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The Editor's Notebook

To see the truth and live it

By David Garick, Editor



As I was preparing this edition of *Catholic Times*, which focuses on St. Elizabeth Church in Columbus, I got to thinking about that godly woman whose name the parish carries.

Elizabeth, of course, was a relative of the Virgin Mary. We are all familiar with the story of how Mary, who was pregnant with Our Lord, traveled to visit Elizabeth. The account of that story declares that as soon as Mary entered Elizabeth's home, the older woman recognized Christ within Mary. She was overcome with joy and began to worship Jesus before he ever drew his first human breath.

We can grasp how Elizabeth was able to perceive Christ in Mary. But it is even more important that we open our hearts and minds to see Christ present in the people around us. In baptism, we receive Christ into our lives and become part of the Church that is the eternal body of Christ. Whenever we receive the Holy Eucharist, we are again united with Christ. His body, blood, soul, and divinity are perfectly melded into our own bodies and we are united with all the other faithful, so when we look into their faces, we see not just them, but Christ, as well.

The same is true for us. We are called to live in such a way that Christ within us radiates out for all to see. It is not enough to just believe. We must accept Christ and then follow Christ so that his love shines out through us. In this week's Sunday readings, we hear from St. James that God "willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Be doers of the word

and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

We are called not to be simple reflections of ourselves, but projections of Christ from within ourselves. When we do that, we draw more people to Christ and draw ourselves even closer to our Lord.

In his weekly Angelus message this week Pope Francis urged the tens of thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square not to be afraid "to pass through the gate of faith in Jesus, to let him enter more and more into our lives, to go out of our selfishness, our being closed in, our indifference toward others." Jesus, he said, can light up a person's life with "a light that never goes out." The light of faith is not flashy or momentary like fireworks, he said. "No, it is a soft light that always endures and that gives us peace. That is the light that we meet if we enter through the gate of Jesus."

Do people see Jesus in you?

Vatican orders slight change in text for baptism



By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

To emphasize that the sacrament of baptism formally brings a person into the church of God and not just into a local Christian community, the Vatican has ordered a slight change of wording in the baptismal rite.

At the beginning of the rite, instead of saying, "the Christian community welcomes you with great joy," the officiating minister will say, "the church of God welcomes you with great joy."

"Baptism is the sacrament of faith in which people are incorporated into the one church of Christ, which subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the successor of Peter and the bishops in communion with him," said the decree from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

The decree is dated Feb. 22 and was published in the latest issue of *Notitiae*, the congregation's newsletter.

Signed by Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera, congregation prefect, and Archbishop Arthur Roche, congregation secretary, the decree said the change to the wording in Latin and all local languages was approved on Jan. 28 by Pope Benedict XVI. The pope

resigned a month later.

The decree said the new wording better emphasizes Catholic doctrine that through baptism, a person is incorporated into the universal church and not just into a parish.

Although the rest of the formula remains the same, by beginning with an affirmation of the entire church welcoming the one about to be baptized, the minister also makes clear that the sacrament is being administered in the name of the church and not just in the name of the local community.

Before the change, the approved English text read, "The Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our savior by the sign of his cross."

The decree said the change was to have gone into effect in the Latin text on March 31.

Msgr. Rick Hilgartner, executive director of the Secretariat of Divine Worship for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the bishops were due to have a preliminary draft translation of the Rite of Baptism of Children next year, so he believed the change would simply be incorporated in the revised edition as it is approved and published.

U.S. BISHOPS CALL ON BUSINESSES, CHURCHES, UNIONS, CITIZENS TO REDUCE INEQUALITY IN 2013 LABOR DAY STATEMENT



The growing disparity in the income of U.S. workers is the focus of the 2013 Labor Day statement of Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the committee on domestic justice and human development of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Bishop Blaire said most people want to live in a more equal society that provides opportunities for everyone. "The current imbalances do not have to be inevitable," he wrote. "We must be bold in promoting a just economy that reduces inequality by creating jobs that pay a living wage and share with workers some profits of the company, as well as ensuring a strong safety net for jobless workers and their families and those who are incapable of work."

Bishop Blaire echoed the words of Pope Francis, saying "work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. ... It gives us the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own nation." Bishop Blaire said millions of workers are "denied this honor and respect as a result of unemployment, underemployment, unjust wages, wage theft, abuse, or exploitation."

Even amid a modest economic recovery, he said, "Over four million people have been jobless for over six months, and that does not include the millions more who have simply lost hope; for every available job, there are as many as five unemployed and underemployed

people actively vying for it. This gap pushes wages down – half of the jobs in this country pay less than \$27,000. Over 46 million people live in poverty, 16 million of them children,"

he wrote.

He noted that individuals, the Church, businesses, government, and community organizations all share the responsibility to create jobs that allow workers to support themselves and their families.

"Ethical and moral business leaders know that it is wrong to chase profits and success at the expense of workers' dignity," he wrote. "They know they have a vocation to build the kind of solidarity that honors the worker and the least among us. They remember that the economy is 'for people.'"

Bishop Blaire cited the importance of unions in helping workers participate in company decisions that affect them and noted that the rise in income inequality has paralleled the decline of unions in the United States. He urged unions to continually improve themselves and focus on issues including "raising the minimum wage, stopping wage theft," and "standing up for safe and healthy working conditions."

Bishop Blaire also voiced support for immigrants, calling for policies that "bring immigrant workers out of the shadows to a legal status and offer them a just and fair path to citizenship, so that their human rights are protected and the wages for all workers rise."

Breakfast with the Bishop to Aid Catholic Social Services



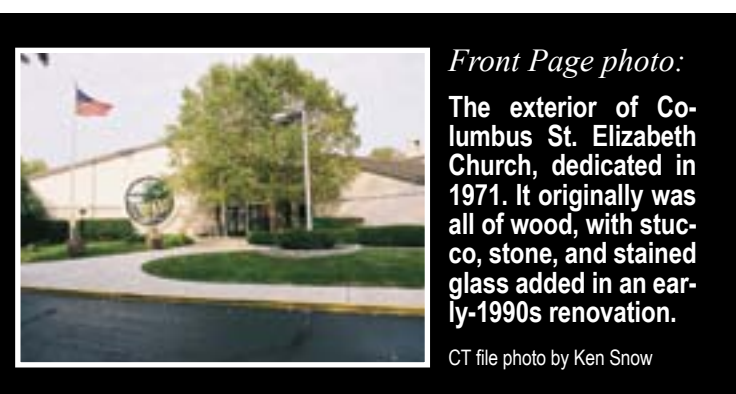
The annual Breakfast with the Bishop program benefiting Catholic Social Services (CSS) will take place Friday, Sept. 13, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 N. High St., Columbus. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m., with the program from 7:45 to 9:15. Speakers will be Bishop Frederick Campbell and Matt Swaim, producer of *The Son Rise Morning Show*, heard every weekday

morning on St. Gabriel Radio in Columbus, and author of *Prayer in the Digital Age*. Swaim will be speaking about technology and its effect on today's society. Tickets are \$40 apiece. Inquiries about purchasing tickets or event sponsorship may be directed to Helms at (614) 857-1238 or visiting the CSS website at www.colscss.org.

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The exterior of Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, dedicated in 1971. It originally was all of wood, with stucco, stone, and stained glass added in an early-1990s renovation.

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Monthly blessings for expectant mothers to begin at Holy Family Church

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 15, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers at Columbus Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., will sponsor the Blessing of St. Gerard on the third Sunday of each month for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant.

Father Stash Dailey will administer the blessing following the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on that Sunday. St. Gerard Majella is considered the patron saint of expectant mothers because of miracles God worked through his prayers with mothers in the mid-18th century.

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

COTA



Did you meditate and pray in consideration of all the great and wonderful bounty we enjoy from our Lord? If we did spend some quality time in this type of reflection, we should be ready to respond to the challenge to share and to give. This challenge is always there, and we all respond with enormous generosity. The United States remains the most generous and empathetic nation in the world. When asked, we respond. In the Diocese of Columbus, I continue to be humbled, amazed, and gratified by the overwhelming generosity of our parishes and individuals. Thank you! I hope you were able to come up with some very practical and doable acts of charity this past week. Keep working on them. I promised that I would share a specific request for action in this week's column. I ask you to consider the cause and to generously respond accordingly.

JOIN, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, is an agency of the Diocese of Columbus and continues to reach out to the poor. Much of JOIN's mission is direct service to the poor in the form of emergency assistance. Its wonderful administrators and dedicated volunteers provide food, identification papers, prescription assistance, utility help, infant needs, eyeglasses, transportation, burial assistance, shelter, rent, work boots, and referrals to other public and private sources of help. Many of us are already familiar with the incredible ministry and service of JOIN. While direct assistance in the form of material goods and help remains important, a big part of this ministry is personal, individual meetings and counseling for clients, to assess their needs and to help them find work and help themselves and their families. JOIN does precisely the work to which Jesus refers when He said, "Whatever you do for the least of our brothers and sisters, you do for me." In addition to direct assistance, JOIN offers referrals for more than 500 households each month. Its personal touch ensures that clients go to the right agency that can provide the help they need. Incredibly, JOIN maintains an average case load of approximately 3,400 clients each month. What can we do? JOIN needs our financial support right now. We already have mentioned a number of things that are supported. On a very practical level, the many clients and poor people who visit JOIN each day want desperately to work and to be productive. COTA all-day bus passes are a tremendous need for them. Currently, JOIN purchases more than \$70,000 worth of passes from COTA annually. They are put to good use, and clients are helping themselves by getting to interviews, finding jobs, making it to doctor's offices, etc. What a tremendous boost it would be for JOIN's services if we could cover that \$70,000 together. Let's do it!

Our practical challenge this week is to write a check to JOIN. Include a note, or write in the memo line that it is for COTA passes. Use this form or send it to JOIN, 578 E. Main St., Columbus OH 43215. Give a truly sacrificial amount. Help our neighbors help themselves. One Starbucks sacrificed a month for a year is \$48. One large pizza is \$240. One family dinner out is about \$600. These are just suggestions, and many of us could do much more. Let's do this right away and make an immediate difference. We can cover that \$70,000 and then some. Thank you!

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Jera Copley wins Larry Cox Award in Chillicothe



Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School student Jera Copley was the winner of the 2013 Larry Cox Award, named in honor of a deceased Chillicothe police officer who visited the school frequently as part of the police Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. Students who receive this award are recognized for their athletic ability, sense of humor, compassion, and overall citizenship. Copley is pictured in the center with (from left) DARE Officer Julie Preston; Larry Cox's parents, Roger and Joy Cox; and city Police Chief Roger Moore.

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

St. Timothy Church to again host Blue Mass

Columbus St. Timothy Church and St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 will host the 2013 Blue Mass at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. The Blue Mass is an opportunity to honor and pray for all active, retired, and deceased police, firefighters, and emergency medical services. In addition, it is an occasion to remember the 2,973 people who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Bishop Frederick Campbell will be the celebrant and homilist for the Blue Mass.

Among those participating will be Columbus Police Chief Kimberly Jacobs, Columbus Fire Chief Gregory A. Paxton, Columbus Assistant Fire Chief Karry Ellis, Franklin County Sheriff Zach Scott, the Columbus police honor guard, the Columbus police and fire pipes and drums, and the fourth-degree Knights of Columbus. All active and retired police, fire, and emergency medical services in the greater Columbus area, their families, members of the Knights of Columbus, and all others in the Diocese of Columbus are invited to attend.

Father Thomas Dade initiated the Catholic Police and Firemen's Society

while stationed at St. Patrick Church in Washington. About 1,100 police and firefighters dressed in blue uniforms marched into the church for the society's first Blue Mass on Sept. 29, 1934. Its name came from the mainly blue uniforms of police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel. The Blue Mass has been a common tradition in the northeastern United States since then, and more recently has spread throughout the nation, particularly in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks 13 years ago. The Blue Mass honors and recognizes the sacrifice of police, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical crews, all members of the public safety community, and those who have given their lives in service to their communities.

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting the emergency services community. Within a few days of Sept. 11, 2001, the Knights began distributing nearly \$1.5 million in direct aid to the families of slain police and rescue workers. Similar Blue Masses have been organized by Knights of Columbus councils nationwide.

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Catholic Record Society program to focus on Dominican leadership in Ohio during 1800s

The Catholic Record Society's quarterly meeting will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, in the parish hall at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road. Denison University philosophy professor Anthony Lisska will speak on "The Triumvirate of 19th-Century Dominican Leadership: Kelly, Kearney, and McKenna."

The title refers to Fathers Joseph Kelly, OP; Lawrence Kearney, OP; and Charles McKenna, OP. While a fair amount has been written about the latter two, only a sparse narrative exists for Kelly.

This presentation will dwell on Kelly's life of service to others,

featuring excerpts from his diary during his years as president of St. Joseph's College near Somerset.

Kelly joined the Dominican Fathers in Kentucky at an early age and was almost immediately appointed to the presidency of St. Joseph's. Soon afterward, he was appointed as provincial for the order, and next became prior of the Dominican house in Memphis, Tenn.

When the Dominican bishop of Nashville, Tenn., resigned during the Civil War, Kelly was appointed administrator of the diocese, serving more than two years. Several years later, he again filled the office of provincial.

Rosary High School 60th reunion scheduled

The 60th anniversary reunion for the Columbus Rosary High School class of 1953 will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, in the Jessing Center of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. For more information, contact Mary Jane Pumphrey Ritter at (740) 929-2942.

Alumni Relations/Special Events Coordinator

The Pontifical College Josephinum is accepting applications for a full-time Alumni Relations and Special Events Coordinator for the Advancement Office.

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS MOVE TO OUR LADY OF PEACE

Members of the Franciscan Brothers Minor of Fort Wayne, Ind., have relocated to the former rectory at Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd.

They had been living in the former convent at Columbus St. James the Less Church since arriving in Columbus in late May 2012, from Fort Wayne, to set up a friary. Brother Giles Mary Bentley, guardian of the house, said the decision to move the friary was made because, despite renovation at its original location, there still were leaks and other issues related to the building which made it advisable to seek a new site.

"We're grateful to Father Clarence Williams, CppS, the pastor, and to everyone in the St. James the Less community for allowing us to use the building to begin our work in Columbus," Brother Giles Mary said. "We were fortunate that when Father (Kevin) Kavanagh (pastor at Our Lady of Peace) heard of our situation, he offered us the use of space the parish had available.

"It's a great location for us because it's closer to the (Pontifical College) Josephinum, where several friars are attending classes. We understand the parish might have other needs for the building at some point, and should that time come, we will be grateful for the time spent here. It's our tradition as Franciscans and as friars not to be tied down by possessions or to claim ownership of anything, so we're always able to move with minimal difficulty to where the Lord may be leading us next."

Seven friars currently are part of the Franciscans' Columbus commu-

nity. Two have moved to the city to join two others in attending classes at the Josephinum. The newcomers replace two friars who are moving back to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to establish a novitiate in Rome City, Ind., and perform other duties.

With the move, the site of the brown-robed friars walking barefoot (except in extreme cold) soon will be as familiar to people along North High Street in the Clintonville neighborhood, where Our Lady of Peace is located, as it was for those traveling Cleveland Avenue and other streets around St. James the Less. The friars follow the Rule of St. Francis by going door to door to homes and restaurants in the neighborhood asking for food.

They also will be developing ministries for the Clintonville area, where they have been living since early July.

"We thank the people of both parishes and all the others who have supported us for their hospitality in the past year," Brother Giles Mary said. "Our needs vary, depending on the time of year, but one thing we always can use is bus tickets, especially since we're now on a main bus line." He said donations and prayer requests should be dropped off at the door on the north side of the church building closest to the garage doors.

The friars also may be contacted by phone by calling Our Lady of Peace at (614) 263-8824 and pressing extension 237. Their website is www.franciscanbrothersminor.com and their email address is FranciscanBrothersMinor@hotmail.com.

Celtic group looking for dancers

Columbus Celtic Dancers is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Irish culture through the art of traditional step dancing.

There are about 40 men and women in the group, which meets on Monday nights at the Ohio Theater, 39 E. State St. Dancers range in age from their 20s to their 70s.

The new dance year starts on

Monday, Sept. 9, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the group will meet every Monday thereafter from September through July.

If you are looking for a fun way to boost your activity level, this may be the right fit. No prior experience is required.

For more information, visit www.columbuscelticdancers.com.

Questioning Church Teaching; Protestants and Communion

Q. I appreciate your kind and well-considered answers to the many questions you receive about the Catholic faith. Yet still, there are many times I simply cannot agree with the teachings of the church -- such as when, recently, you advised divorced and remarried couples to see whether the church might be able to annul their previous marriage.

I was in a loving and committed marriage for more than 30 years, but we finally divorced because of irreconcilable differences. I would never think of invalidating that true marriage by having it annulled. My question, though, is broader than that: If individual Catholics, or groups of the faithful, disagree with Catholic teachings or rules, how do we make that known -- and how can we actually have any influence at all? All decisions in the church seem to come from the top down. (Hudson, Wis.)

A. First, on the matter of annulments: The Catholic Church grants an annulment when it is able to show that, from the very beginning of a marriage, it lacked at least one of the elements necessary to make the relationship a true, genuine, and binding sacramental marriage. Some common grounds are these: an intention from the start to exclude children, lack from the beginning of a permanent commitment or lack of an exclusive one; marriages marked by serious emotional, physical, or substance abuse; fraud or deceit in eliciting consent to marriage; serious mental illness.

Since you indicate that yours was a loving and committed marriage for more than 30 years, it is unlikely that any of these impediments was present from the start -- but there have been cases where the marriage endured for many years, even though there was a fundamental flaw from the beginning.

It is important to note that an annulment does not deny that a real relationship did exist, nor does it assert that the marriage was entered into with ill will or moral fault. Church law specifically states that children born of a marriage declared sacramentally null are still considered legitimate.

An annulment leaves the parties free to enter a new marriage in the church (or to have their present marriage "blessed" by the church), as well as to participate fully in sacramental life. Sometimes an added benefit is that the annulment process, while it may revive some painful memories, can also ultimately heal wounds and bring closure.

As to your larger question -- how to exert greater lay influence on the "teaching and rules" of the church -- I would not discount the effect of personal pleas to bishops and the influence of diocesan lay councils. While the church cannot practice "magisterium by Gallup," since much of its fundamental



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

"teaching" is dictated by revealed truth, the "rules" can sometimes change. And even though the church's policies and practices are indeed decided finally by ecclesiastics, it is hard for them to ignore what they are hearing "at home."

Q. I recently attended a Catholic retreat. At the orientation session, one (participant) identified herself as an ordained Protestant minister. Yet she received holy Communion at each of the Masses. When I asked the presiding priest about it (since my husband is non-Catholic and this is an important point for us), I was told that the presiding priest and the retreat director did not see eye to eye on this and that I should speak with the retreat director. So is it really up to an individual priest whether a non-Catholic can receive the body and blood of Christ at a Catholic celebration of the Eucharist? (Bright, Ind.)

A. Ordinarily, non-Catholic Christians are not expected to receive holy Communion at a Catholic Mass. This guideline is not intended as a proclamation of religious superiority on the church's part. It simply recognizes the sad fact that Christian unity has not yet been fully achieved and differences in doctrine and practice still remain.

However, there are some exceptional circumstances that allow for intercommunion; one, which is detailed in the church's *Code of Canon Law* (No. 844, section 4) and requires the permission of the diocesan bishop, would allow it when a non-Catholic Christian in a case of grave necessity, with no opportunity to approach a minister of his or her own communion, asks to receive, is properly disposed, and manifests the same belief about the Eucharist as Catholics do.

In the case you describe, the decision seems to turn on the interpretation of "grave necessity," and that is somewhat subjective. The retreat master, with the bishop's permission, may have judged that, while on the retreat, the minister had no access to a Protestant service, and so should have been allowed to receive. Part of the equation, too, may be the pastoral judgment as to what good might have been accomplished by denying the minister's request, even with the most gentle explanation.

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THE CHALLENGE OF PEACE ON EARTH

50th Anniversary of *Pacem in Terris*

BY JERRY FREEWALT

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth) by Blessed John XXIII. Today, with civil wars, military coups, and suicide bombings, along with threats of nuclear weapons by rogue dictators, I think we could use a little more *Pacem in Terris*. What does this document say to us, and has it made any difference?

To put things into context, Pope John XXIII released this beautifully written document in 1963 during the height of the Cold War. The world had just averted horror when two superpowers dueling with the real possibility of mass destruction in the Cuban missile crisis. In its aftermath, the Church came forward to urge us to give peace a chance. But it did more than that. John XXIII laid out what peace actually looks like and how can it be authentically achieved.

The core of his message is that peace can never be achieved "except by the diligent observance of the divinely established order." It's an order built on a foundation of natural law based in truth, justice, charity, and freedom. This order recognizes the inherent dignity of each person and values the development of right relationships to achieve the universal common good.

John XXIII dedicates a substantial portion of the encyclical to making the point that the recognition of human rights is an essential element in establishing peace. To the American reader, his listing and explanation of rights have a familiar tone: basic human rights are fundamental, universal, and inalienable.

At the forefront is the right to life and, in his words, "the right to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, particularly food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest, and, finally, the necessary social services." Liberty and its enumeration of articulated rights follows, which includes the freedom of speech, the freedom to choose a profession of choice, the right to share in the benefits of culture and receive a good education, the right to worship according to one's conscience, and the right to choose freely one's state in life, whether to start a family or embrace a religious vocation.

The document delves into economic

and political rights. People have the right to the opportunity to work with just wages and conditions that respect human dignity. People have the right to meet in associations designed to protect personal freedom and dignity. The rights to own private property, exercise personal initiative, and start a business are covered in *Pacem in Terris*. But, John XXIII reminds the reader, "the right to private property entails a social obligation as well." People have a right to freedom of movement within a state, and for just reasons are permitted to emigrate to other nations. Finally, people have the right to actively participate in public life and contribute to the common good. John XXIII acknowledges the increasing role of women in public life, promoting awareness of their dignity, as well as rights and duties.

This is a long list of rights, which continue to be articulated in Catholic social teaching. But this encyclical is not just about rights. There's a catch, a flip side, if you will, to the great cause of achieving peace. We have to work at it, and that requires duty. We have responsibility. Without it, the whole thing falls apart.

Blessed John XXIII, soon to be canonized a saint, paints a picture that a well-ordered human society demands people who are "guided by justice, respect the rights of others and do their duty. It demands, too, that they be animated by such love as will make them feel the needs of others as their own, and induce them to share their goods with others, and to strive in the world to make all men alike heirs to the noblest of intellectual and spiritual values." This is all carried out by human society thriving on freedom in recognition that people are endowed with reason and assume responsibility for actions.

A considerable portion of his message explains the interchange, the duality of rights and duties, from the micro to the macro level. The natural law that governs individuals governs relations among nations, ranging from the person to the United Nations. The order necessary for peace rests on the establishment and maintenance of right relationships. Love and trust in personal relationships are essential elements for peace on earth. A family which flourishes is nourished by love and trust, and

so are the relationships among nations and the entire human family.

The relationship between individuals and public authorities requires the recognition of human rights and the promotion of the duty to protect rights. The sole purpose of public authority is the attainment of the common good, which demands the recognition of the dignity of the human person, the opportunity for participation by everyone, special attention to the poor and vulnerable, and the promotion of material and spiritual welfare. The criteria for a good government are a charter of fundamental human rights, a constitution, and clear rules for relationships between citizens and public authorities in terms of rights and duties.

Mutual trust and collaboration among nations is tantamount for peace, and John XXIII called for disarmament. Simply put, he wrote, "Nuclear weapons must be banned." He was concerned about the policy of deterrence. Although, in theory, the competition of stockpiling weapons may prevent war, true and lasting peace among nations cannot happen without mutual trust.

Where does God fit in with all this talk of peace? Weaved throughout the encyclical, we get the message. The order that achieves lasting peace, based on natural law with rights and duties, has truth as its foundation. The first truth and the source of it all -- justice, charity, and freedom -- is God. Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. Peace is an empty

word unless it rests on this order. God must come to our aid "if human society is to bear the closest possible resemblance to the kingdom of God." John XXIII calls for an integral education of moral goodness and the cultivation of religious values. Most importantly, he calls for the integration of faith and action among humanity: "Their inner, spiritual unity must be restored, so that faith may be the light and love the motivating force of all their actions."

Blessed John XXIII offers a message of encouragement in *Pacem in Terris*. He knows working for peace is a challenge and an immense task, but it is possible. He reminds us that it will take time and can be done little by little. It is a constant endeavor requiring the work of every person, group, institution, and nation.

Since the release of the encyclical, the Holy See has created the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, dioceses across the world have established offices for justice and peace, the U.S. bishops have issued a statement titled *The Challenge of Peace* in 1983. Catholic schools and universities teach principles of peace, and Vatican diplomats and Church peacemakers are engaged at this moment promoting human dignity and defending human rights.

Has this encyclical made a difference in the last 50 years? It has and will continue ... if we take up the challenge and work for peace on earth.

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

Annual Turkey Toss drive for Vinton County under way

The Turkey Toss, coordinated by Jim and Liz Noe of the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, spends 100 percent of donations to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for residents of Vinton County. The St. Francis Center has been working with and validating eligibility for recipients throughout the year and makes sure that only those truly in need receive gifts.

"During this past year, we have ushered in a new pope, Francis I," the Noes said. "It is easy to imagine Pope Francis' patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi, working among the poor and needy in one of our more blighted Ohio counties, feeding and clothing our downtrodden sisters and brothers. Our new pope calls on each of us to be responsive to the needs of the poor in our communities.

"It is with this spirit that we turn to you once again to help us with our annual endeavor of putting a turkey on the table of each needy family in Vinton County served by the St. Francis Center. Last year's generous contributions accomplished our goal of no family having to be turned away."

Those who wish to assist are asked to make out a check to the St. Francis Center and send it to Jim and Liz Noe, 451 Mallet Place West, Gahanna OH 43230, preferably by Sunday, Sept. 15. Church of the Resurrection members may place donations in mailbox 96.

UNIVERSAL MORALITY AND THE NATURAL LAW



MAKING SENSE
Out of Bioethics
Father Tad Pacholczyk

People sometimes use the phrase “moral compass” to describe the innate sense of right and wrong that human beings have. President Obama, for example, recently mentioned in one of his speeches how we need to “keep our own moral compass pointed in a true direction.” Although he didn’t spell out what that true direction might be, his remark nevertheless highlighted something that all can agree upon; namely, the importance of being guided by a moral compass.

When functioning properly, this moral compass (a.k.a. our “conscience”), not only encourages us from within to “do good and avoid evil,” but also sets off internal alarm bells when we are tempted to carry out evil acts. Some acts, such as murder, torture, theft, and adultery will trigger those alarm bells almost universally, irrespective of time period, culture, or upbringing within a particular society.

No society erects statues to honor its greatest adulterers or to celebrate its most prolific murderers. When a genocidal leader is cast in marble, it is to memorialize qualities such as courage or leadership, not his murderous proclivities.

The fact that certain actions such as murder and adultery are wrong and invariably harmful, and readily perceived as such, leads to what is known as the “Natural Law.” The Natural Law signifies that we can know through our powers of reason what is right and wrong, and that our reason can thereby guide us toward an ethical life. Becoming aware of the Natural Law through a carefully formed moral compass is an essential part of what it means to be human. Those who invoke Natural Law appeal to self-evident principles that can be known by all humans.

Catholic teachings about morality also rely on the notion of Natural Law. The Second Vatican Council, to consider but one example, describes our moral duty this way: “Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey.”

The Natural Law, nonetheless, is not a specifically Christian idea, but has its origins in pre-Christian thought. A number of ancient Greek philosophers discuss the notion. Cicero, the Roman lawyer and writer (106-43 BC), has a famous passage wherein he describes the Natural Law:

“There is in fact a true Law - namely, right reason - which is in accordance with nature, applies to all men, and is unchangeable and eternal. By its commands it summons men to the performance of their duties; by its prohibitions it restrains them from doing wrong. To invalidate this Law by human legislation is never

morally right, nor is it permissible ever to restrict its operation; and to annul it wholly is impossible.”

He also notes how the Natural Law cannot be “one thing at Rome, and another at Athens; one thing today, and another to-morrow; but in all times and nations this universal law must forever reign, eternal and imperishable.”

Despite its constancy and universality, the demands of the Natural Law are not easily specified or deduced, free of disputation or debate. Some people today, in fact, influenced by the hedonism and relativism of our age, would go further and outright deny the existence of the Natural Law.

Interestingly, though, whenever a serious crisis or threat to civilization arises, the validity of natural law reasoning tends to reassert itself. Such a resurgence occurred, for example, at the end of World War II, during the Nuremberg trials and in the prosecutions against those who had perpetrated heinous crimes against humanity. Nazi defendants objected to being placed on trial for simply following the orders of their superiors and the laws of their country. Most of their actions were recognized as being legal under the judicial system of the Third Reich. They were ultimately found guilty, nevertheless, of violating a higher law to which all nations and peoples are subject.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the British prosecutor, stressed that there could be no immunity “for those who obey orders which - whether legal or not in the country where they are issued - are manifestly contrary to the very law of nature from which international law has grown.” The prosecutors at Nuremberg built their case on the fact that, in the final analysis, the laws of man and of nations are subject to the laws of God and the Natural Law.

To discern the Natural Law and thereby perceive our moral obligations requires reflection, reason, and discipline. The darkening of our reason and the weakening of our will that has subtly infected us because of sin can make it challenging, even two millennia following Cicero, to properly grasp our natural moral obligations. The Natural Law, nevertheless, represents an essential core of universal morality, serving as a key foundation for ethics and an antidote to the lawlessness that tempts us in every age.

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, Mass., and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org.

Bishop Watterson High School to dedicate Athletic Hall of Fame

Twelve people have been selected as the inaugural members of the Columbus Bishop Watterson High School Athletic Hall of Fame. They will be honored during the weekend of Sept. 20-22.

The class consists of individuals who distinguished themselves in interscholastic competition or through their dedication to the athletic program as a coach or administrator.

The honorees include: Jack Dennis (baseball 1959-61, football 1958-60), John Durant (baseball coach 1968-76, principal 1976-2000), Msgr. Kenneth Grimes (baseball coach and athletic director 1960s, principal 1971-76), Ralph Guarasci (golf 1971-74), Joe Hill (football 1959-62, wrestling 1962-63, baseball 1961, football coach 1994-2006, development and alumni 2000-10), and Joni Mazzola O’Connell (basketball 1982-84).

Others to be honored are Ginny O’Connor (volleyball coach 1974-95, softball coach 1977-82, athletic director 1980-96, assistant basketball coach 1974-78, dean of girls 1985-present, assistant principal 1998-present), Tom Scholl (athletic director 1978-94, assistant principal), John Schultheis Jr. (football 1961-63), Ron Shay (football and baseball coach 1961-88, athletic director), Dick Thoma (football 1957-60), and Dick Walker (football coach 1960-66, basketball coach 1961-66).

Msgr. Grimes, Scholl, Schultheis, Shay, and Walker will be honored posthumously.

The group will be honored at the Eagles’ football game against Cincinnati Winton Woods on Friday, Sept. 20 and a Mass at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd.

The Mass will be followed by a brunch and induction ceremony at 1 p.m. in Dominican Hall at Bishop Watterson, 99 E. Cooke Road. Tickets for the brunch are \$30 per person or \$210 for a table of eight. The deadline for reservations is Monday, Sept. 9.

Online registration forms may be found at www.bishopwatterson.com. Click “Community,” then “Alumni,” then “Athletic Hall of Fame.”

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Making Disciples: Easier Said than Done

This summer, I’ve had discipleship on my mind.

And I know just who to blame.

First, I blame my colleagues at CatholicMom.com, because I’ve been part of its Lawn Chair Catechism study this summer. As a result, I’ve been reading Sherry Weddell’s *Forming Intentional Disciples* (Our Sunday Visitor, 2012) very carefully and writing about it, chapter by chapter.

I’m not exaggerating when I say this is one of the most influential books (aside from the Bible and the *Catechism*) that I’ve read. It has put words to some concepts I’ve struggled with in my decade as a Catholic and a parish employee. It has given shape to some of the things that have bothered me over the years, coming as I did to Catholicism from a strongly non-Catholic background.

Second, I blame my pastor, because he made me dust off a review book that everyone--EVERYONE, I tell you--is talking about, and then, THEN, he had the nerve to read it in less than a week AND make copies of parts of it to share at our annual staff offsite meeting. As I write this, I’m still whipping my way through it, but it, too, is a book that is nudging my mind in a big way.

That book, *Rebuilt* (Ave Maria Press, 2013), is one



Finding Faith in
Everyday Life
Sarah Reinhard

that I put off reading because of a feeling I can’t really explain well. It’s been popular (did I mention that EVERYONE seems to be reading it?), and maybe I’m put off by that. It debunks many “Catholic life is fine as it is” myths and, best of all, gives tangible ideas and approaches to really, truly making disciples of our world (and not just the people already in our pews).

Both of these books have challenged me in a big way.

I like to live in a cocoon of people who are like me. I want to be surrounded by people who think like me, who live like me, who like me being like me.

But if we look at Jesus’ example, we see that he hung out with the outcasts. The people who initiated his crucifixion were the people in the pews of their day, the religious leaders. The ones who were most changed and transformed were the people you and I

would probably not even talk to.

What does all this mean for discipleship? For me, it’s a big neon sign that I need to change quite a few things. The first and hardest thing, I think, is my own approach and thought process.

My goal as a Catholic is to get myself, my husband, and my kids to heaven. I’m here to raise saints. Period.

And my work in the parish? I should be leading people to a relationship with Jesus Christ. We come to Mass to meet a person, not to get anything (though we do, without a doubt, receive!). We are fed, but we are sent forth to change the world.

It’s a mission field all around us, and, as I get older, I see it more and more. It’s so tempting to just roll with things, to not make waves, to come on Sunday and get through the rest of my week the best I can.

But that’s not my call. It’s not yours, either. We’re called to more.

Will you say “Yes”?

Looking for Sarah Reinhard? You can find her at SnoringScholar.com or hiding in the back room with a book. (But don’t tell her kids. She just got done feeding them. Again.)

Finding God in the midst of pain

By Mary Mautz

Pain is a universal condition, occurring in various forms and degrees. As we know, physical pain can be a mild sensation of discomfort or it can be felt as agony. Emotional pain also can be mild, or it can be experienced as exquisite mental anguish. The ability to cope with pain depends both on how it is perceived and how one responds to it.

Probably the most poignant example of pain management is that modeled by Christ and his mother Mary during the crucifixion. Both Jesus and Mary accepted and tolerated their suffering in quiet obedience because they were aware that they were serving a purpose in God’s plan for our redemption. Mary’s example was to follow Jesus, helplessly observing her innocent son’s humiliations, tortures and death, while remaining powerless to intervene. Jesus’s example was his willing surrender both to hours of agony and to giving up his human life on earth in order to complete his Father’s plan for our salvation.

I must admit that I have not always cooperated dutifully and lovingly in God’s plan for me relating to

managing my pain. In the past, my usual response to suffering was one of resentment, fear, and self-pity. I certainly never planned to consider pain as serving any purpose. For example, when my daughters died in automobile accidents, my only reaction was to blame God and wallow in self-pity. Consequently, I nearly lost my faith.

Thankfully, the compassionate Holy Spirit within me took pity on this willful, controlling child by instilling in me the humbleness to “Let go and let God,” not only related to pain but to all aspects of my life. This change occurred fairly recently when, as usual, I was complaining to God about both the physical pain and the social and functional losses resulting from my aging process. Desperately seeking relief, I begged God to at least cure my back pain. I planned to convince him to do so by enhancing my prayer life. So I increased the number of Masses I attended and added daily rosaries, spiritual readings, meditations, and weekly adorations of the Blessed Sacrament.

Of course, unknowingly, I was merely responding to the loving intercession of the Holy Spirit. Conse-

quently, the increased prayer life provided me with a much-needed spiritual education. The lessons I received changed both my relationship to God and the way I perceived and responded to suffering. Notably, I learned that God allows pain as a necessary catalyst for spiritual growth. In particular, chronic suffering can compel us to finally realize our human powerlessness and, therefore, to seek a Higher Power as a source of help. Furthermore this “Letting go and letting God” reflects a new faith in the Divine Healer.

In summary, I will say that through the transformative grace of the Holy Spirit, I can accept pain as purposeful and respond to it by transcending it. In this way, I suffer less, because instead of resenting pain, I understand that it is serving God’s plan for my salvation. Furthermore, I accept it willingly, joining my pain to Christ’s in memory of his suffering to redeem us. I pray that I may continue to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, thus achieving the grace that leads to holiness.

Mary Mautz is a parishioner at Columbus St. Andrew Church.



Story by TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH

STRONG SPIRITUALITY AND A JOYFUL ATMOSPHERE



Top: A statue of the Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church. Middle: The main entrance to the church, which was completed in 1970. The stained glass was added as part of an extensive renovation in the early 1990s. Bottom: Father Charles Cotton, pastor, with parishioners (from left) Gene O'Dell, Diana O'Reilly, Pat O'Reilly, parish secretary Fran Cautela, Howard Van Oss, Sally Zuccaro, Tom McSweeney, Sandy Winkel, Rich Link, and Betti O'Dell.
CT file photo by Ken Snow; photo courtesy St. Elizabeth Church; CT photo by Tim Puet



There's a positive buzz about Columbus St. Elizabeth Church that members say you can feel from the moment you walk in for a weekend Mass.

"This isn't the kind of church where you just sit down and be quiet," said parishioner Sally Zuccaro. "We're a very friendly parish, and many of us enjoy getting together in the gathering space before Mass and finding out what we've done each week.

"It's the same thing after Mass. A lot of people are in no hurry to move on because we're enjoying the conversation. If it's between the 9 and 11 a.m. Mass, sometimes a group of the 9 o'clock worshippers have to be reminded to leave so there's room in the parking lot for the people coming at 11."

"This always has been a church with a strong sense of spirituality, but at the same time, this feeling of being relaxed and welcoming and accepting you as you are," said parish member Tom McSweeney.

Another longtime parishioner, Pat O'Reilly, said the casual atmosphere may stem from the church building itself, which was designed through open parish meetings to be a worship site and to serve the needs of the surrounding northeast Columbus community. "There's always been a real sense of closeness with the community when you attend Mass, because of how this church was designed," he said.

It's a non-traditional structure, completed in 1970, three years after the parish was founded, and originally of total wood construction, with a low ceiling and folding chairs instead of pews. An extensive renovation in the early 1990s resulted in replacement of the wooden exterior with stucco and stone, the addition of stained glass and a Blessed Sacrament chapel, the arrival of sturdy (and less noisy) wooden chairs to replace the folding chairs, and other sanctuary improvements.

More remodeling in 2006 brought a new education and meeting center and improvements to the church hall. The

most recent major change involved replacement of the heating and air conditioning system, said Father Charles Cotton, pastor at St. Elizabeth's since 2001.

"The way we raised money for the system shows what type of parish this is," Father Cotton said. "We never had a formal pledge drive. We just explained the need, put an envelope into the monthly package for about a year and a half, and the people responded. We had a drive for the previous remodeling because it was larger, but didn't need to have one this time because people know we're good stewards, putting part of our collection each month in a capital improvement fund to cover big expenses."

Father Cotton is only the fourth pastor in the 46-year history of the church. Each previous pastor has served for at least 10 years. Msgr. Robert Noon, the founding pastor, was succeeded by the late Father Arthur Dimond in 1977.

Father Cotton's predecessor, the late Father Rodric DiPietro, was at St. Elizabeth's from 1989-2001. He recently was honored by having a garden near the church entrance built in his memory as an Eagle Scout project by Joey Conkey of Hilliard St. Brendan Church, where Father DiPietro was pastor at the time of his death in 2011.

"We've had the best priests here — all top of the line — and that's made this a strong parish community," said parishioner Sandy Winkel. "The time will come when there will be a new pastor in place of Father Charlie, and we all hope whoever it is will respect the style of this parish and the traditions we have."

One of the longest-running of those traditions is the annual parish festival, which began in 1991 as an Octoberfest celebration but was moved after a couple of years to mid-August so the weather would be more favorable. This year's festival took place on Aug. 16 and 17 and featured a car show, a DJ and karaoke, a climbing wall, a soccer tournament, and other typical

festival activities.

Father Cotton said the festival has made about \$20,000 annually for the parish in recent years, with most of the profit coming from a silent auction which covers 4,400 square feet of space and from a raffle. "As with most festivals, it's great to make money, but the real purpose is to bring the parish together and greet our neighbors of all faiths," he said.

Other annual parish activities include a spaghetti dinner, a Mother's Day flower sale, Lenten fish fries, a pizza and sub sale during the Super Bowl, a rummage and bake sale, a note card sale, and a parish picnic.

"We have the picnic every year on Pentecost Sunday," Father Cotton said. "We cancel the 9 a.m. Mass and have the 11 a.m. Mass outside, weather permitting. We have it on Pentecost because that was the day when people of all nations first heard the apostles speaking. Now we want this to be a day when foods of all nations are eaten as part of a multiethnic, multicultural event."

The picnic has come to fit that description more and more in recent years as the population of the parish and the surrounding Northland neighborhood has become more diverse through the addition of substantial numbers of Latinos, African Americans, and immigrants from many African nations.

Father Cotton said the parish's population of about 720 families has remained fairly stable through his time as pastor. "What has changed is how it's spread out, as people identify less with a parish's boundaries and more with the parish itself," he said.

"We mail our newsletter to at least 12 ZIP codes, as far as Pataskala in Licking County. Some people attend Mass here regularly because they've moved, but still think of this as their home parish. In some cases, the Sunday-morning time of our religious education program is better for their children."

St. Elizabeth's doesn't have a school and has few children attending school

in other parishes. About 125 students from kindergarten through eighth grade take part in its Parish Religious Education (PREP) program, which meets on Sundays during the school year from 10 to 10:45 a.m. A high school youth ministry program is beginning its second year this year and meets twice a month, also on Sundays.

Both programs are led by parish religious education director David Gruber, who also is in charge of the parish RCIA and adult education activities and is assisted by Lance Lewis.

This fall, the adult education program will feature the 20-session program on the Acts of the Apostles which is part of Jeff Cavins' "Great Adventure" Bible study series. In recent years, the parish also has sponsored showings of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series and other Cavins DVDs.

Rich Krehnovi is director of the parish music program, which includes a contemporary choir with guitars, flute, and recorder at the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass and a more traditional choir at 11 a.m. The parish also has a children's choir which is formed for Christmas Eve and Easter morning Masses.

Besides Gruber and Krehnovi, other parish staff members are Deacon Dean Racine; Robert Brandenstein and Lisa Broberg, maintenance; Fran Cautela, parish secretary since 2004, the first voice many people hear when coming in contact with the parish; and unofficial greeter Hooch, Father Cotton's five-year-old mixed black Labrador retriever and American bulldog.

The parish has an active St. Vincent de Paul Society, which meets twice a month and collects funds from parishioners four times a year. The society operates a food pantry which is open on the third and fourth Wednesdays of each month and for emergencies.

Member Howard Van Oss said that since October, the society has distributed 284 bags of groceries and provided assistance in several other ways for residents of the 43229 and 43231 ZIP codes. It recently received a \$9,500



Top: The St. Elizabeth sanctuary includes a bronze relief of the resurrected Christ. Bottom: Father Cotton celebrates Mass on Pentecost. CT photo by Tim Puet; photo courtesy St. Elizabeth Church



grant from The Catholic Foundation for its outgoing housing and emergency living assistance activities.

It also makes 400 sandwiches a month for St. Lawrence Haven in downtown Columbus, helps residents of the Bryden House apartments for people with limited resources, and works in conjunction with the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs.

Knights of Columbus Council 11193, in its 21st year serving the parish, has 66 members and received the organization's top group honor by earning the Star Council award for 2012-13. Members Rich Link and Gene O'Dell said it awards \$2,000 scholarships to Catholic grade schools, takes part in the Knights' statewide Measure-Up campaign for the developmentally disabled and the Pennies for Heaven collection for vocations, collects items for patients at the Veterans Administration hospital in Chillicothe,

and sponsors several parish doughnut Sundays per year and a Breakfast with Santa program.

The parish has a monthly book club which studies literary works dealing with moral issues or having a Catholic theme. Member Diana O'Reilly said that in August, it examined books with the theme of personal survival, written by human trafficking victim Teresa Flores and by Jaycee Dugard, who was held prisoner by a couple for 18 years. This month's selection is a new biography of St. Francis of Assisi.

Zuccaro said the parish bereavement committee has a membership of around 40 people and is responsible for providing desserts and doing setup and cleanup for funeral luncheons. At St. Elizabeth's, the main portion of such meals is ordered from a caterer and the parish supplies the drinks.

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The parish also has a charismatic prayer group and a Scripture study group which meet weekly, a monthly men's prayer breakfast on Saturday mornings, a group for widows and widows, and a prayer request line.

Father Cotton celebrates monthly Masses at the Sterling House and Friendship Village nursing homes. Parishioners conduct a weekly prayer and communion service at Friendship Village, as well as taking the Eucharist every Sunday to people who can't come to church.

"This ministry to the homebound is very important," McSweeney said. "People are just thrilled to see me, because for some, I'm the only outside

contact they have all week, and that's sad. I just wish that in some cases, my visits weren't limited to a half-hour because people have so many needs. A lot of them drop out of the world when they enter care, and it's part of our mission as Catholics to find them and make sure they are remembered."

Father Cotton summed up his feelings about the parish by referring to a sense of unity. "I'm the pastor, but I'm also a parishioner like everyone else," he said. "This is where I worship and grow. That's why whenever I refer to this parish, it's always as *our* parish, rather than *the* parish. We're all one faith community, spreading and fulfilling God's word."



Father Cotton and parishioners enjoy foods from a variety of ethnic traditions at the annual St. Elizabeth parish picnic on Pentecost Sunday. Photo/St. Elizabeth Church

primary-care medicine, and we're eager to begin recruiting the first class of students who will benefit from this exciting collaboration between two of Ohio's foremost universities."

"Since its founding in 1975, our medical school has dedicated itself to addressing some of the most pressing health care needs in the state by

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ODU and Ohio University partner to prepare students for med school

A select group of students at Ohio Dominican University (ODU) will have a clear and direct path to the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM) through a new early acceptance program involving the two schools.

"We are proud and honored that the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine selected Ohio Dominican University as a partner for the med school early acceptance program," said Dr. Peter Cimboric, ODU president, as he and his OU counterpart, Roderick J. McDavis, signed an agreement opening the program for enrollment. "This demonstrates their high regard for Ohio Dominican's students and faculty and the superior quality of the pre-med education that we deliver."

Ohio Dominican is recruiting for the program's first class, which will enroll in the fall of 2014. ODU each year will accept as many as 10 outstanding

Ohio high school seniors who will be assured of acceptance into OU-HCOM as long as they meet and maintain the rigorous academic standards of both institutions. Students will have the opportunity to follow two paths to completion: They can attend ODU for three years and complete their senior requirements during their first year of medical school, or they can choose a four-year option at ODU before studying at OU-HCOM, which has campuses in Athens, Dublin, and Cleveland. More information on the program may be found at www.ohiodominican.edu/MSEA.

One challenge in addressing the state's primary-care physician shortage is keeping graduates in Ohio. "Many Ohio Dominican alumni tend to stay in Ohio after graduation," Cimboric said. "We are hopeful the graduates of this excellent program will remain in the state to become practitioners of

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SISTER ANNE KNIGHT

Theological Union in Chicago.

She taught theology for several years to ninth- and tenth-graders in Pittsburgh and Chicago and most recently was director of faith formation at Holy Rosary Parish in Chicago.

It was here that she met Sister Helen Cahill, OP, eventually got to know other Dominican Sisters of Peace, and felt drawn to the congregation.

After a period of discernment, Sister Trina asked to become a member of the congregation, a desire that was fulfilled at a beautiful ceremony in Columbus on July 14.

She then moved to New Orleans to live at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Central House there, and is teaching courses on the New Testament and the Creed at St. Mary's Dominican High School, sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

Sister Anne first became acquainted with the Dominicans when she became friends with Sister Amy McFrederick, OP,



SISTER BEATA TIBOLDI

at Our Lady of the Presentation Parish in Overland, Mo., where Sister Anne was a member and Sister Amy assisted in music ministry.

Drawn to the life and spirit she encountered in Sister Amy, in 2000 she became a lay Associate of what was then known as the Great Bend congregation of Dominicans, based in Kansas.

As an Associate (a lay person who partners with the sisters to share their mission with the world), she learned more about the Dominican order's values and way of life and began to take on leadership roles within the Associate program.

In 2009, around the time the Great Bend Dominicans merged with six other congregations to become the Dominican Sisters of Peace, she chose to enter a more formal discernment process with the sisters so she could explore the possibility of joining them as a vowed member.

On Sept. 23, 2012, she was



SISTER TRINA MARIE ULRICH

formally welcomed as a candidate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace at a rite of entrance ceremony in Great Bend, Kansas, where she moved from Missouri for her year of candidacy.

Throughout this past year, she lived with a local community of sisters, participated in their shared life of prayer, study, and service, and learned about the joys and struggles of being a Dominican sister while continuing her work as a business analyst for Wells Fargo.

Expressing a desire to continue exploring her vocation with the Dominicans, she officially became a Novice at a ceremony in Columbus on July 14.

Joining her at the novitiate in St. Louis will be Sister Bea, who officially became a novice at the same ceremony in July.

While she knew from a young age that she was called to religious life, she first encountered the Dominican Sisters of Peace not from a personal connection, but through research,

largely on the Internet. She says that once she met the sisters, she found a heart connection in a short time.

A native of Hungary, she has lived in the United States since 2001 and received her permanent residency status in 2009. Her rite of entrance as a candidate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace was in Columbus on July 7, 2011.

She was thrilled that her twin brother, who is a priest, and other family members and friends were able to join her for this important day.

Before entering the congregation, Sister Bea taught at Mary Queen of Peace School in Dayton. For two years, she has lived in community with the Dominican Sisters in Columbus and has taught at Columbus All Saints School, while learning more about the Dominican life and mission.

Sister Bea has enthusiastically embraced life as a sister, becoming very active in the ministries and programming of the congregation and creating several videos about her experiences.

She looks forward to her canonical novitiate year and to meeting other Dominican novices from around the United States.

Sister Anne summarized all three women's sentiments, saying, "It's been a wonderful journey so far. I'm eager and excited to see where the future will lead."

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recruiting from Ohio and creating opportunities to practice in Ohio, especially as primary care physicians," McDavis said. "This new partnership with Ohio Dominican University is a great example of how higher education institutions can work together to achieve those aims."

"The early acceptance program offers students an opportunity to earn their doctor of osteopathic medicine degree in as few as seven years from one of the top programs in the nation," said Dr. Theresa Holleran, ODU vice

president for academic affairs. "The fact that students can begin their college education at Ohio Dominican and make a seamless transition to OU-HCOM makes this one of the most appealing programs of its kind."

Dr. Kenneth Johnson, OU-HCOM executive dean, said that with 50 percent of its alumni practicing primary care, OU-HCOM is positioned to address a national shortage of primary care physicians that is expected to exceed 45,000 within the next decade. Those living in rural or inner-city

medically underserved areas will be hit the hardest. "With almost 60 percent of OU-HCOM graduates practicing in Ohio, programs like this provide a shorter path to medical school which will enable us to meaningfully address that shortage," he said.

This joint program is available to select undergraduate students who have achieved a high school grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, have received an ACT score of at least 28, and have completed four years of English, mathematics, and science

courses, including biology, chemistry, and physics.

To remain in the program, students must meet certain criteria, which include maintaining a 3.7 overall cumulative GPA and a 3.6 cumulative GPA in all undergraduate science courses.

To qualify for the class entering in the fall of 2014, high school seniors must be admitted to ODU by Nov. 15. Qualified applicants will be interviewed and accepted into the program by ODU and OU-HCOM administrators.

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Exalting the humble and humbling the exalted



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a
Luke 14:1,7-14

The book of Sirach is also known as the “Wisdom of Ben Sira” and “Ecclesiasticus.” It contains the writings of a Jewish scribe who lived in Jerusalem between 200 and 175 BC. The author was trying to convince Jews, who by this time were under the powerful influence of Greek culture and civilization, that the Jewish way of life and its traditions and wisdom were superior to that of Greece.

This struggle for the minds of the youth is easily recognized in practically every age. Every culture and older generation expects its youth to reflect its own values as its young people begin to grow. When youth rebel and reject what has gone before, there is a natural enough clash. Pope Francis seems to have embraced this a bit on his recent trip to Brazil. We used to see signs in my youth that said “raise hell.” It sounds like Pope Francis wants to raise some himself. It’s exciting to watch.

Sirach was urging humility for his young people (“my child” was generic for youth in general). The Greeks assumed more of an “If you’ve got it, flaunt it” kind of attitude. Delving into things “beyond their ken,” as they say in Scotland, was something the Greeks were quite likely to do. Sirach cautions against such flights of fancy.

“The mind of a sage might well appreciate proverbs,” as Sirach says, but youth tend to look for practical wisdom. This is certainly one factor the hierarchy ought to

consider the next time they revise liturgical language. If Pope Francis wants us to be “revolutionaries” and “to swim against the tide,” we might well begin with the language of prayer. Pope Francis condemned clericalism and, at the same time, those who worship at the altar of clerics. Blessed be he. It remains to be seen whether his sage advice will be heard.

The Gospel has Jesus at dinner at the home of one of the leading Pharisees. Jesus does not back away from commenting on people and their choice of seats of honor at table. He chooses a wedding banquet to illustrate his point, noting how embarrassing it would be if one were to choose the wrong place and then have to be seated somewhere else. It would be like taking a seat at the head table and then being told to go sit in the kitchen. Jesus advises taking the place in the kitchen first, and then one can be invited higher if the host so desires. The saying that Jesus probably uttered then follows the story: “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Some commentators think the story about the wedding guests was put together by Luke to illustrate this saying of Jesus, which belonged to a collection of sayings of Jesus which circulated in the early church before the Gospels were written. Others suggest Luke had the story in his own unique source, because there is no parallel story in the other Gospels.

In Matthew, the saying about exalting and humbling the self comes in a different context in a denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 23:14) Luke will repeat this saying later, as a conclusion to the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector who go to the temple to pray (Luke 18:14). It is therefore impossible to find the original context for the saying, although most scholars are satisfied at the attribution of the saying to the historical Jesus.

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

Bishop Flaget School honored for excellence in science education

Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School and nine of its teachers were recognized with the governor of Ohio’s Thomas Edison STEM Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities.

This is the sixth straight year the school has received this award, sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Science. Recipients had to conduct a local science fair with 20 or more students; qualify one or more of these students for one of the academy’s 16 district science days; have students participate in at least one more youth science opportunity beyond the classroom, such as State Science Day, visits to museums, mentorship programs, or extended field trips; and

convince external professionals from STEM business and industry, government, and academic employers that the school’s program met the academy’s definition of STEM education.

Last year, Flaget conducted its science fair in January, with 39 students participating. Students also participated in the Southeast District Science Fair, where the school placed second in the middle-school division. Four students participated in State Science Day in May. In addition, the entire student body participated in Hands On Science Day, National Pi Day, science-based field trips, and other science-related studies. The school also has a Lego robotics team.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Psalm 96:1,3-5,11-13
Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
Luke 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY
Colossians 1:1-8
Psalm 52:10-11
Luke 4:38-44

THURSDAY
Colossians 1:9-14
Psalm 98:2-6
Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY
Colossians 1:15-20
Psalm 100:1-5
Luke 5:33-39

SATURDAY
Colossians 1:21-23
Psalm 54:3-4,6-8
Luke 6:1-5

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

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

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

DAILY MASS

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

We pray Week II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

The Lessons of a Parish Festival

As school starts and parish festivals begin to wind down, we should ponder the role of the parish festival because it can be an amazing evangelizing tool. Sometimes at parish festivals (even in the beer tent), adults begin to ponder what they are doing with their lives, especially if they have children and faith hasn’t been much of a priority. They ponder this because they see other adults having fun and wonder why they aren’t as faithful as their old friends.

At parish festivals, we occasionally hear about old friends and neighbors we haven’t seen in years. Most of the time, the news is good, but sometimes we hear about tragedies, disease, or loneliness that has befallen our old friends and neighbors. Perhaps that is our cue to thank God for our many blessings.

Maybe it is a sign to get more involved in some parish ministry work. Most parishes certainly have enough activities for us all to find some way we can participate. Your parish may be different than the ones of your youth, but it doesn’t mean the parish isn’t in need of your help.

Parish festivals can be a gateway into helping others see what goes on inside the Catholic Church. Keep in mind that we live in a time when more and more people have no church or spiritual home. We can be an answer to unsaid prayers of that friend or neighbor who decided to show up at the festival just out of curiosity. We can be the vehicle that helps change lives.

Retreat at St. Agatha to help couples “Spice Up” married life

Father Leo Patalinghug is on a mission to renew marriage and family life one meal at a time, with the hopes of one day drawing many to the Lord’s Banquet in heaven.

Ordained in 1999, Father Leo developed his love for cooking while attending the seminary at the North American College in Rome. There, he became friendly with several Italian restaurant owners and often would invite them back to the student kitchen to trade cooking secrets. They would teach him about rigatoni and lasagna; he would show them how to make hamburgers and ribs.

Father Leo is the founder of Grace Before Meals, a movement to bring families back to the dinner table -- away from work, school, TV, games, and



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

I am sure I am not alone in meeting an increasing number of people who readily admit that they weren’t raised with any faith and never thought much of it until they had kids and/or had to deal with a tragedy. Chances are you might be the only person to whom such a person can turn for some spiritual solace.

One only has to read or watch the latest entertainment news to hear how some star or starlet was caught on tape acting like some hormonally charged teenager, or to hear how some Hollywood teenager was doing what he or she thought sophisticated adults do during a night on the town. This is what happens to societies that are losing their moral compass. It happened to Rome during the time of Jesus, and it is happening in the Western world before our very eyes.

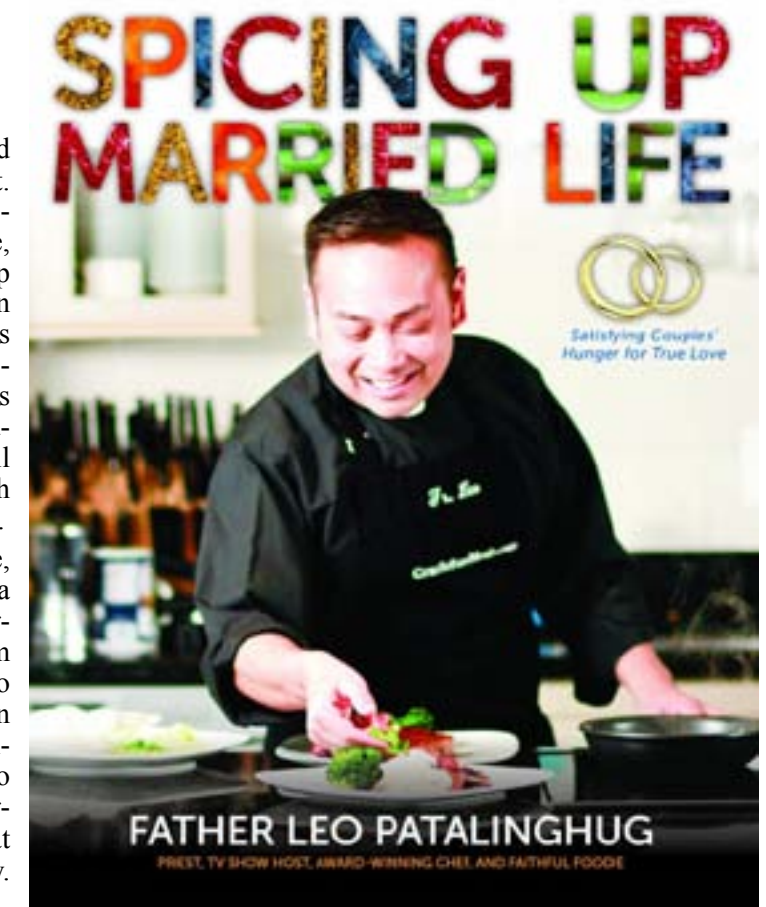
We can do something about it, one person at a time. Although he claimed he didn’t come up with the saying, G. K. Chesterton is credited with giving us this little gem: “It is not that those who don’t believe in

God believe in nothing; they believe in everything.” How many times have we heard celebrities or even politicians telling us to accept all manner of behavior, so long as does not involve reminding the world that there is truth and our bodies are to be treated as dwelling places of the Holy Spirit?

We have even seen politicians make free birth control a campaign issue, all the while saying that if their teenage daughter got pregnant, they wouldn’t want her burdened with a child. It seems pretty clear to me that such politicians aren’t talking about the adoption option, but the abortion end-all. Some of the folks pushing such ideas are Catholic, and some are not. However, I would be willing to bet that somewhere along the line, they were trying to campaign at a church festival. Maybe if someone politely challenges them on these ideas, they might have a change of heart, since they are often surrounded by people who have little use for faith.

We may not be able to perform miracles at our parish festivals, but we can do greater works than we can imagine, sometimes just over a friendly conversation with a beer or a burger in our hand. Keep this in mind the next time you attend a parish festival. Jesus promised us we could do great works, but only if we try!

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



the many other things we get caught up in -- to share a delicious meal together, communicate and love one another, and be nourished -- body, mind, and soul.

Earlier this year, Father Leo spoke at the Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference. There, he shared the story of his victory over chef Bobby Flay in a steak fajita showdown on the Food Network’s *Throwdown!* show. “Bobby knew he was in trouble when all my supporters pulled out their rosaries,” Father Leo joked.

Father Leo, the host of EWTN’s weekly cooking program *Savoring Our Faith*, will be back in Columbus on Saturday, Sept. 14 to encourage married couples to grow closer to God and to one another.

Married couples from around the diocese will gather at St. Agatha Church for a retreat titled “Spicing Up Married Life, Nourishing Our Faith.” Bishop Frederick Campbell will open the retreat with a 9 a.m. Mass and give the day’s first reflection. In addition to reflections by Bishop Campbell and Father Leo, the retreat also will include a Holy Hour and lunch provided by Berwick Catering.

“Spicing Up Married Life, Nourishing Our Faith” is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to step away from the busyness of daily life and to be renewed and strengthened in their love for God and each other. For more information or to register, call the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560 or visit www.familylife.coldsdioc.org

Pray for our dead

BAIRD, Katherine D., 87, Aug. 15
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

BICKEL, Charles D. II, 25, Aug. 24
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

BLACK, Barbara D., 83, Aug. 12
St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

BOEHM-FAEHNLE, Mary A., 88, Aug. 16
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

BOWMAN, Grace L., 91, Aug. 8
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BRILEY, Janice "Judy," 75, Aug. 22
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

DIETZE, Helen M., 84, Aug. 22
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

DONALDSON, James E., 81, July 20
St. John Church, Logan

DONOHUE, Kathryn, 80, Aug. 14
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

ENDERLE, Daniel R., 74, May 14
St. John Church, Logan

GENTILE, John F., 82, Aug. 19
St. Mary Church, Groveport

GRIBBLE, Marjorie L., 89, Aug. 19
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

HEFT, Judith A., 83, Aug. 1
St. John Church, Logan

IACOBONI, Christopher F., 64, Aug. 20
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

KADY, John T., 79, Aug. 4
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

KANE, Phyllis, 72, Aug. 14
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

KEEFNER, John J., 83, Aug. 23
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

KERR, Glenna, Aug. 15
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

KRANNITZ, John A., 67, Aug. 2
St. John Church, Logan

Audre' L. Murray

Funeral Mass for Audre' L. Murray, 84, who died Friday, Aug. 9, was held Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Columbus St. Peter Church.

She was born Aug. 26, 1928, to Pauline and George Lennon. She graduated in 1946 from St. Mary of the Springs High School and in 1950 from St. Mary of the Springs College. She was a religious education teacher

LEWELLEN, Alexander R., 20, April 29
St. John Church, Logan

MACE, Rita, 87, Aug. 13
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

MANGIA, Thomas J., 80, Aug. 20
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

MCDONALD, Mary A., 85, July 3
Christ the King Church, Columbus

MCGUIRE, Mildred G., 88, Aug. 24
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

McRURY, Philip A., 82, Aug. 13
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

MORGAN, John P., 67, Aug. 18
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

MUTH, Donald J., 82, Aug. 20
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

NOVAK, Robert E., 81, Aug. 20
St. Joseph Church, Somerset

NZEOGU, Renee, 52, Aug. 19
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

PETROZZI, Annette R., 79, Aug. 13
St. Michael Church, Worthington

RIVERA, Gabriela, 42, Aug. 15
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

ROBERTS, Erylne M. "Lynn," 73, Aug. 14
St. John Church, Logan

SCHWENK, Richard E. "Hank," 82, Aug. 19
St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Columbus

SLATE, Arthur J., 75, Aug. 11
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

STONE, Russell L. "Corky," 80, Aug. 21
Church of the Nativity, Utica

WELLS, Ralph F., 80, Aug. 18
Christ the King Church, Columbus

WITTMAN, John J., 85, Aug. 19
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

for 46 years, serving as religious education director for 13 years at Columbus Holy Family Church and 10 years at St. Michael Church in Wheeling, W.Va.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John; and a brother and a sister. Survivors include a son, two daughters, a brother, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sister Christina Bruno, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Christina Bruno, SNDdeN, 94, who died Monday, Aug. 12, was held Monday, Aug. 19, at the Mount Notre Dame Health Center in Cincinnati.

She was born Louise Bruno on Feb. 21, 1919, in Hamilton to Paul and Gertrude (Couzzi) Bruno. She received degrees from Teacher's College and Xavier University, both in Cincinnati.

She entered the religious life in 1939, taking the name of Sister Rose Carmelita, and pronounced her first vows on Jan. 31, 1942.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was taught at Columbus St. Christopher

Sister Waldia Ann Warden, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Waldia Ann Warden, OP, 80, who died Sunday, Aug. 18, was held Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She was a resident of the Mohun Health Care Center.

She was born Jan. 15, 1933, in New Orleans to Walter Emmer and Lydia Eugenie (LeBlanc) Warden. She received advanced degrees from St. Louis University and the Catholic University of America. She entered the novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary in New Orleans in 1953 and made her profession of vows in 1954, taking the name Sister Mary Assumpta. Her congregation joined

with six others to form the Dominican Sisters of Peace in 2009.

Most of her career was spent in New Orleans, where she served at different times as president of St. Mary's Dominican High School and the similarly named college, was a teacher at the college and in parochial schools, directed the Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in Ponchatoula, La., and was on the archdiocesan Tribunal.

She was honored by Pope John Paul II in 2000 with the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* award for service to the church and the papacy.

She is survived by one sister, and nieces and nephews.

Barbara Jones

Funeral Mass for Barbara Jones, 89, who died Tuesday, July 23, was held Saturday, July 27, at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus.

She was born May 14, 1924, in New Lexington to George and Emma (Beaver) Dreese.

She attended New Lexington High School, receiving her high-school equivalency diploma in 1994 at age 60. She was a member of Columbus St. Thomas Church and was known as Grandma Barb to students at Royal Manor Elementary School in Columbus for many years.

Richard T. Pannell

Funeral Mass for Richard T. Pannell, 105, who died Thursday, Aug. 15, was held Thursday, Aug. 22, at Columbus St. Dominic Church. Burial was at

Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus.

Survivors include a daughter, two grandsons, three granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren.

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AUGUST

30, FRIDAY

Bishop Campbell's 70th Birthday Gala
6:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 N. High St., Columbus. Benefit gala honoring Bishop Frederick Campbell's 70th birthday. Proceeds to Catholic Education Tuition Assistance Fund, diocesan social concerns agencies, diocesan vocations endowment, and Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral music ministry endowment. **614-940-4870**

3, TUESDAY

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting
Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Speaker: Father Mark Summers, pastor, Columbus St. Peter Church. Reservations required.
Abortion Recovery Network Group
7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. **614-444-4411**
Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting
7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting. For those who served at least three months, were honorably discharged or are on active duty. **614-221-7601**

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

4, WEDNESDAY

St. Brendan School 50th Anniversary Mass
St. Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates 50th anniversary Mass for St. Brendan School. **614-876-1272**

5, THURSDAY

Cradling Christianity Dinner at St. Charles
6:30 p.m., Walter Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Eighth annual Cradling Christianity dinner to raise funds for tuition assistance to Christian students in the Holy Land. Speaker: Bishop Frank Dewane of Venice, Fla. Preceded by Mass at 5:30 in college chapel.

31, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**

SEPTEMBER

1, SUNDAY

Exposition at Church of the Resurrection
Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession into chapel following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. **614-933-9318**
'Restless Heart: Confessions of Augustine' at Watterson
2 and 6 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Screenings of film "Restless Heart: The Confessions of St. Augustine." Proceeds to Run the Race Club inner-city youth programs. For high school age and older; mature themes. Information at restlessheartcolumbus@yahoo.com.

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**

6, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.
Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.
Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Meeting
12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, with Bobby Williams of the Women's Care Center of Columbus. Details at www.columbuscatholicmen.com.

St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods. **614-882-7578**
Bishop Campbell Blesses Run the Race Center
6 p.m., Run the Race Center, 880 S. Wayne Ave., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell blesses new home of Run the Race Club after-school program for young people in the Franklinton and Hilltop neighborhoods.
All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; prayer until 11:30 p.m.; private prayer until 7:30 p.m. Saturday.
All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

7, SATURDAY

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. **614-861-4888**
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**
Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting.

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

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. **614-416-1910**

614-459-5676

beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. **614-512-3731**

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

8, SUNDAY

Catholic Record Society Meeting
2 p.m., Parish hall, Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Catholic Record Society quarterly meeting, with Denison University philosophy professor Anthony Lisska speaking on "The Triumph of 19th-Century Dominican Leadership: Kelly, Kearney, and McKenna." **614-241-2571**

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**
Anti-Violence Prayer Service at de Porres Center
6 to 7 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Prayer service to end violence in central Ohio, sponsored by the Columbus Faith Coalition. **614-416-1910**

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

9, MONDAY

Aquinas Alumni Luncheon
11 a.m., TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, Holy Family Jubilee Museum, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.

Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass. **614-406-2939**

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, (Christ the King Church campus), Columbus. **614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. **614-459-2766**

'EnCourage' Support Group Mass and Meeting

6 p.m. Mass, followed by 7 p.m. meeting of a new Columbus-area Catholic organization providing solace, support, and counsel for parents and relatives of those with a same-sex attraction. **614-372-5249**

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. **740-653-4919**

11, WEDNESDAY

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. **614-416-1910**



BOOK DISCUSSION

“THE BUTLER”

Author of book and movie about White House butler returns to Ohio Dominican to launch book tour



Ohio Dominican University will host author and award-winning journalist Wil Haygood as he launches his critically acclaimed book, *The Butler*. “An Evening with Wil Haygood: The Creative Genius behind *The Butler*” will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, in the Matesich Theater inside Erskine Hall on the ODU campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Haygood will be joined by Steve Reiss, his former editor at *The Washington Post*, for a discussion on writing and their professional experiences.

The event is free. Those wishing to attend may reserve seats at www.ohiodominican.edu/HaygoodEvent.

The Butler was inspired by a se-

ries of stories Haygood wrote for *The Washington Post* from 2008-10 about Eugene Allen, a White House butler who served eight presidents. The stories have inspired a motion picture, *The Butler*, directed by Lee Daniels and starring Oprah Winfrey and Forest Whitaker.

“It’s important for me to bring *The Butler* experience to the Ohio Dominican University campus,” Haygood said. “It was at ODU where a part of my life was formed as a college prep student in 1969, 1970, and 1971, and also where a part of my writing muscle was formed. *The Butler* book and movie cover an important part of American history, that part when black citizens were often denied the right to vote, as well as overall

justice.

“President Obama just didn’t land in the White House as this country’s first black president because of shrewd political talent. This has been a long march that involved epic civil rights battles, slain martyrs, and politicians in Washington showing bravery in 1964 and 1965 by passing landmark civil rights and voting rights bills.”

Haygood attended ODU as a high school student during the summer from 1969-71 through ODU’s Upward Bound program.

“We are delighted that Wil has selected Ohio Dominican University as the site to launch ‘The Butler,’” said Dr.

Peter Cimboric, ODU president. “This truly offers us a unique and wonderful opportunity to educate and engage ODU’s campus community and the public. We are proud of the positive influence ODU has had in Wil’s life and professional success, and we are committed to having a similar and profound impact on every student who walks our campus.”

The Butler movie was released on Friday, Aug. 16. *The Butler* book is published by Atria Books.

Attendees may purchase copies of the book at the event. A book signing and reception will take place in the Bishop Griffin Student Center immediately following the discussion.

Volunteer donates painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Mount Carmel West Hospital

Longtime Mount Carmel West Hospital spiritual service volunteer Ralph Martinez and his wife, Brenda, have donated a painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the hospital as a tribute to the care he received there 25 years ago as a patient.

Martinez said he became a Mount Carmel volunteer because of what he saw during his hospital stay. “When I had my heart attack and was recovering here, a volunteer came and gave me communion. It made me feel so good that someone cared enough to do that,” he said. “After I met the volunteer, I said I’m going to give communion for one year, and now I’ve been doing it for 25 years.”

The painting has been placed in the hospital’s maternity unit and was provided through the Our Lady of Guadalupe Donor Advised Fund at The Catholic Foundation. Pictured at the painting’s dedication are (from left) Cheryl Mace, chief mission leader for the Mount Carmel Health System; Ralph and Brenda Martinez; and Amy Parker, vice president of grant management for The Catholic Foundation. (Photo courtesy Mount Carmel Health)



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Families displaced by flooding take shelter in a church serving as an evacuation center in Quezon City, Philippines, on Aug. 21. Hundreds of thousands of people in metro Manila and surrounding areas have been affected by heavy monsoon rains and flooding.

CNS photo/ Al Falcon, Reuters



Canadian Sister Darlene DeMong, a member of the Congregation of Notre Dame de Sion, stands with a novice at the order’s residence in Cairo on Aug. 22. The nun told Catholic News Service that days before, while in the south in Berba days before, Muslim neighbors helped to guard a convent, church and other Christian facilities, while elsewhere in Egypt, attacks against Christian properties were being carried out.

CNS photo/James Martone

A sculpture of Jesus embracing the twin towers of New York’s former World Trade Center is seen outside St. Ephrem Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. The sculpture honors the nine members of the parish who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. This year marks the 12th anniversary of the attacks that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people in New York, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pa.

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DON WISLER COMPLETES COAST-TO-COAST CYCLE TREK

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times

After spending 50 days crossing the northern United States and part of Canada on a bicycle, Don Wisler says that on occasion, he's found himself looking at a map and wondering "How did I do that?"

Wisler, a longtime bicycling enthusiast who retired as president and chief executive officer of Catholic Social Services in May, spent half of June, all of July, and the first few days of August on his "Big Bicycle Adventure Across America," traveling 3,667 miles from the Pacific Ocean in Astoria, Ore., to the Atlantic Ocean in Portsmouth, N.H., from June 16 to Aug. 5.

He was part of a group of about 40 cyclists on the annual Across America North tour organized by America By Bicycle. The group traveled across 10 states and the Canadian province of

Ontario, averaging 80 miles a day through some of the most beautiful areas of North America.

"When our group rounded a corner on that last day and could see the Atlantic and realized we'd reached our goal, I felt a range of emotions," Wisler said. "There was jubilation that we'd crossed the country on a bike, pride in that achievement, sadness that it was over, and a little disbelief."

The bikers crossed the Columbia, Snake, Missouri, and Mississippi rivers, viewed Mount Hood and Mount Rushmore, and saw Yellowstone National Park, the Wisconsin Dells, Niagara Falls, the Erie Canal, and several other national parks and monuments. Much of the first half of the trip was in mountainous areas of the West, with the second half going through the rolling farmland of the Midwest and the Great Lakes plains before crossing the Appalachian moun-

tain range in the east.

"I never felt ready to give up, but there were a couple segments that were more difficult than I thought they'd be," Wisler said. "Going through Teton Pass from Idaho into Wyoming on Day 15 was a real physical challenge. There were several long climbs that day, with the last segment going up a 10 percent grade after a few other four- to six-percent grades.

"Probably the hardest part of the trip was simply the day-to-day grind. For 50 days, you knew you had to get up around 5 or 5:30 a.m. to be on the road by 6:30, and you'd have to do the same thing the next day and the one after that, except for four rest days. I'd be in bed by 8:30 or 9, and it wasn't hard to fall asleep that early because I was ready for it."

The group reached the Mount Rushmore monument in South Dakota on the 22nd day, and though it wasn't quite halfway, Rushmore said it was a symbolic midway point for him. "I called Rachel (Lustig, his successor as CSS president) from Mount Rushmore because I felt that was a big milestone," he said.

"I began feeling stronger each day after Mount Rushmore as the road began to flatten out. At that point, we were four weeks into a seven-week journey. It had been more physically and mentally challenging than I thought, but I knew by then that I'd be able to reach my goal. I think it was the same with all of us on the trip. Everyone

who started was able to finish, and we encouraged each other.

"It didn't take long for us to separate into groups and pace ourselves," Wisler said. "There was a fast and a slow group, and I was pretty much in the middle. As far as the weather, we were pretty fortunate. It rained just twice during our riding time. There was one day early on in the Cascade Mountains when it was about 40 degrees, and a couple of times, it got to the mid to upper 90s, but those were the extremes.

"The last 10 days in New York and New England were especially nice, in the 70- to 80-degree range. We caught the prevailing westerly winds after we crossed from Ontario into New York, so that made for an easy ride."

Wisler made it a point to stop and talk with people he encountered and ask about their lives and their hopes for the future. He said people were curious when they saw him in his biking helmet, jersey, and shorts, and were open to telling their own stories once they heard about his ride.

"Over and over, we'd start talking and people would tell me about their children," he said. "They would tell me that they want their kids to learn to work hard, to be honest, to be fair and good people. They'd say they want the best for their kids, in terms of the kind of people they wanted them to be rather than in terms of becoming rich or famous.

Sometimes when people learned where he was



Don Wisler, recently retired president of Catholic Social Services, in the Snake River area of Idaho during his recent cross-country bicycle trip. Photos courtesy Don Wisler

from, the reaction was a familiar one. "I was having coffee at the Wall Drug store in South Dakota and was wearing an OSU shirt that day," he said. "All of a sudden, I heard 'O-H!' 'I-O!'" – the Ohio State cheer that's become a seemingly universal sign of recognition.

Wisler also said he always would remember the kindness people showed him throughout the trip. "I remember going to Mass in Casper, Wyo., and talking to a woman afterward, and she spent the next half-hour taking me and some of the other bikers into stores and making sure we had everything we needed," he said. "This kind of thing happened all the time."

The experience left Wisler with a strong sense of optimism about the nation's future. "I learned we have a big country, a rich country, and one filled by and large with good peo-

ple," he said. "The ride also was a lesson in the value of persistence. It reminded me that if you just persist, you can overcome big obstacles. You might not be as fast or as strong as others, but if you know your limits and persevere, you will get there."

The trip combined fun and fundraising for Wisler, who said he lost about 10 pounds on the journey. He had asked people to donate any amount from a penny to a dollar to CSS for each mile he rode, and said a little less than \$15,000 had been raised, with money still coming in.

Now that he's back home, Wisler said the biggest adventure he's planning for a while is painting the house. He said he probably would not take such a long trip again because of the time it would require him to be away from his family, but foresees taking part in future rides of one or two weeks' duration.



Wisler ends his trip at the Atlantic Ocean in Portsmouth, N.H., completing a journey of 3,667 miles in 50 days.