never invite people to church? Why is that? I suppose because we don’t want to come across as holy rollers.

Our increasingly secular society has made traditional religion seem backward, and in our world, anyone

who likes tradition, other than in sports, must be hiding something, perhaps a hateful spirit. This whole notion may have seemed ridiculous a few years ago, but how times have changed, and how prominent the mainstream media and secular popular culture have become!

The words of Jesus have never rung more true -- “You can’t serve two masters.” Think about that this summer. Slowly but surely, we have become more quiet about the deepest beliefs of our faith. Think about what would happen to you if you talked about your faith the way some folks talk about their favorite sports team.

Apatheism is a fast growing belief system. You may wonder what this means. Apatheism is increasingly espoused by people in the entertainment industry. They believe they don’t have time to waste pondering whether God exists and what He may want of their lives. They are prepared to believe that God does exist, but they just don’t care. Apatheists believe they have more important things to do than to concern themselves with God. Talk about people who are full of themselves!

Columbus St. Mary Anniversary Procession Set for Aug. 14

In the 1800s, a small, but growing group of German Catholics started a Catholic church in Columbus. Serving first as a parish mission out of Somerset, Holy Cross Church, dedicated in 1838 and continuing to serve the community today, was the first Catholic church in Columbus and is the city’s oldest church building.

By the 1840s, the church was growing so rapidly that a larger building was needed. As the city’s population increased, buoyed mainly by German and Irish Catholics emigrating to the Midwest, the need for additional churches became obvious. By 1851, the city’s English-speaking Catholics had formed a new parish—St. Patrick.

By the 1860s, the German Catholic population had outgrown Holy Cross, and land was purchased on South Third Street to build Columbus’ third Catholic church, which would be dedicated under the protection of Mary, Mother of God. This year, St. Mary, Mother of God Church is celebrating its 150th anniversary, and in many ways the observance has followed in the celebratory footsteps of the founders of the church.

The parish itself began in 1865 with construction of a modest building, today known as the Specht Center, which not only welcomed worshipers, but also served as a school and living quarters for St. Mary’s first priest. In November 1868, the magnificent structure recognized today as St. Mary Church was finished and dedicated.

To celebrate the event, the community welcomed German singing societies from throughout the Mid-

west, Catholic fraternal and social organizations, and dignitaries from the state, the local community, and the German immigrant community in the United States

News accounts of the time say one of the most robust celebrations was a procession from Holy Cross to St. Mary. It was led by Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans, who had become the first bishop of the Diocese of Columbus eight months before St. Mary Church was dedicated. The procession went from Holy Cross, 204 S. 5th St., traveling via Town, High, and South (now Fulton) streets, and ending at St. Mary, 672 S. 3rd St.

According to a contemporary report, “The procession, with the decorations, rich and beautiful banners and flags, presented a very fine appearance particularly as it moved South on High Street ... and as it approached the Church where a huge crowd had been long awaiting its appearance.” The crowd overflowed the church, listening to the dedication ceremony and the new building’s first Mass.

This year, the St. Mary congregation has focused on celebrating the parish’s past and preserving its future. With much excitement, it invites the Catholic community of the Diocese of Columbus to join in a re-creation of the procession of 147 years ago on Friday, Aug. 14.

A few things have changed since the 1860s. The celebration will be in English, rather than the German and Latin used respectively for the speeches and Mass in 1868, and the route has been slightly changed by the

I highly doubt many people will openly claim to be apatheists. However, as more and more people feel the need to tell you they don’t believe what the Catholic Church -- or any church -- teaches, and therefore, they don’t need to go to church, ask yourself if this isn’t the same arrogant message that the apatheists espouse.

How do we counter this belief system? The only way we can do this is to get people to think about what they are doing to themselves and to society. The bedrock ideals of the faith are divinely inspired and have been with us for thousands of years. They haven’t come to us from some half-baked professor or some theologian who admits he doesn’t believe in God.

You may ask yourself how a theologian cannot believe in God. At many Ivy League theology schools, the majority of theology professors are agnostics and atheists. You can’t make this stuff up. The only way to counter this is with the love and truth of Christ and His teachings, given to us through His Church, and using the sacraments He gave us.

The only way some people are ever going to hear about this is through an invitation. The next time you invite someone to a ballgame, dinner, or happy hour, think about who else you can invite to church. We should always have time to help save souls, including our own.

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highway system that didn’t exist nearly 150 years ago. In addition, to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to take part, participants will travel via climate-controlled and handicap accessible motorcade, rather than on foot and horseback.

A few things will be staying the same. The procession of 1868 was led by grand marshal Charles Rodenfels, a St. Mary parishioner, and the procession of 2015 will be led by grand marshal Charles Rodenfels, a St. Mary parishioner, who is a direct descendant of the first Charles Rodenfels.

Graduates of St. Mary elementary and high schools and Columbus Father Wehrle High School, descendants of the parish’s founding families, priests and sisters who formerly served the parish, and anyone else with a connection to St. Mary’s are invited to join in the procession, which will feature a 24-ton carillon played by Father Kevin Lutz, the parish’s current pastor.

After a short program at 1 p.m. at Holy Cross, the procession will begin. To the extent possible, it will follow the original procession route before disembarking at St. Mary. A 4 p.m. celebratory Mass will kick off the parish’s annual Homecoming Festival, which will continue on Saturday, Aug. 15, the Feast of the Assumption.

Advance registration is requested by Tuesday, July 21 to guarantee a spot in the procession. For more information or to register, please visit the St. Mary Church website, www.stmarygv.com.

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Pray for our dead

ALCORN, Kathryn M., 72, June 29
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

BLUE, Dennis E., 75, June 24
St. Mary Church, Marion

BOROSIC, Joseph F., 87, formerly of Columbus, July 7
St. Mary Church, Franklin

BRINKMAN, Allan A., 70, July 3
St. Mary Church, Marion

CARLE, Donald, 51, July 8
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

CORBETT, Dolores T., 92, July 7
Christ the King Church, Columbus

CROSWELL, Faith D., 93, July 4
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

DOLJACK, Mary L., 62, June 19
St. Michael Church, Worthington

ELLSWORTH, Bryan P., 74, June 29
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

ESCHLEMAN, William N., 89, June 27
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

FAVRET, Barbara A., 87, June 27
St. Michael Church, Worthington

FIORE, William J., 91, July 3
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

GROSS, Victor L., 86, June 29
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

HENSEL, Mary C., 78, June 28
St. Paul Church, Westerville

HRABCAK, John E., 78, July 8
St. Paul Church, Westerville

ISON, Stephen R., 59, formerly of Worthington, June 15
Blessed Trinity Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.

JACKSON, Judith, 71, June 26
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

KIENLE, Donald, 77, June 27
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

KOEHLER, T. James, 79, July 1
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

KUBU, Jack J., 7 months, June 28
St. Peter Church, Columbus

KUJAWA, Timothy L., 71, July 3
St. Peter Church, Columbus

LANE, Zelma M., 93, July 6
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

LANG, Albert L. "Buddy," 76, June 27
St. Paul Church, Westerville

LAUVRAY, James L., 72, June 26
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

LESSIG, Frances, 98, June 30
St. Mary Church, Marion

LETANG, Charles S., July 5
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

MARABLE, Samuel A. IV, 57, formerly of Columbus, June 29
St. Mary Our Lady of Grace Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.

McBEE, Alberta E., 80, June 27
St. Philip Church, Westerville

McCLAIN, Joy L., 80, July 7
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

McGAUGHEY, Anna M., 91, July 7
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

MEEKER, Patricia A., 78, June 26
St. Philip Church, Columbus

MELVIN, Thomas H., 64, July 8
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

O'CONNELL, Joseph S., 85, July 4
St. Michael Church, Worthington

O'DEA, John A. Jr., 70, June 29
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

OSBORN, Mary J. "Janie," 62, July 3
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

PADDOCK, James W., 97, July 4
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

PIERCE, Edda L., 87, July 9
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

QUINN, Betty L., 82, July 8
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

SMITH, Catherine J., 70, June 24
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

SMITH, Denette, 59, June 28
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

SMITH, Jack E., 83, July 8
St. Colman Church, Washington Court House

STABER, Ruth E., 91, June 26
Holy Spirit Church, Delaware

SULLIVAN, Ronald C., 81, July 7
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

TANTARELLI, Victor V., 56, June 26
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

UMENSETTER, Alexander M., 3 months, July 4
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

YOUNG, James M., 63, Sept. 9, 2014
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

Dennis A. C. Finneran

Funeral Mass for Dennis A.C. Finneran Jr., 83, assistant editor of *Catholic Times* from 1956-62, who died Wednesday, June 10, was held Wednesday, June 17, at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Austintown.

He was born Aug. 6, 1931 in Columbus to Dennis and Martha (Chilcote) Finneran. He attended Columbus St. Aloysius School and Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, graduated from Columbus Holy Family High School in 1949, attended The Ohio State University, and received a bachelor of arts degree from Youngstown State University in 1971. From 1950-53, he served with the Ohio Air National Guard in the Korean War.

While with *Catholic Times*, he also was a member of the diocesan Catholic Interracial Council, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was publicity chairman for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men, and wrote and broadcast a weekly Catholic radio program. He received the interracial council's

Sister Victoria Dixon, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Victoria Dixon, OSF, 80, who died Thursday, June 18, was held Wednesday, June 24, at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was in the sisters' cemetery. A memorial service will take place at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection on a date to be determined.

She was born July 22, 1934, in Summit Station to William and Victoria (Youngman) Dixon, and was a member of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church as a child.

She graduated from the Sacred Heart School of Business in Columbus, and earned a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York in 1963, a master of arts degree in mathematics from the University of Detroit in

1967, a master of science degree in computer science from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1973, and a doctorate in computer science from the same institution in 1987.

Sister Carmelite Zibilich, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Carmelite Zibilich, OP, 78, who died Sunday, June 28, was held Wednesday, July 1 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in 1937 in New Orleans to Matthew and Anna (Erzegovich) Zibilich and earned degrees from St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans; the University of North Caro-

lina; and Loyola University in New Orleans.

She entered the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary's in New Orleans (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1956, was a teacher, counselor, and spiritual director in Louisiana, Missouri, and Mississippi, and was involved in formation ministry for her congregation.

She is survived by a sister, Marie, a niece, and a nephew.

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JULY

16, THURSDAY

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

Organ Recital at Newark St. Francis de Sales
7 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark. Organ concert with parish music director Christopher Urbiel and Nicholas Schmelter, music director, Immaculate Conception Church, Lapeer, Mich.
614-600-0054

17, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

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 at 614-224-5195.

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

18, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.
Quilters Retreat Day at Corpus Christi
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "Piecing Together God's Patterns in Our Lives: A Retreat Day for Quilters," led by Sister Andre Kravec, OP. Participants are invited to bring their work. Cost \$30, including lunch.
614-512-3731

Sacred Art Talk at Jubilee Museum
3 p.m., Holy Family Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Talk by sacred art collector John A. Kohan, former Time magazine associate editor. Part of his collection of Ethiopian sacred art is being shown at the museum through Sept. 5.
614-600-0054

'Gratitude' Walk at Shepherd's Corner

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk with "gratitude" theme, led by Susan Bellotti, pastoral associate at Westerville St. Paul Church. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline July 16.
614-866-4302

19, SUNDAY

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family
After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant.
614-221-1890

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors.
Dave Orsborn, OFS
614-282-4676

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.
614-886-8266

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish.
706-761-4054

20, MONDAY

Healing Mass and Service at Cathedral
6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of healing, followed by healing service including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of relics of the True Cross, a chance to talk and pray with one of several priests, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and Benediction. Father Michael Lumpe, celebrant; Msgr. Frank Lane, homilist.
614-224-1295

21, TUESDAY

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life prayer group meeting.
740-654-6928

22, WEDNESDAY

Children's Day at Shepherd's Corner
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Children ages 8 to 11 are invited to join the staff working in the children's garden, meeting the animals, walking in the woods, and other activities. \$20 cost includes lunch. Registration required.
614-866-4302

23, THURSDAY

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

Catholic Young Adult Barbecue at Newman Center
6 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Barbecue sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for Catholics in their 20s and 30s, featuring information on Columbus and Westerville Theology on Tap groups, Charis young adult retreats, and the Catholic Foundation young professionals group. Bring \$5 and a side dish; main course and beverages provided.
614-241-2565

24, FRIDAY

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

24-26, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Columbus Marian Conference at Ohio Dominican
Sansbury and Erskine halls, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Fifth annual Columbus Marian Conference, opening with Mass every day. Theme: "Our Lady and Catholic Tradition."
614-351-9233

25, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

Family Nature Walk at Shepherd's Corner
10 a.m. to noon, Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Hayride and walk to explore the diversity of the center's forest ecosystem, led by Sister Marguerite Chandler, OP, and AmeriCorps volunteer Matt Jones. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline July 22.
614-866-4302

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 buried in cemetery's Garden of the Holy Innocents, and any other babies whose parents want to honor their lives, sponsored by Back in His Arms Again ministry.
614-906-3115; 614-800-8888

26, 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, Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social.
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.
614-886-8266

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish.
706-761-4054

27, MONDAY

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

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

28, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist
12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass.
614-294-5319

Graduate Program Open House at Ohio Dominican
6 to 7:30 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for potential students in university's master of business administration program and graduate programs in medical practice management and physician assistant studies.
614-251-4615

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life prayer group meeting.
740-654-6928

29, WEDNESDAY

Children's Day at Shepherd's Corner
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Children ages 8 to 11 are invited to join the staff working in the children's garden, meeting the animals, walking in the woods, and other activities. \$20 cost includes lunch. Registration required.
614-866-4302

30, THURSDAY

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

31, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours.
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31-AUG. 2, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at St. Paul
St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, for couples wishing to make good marriages better. No overnight accommodations.
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Answering God's Call

"CHANGES IN MY LIFE WERE DRAWING ME CLOSE TO GOD"



Sr. Mary Damien, OP

by Tim Puet

A magazine article changed the life of Sister Mary Damien, OP, a Columbus native who has been working with terminal cancer patients since joining the Dominican Sisters of St. Rose of Lima, also known as the Hawthorne Dominicans, 37 years ago.

She was on night duty as a nurse in the oncology unit at The Ohio State University Medical Center in the mid-1970s when she came across a story in the *Catholic Digest* about the sisters and a book titled *Out of Many Hearts*, a biography of Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, who founded the community in 1900. A year later, it became known as the Servants of Relief for Incurable Cancer.

"During that time, changes in my life were drawing me close to God," Sister Mary Damien said. "I already was working with cancer patients at Ohio State and had previously worked for the Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm at the former St. Raphael's Home for the Aged in Columbus.

"I knew that my heart was becoming more open to God's will for me, and working so close to cancer patients, I began to feel more of a desire to help those who are so sick. I read that *Catholic Digest* story which mentioned *Out of Many Hearts* and another book, *A Memoir of Mary Ann*, which the sisters wrote about one of their patients in Atlanta, and knew I had to do something.

"I asked some questions and went to visit a home the sisters then operated in Cleveland. As soon as I walked into the home, I felt the presence of God close to my heart. Sometimes the Lord speaks to us in just a moment, and if we take that word and listen to it, he leads us where he wants us to be,

"I was a single woman with an apartment, a motorcycle, a horse, and a fulfilling job, and never had anticipated entering the consecrated life, but I knew God was speaking to me in that moment, and I was ready to respond to his call," she said. In 1978, about a year after that visit, she entered the Hawthorne Dominicans.

Sister Mary Damien, 66, was born Loa Marie Arnold in Columbus to the late Lucille and Raymond Arnold, and is the second youngest of six children. A brother, Bernard Arnold, a stepsister, Julie Bauch, and her younger sister, Mary Arnold, are deceased. A brother, Raymond Arnold, and a stepbrother, Walter Bauch, both live in Columbus.

She attended Columbus Holy Rosary el-

ementary and high school for 11 years until 1966, when the high school closed, and is a 1967 graduate of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School. She began working for the Manitowoc Franciscan Sisters in the business office of the former St. Ann's Hospital on Bryden Road, now the Bryden House apartments, while in high school, continuing there until 1972, when she graduated from the Columbus School of Practical Nursing.

She originally had plans to attend business school and have a career in business, but her exposure to the work being done at St. Ann's made her realize she wanted to spend her life serving others through nursing. She worked at St. Anthony Hospital, Children's Hospital, and Grant Hospital as a student nurse, and after graduation, was employed at the Whetstone Convalescent Center, St. Raphael's Home, and the OSU medical center.

After joining the Hawthorne Dominicans, she spent two years at their Motherhouse in Hawthorne, New York, known as Rosary Hill. She followed that with three years at the sisters' home for cancer patients in St. Paul, Minnesota, then returned to Rosary Hill for her final profession of vows in 1985.

Rosary Hill serves as both the sisters' Motherhouse and a home for incurable cancer patients. Sister Mary Damien spent the next 19 years there, working with patients and providing nurse training for other young women who had entered the order. During that period, she twice was appointed to two three-year terms as superior of the Rosary Hill home and also was elected by the sisters to a four-year term as one of four councilors who assists the superior general of the congregation in its governance.

After nearly two decades at Rosary Hill doing both hospital and administrative work, she returned to St. Paul for three years in which she mainly worked with patients. In 2007, she was transferred to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home in Atlanta, where she has been ever since. She was appointed superior of the sisters there in 2011.

"As superior, much of my time is spent talking to as many people as possible – families, physicians, department heads, social workers, groundskeepers – to make sure we are fulfilling our mission of providing the best care possible for our patients,"

she said. "Everyone has an important role to play in providing an atmosphere of peace and warmth where love, understanding, and compassion prevail."

The Atlanta home, founded in 1939, has 35 beds and primarily serves residents of Georgia. It is one of three facilities operated by the Hawthorne Dominicans. The other two are Rosary Hill and the Sacred Heart Home in Philadelphia.

The order's founder, the daughter of famed author Nathaniel Hawthorne, took the religious name Mother Mary Alphonsa, and in 2003 was given the title "Servant of God," the first step in the process which ultimately could lead to her canonization as a saint.

Because the order was founded to serve the poor, it never has asked for money from those it serves. It also does not accept Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance funding. Instead, from the beginning it has trusted in God's Divine Providence, through unsolicited donations from the public. "Our foundress believed if she was doing God's work, he would provide, and he always has," Sister Mary Damien said.

"Our order is considered contemplative because of its prayer life, which includes a twice-daily Holy Hour and daily Mass, but we're active contemplatives because of the work we do with cancer patients and the community," she said. The order currently has 45 members, plus two young women who are in their first year of discernment, one who is in her second year, and four who have taken temporary vows.

Sister Mary Damien said working with terminal cancer patients and their families provides special challenges and difficulties. In times of particular stress, she said her most important message to them is that "you're never alone. No matter how things may seem, God hasn't abandoned us."

"Pope Francis has said 'Wherever consecrated persons are, there must always be joy,'" she said. "My vocation has filled my life with the joy of loving and serving God through the poor afflicted with cancer. I am thankful to God for the gift of my vocation and encourage young women to be open to God's will in their lives."

For more information about the Hawthorne Dominicans, go to their website, www.hawthorne-dominicans.org, or to facebook@hawthorne dominicans.

Marian Conference

The fifth annual Columbus Marian Conference will take place Friday to Sunday, July 24 to July 26, in Erskine and Sansbury halls at Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

The conference is a lay-organized event with a goal of drawing greater love and devotion to Mary, and by doing so, drawing people closer to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

This year, the conference theme will be "Our Lady and Catholic Tradition." Speakers will examine the many ways the Church leads people to a fruitful and profound devotion to Mary. The programs will include talks on Our Lady of La Salette, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, and the Immaculate Conception.

One of the featured speakers will be Rachel Muha of Columbus, who founded the Run the Race Club on the city's west side, which provides after-school and summer activities for inner-city children, a preschool program, a food pantry and clothes closet, a legal education clinic, and high-school equivalency diploma and job preparation. Muha began the club as a loving response to the death of her son Brian, one of two Franciscan University of Steubenville students killed in 1999 by two men who invaded their off-campus apartment.

The conference will begin at 6 p.m. Friday with a rosary procession and will include four Masses, one of which each day will be a Mass in the Extraordinary Form, commonly known as the Latin Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from the end of the opening Mass on Saturday until the close of the conference day. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available all day Saturday.

More information on the conference is available at www.columbusmarianconference.org.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is being prayed every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road. Cyndi Williams of the parish women's faith sharing group said the group began praying the chaplet this past Wednesday, July 15, and plans to continue doing so every Wednesday thereafter in the parish rosary garden, except in cases of inclement weather.

The structure of the chaplet is similar to that of the rosary, and praying it takes about 15 minutes, about the same time as the rosary. Those taking part are asked to bring their rosaries. Handouts will be available explaining the chaplet and how to pray it for those unfamiliar with the devotion, which was revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska in 1935 and popularized worldwide by Pope St. John Paul II.

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ODU Recognizes Community Leaders

Ohio Dominican University recognized four alumni who are leaders in their community with its Distinguished Alumni Award during its summer reunion weekend in late June.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards were established in 1980 in recognition of graduates of the university who, in accordance with its mission statement, demonstrate a commitment to serving others in a global society as an ethical and effective leader; and are grounded in the pursuit of truth, justice, and peace.

Three of the recipients – Sister Margaret Ormond, OP, Kathie Kenny Rupp, and Dr. Margaret Ellen Wagner Olsen Kohner – graduated from ODU, then known as the College of St. Mary of the Springs, in 1965. The fourth, Mary Daniel Oprisch, is a 1950 graduate.

Sister Margaret earned a bachelor of arts degree in history and served on the university's board of trustees from 1991-96. She is a member of the university's founding congregation, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She received an honorary

doctor of humane letters degree from ODU in 2011. Sister Margaret lives in Columbus.

Rupp earned a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics. She is active in the community, having served as Parish Council president at Columbus St. Peter Church in 2014 and president of the Christ Child Society of Columbus. She is a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. She and her husband live in Columbus.

Oprisch earned a bachelor of arts degree in art with a minor in home economics. Oprisch, an award-winning artist, established a scholarship in memory of her parents, The Charles and Olga Daniel Endowment Fund, for an ODU student with financial need and academic eligibility. She lives in Atlanta.

Olsen Kohner earned a bachelor of arts degree in biology with a minor in French. She is a dermatologist and owns Margaret Olsen MD, Inc., and A Beautiful Skin in Los Angeles. She is an attending physician at the Wadsworth Veterans Administration Hospital and chief of



Dr. Peter Cimboric, president of Ohio Dominican University, is pictured (from left) Sr. Margaret Ormond, OP, Dr. Margaret Ellen Wagner Olsen Kohner, and Kathie Kenny Rupp. The other recipient, Mary Ann Daniel Oprisch, was unable to attend. Photo courtesy Ohio Dominican University

dermatology at St. John's Hospital and Health Center. She volunteers with the Venice Family Clinic, the National Charity League, and the Good Shepherd Home.

She and her sister established the Edward F. Wagner Endowed Scholarship in memory of their father. The scholarship is awarded to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. She also established the Margaret List Wagner Scholarship for students with financial need. She lives in Los Angeles.

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Seminarians bike across the diocese again with a message of vocations

By **Chris Yakkel**, *Seminarian*

The seventh annual Seek Holiness Bike Tour is now in the history books! On Sunday, May 17, after finishing finals week at the Pontifical College Josephinum, seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus loaded up their bikes and made their way to Logan, where the tour began on the following day. Sixteen seminarians, including those who were biking and their support staff, participated in the tour.

When we arrived in Logan, we were blessed to be able to speak with the St. John Church youth group. It was a great way to spend our first night together as a team, and got the guys excited for the week ahead. My brother seminarians would agree with me in saying that this bike tour is always a highlight of the summer break.

It is great being able to visit schools and to see excited young people asking questions and wanting to hear what seminarians have to say about anything from why we ride bikes to what made us first think about becoming a priest. Let's not forget the cool wristbands and T-shirts that get passed out! What makes it even better is that the seminarians have as much fun, if not more, as the students do during this annual event.

As I took some time to reflect on this most recent tour, I came up with five reasons why this bike tour is such an enjoyable experience.

Building the brotherhood

We hear it said in Psalm 133:1: "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity." The bike tour provides the Columbus seminarians a wonderful opportunity to spend some good quality time together. Although most of us see each other almost every day at the Josephinum, different class schedules and various other responsibilities often make it difficult to spend as much time together as we would like. As a result, we cherish any chance we have to hang out, especially as a group. So the fact that we get to pray, talk, ride bikes, evangelize, and watch movies together is a sure recipe for a good time. We know that the life journey of a Christian is a great one, but also a difficult one. It's not a journey we're supposed to make on our own. We need community to build us up along the way. This is especially true for priests



and priests-to-be. Having this time to spend in brotherhood, getting to know each other better, and praying together are a few of the many great gifts that come from this tour.

Meeting our supporters

While we're on the topic of community, the tour provides us the blessing of running into many of our prayer warriors from across the diocese. I often tell people that the best gift I can receive as a seminarian is their prayer support. It's true! The overwhelming prayer support we receive from people is very encouraging as we continue to discern God's will for our lives. It's always a big motivational boost whenever we run into people throughout the tour who assure us of their prayers (especially for those of us who may have just finished a particularly rough final exam week). Having the support of not only our brother seminarians, but also of Catholics from across the diocese is a winning combination.



Evangelization and encouraging vocations

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). One of the best parts of the tour is obviously the opportunity we have to visit so many youth across the diocese. This year, we were able to visit 10 different schools and hundreds of young people. At each school, we took time to explain the three major vocations as well, as the universal call to holiness by which all Christians are called. This was great for two reasons. First, we were able to share the joy of gospel. This call to holiness is something we are all called to, and we were able to invite students to embrace that call more fully in their own lives. We hope that the joy they encountered in us at the assemblies throughout the week pointed them to the One who is the source of all that joy. Being in a relationship with God has a powerful impact on each of the seminarians, and

we wanted to be sure to share the message that this relationship with God is not just reserved for seminarians. It's for all people. Second, we were able to encourage vocations. I think it was powerful for the young people to see normal, joyful, prayerful men who simply want to do the Lord's will. A number of boys at the schools seemed genuinely interested in a priestly vocation, which was very encouraging to see. We also talked about religious life and marriage, and interest in vocations in general seemed on the rise as we left the schools.

Exploring the diocese

The tour is set up in a way that seminarians visit all of the diocese's Catholic schools over a five-year period. Many of us are familiar with a specific part of the diocese where we grew up or from which we were assigned. However, very few of us have seen every part of the diocese. This tour gives the seminarians a chance to visit parts of the diocese they normally wouldn't get to see. It is good for seminarians to see other parts of the diocese and to meet people they may be serving one day as priests. Likewise, it provides the people of the diocese a chance to get to know some of their future priests.

Staying fit for ministry

As I've already mentioned, this tour takes place every year right after our final exam week. What better way to relax and relieve some stress than to bike a hundred miles through the most beautiful diocese in the nation! It's great for our own mental, physical, and emotional well-being. St. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). We need to take care of our bodies, especially as future priests, so that we are healthy and have the energy we need to best serve God's people.

On behalf of the Columbus seminarians, thank you for your constant and faithful support.

Check out #SeekHoliness #Sem-BikeTour on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram for more highlights from the 2015 Seek Holiness Bike Tour.

God bless you!