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The Editor's Notebook

# Back to School...and Work

By David Garick, Editor



You may have noticed over the past week that going out to get the morning paper involves some rather cool, crisp air. This is not what we think of in August. When I was a boy and we got a spell of August weather like this, my dad would always proclaim, "Well, summer's over. Better start getting ready for the snow!" My mother always hated that. She knew that there was still plenty of hot weather to come. But my dad loved the summer heat and dreaded the onset of winter so much that all it took was a couple of cool mornings to set him into an ill humor.

I understand how he felt. I am still looking forward to lots of warm-weather activities, but change is in the air. Preseason football games are on TV. Stores are selling the last of their summer clothes and fall merchandise is filling the shelves. And the clearest sign of all – school is starting up again.

Yes, for our young people, those nice, lazy mornings of sleeping in are over. It's back to getting up before dawn and heading off to school. But as much as they may complain about giving up the freedom of summer, they are also excited about the challenges ahead.

Each new school year brings exciting new things, but this year, we have an especially exciting development in our Catholic school system. The new Cristo Rey High School has opened its doors for the first time. A select group of students from Columbus-area families with low incomes not only will be attending a brand-new Catholic high school, but also will be starting work as interns in some of the city's most prominent businesses. In this issue of *Catholic Times*, you will read about the extraordinary things that have been accomplished by the 24 Cristo Rey schools already graduating students in 17 states. The Catholic Church has

always been a leader in education. Our Catholic schools have a reputation of leading the way in providing students with the academic training and spiritual foundation to live productive, successful lives.

It is a special challenge to reach out and provide those educational benefits to students in the inner city, especially members of minority populations, who need encouragement to see their potential and direction to achieve it. Through Cristo Rey, a new generation of students are discovering the value of education. They are seeing firsthand how knowledge translates into opportunity in the business world by working side by side every week with members of the business community.

Nationwide, 7,500 students in the Cristo Rey system not only have graduated, but virtually every one of them has been accepted into college -- a dream many thought beyond their reach. That dream is about to become reality in Columbus. Already, the graduates of our outstanding Catholic school system are leaders in every field and business imaginable. Now we are reaching out and providing that same academically rich and spiritually strengthening education to students who thought it was beyond their reach.

This is what we are called to do. When God calls us to serve those who are suffering, it does not end with the giving of immediate financial aid to put food on the table or a roof over their heads. We are also called to educate them, train them, and integrate them into the community, where they can be productive for themselves, for others, and for God.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE YEAR HONORED



The Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has selected Elizabeth Christy as the 2013 Catholic Woman of the Year. She is a wife and mother of two who is very involved at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. She is a certified nurse and midwife who has taken a strong pro-life stand in providing medical services in the community, in the face of conflict with others in the medical profession. She has been very active in support of pro-life ministries and, through her open living of her Catholic faith, has encouraged faith in others. She was one of 21 women nominated for this year's award.

The Young Catholic Woman of the Year award was given to Madison Corcoran of Circleville St. Joseph Church. She has

been involved at her parish as an altar server, PSR teacher, and member of the parish youth group. She also is active with the diocesan youth group and has taken an active part in Gospel Road missions. At school, she is active in athletics, is a lifeguard at the YMCA, and a member of the Pickaway County 4-H, and has won public speaking awards at the Ohio State Fair. Her joyful sharing of life has been an inspiration to others.

Both awards were presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Sunday, Aug. 18 during the annual DCCW awards banquet at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School.

At the DCCW banquet are (from left): Karen Kitchell, DCCW president; Madison Corcoran, Elizabeth Christy, and Bishop Campbell. (CT photo by Ken Snow)

### Settlement reached in dismissal of teacher at Bishop Watterson

The Diocese of Columbus and Carla Hale have concluded mediation and have mutually agreed to a resolution of their disagreements. Ms. Hale will not return to employment at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, but will receive acknowledgement for her years of service to Bishop Watterson. Hale and the diocese stand firm on their principles, but are pleased that they were able to come to a resolution. The parties have agreed that the terms of the settlement will be confidential.



### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Clergy Assignment

Father Jeffrey Coning, to Administrator Pro Tem, Holy Trinity Church, Zoar, continuing as Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia, effective Aug. 5.

Father William Hritsko, to Priest Moderator, St. Francis de Sales Church, Newcomerstown, continuing as Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton, effective Aug. 5.



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## Father Williams elected to leadership of Black Catholic Clergy Caucus

Father Clarence Williams, CPpS, pastor of Columbus St. James the Less Church (pictured), has been elected vice president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus.



He will serve with Father Kenneth Taylor, a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, who was elected president.

Elections took place at the organization's meeting in Chicago, conducted during the 45th joint conference of the clergy caucus, the National Black Sisters' Conference, the National Black Catholic Seminarians' Association, and the National Association of Black Catholic Deacons. The conference took place from Sunday, July 28, to Thursday, Aug. 1.

The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus is an organization based in Montgomery, Ala., that brings together black Catholic priests, religious brothers, and deacons and their wives to provide mutual support and to advocate for the black community.

Other caucus officers elected at the Chicago meeting were: secretary, Father Antoine Leason, SVD, stationed in the Archdiocese of Chicago; treasurer, Deacon Jerry Lett, of the Archdiocese of Atlanta; and board members, Father Paul Marshall, SM, stationed in the Archdiocese of St. Louis; Deacon Larry Chatman, of the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.; Father Maurice Nutt, CSSR, stationed in the Archdiocese of Chicago; and Father Norman Fischer, of the Diocese of Lexington, Ky.

During the joint conference, more than 200 black priests, deacons, women religious, and seminarians joined community members on the evening of Monday, July 29 for a march for nonviolence in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood.

Even though the march was planned a year earlier, the ongoing gun violence in the city made it timely, organizers said.

The joint conference comes together annually and usually schedules some sort of public witness during its gathering.

"Because of the violence in Chicago, we decided last year that we wanted to do something outside of the church so that people could see that

we could come out in the community and march for a peaceful day to support our sisters and brothers -- both Catholic and non-Catholic -- who are trying to bring a peaceful end to the violence here, in particular, in Chicago, but which is endemic across the country," said Father Bozeman.

Sister Roberta Fulton, SSMN, who is president of the National Black Sisters' Conference, said the news often reports about violence in Chicago, so the march was a way to stand up for peace.

"We wanted to be able to say to the community, 'It isn't always about violence, but we are working for peace and justice,'" she said.

Following the march, the group gathered in front of St. Benedict the African-East Church for a short prayer service, with young people reading the names of the 216 people who at that point had lost their lives to gun violence in Chicago this year.

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago joined them for a blessing at the end of the service.

Participants went inside the church afterward for a Mass celebrated by Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry.

In his homily, newly ordained Father Dwayne Davis from the Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y., asked the congregation to consider what its legacy will be for the next 45 years of the joint conference.

"We must continue to be role models within our black community," Father Davis said.

## Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church is re-establishing a connection to its history



An altar which has been part of Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church since its dedication in 1892 has been restored and has been moved to the front of the sanctuary. A second antique altar, purchased from a parish in New York, also has been restored and will serve as an altar of repose for the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Frederick Campbell came to Sugar Grove on Sunday, Aug. 4, to bless the two altars.

In his homily at the Mass to dedicate the altars, Bishop Campbell said, "The altar is the table of glory. Its dedication is much like the acceptance of a new member into the Church. It is sprinkled with holy water, the water of baptism, and is anointed with the sacred oil of chrism. It signifies the sacrifice Jesus made through his dying and resurrection as Christ our Savior. And it is the very center of our faith—where we become what we celebrate."

The restoration project began after the church's pastor, Father James Walter, came to St. Joseph's in 2009 from Lancaster St. Bernadette Church. One of the first things he noticed is that the community is rich in tradition and that many families in the parish have lived in the area and worshipped at St. Joseph for generations.

The congregation originally was formed in three places in 1853 and met in three frame churches spread throughout the hills of southern Fairfield and northern Hocking counties before the Sugar Grove church was built.

As Father Walter learned more of the history of the church, he discovered that it had a majestic high altar that was

taken down in the late 1950s. He also learned the history of the 1892 altar, which was built at St. Joseph Orphanage in Columbus.

Bent Tree Woodworking in Logan restored and extended that altar and created two matching side shrines and a new ambo. Inspired Interior Creations by Boyden built an extension to the existing arch, bringing it down and extending it in a little more to form a frame. Artist Teresa Satola created five original pieces of artwork to complement the altar. Plaster repair, painting, and hanging of the new artwork was completed by Robert J. Hoch Inc. painting and decorating.

The church's "new" altar from out-of-state is actually older than the one built in 1892. It came from St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Eden, N.Y., which was founded in 1858. It was cleaned, restored, and painted in the St. Joseph Church social hall by volunteers from the congregation.

William Heyer, the architect for the overall project, said he is enthused about how the restoration projects are helping restore the sanctuary to its original beauty.

"In this Year of Faith, we will be focusing on the new evangelization which was nurtured by Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II," Father Walter said. "The worldwide synod of bishops which met in Rome in October 2012 included among the means of evangelization the beauty and art of Catholic churches. We have a great tradition, and I hope it can be revived here at St. Joseph's in Sugar Grove."



Front Page photo:

Columbus Cristo Rey High School students walk across the street to an opening assembly at Mount Carmel West Hospital on Monday, Aug. 5, the first day of classes.

CT photo by Jack Kustron

## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Bounty

During the past two weeks, have you considered ways in which we can preserve the endurance of our religious freedom and liberty? Of course, there is always daily prayer, especially at Mass on Sunday. Our voices combined in prayer are heard by our God. It is up to us to be sure that our voices also are heard by those who hold the keys to our laws and secular world. In theory, "those" are us. We are of, by, and for the people as a nation and government. Where have we been? Complacency, apathy, and minimalist mediocrity are now the norm. Where do we stand? Or do we continue to sit on the sidelines and warm the bench? We concluded in our last column that religious faith is the most enduring force in human history. We must also realize that our religious faith is not assumed, it is not cheap, it is not easy, and it comes at a cost. We do not just sit back and leave everything in God's hands. We all have free wills, and we can collectively build up or tear down religion. Our voices must be heard without fear or hesitation. Our faith must endure.

Yes, our faith will endure, especially with our effort and example. We have so much for which to be thankful. We have so many gifts. We have so much surplus. There is so much bounty in our lives. All we have to do is look down the street, look beyond our neighborhood, or maybe even look across the street to see how many of our brothers and sisters continue to suffer. No, they are not all lazy and living off our tax dollars. Some may be, but, as Pope Francis said, "Who am I to judge?" It is too easy for us to become complacent, especially if economic hardship has not hit us directly. The fact is, there are still so many out there who are desperately struggling to feed their families, to support their families, to keep their homes, and to simply maintain their honor with decent work. We cannot even think for a moment that this is someone else's responsibility. It is ours -- yours and mine. When Jesus says that our help and actions for the poor are done for Him, He means it. How will we answer that challenge when we are judged? More importantly, how do we answer that question now?

Bounty. We have plenty. From God to us, we are thankful. We must share. Before our meals, we pray, "Bless us, O Lord, for these, thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy BOUNTY, through Christ, our Lord." Our bounty is not our own; it is God's. We are only temporarily entrusted with God's gifts, goodness, and bounty. As good and faithful stewards, we are challenged to share, to give, and to give back. That is true bounty. That is true grace. Pope Francis recently challenged millions of our young people in Rio to make a "mess" by rolling up their sleeves and making a difference in the world by their faith. What about the rest of us? Are we listening?

Our practical challenge this week is to pray and meditate on how we can answer the challenge to share and give from our bounty. Do this each day this week. Come up with some very practical and doable acts. I have something in particular that I will share in next week's column. We can do so much with our words and our actions -- our time, talent, and treasure. Please be ready to respond next week in a simple way that will help our neighbors, right here in the Diocese of Columbus.

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



## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Columbus chapter of Courage will sponsor a day of recollection with Msgr. Eugene Morris from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, in the Five Porticos facility at Columbus Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave. The theme will be "Chaste Living through the Sacramental Graces."



Courage is a Catholic organization which helps people with a same-sex attraction to live chaste lives, in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Msgr. Morris, a priest of the Archdio-

cese of St. Louis, is director of sacred liturgy at the Pontifical College Josephinum. He has served as a parish pastor, a radio commentator, adjunct professor and director of worship at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, and director of liturgical formation for the permanent diaconate in the St. Louis archdiocese.

To register, call (614) 372-5249 or go to [frjosephklee@yahoo.com](mailto:frjosephklee@yahoo.com). In accordance with the permanent policy of the Courage organization, all inquiries will be held in confidence.

## St. Charles class reunion

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School's combined class reunion celebration will take place from Friday to Sunday, Sept. 6 to 8, and will include the classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, and 2008.

Friday night's events include an all-classes stag beer-and-brats gathering in the school's Walter Student Commons, a home football game against Columbus Eastmoor, class photos, and a "state of the school" update by principal James Lower.

On Saturday, there will be a ride along the Alum Creek bike trail at 9 a.m., a campus tour from 3 to 4:15 p.m., and an all-classes Mass at 4:30 p.m. in the

Mother of Mercy Chapel at the school, 2010 E. Broad St. Afterward, classes have planned private gatherings.

On Sunday, all members of the community are invited to participate in the annual St. Charles alumni golf outing at Riviera Country Club, 8205 Avery Road, Dublin. The scramble event will begin with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are being taken for foursomes and singles. The outing will honor the Class of 1983's Brian Gilchrist, who died in July after a two-year battle with cancer.

For more information, contact the school's alumni director, Louis J. Fabro, at [lfabro@cducation.org](mailto:lfabro@cducation.org).



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## INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE TO APPEAL FOR END TO VIOLENCE

The monthly prayer service to end violence in central Ohio, sponsored by the Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence, will be hosted by the Martin de Porres Center from 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8.

Columbus experiences daily violence on its streets. In response, religious leaders in the city formed the Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence to pray for an end to violence in the city and for those who have been affected by it.

Recognizing that the foundation of true peace is the commitment of each individual to non-violence in thought, life, and action, the coalition has pledged to sponsor a monthly hour of prayer and meditation aimed at deepening participants' personal commitment to achieving this frame of thinking and living.

The September service will be focused on the theme of gun violence in Columbus. Earlier themes have included human trafficking, gun violence in schools, domestic violence, religiously motivated violence, and bullying. Host sites have included First Congregational Church, Tifereth Israel Synagogue, Noor Islamic Cultural Center, Trinity Episcopal Church, the St. Thomas More Newman Center, the Columbus Buddhist Center, Sikh Gurdwara in west Columbus, and the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

The service is open to all and registration is not required. The Martin de Porres Center is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Questions may be answered by calling (614) 416-1910.

## Ultimate Frisbee



Ten youth groups from across the Diocese of Columbus participated in the second annual youth group ultimate Frisbee tournament at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany. Pictured is the winning team from Columbus St. Catharine Church. Columbus St. Patrick finished as runner-up. Other teams were from Resurrection, Columbus St. Timothy, Columbus Our Lady of Victory, Columbus Holy Spirit, Columbus Immaculate Conception, Gahanna St. Matthew, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, and Sunbury St. John Neumann. St. Pius X won the spirit award.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Victory Youth Ministry

## Laboratory Access Expanded

Mount Carmel Health System and Madison County Hospital are entering into an agreement that will expand access to high-quality laboratory services for patients in Madison County and surrounding areas.

Starting this month, Mount Carmel will manage the laboratory services at Madison County Hospital.

"We are fortunate to have the opportunity to develop this partnership. It will enable Madison County Hospital to benefit from Mount Carmel's wealth of experience, expertise, and resources in managing clinical laboratory services", said Mike Browning, interim chief executive officer of Madison County Hospital.

The goal of this partnership is to provide laboratory services that exceed

industry standards and focus on quality, turnaround time, customer satisfaction, and full compliance with regulatory and accreditation requirements. As part of the agreement, Madison County Hospital will seek accreditation from the College of American Pathologists.

"Madison County Hospital and Mount Carmel Health System have very similar missions and values. This partnership allows us to enhance our ability to provide integrated services and continuity of care for patients in the community," said Amy Null, system director of laboratory services for Mount Carmel Health.

Mount Carmel and Madison County Hospital are part of a health alliance which also includes The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center.

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## Should all Churches have Crucifixes; Why “Fear” the Lord?

Q. Over the years, I have visited a considerable number of Catholic churches, and most of them have a crucifix on the wall of the sanctuary behind the altar, as well as one which is carried in the entrance procession when Mass is celebrated. Occasionally, though, I have been in a church that had no crucifix at all -- neither on the wall of the sanctuary nor in the entrance procession.

What is the rule? Where should the crucifix be in a Catholic church? (And also, if you have time, why do Protestant churches have only a bare cross, while Catholic churches show Christ's body on the cross?) (Menomonie, Wis.)

A. According to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, a cross bearing the figure of Christ crucified should be affixed on or close to the altar in a Catholic church. (Usually it is mounted on a wall; rarely would it be placed on the altar table itself, lest it obstruct the congregation's view of the eucharistic sacrifice.)

One option permitted liturgically and used in some churches is to have a processional crucifix, which is carried into the sanctuary at the beginning of Mass and then placed near the altar. When Mass is not taking place, that cross remains in a stand near the altar as a reminder of the “saving passion of the Lord,” (*GIRM*, 308).

As to your “cross vs. crucifix” question, the Catholic Church has always given preference to the crucifix because it sees the death of Christ as redemptive. In the Eucharist, the sacrifice of Jesus is re-presented, its merits applied to those who participate in the Mass, and the crucifix stands as a visible sign of what is taking place on the altar.

Most Protestant churches, particularly evangelical ones, have opted instead for a simple cross for a variety of reasons. Some Protestants believe (erroneously) that the Catholic Church holds that Christ “dies again and again” each time Mass is offered, and Protestants reject that non-scriptural notion by not displaying the corpus of Christ.

Some Protestants have held that Catholic veneration of an image of Christ's body is idolatrous. The main reason, though, is that many Protestants feel that the empty cross gives clearer witness to the resurrection of the Lord.

Q. I often hear references, both in worship and in religious teaching, to “fear of the Lord.” I struggle with this because I think of God as so forgiving and passionate in his love for the people he has created. Do we really mean “fear,” or just the highest respect? (Farmington Hills, Mich.)

A. The word “fear,” in many people's minds, has a negative connotation. But closer study shows there are really two kinds of fear -- servile and filial.

“Servile” comes from the Latin word for slave, and that sort of fear is self-centered, worried about being punished for a misdeed.

“Filial” is from the Latin for son or daughter, and filial fear is inspired by love. It is the desire never to disappoint a parent or to betray a trust; filial fear is based on wonder and awe, reverence and respect.

Your question tells me that you understand this distinction. It is the second sort, filial fear, that is meant in the Book of Proverbs 9:10, when it says fear of the Lord is “the beginning of wisdom.” This is also the type of



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fear referred to when Acts of the Apostles 9:31 says of the early Christians: “The church throughout all Judea, Galilee and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.”

Without forgetting that there are consistent reminders in the Scriptures about divine retribution for sinfulness, a Christian should primarily be motivated not by fright, but by fidelity, by a desire to return God's lavish love.

I sometimes ask people to tell me the first image they think of when I say the word “God.” To some extent, this is a function of personality type and, perhaps even more, of a person's early religious education.

For me -- and, I suspect, for many -- that first image used to be of some giant scorekeeper in the sky, writing pluses and minuses on a large blackboard. But no more; now I think, instead, of the father of the prodigal son, running down the road to throw his arms around his once-wayward boy and saying, “It's OK. Don't worry about it. You're home. Let's have a party.”

That is the image Jesus projects of his heavenly Father -- someone much more ready to embrace than to punish.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

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## MEET ME ON THE SIDEWALK

By Beth Vanderkool

Executive Director/Greater Columbus Right to Life

For many, Saturdays are a day to tackle household and yard projects, drive kids to practices, or hit the gym. But on most Saturdays, Diane, Kim, Mark, Ashley, and others lace up their tennis shoes, grab a bottle of water, and hit the sidewalk. They are not going out for a jog. They are an elite group of sidewalk counselors trained by Greater Columbus Right to Life (GCRTL), and together with a team of faithful prayer partners, they head out to 1243 E Broad St., an unassuming building in downtown Columbus and the home of Ohio's first abortion clinic.

Another familiar face at the clinic is Diane Vincent. Diane is well-known in the Columbus pro-life and Catholic communities. Her involvement in the pro-life ministry resulted from a miscarriage in 1996. Although her pro-life activities have varied over the years, especially when her children were young, she considers herself a “revert” to the sidewalk. “I went to (the) Founder's (clinic) on Saturdays a dozen years ago with my friend Joe to pray while he sidewalk counseled. I went back a year ago to support my friend Mark. Others describe going as something you get addicted to, and there is a lot to that,” she said.

“Once you go, you witness the need. You engage someone in conversation, perhaps you convince a mom to allow you to escort her down the street to the pregnancy help center. So you continue to step out in faith. While my personality tends toward the role of prayer partner, I am now more apt to speak up if there is a need. Some weeks, I feel like I am there to counsel the counselors -- to affirm amid rejection or even answer questions they ask about what Catholics believe. By the grace of God, may more people be open to this amazing way to make a difference for someone.”

Diane's friend Mark Wolf has traveled around the nation with many pro-life groups. He is one of the group's more experienced and effective sidewalk counselors, and his passion for the defense of the unborn inspires others. He said, “This group of sidewalk counselors is really special. While we may have some religious differences, it's just not something we think about. We are passionately united in serving Christ through serving ‘these least brothers of mine.’ We see ourselves as brothers and sisters in Christ, fellow members of the Body of Christ.”

This was especially evident one morning in late June when a group of nearly 50 people, most of them youths, came from Foundation Church in Washington Court House to pray and sing Psalm 139. Three women walked away from their planned abortions that day. Certainly, the light of God shone brightly. Mark feels a special calling to get more Catholics actively involved in pro-life ministry. “We Catholics have held, from the earliest Christian writings through the current catechism, that abortion is a great moral evil. We can and must do more,” he said.

Ashley and her fiancé, Jonathon, along with a half-dozen other sidewalk counselors, attend Foundation Church. For Ashley and Jonathon, pro-life ministry is a strong component of their faith. Ashley uses social media and her blog as evangelization tools for spreading the pro-life message and recruiting people to the movement.

“For me, being a sidewalk counselor is more than spreading the pro-life message,” she said.



“It's more than just getting women to change their minds. It's about sharing the Gospel to a lost and dying world, awakening people to the fact that every human being here on this earth has value, no matter how small or frail. Every human was put on this earth by God. I hope and pray I will live to see the end of abortion.”

Some groups use graphic imagery or signs to challenge audiences to think about abortion, but GCRTL volunteers leave that behind when they go to the sidewalk. Their goal is to meet women at their points of need. Effective counselors quickly learn that this sometimes means leaving pro-life and even faith imagery at home. “Our primary goal is to help women,” said Beth Vanderkool, GCRTL executive director. “Our volunteers do not heckle, they do not judge, and they do not condemn, and they are quick to speak up if others do.”

Vanderkool acknowledged that most women who come to the clinic continue with their abortion, describing this as a heart-breaking situation. “Others stop and tell us their stories,” she said. “Frequently, we hear that a mom doesn't really want an abortion, but she thinks it's her

shift turns away from the clinic. We just need more people to answer the call and join us.”

“During the past year, I have seen the great good that can be accomplished when trained counselors are present at the three Columbus abortion clinics, yet 95 percent of the time these clinics are open, there are no trained counselors to invite people going in to turn away,” said Wolf. “Catholics and other Christians have a great opportunity in front of them to greatly reduce abortion in the Diocese of Columbus, simply through thoughtful and caring one-on-one conversations and prayer.”

To learn more about the GCRTL sidewalk counseling program, to register for a training, or to support the work of the group, visit [www.gcrtl.org](http://www.gcrtl.org) or call (614) 445-8508.

Photo: Greater Columbus Right to Life sidewalk counselor Mark Wolf prays at the Founder's abortion clinic near downtown Columbus. Photo by Angie Robbins

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## ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Loren Brown



### Remembering our ancestors, sharing our history

The sun was barely over the horizon one morning as my father and I worked to remove a deteriorated foundation from a large gravestone of one of our ancestors. The cemetery dated back to the mid-1800s, and members of our family were laid to rest in the first couple of rows next to the country road that passed by the front entrance. Having done this many times, we settled into our work, somewhat oblivious to the world around us.

On this particular beautiful morning, though, an old high school friend and his wife happened to use the country road as their route for leisurely cycling. I had not seen the couple for a few years, and they were quite shocked to see me digging in a cemetery until I explained the misperception and heard their curious laughter. It was a surprising and humorous setting for reconnecting as friends, and I'm not sure I'll ever be able to explain my way out of that situation again without some lighthearted joking.

My fascination with genealogy has driven me to visit many other cemeteries throughout the Northeast and England. My research generally includes sifting through documents in musty church base-

ment record rooms, libraries, and historical archives, followed by a visit to the final resting place of an ancestor. If the gravestone is still legible, a wave of respectful joy overcomes me. Fortunately, many of my ancestors' gravestones were made of slate or had been well-maintained by family and cemetery commissioners.

Over the years, I've certainly heard countless groans of "Not another cemetery, Dad" coming from the back seat of our car. However, today I think our children appreciate the beauty of cemeteries because of all of the stops we made. They've learned how families can spend quality time together remembering ancestors and sharing history.

In our Diocese of Columbus, we are so fortunate to have more than 60 beautiful Catholic cemeteries. Although not the vintage cemeteries I am accustomed to in my genealogy work, they are a final resting place for loved ones to visit as families, praying together and sharing memories in very beautiful and peaceful settings.

Will families 50 years from now still experience beautiful and

peaceful settings while visiting our Catholic cemeteries? For families hoping to find their Catholic ancestors 200 and 400 years from now, will we have set a standard of care for the final resting places of our loved ones?

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*Brown is the president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation and a parishioner at Granville St. Ed-*

The retreat will begin with registration at 5 p.m. Friday and conclude with Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday. There also will be a Mass on Saturday morning. Father Ghiloni will give four talks, and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, night prayers, and Benediction on Friday and Saturday. Time also will be set aside for Stations of the Cross, the rosary, and a question-and-answer session and group discussion.

The suggested donation is \$130 to cover the cost of two

nights' lodging and five meals. Each participant will have a private room, with shower and bed linens provided. A prayer manual will be available for chapel exercises. The center also has a small library, but participants may wish to bring their own Bibles or other reading material, plus a rosary.

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## I Rise



Lighting the Way  
Joseph Thomas

Events in time can play an important role in how we are formed as people. Sometimes we experience something that changes our perspective on life. That, in turn, shapes us. It reminds us that we are a product of not only the environment that surrounds us, but also the spiritual world that unites us all. Our roles in society reflect this ability to adapt and change. Most of us believe that we either make our mark on this world or stay in moderate seclusion. I believe that we all contribute in some way to the needs of others and are therefore part of a much bigger picture, a much larger world.

One day, I found myself looking into the sky and wondering what the saints must think of us down here and how we are so preoccupied in trying to reach for the stars. What we think of while rising to begin a new day here on earth might not be a distance, but in the time between the dream state and our own awakening, sights, sounds, and noises can affect our awareness.

As I watched the fireworks celebrations this past July, I was reminded of Mary and of her assumption into heaven. We all live our lives as the rocket does. We are forged by fire, existing in a raging flame as we rise into the sky. We let off a brilliant show of light and love, then we fall back down to the ground as a simple piece of ash, dimming with each second.

Mary, on the other hand, lived a life of sacrifice, a life of hope, a much different life than the rest of the human race. She never fell back to earth. She rose into eternity with Christ. But do not fret, for we, too, will be taken into Heaven on that last day, but how we are judged will be based on how we responded to the needs of those around us and on the nature of how small or large a measure we lifted a giving soul.

St. Alphonsus de Liguori once said of Mary: "Now death came; not indeed clothed in mourning and grief, as it does to others, but adorned with light and gladness. But what do we say? Why speak of death? Let us rather say that divine love came and cut the thread of that noble life. And as a light, before going out, gives a last and brighter flash than ever, so did this beautiful creature, on hearing her Son's invitation to follow him, wrapped in the flames of love, and in the midst of her loving sighs, give a last

sigh of still more ardent love, and breathing forth her soul, expired."

This reminds me of those July fireworks we watched as they soared into the sky, flashed their brilliance of color and light, then faded as the embers caught the night sky. Like those brilliant flashes, we exist and glow for only a short time here on earth. But for Mary, hers will be a star that never extinguishes, a memory that will last forever.

One day, we will follow in the footsteps of our Blessed Mother. To everyone within the sound of my voice and with the ability to hear Christ's call, I humbly say:

*To the eastern sun, I rise,*

*To the soul that roams free, I rise,*

*To His honor and majesty, I rise,*

*To our faith in all we love and cherish, I rise, and,*

*To my journey on that last day, I - will - rise.*

May we come to Mary in prayer, and may she become our guide. May the sky ever reveal its true colors, and may His peace be with you always.

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## Spiritual Warfare

By Father Patrick Toner

My usual response to the question "How are you doing?" is "I am doing good and fighting evil." That means steady employment. Let's consider strategies. Some people prefer to be on the defensive and some prefer the offensive. As with most things in life, balance is the key.

The defensive strategy is to avoid evil. You start with an awareness of sin, an examination of conscience based upon the Ten Commandments and the two great commandments. They teach us what behaviors to avoid. The Ten Commandments were given to us to protect us and to bless us. They protect us by pointing out what is wrong and direct us toward a relationship with God. St. Paul, as a Pharisee, understood that should result in a righteous

life. After a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, he reassessed his view.

The offensive strategy is to actively seek to practice virtues. For St. Paul, that meant imitating Christ. When he wrote to the Ephesians about putting on the armor of Christ, he did not intend for them to just walk around ready to defend themselves. You put on the armor to do battle. Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

As a Catholic, I was taught to imitate Christ and the saints. The saints are heroes of faith who have fought the good fight and now are with the Lord in heaven. Their stories offer encouragement and example. As a military chaplain, I have often reflected upon the Four Chaplains who gave their lives aboard the USS Dorchester in World War II and the chaplains who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

They set a high standard to imitate.

All evil needs is for good people to do nothing. A reflection on the evil of Nazism goes something like this: "I said nothing when they came for the Gypsies, because I wasn't a Gypsy; I said nothing when they came for the Jews because I wasn't a Jew; I said nothing when they came for the homosexuals because I wasn't a homosexual; when they came for the Catholics, there was no one left to speak for me."

We cannot hope to win a war of attrition when our enemy is dividing us. Islam speaks of the Great Jihad as the struggle against evil within. Defense is not enough. Put on the armor of Christ and get out there and fight evil.

*Father Patrick Toner is pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church.*

# CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL

## OPENING COMPLETES FIVE YEARS OF PREPARATION

**BY TIM PUET**

Reporter, Catholic Times

Five years of anticipation and planning have ended with the start of classes for Columbus Cristo Rey High School at its temporary home across from Mount Carmel West Hospital.

The school's doors opened for its

pioneer freshman class of students from economically disadvantaged families on Monday, Aug. 5. The class consists of 83 members, but there is room for more, with applications being taken through Wednesday, Aug. 28.

After two weeks of training for the business world and a week of regular classroom activity, the students this

week will begin gaining real-world work experience at 20 Columbus-area employers which are partnering with the school in Cristo Rey's unique work-study program.

The young people usually will be attending classes four days a week and going to the businesses to which they have been assigned on the fifth day, plus one extra day monthly for

a total of five business days each month. Three or four students will work as a team at each employer to fill one position.

They will perform entry-level clerical tasks such as scanning or filing documents, preparing and assembling presentation materials, answering phones, and addressing and stuffing envelopes — the kind of “ground floor” work that's not glamorous, but often is the first step to success in a corporate environment.

Those positions will give most Cristo Rey students the type of exposure to the business world they might not otherwise have a chance to obtain because of their economic circumstances.

The first Cristo Rey school was founded by priests of the Jesuit order in 1996 in Chicago's Pilsen area, a Hispanic neighborhood of working-class families. When the Jesuits surveyed the area's residents to determine its most critical needs, the response they received most often involved a college-preparatory education and the chance to give children a vision beyond what the neighborhood had to offer.

The Cristo Rey model was designed to meet those needs. From Chicago, it has spread nationwide. Columbus Cristo Rey High School is the 26th member of a network of schools in 17 states, with four other schools in various stages of development. The schools have more than 7,500 students nationwide, from families with an average income of \$35,000. Ninety-eight percent of 2012 Cristo Rey graduates nationwide enrolled in a two- or four-year college, with 87 percent continuing into their sophomore college year.

**Top: Columbus Cristo Rey High School president Jim Foley talks to students as classes start on Monday, Aug. 5. Bottom: Eight students involved in a training program with Nationwide Insurance attend an orientation session on Thursday, Aug. 15. CT photos by Jack Kustron**

“None of us had any idea in the beginning that the concept would be so successful,” said Father John Foley, SJ, founder of the Cristo Rey schools, who visited Columbus Friday, Aug. 16, to attend a Mass at Holy Family Church for Cristo Rey students and their families. “The only explanation for the way the program has spread is that it's truly a gift from God. Now with its continued growth, our concern is that it doesn't grow too big too quickly.”

A Cristo Rey school has been open in Cleveland since 2004, with a school in Cincinnati joining the network in 2010. Interest in having the program in Columbus began in 2008 after Columbus Cristo Rey board member Mark Hara, vice president of marketing for Nationwide Insurance, said he and some other Nationwide executives read a story in a Cincinnati newspaper about plans for the school there.

“The story got us thinking that this was a really neat idea,” he said. “What especially attracted us was the jobs program. We were looking for new ways to extend the involvement we've had in the Columbus community since Nationwide was founded by the Ohio Farm Bureau in 1926. We saw this as a great opportunity to do that and to make a difference in some young people's lives.”

Nationwide played a key role in early plans for the Columbus school through the efforts of Hara, his colleagues, and the company's former chief executive officer, Jerry Jurgensen. Diocesan school Superintendent Lucia McQuaide and Bishop Frederick Campbell also were early supporters of the school.

An event at Huntington Park in 2009 raised \$100,000 for a feasibility study conducted by Barbara Brown, who has been involved with many diocesan projects over the years, to determine whether there was sufficient interest in a Cristo Rey high school. The survey showed widespread support, and plans pro-

ceeded from there.

The school's first employee was Jim Foley, who was hired as president at the beginning of 2012 after a 30-year career with a Columbus law firm. Dr. Cathy Thomas, founding principal of the Cristo Rey school in Houston, took the same position in Columbus on July 1 of that year.

Other key members of the school's leadership team are Carolyn Flahive, work-study program director, who also came to Cristo Rey after several years with a local law firm, and James Ragland, development director, a leader in social services, education, and government affairs through positions with Columbus City Council and The Ohio State University.

Also on the school staff are Amanda Detry, work-study coordinator; Meghan Devring, admissions director; Dr. Daia Hatchett-Jackson, assistant admissions director; and Jessica Hamill and Gladys Martinez-Riquel, administrative assistants. Faculty members are George Rooney, math; Ani Mwalimu, history; Julianne Corotto, science; Carolyn Kirby-Rogers, technology; David Clark, English; and Anthony Fior, theology.

The staff will be growing much larger over the next three years, with new classes of about the same size being added each year until the current freshmen become seniors in 2016-17. Students are going to classes this year in the former diocesan family and child guidance center at 840 W. State St. But that building is too small for the anticipated 400 or so students who will be attending the school by the fall of 2016, so operations will be moving next fall to the former Ohio State School for the Deaf, which Cristo Rey purchased from the Columbus Metropolitan Library for \$1 million.

“You're the envy of the other 25 Cristo Rey schools because you'll have such a gorgeous, classical building,” Father Foley said of the structure, which has a 114-year history and has served several uses.

**Top: Cristo Rey students are greeted on the way to an assembly where they learned their work-study assignments. Center: Catera Stokes-Holliday meets Linda Hatfield of Nationwide. Bottom: Jim Flynn of Bricker and Eckler greets Sir'Quara Carroll. Also pictured are Aaron Bowen (left) and Lenaja Brown.**

Photos by Jack Kustron



“I'm excited, happy, and tired,” Jim Foley, who is not related to Father Foley, said just after greeting the students as a group for the first time on the school's opening day. “It's been a lot of work by a lot of people leading to this point. It's very satisfying to have students together in one place, and they're a great group of kids.”

“This is an important milestone, but there are many more to come as we start recruiting the next class, making plans for the Deaf School building, and looking for more businesses and individuals to support us financially so this growth can happen.”

Foley said recruiting students to be part of the school's inaugural class was his biggest challenge in preparing for classes. “We're a brand-new school and most people don't know about us,” he said. Cristo Rey is the first new diocesan high school in Columbus since Father Wehrle High School opened in 1965. That school closed for economic reasons in 1991. “Some people have a certain amount of caution about a brand-new school, so we worked very hard to get the word out,” Foley said.

“Recruiting was a very time-consuming effort, and we found there was no substitute for face-to-face conversation with students at their schools. We visited any parochial or charter school that would welcome us and invited interested students to

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come here for introductory sessions we had once a week. We hope that once people see what members of this year's class are doing, it will help us get a running start on next year."

Devring said 138 young people applied to attend the school. Admission was based on elementary-school grades, scores on standardized tests, letters of recommendation from school or community leaders, responses to a brief questionnaire, and interviews with students and families.

"You can tell even from the limited time we've seen them that this is an exceptional group of young people," Thomas said. "At first, they seemed a little apprehensive, as they would at any new school, and as the first class, they didn't have anyone telling them what Cristo Rey is like. One thing that impressed me is that no one's trying to posture and look impressive. They're all reaching out to each other."

Foley told the students they were selected to attend the school because of the desire for improvement they have shown. "Our goal is to

change Columbus one student at a time," he said. "We want you to be leaders in whatever position you take. We don't just want you to graduate from high school, but from college, and we'll know we're successful if, after you graduate from college, you help transform this country."

One member of the inaugural class, Daquan Holloway, said Foley's words described the kind of person he would like to be if he attains his desire to become a lawyer.

"I want to pursue something where I can do a lot of good for people and where, through speaking, I can help others, support the community, and help myself," he said. "My parents and I chose Cristo Rey because we knew this would be a school that works."

"I wanted to come here because it's unlike any other school I've heard of," said classmate Janie Mendoza-Garcia, who is thinking about a career helping animals, possibly as a veterinarian. "Today (the first day of classes), I woke up early because I couldn't sleep. Then I saw a lot of the other kids feeling the same way and it calmed

me down," she said.

The students' families pay \$200 to \$2,500 a year for their education, with the amount determined by ability to pay. Tuition is \$12,000 per year. Employers pay \$26,000 for one shared work-study position, with the rest of the school's expenses paid for by donors. The school's most recent donation, a \$100,000 gift from Rita and Lamar Hunt Jr. through their Loretto Charities, was announced following the Mass at Holy Family.

Most students are from the Columbus school district, with others from the Whitehall, Groveport-Madison, and South-Western districts. Any student living within the Columbus district has buses available. Those living outside the area must find their own transportation.

The majority of the students come to school on one of four buses by 7:45 a.m. Buses also take them to their workplaces on their work-study days and pick them up. Classes end at 4 p.m., but the buses don't leave until 5:30, giving them time to return from work or take part in tutoring or after-school activities.

Businesses or organizations which are providing Cristo Rey work-study opportunities this year are Bricker and Eckler, Commerce National Bank, Corna Kokosing, Dawson Personnel, the Diocese of Columbus Development Office, the Franklin County Development Department, Grange Insurance, Kimball Midwest, LifeCare Alliance, Lower Lights Christian Health Center, Motorists Insurance (two positions), the Mount Carmel Foundation, Mount Carmel Marketing,



Columbus Cristo Rey High School student Sir'Quara Carroll learns about some of the duties she will be performing at the Bricker and Eckler law office from mentor Carolyn Vinyard. She is one of four Cristo Rey students in work-study positions with the firm.

Nationwide Children's Hospital, Nationwide Insurance (two positions), the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, Pacer International, Panacea Products, SafeAuto, and Safelite Auto Glass.

Students learned where they were going for their work-study placements on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at a ceremony which included elements of the Academy Awards and the NFL draft. They walked down a red carpet into the Mount Carmel West Hospital staff auditorium. As placements were

revealed, representatives from each business presented the students with baseball caps bearing the logos of Cristo Rey and their company and posed for group pictures with the students.

Two days later, the students went to those businesses for orientation. The eight who will work with Nationwide appeared a little overwhelmed by the Nationwide Plaza complex, but were reassured by company representative Stacy Dunbar that they would adjust quickly

to their roles in the finance office downtown and claims offices in Westerville and Powell. "We may look scary, but we're not," she said. "We're family and want to make you successful."

"It's a big place, but I think I can handle it," said Catera Stokes-Holliday, who will work in the finance office. "I'm excited because I can work in a professional environment. It's my dream to go to college, and my parents and I knew Cristo Rey would give me a better chance."



Walking through the halls of Nationwide Plaza are (from left) Mark Hara, Qadirah Earthman, Catera Stokes-Holliday, Barrington Mwaura, Adoria Duncan, and John Nguyen.



Caterina Stokes-Holliday shows her identification badge from Nationwide Insurance. She and three other Cristo Rey students will be working in the company's finance department.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap's monthly speaker series will open Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. at El Vaquero, 2030 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, with Jake Tawney speaking on "Virtue: Changing the Way We Think About Moral Questions."

We typically think about moral questions in terms of "ought" and "ought not." Such a mentality conceives of moral activity in terms of obligation, and leads to endless debates about why we ought or ought not to act in a certain manner.

This way of thinking is fairly new in the area of ethics. There is a different, far more ancient way of considering the entire area of moral decision making. In this talk, Tawney will present this "better way" of thinking and trace its development from the epic narratives of old, through the ancient philosophers and into the thought of Thomas Aquinas.

Tawney has spent nearly a decade in education, serving as a teacher and

administrator in public schools and an adjunct professor of mathematics at the Pontifical College Josephinum. He runs and writes for *Roma Locuta Est*, a website dedicated to all things Catholic, with a particular focus on the liturgy. In 2011, he wrote a series of columns for the *Catholic Times* dissecting and examining the changes to the Roman Missal which were made that year.

Theology on Tap is an invitation for young adults to learn more about their faith and to share in their Catholic community, based on a spirit of hospitality which creates a space for people in their 20s and 30s to explore how faith in Christ can speak to their circumstances.

For more information, join Columbus Theology on Tap's Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/ColumbusTheologyonTap](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ColumbusTheologyonTap), send an email message to [cbustheologyontap@gmail.com](mailto:cbustheologyontap@gmail.com), or call Holly Monnier at (614) 390-8653.

## SIGN-UP BEGINS FOR SERVICE SATURDAY

Catholic Social Services is sponsoring its semiannual Service Saturday on Oct. 12. Volunteers will help older adults and disabled individuals in Franklin County who need help with small home repairs, painting, yardwork, or other special projects.

Volunteers will gather at 8:30 a.m. at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave. Anyone who knows of someone aged 60 or older or a disabled person of any age who lives in Franklin County and could

benefit from the assistance provided by the volunteers is asked to contact Peggy Sirbaugh at (614) 857-1238 or [psirbaugh@colscs.org](mailto:psirbaugh@colscs.org) by Friday, Sept. 6.

There will be a maximum of 30 worksites. Plumbing and electrical projects will not be accepted.

Anyone interested in volunteering also may call Sirbaugh. The deadline for volunteering is Monday, Sept. 23. Volunteers younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

## The kingdom starts small and keeps growing



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 66:18-21  
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13  
Luke 13:22-30

Isaiah speaks of “gathering all peoples and tongues.” It is an odd expression and probably means the people who speak all kinds of different languages will be gathered to see the glory of the Lord, who is restoring (indeed, recreating) the defeated and all but dead Israel.

The great “Diaspora” (scattering) of Israel to the nations and the return of exiles to Jerusalem will show the mighty power of the Lord. Those who go to the ends of the earth will **announce** what the Lord has done. Those who come to Jerusalem will **see** what the Lord has done. Some have thought this to be an end-time prophecy. Christians interpret it as an anticipation of the Christ event.

The Gospel raises the question of whether there will be only a few who will be “saved.” The question follows the parable of the mustard seed, which started small and grew to be large, and the parable of yeast kneaded into flour, which made the whole batch of dough rise.

Both parables were used to describe the kingdom of God. Thus, the kingdom starts out small and grows into something large. It also grows, we know not how, just as yeast makes dough expand.

Now the issue of whether few will be saved is raised. In this context, “being saved” means entering into the kingdom, which has just been described. The answer Jesus gives is cryptic at best. It suggests there are going to be surprises. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will be in the kingdom. Those coming from

the four directions represent the Gentiles, who have been responding to the gospel in great numbers by the time Luke writes. He suggests that his contemporaries will be left out if they fail to act on his words.

Of course, these words could also be Luke’s, warning his own contemporaries of the same thing. It is not enough to “eat and drink” in Jesus’ company, unless people act on his words. That is the narrow gate or door or entry way which is mentioned. We must constantly struggle to get through that narrow passageway. The verb Luke uses in Greek (*agonizein*) is the same root from which we get the word “agony.” Agony involves a real struggle, whether physical or mental, as anyone who has suffered mental or physical agony can attest.

Those not admitted will be left outside, where there will be “wailing and grinding of teeth,” which was once translated “weeping and the gnashing of teeth.” This latter term has a more sinister ring to it, and is preferred by some as a translation. Those left outside will find it unpleasant, no matter how it’s translated.

The author of Hebrews uses a variant form of the verb Luke had used (*agonizein*) to describe the “struggle” against sin. This came before speaking about “the discipline of the Lord,” which refers to Proverbs 3:11-12. “Discipline” is a show of love for us by the Lord, though it may not appear that way at the time. The advice given here often falls on deaf ears. We are encouraged to accept discipline from the Lord, not for the pain it might bring, but for the later fruit of righteousness it brings.

Those training for marathons put themselves through all kinds of pain for the fleeting joy of finishing a long run. Enduring the pain is part of the discipline. Hebrews applies similar thinking to the way the Christian must endure all kinds of pain as part of the Lord’s discipline, in preparation for the lasting joy that comes when the training is over ... timely advice in any age!

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

## Pregnancy Decision Health Centers banquet

Peggy Hartshorn, the president of Columbus-based Heartbeat International, will be the keynote speaker at the annual banquet benefiting Pregnancy Decision Health Centers. The event will be at two sites – Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, and Fairfield Christian Church, 1965 N. Columbus St., Lancaster, at the same time the following night.

PDHC opened the doors of its first location, along with its 24-hour hotline, in January 1981. It was the realization of a common vision shared by a group of Columbus couples, including Hartshorn, who for the past 20 years has been in charge of Heartbeat International, the first network of pro-life pregnancy help networks in the U.S., and the largest and most expansive in the world.

In its first year, PDHC interacted with more than 3,000 women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. Now serving more than 21,000 women per year through its hotline, Web-based communications, and in person, PDHC has grown to six locations in central Ohio.

“It has been such a pleasure to watch PDHC grow from the first day until now,” said Hartshorn, who formerly served as chairman of PDHC’s board of directors. “It’s an enormous blessing and honor to be invited to speak on behalf of this excellent ministry, which has served as a great friend to so many of our pregnancy help partners over the years.”

*For more information on the banquet, visit <http://www.pdhc.org/banquets-2013>.*

## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,8b-10  
Psalm 149:1-6,9  
Matthew 23:13-22

TUESDAY  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Psalm 139:1-3,4-6  
Matthew 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Psalm 139:7-12  
Matthew 23:27-32

THURSDAY  
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13  
Psalm 90:3-4,12-14,17  
Mark 6:17-29

FRIDAY  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8  
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,10-12  
Matthew 25:1-13

SATURDAY  
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11  
Psalm 98:1,7-9  
Matthew 25:14-30

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 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](http://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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

## On really not getting it



THE CATHOLIC  
DIFFERENCE  
George Weigel

In the wake of late-term abortionist Kermit Gosnell’s homicide convictions this past May, several state legislatures began crafting laws that would protect unborn life at earlier stages of gestation, while shutting down horror houses such as Gosnell’s Philadelphia “clinic.” Whether these laws will stand constitutional scrutiny remains to be seen. What is worth noting now is the degree to which deeply entrenched supporters of the unrestricted abortion license created by the Supreme Court in 1973 still don’t get it—and still continue to muddle the public debate with their confusions.

Thus, a June 29 editorial in *The Washington Post* deplored the fact that these proposed state statutes would “... require abortion clinics to meet the same standards as surgery centers, like those in hospital wings.” Moreover, “doctors who perform abortions would have to admit privileges at nearby hospitals. ... The case that such standards are needed to protect the health of abortion patients ... is weak.”

Say what? In many states, abortuaries are not required to meet health and safety standards required of the local McDonald’s or Wendy’s. After testimony in the Gosnell case depicted a foul, cluttered, ghoulish “clinic” in which basic sanitary standards were massively violated, how can anyone reasonably suggest that the case for protecting women by enforcing proper sanitation and safety standards for surgical procedures is “weak”? How can anyone reasonably suggest that there is a “weak case” for requiring that those who perform those procedures have the minimal professional credentials of other surgeons and doctors? How can anyone plausibly and conscientiously claim to promote “women’s health” by resisting such regu-

lations?

The *Post*’s obfuscations were of a piece with the deep confusions of one of the paper’s regular op-ed writers, Ruth Marcus, who in an April column described state legislative efforts to hollow out *Roe v. Wade*’s abortion license through state regulation of abortion clinics as “the result of a sincere and intense belief—one I do not share—that abortion is the taking of a human life.”

Well, one wants to ask, what is it, then?

What, precisely, are those creatures whose spinal cords Kermit Gosnell cut with scissors? Why did all of Great Britain ask “Is it a baby girl or a baby boy?” when the Duchess of Cambridge became pregnant? Why did no one ask of the former Kate Middleton and future Queen of England, “Is it a male fetus or a female fetus?” Why does a widely used embryology textbook state what every first-year biology student can see, absent ideological blinders: that the product of human conception is a human being with a unique genetic identity, capable of self-directed development so long as neither nature (in the form of miscarriage) nor technology (in the form of abortion, chemical or

surgical) intrudes?

Ms. Marcus’s confusions do not stop at Embryology 101, however. After correctly noting that the legal battle for unborn human life was largely being won when the Supreme Court pre-empted the state legislative struggle in 1973, Marcus noted that, regardless of what was happening in state capitols, a 1973 Gallup Poll “found 64 percent agreeing that ‘the decision to have an abortion should be made solely by a woman and her physician.’” And here is another of the canards of Those Who Really Don’t Get It.

The abortion decision is most frequently made, not by a woman and “her physician,” but by a frightened woman talking with a “counselor” in a clinic run by an agency such as Planned Parenthood, which has a deep financial interest in abortion. That frightened woman, who often has been abandoned by an irresponsible man, is then remanded to an abortion “provider” who is no more “her physician” than he or she is “her hairdresser.”

And in light of the Gosnell case, which revealed grotesqueries like infant feet and hands kept in jars in refrigerators, do Ruth Marcus and the *Post* editorial board really think of the Kermit Gosnells of this world as “physicians”? Are the Chinese doctors who remove organs from political prisoners “physicians?”

Is the abortion license worth this shameful abdication of decency and reason?

*George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.*



## Deacons celebrate anniversaries

Seven deacons celebrated significant anniversaries of ordination at the annual summer convocation of diocesan deacons on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Pictured are (from left), front row: Deacon W. Earl McCurry (30 years, Columbus Holy Family), Deacon Burdette “Pete” Peterson (30 years, Zanesville St. Nicholas), Deacon Bart Supino (10 years, retired from active diaconal ministry but continues to help at Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul), Deacon Gordon Kunkler (30 years, Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes and Madison County prison ministry), Deacon Larry Wilson (10 years, Heath St. Leonard); back row, Deacon Frank Iannarino (director, Office of the Diaconate), Bishop Frederick Campbell, Deacon Tom Berg Sr. (30 years, retired from active diaconal ministry but continues to help at Powell St. Joan of Arc). Unable to attend was Deacon Gene Staker (30 years, Zanesville St. Nicholas).







BOOK REVIEW

## Time travel to Jesus' time

By Betty Ellen Walter  
Catholic News Service

Sister Maria Grace Dateno remembers reading voraciously as a child, but she never thought she would become an author of children's fiction about time travel.

Her series, *Gospel Time Trekkers*, is being published by Pauline Books and Media. The first three books in the series were released Aug. 1.

Sister Maria Grace (pictured at right reading to children) has high hopes.

"I want children to know that what they have learned about Jesus isn't just stories," she said. "The people who lived when Jesus walked the earth were real people and their lives were forever changed. I hope that my books will awaken a desire to know and love Jesus more deeply in the hearts of my readers."

Sister Maria Grace knows a thing or two about books. She is a Daughter of St. Paul. Her congregation's mission is to ignite the faith through various forms of media. They model themselves after St. Paul, who spread the good news about Jesus to the early church.

The Paulines publish books, produce radio programs, sing, and sell publications at 15 bookstores in 11 states and in Toronto. Sister Maria Grace manages the Pauline Books and Media store in Alexandria, Va., a Washington suburb.

A teenage Maria Grace Dateno found herself at a mother-



daughter dinner at her home parish, St. Lawrence Church in Alexandria. The guest speaker, a Pauline nun, spoke about the order's mission and shared a display of books.

"That was a key moment for me because I had occasionally thought about being a sister, but I didn't feel called to teaching, nursing, or living a contemplative life," she recalled. "The Daughters of St. Paul were into books, and that was something that caught my attention."

She joined the postulancy immediately after high school, and will celebrate her silver anniversary as a religious in 2014.

Her path to writing began when she joined the Paulines.

"Writing is part of the charism of our community. The desire to communicate Christ to others is what spurs me to write, and this desire increased as I realized that God has given me some ability," she said.

In 2007, one of her biological sisters gave her an added push by introducing her to [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org), the site of National Novel Writing Month, which is dedicated to motivating budding writers to give one month a year to their dream.

"In 2009, the third time I participated in the National Novel Writing Month challenge, I wrote a draft of the novel that has turned into the *Gospel Time Trekkers* series. After I had a draft, I worked on developing the stories to the point that they could be published."

Sister Christina Wegendt, her editor at Pauline Books and Media, said that Sister Maria Grace's "careful research, attention to detail, enthusiasm for children's books, and deep love for the Gospels infuse these books. She immerses readers in some of the most unforgettable moments in the Gospels, helping them imagine what it would have been like to have been there themselves."

The first three books in the se-



ries, *Shepherds to the Rescue*, *Braving the Storm*, and *Danger at Sea*, will soon be available at [www.pauline.org](http://www.pauline.org) or through local Catholic bookstores. The three concluding books in the series will be released in January.

In the stories, three siblings – Hannah, 11; Caleb, 9; and Noah, 6 – are mysteriously transported to the time of Jesus. They encounter people who met Jesus and were present for events that are described in at least one of the four Gospels.

In the first book, the children meet a shepherd boy whose grandfather tells them about the angel he saw who heralded the arrival of Jesus.

In the second one, the children meet the boy who provided five loaves and two fish to Jesus and his disciples for feeding 5,000 people.

For the third journey back in time, the children meet a girl who overheard the disciples squabbling about which among them was the greatest. Readers see through the eyes of this girl how Jesus spoke to the disciples about who is first and who is last.

The books also provide many insights into what life was like during Jesus' time.

Sister Maria Grace explained, "Not knowing the cultural de-

tails of life in the first century detracts from an understanding of what Jesus is saying in the Gospels. Most people today know little about being a shepherd, for example – or what fishing was like, or how grapes were grown.

"So when Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd, or speaks of putting out into the deep or pruning the vine, how are we supposed to grasp his message?"

The Pauline sister believes her books introduce children to some of the cultural background to help them better understand the Good News.

In each story, the children return from their adventures, and on Sunday attend Mass. Various details of the liturgy and Father Joe's homilies connect to what they have learned on their journey. Each book ends with a section called "Where Is It in the Bible?" that offers the biblical foundation for the story.

"I really hope kids love my books," said Sister Maria Grace. "I've been praying, and will continue to pray for each reader -- that these books will give them a little push in their friendship with Jesus, a little help in grasping his mind-boggling love for each of us."

## VIOLENCE IN MIDDLE EAST TAKING A TOLL AMONG CHRISTIANS

Clouds of smoke rise from violence in Cairo, Egypt. Two Christian churches were attacked in Mallawi, south of Cairo, where Christians make up around 35 percent of the population. The attacks left decapitated statues, burned courtyards and door frames, sacked and burned church offices, and piles of rubble. Auxiliary Bishop Botros Fahim Awad Hanna of the Coptic Patriarchate of Alexandria posted photos of people praying in burned-out churches. Franciscan Sister Manal, principal of a school in Bani Suef, told of a six-hour ordeal in which a mob broke into the school, stole all computers and furniture, and set multiple fires. She said the mob knocked the cross off the street gate and replaced it with a black banner resembling the al-Qaida flag. (CNS photo/Louafi Larbi, Reuters)



Italian Jesuit Father Paolo Dall'Oglio (second from left) talks with Muslim shepherds in an ancient cave near the Mar Musa monastery in Syria in this 2008 file photo. Father Dall'Oglio, who has worked for decades in Syria, reportedly was kidnapped by an Islamist group in the country in late July. Also pictured are Father Greg Friedman (left) and Brother Robert Lenz (right), both U.S. Franciscan friars. (CNS photo/John Feister, St. Anthony Messenger)

# Msgr. Robert Noon's homily at the funeral Mass for Father Ronald L. Arter at Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church on Friday, Aug. 9

"Last Sunday, Aug. 4, was a unique and historical day at St. Joseph Church here in Sugar Grove. Events both expected and unexpected took place.

"At the morning Mass, Bishop Campbell presided and blessed the renovated sanctuary and consecrated the new altar of sacrifice. In its own way, it is an old altar, most of it made up of the altar which at one time stood against the back wall of the sanctuary and was consecrated by Bishop Watterson sometime in the 1890s, and which many of you remember

being here.

"After a reception, Bishop Campbell and Father Walter, your pastor, walked a half-block down the street to Father Arter's home. Here they visited for a while.

"I spoke on the phone to Father Arter a week ago tonight. His voice was stronger than usual and we talked for about 15 minutes, during which he told me about the coming Sunday Mass at the church and that the bishop was planning to come see him after Mass. He was so delighted and pleased. Thank you, thank you, Bishop,

for no one knew that within five-and-a-half hours, Father Ron would be with the Lord.

"Father Ron chose no particular Scripture passages or music passages for today's Mass. His family chose the beatitudes for the Gospel, and I am pleased that they made that selection. Let us look at a couple of the beatitudes as appropriate to Father Ron's life, but also very appropriate to our lives.

*"Blessed are the lowly (meek), for they shall inherit the land."*

"How fittingly this beatitude goes with Father

Ron's life. A quiet man, unobtrusive, he took things as they came. Gentle and concerned for others, he did not put himself forward. Yes, he could be strong in his decisions, but these decisions would be rather rare. The example of not choosing Scripture or music for the Mass could be one example of his meekness. He would not impose his wishes on others, and he would take whatever others decided for him.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."*

"I believe that with efforts of peace goes the virtue of patience, and this was exemplified in Father's life. He could wait things out. Even his own illness and suffering he bore with patient recognition. He knew what his illness involved and he adjusted to living with it. He set us all an example.

"But we need to ask ourselves how these two beatitudes are fulfilled in our lives. Lowliness and peacemaking seem to be two beatitudes at the very heart of our Christian living. Patience is one of the hardest virtues

for most of us to practice. How we get along with others, how we accept our situations in life may well be something we can pick up from the life of Father Ron. May he now be praying for us that his life example of peacemaking, patience, and meekness inspire us to a closer relationship with the Lord and with our neighbor.

"May angels lead you into paradise. May martyrs receive you at your coming and welcome you home. Welcome home, Father Ron. Welcome home."



## Meet Wil Haygood, author of "The Butler"



Ohio Dominican University welcomes Wil Haygood, author of "The Butler." Haygood's book is based on a series of articles he wrote for The Washington Post about a White House butler who served eight U.S. presidents.

Registration is free. The event includes a discussion about the book, articles and movie, as well as a book signing. Reserve your seat today at [www.chiodominican.edu/HaygoodEvent](http://www.chiodominican.edu/HaygoodEvent).



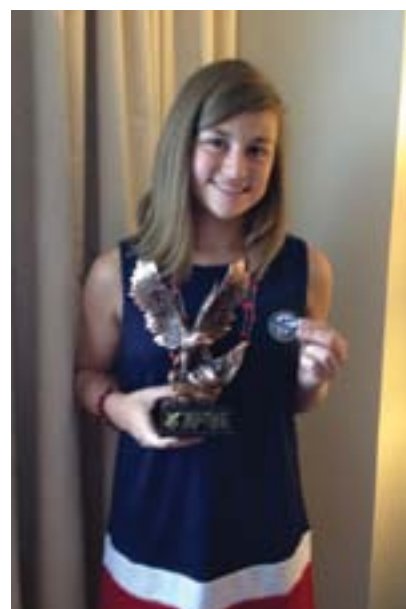
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### An Evening with Wil Haygood

7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12

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## Bishop Flaget student wins national honors in speech competition

Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School student Cassidy Corcoran placed second nationally among 12- and 13-year-olds in the Fraternal Order of Eagles' "God, Flag, and Country" speech contest at the organization's convention in Reno, Nev. Corcoran represented Ohio and spoke about the responsibilities that a patriot has to God, the flag, and the United States. She will receive a \$500 cash prize. As state winner, she was awarded \$300 in cash, a \$2,000 scholarship, and a \$750 travel voucher.

Photo courtesy Corcoran family

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