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**ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL MARKS 135 YEARS
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The Editor's Notebook

The Cathedral: Our spiritual home

By David Garick, Editor



This week, we mark 135 years since the dedication of St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus. The cathedral is the mother church of the diocese. There are older parish churches that date to the time when this was part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. But the cathedral marks the establishment of the local church in this part of Ohio as the seat of the bishop of Columbus.

Each bishop in the Catholic Church is a successor to the Apostles. Ordained by fellow bishops, who were themselves ordained by fellow bishops, each bishop can trace a direct, unbroken line of ordination back to the Apostles, a condition known as "apostolic succession." Just as each of the Apostles went forth from Jerusalem to spread the Word of God by founding local churches, of which they became the head, so, too, the bishop today is the visible source of unity in his diocese, his local church. He is responsible for the spiritual and, to a certain extent, even the physical care of those in his diocese—first the Christians, but also anyone residing therein.

All of our local parishes are rooted in the cathedral. They draw their spiritual strength from their role in the larger body of the church, the local church which radiates from the seat of the bishop. So while we may feel our strongest connection to our local parish, each of us also has a home at the church that unites our local church—the cathedral.

When Sylvester Rosecrans was named the first bishop of Columbus by Pope Pius IX, he knew that he had to build a cathedral that would

inspire the flock in this new diocese to the highest aspirations of our faith. He instructed his architects to design a building that would create a worship space that would draw the faithful away from the mundane material world and unite them with the splendor of heaven, centered on the glorious gift of the death and resurrection of Christ.

To worship in the cathedral is to feel oneself transported to the heights of heaven while gazing up at the towering Gothic arches. The light that falls across the cathedral interior from the huge masterpieces that are its stained-glass windows sparkles with the brilliance of the gemstones of the walls of heaven and speaks eloquently of the stories of the life of Christ and his apostles. The great expanse of space provides a natural silence that inspires reflection and prayer. But it can also be broken by the angelic sound of Gregorian chant that focuses us on the liturgy playing out before us. On great feasts, our souls are lifted by the joyous voice that is manifested in the full power of the magnificent gallery organ and the rousing chorus of brass and tympani.

We should all remember that alongside our regular parish homes, we also have a home at St. Joseph Cathedral. It is a wonderful place to visit and enhance our spiritual connection to our larger church family and to experience prayer and worship in the place where the apostles of Christ planted our local church.

LIVE THE FAITH, SHARE IT, TEACH IT, POPE TELLS EVANGELIZATION COUNCIL

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service



Evangelization requires people who joyfully and lovingly live their faith, are not afraid to go out to share it, and know how to transmit to others the essential teachings of the church, Pope Francis said.

The world needs "the oxygen of the Gospel, the breath of the spirit of the risen Christ," he told members of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization.

Greeting the council members on Oct. 14 at the beginning of their plenary meeting, the pope said there are steps individuals and the church as a whole must take to fulfill their obligation to share the Gospel with the world.

While faith is a gift, he said, Christians must show others its meaning by being living examples of love, agreement, joy, and trust in the midst of suffering "because this will raise questions" such as "Why do they live like that? What motivates them?"

Pope Francis said that everyone knows many people have left the church or no longer practice their faith as they should, and that "it's wrong to blame one side or another" when there is such a pressing obligation to move forward.

"As sons and daughters of the church, we must continue the journey of the Second Vatican Council, rid ourselves of useless and dangerous things, of false worldly securities that weigh down the church and damage its true face," he said.

Pope Francis said catechesis is a key part of the new evangelization, and strengthening religious education efforts must continue in order to overcome "the fracture between the Gospel and culture, as well as the illiteracy we find today in matters of faith."

The pope said he knows he has mentioned it several times in recent weeks, but one thing he repeatedly is struck by is the number of baptized children who do not even know how to make the sign of the cross.

The work of catechists is essential, he said, but parents must be the first to educate their children in the faith.

Catholics cannot wait for people to come to them, he said. They have an obligation to go into the world...and share the good news of faith and salvation with all those who are seeking or hurting in any way.

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOL VIRTUES GALA

Bob and Marie Dawes of the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, Jamie and Kate Richardson of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church, and the late Father James T. Smith, longtime pastor of Columbus St. Matthias Church, have been chosen as honorees for the 2013 Celebrating Catholic School Virtues Gala.



Fr. James T. Smith

St. Joseph College. The two were married in 1961.

Bob spent 10 years in sales and marketing for Ford Motor Co. In 1970, he and Boyd Fackler co-founded what became the Bob-Boyd group of auto dealerships, which is now owned by three of the Dawes children. Marie was a Catholic high school teacher.

Together, they provided a Catholic education for their children – Bobby, Mary Beth, Bill, and Becky – at Columbus St. Cecilia School, Columbus Bishop Ready High School, and John Carroll University. They continue to support Catholic education through the schools their 11 grandchildren attend across the diocese.

Marie has been a volunteer and life member of the Christ Child Society and was a counselor for Pregnancy Decision Health Centers. In addition, she served on the school advisory boards at St. Cecilia and Bishop Ready and was president of the parish council at the Church of the Resurrection, where Bob served on the finance council for 10 years. Bob and Marie are also extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist to shut-ins.

They have been co-chairs of the gala and of many other activities, including the building campaign for the Church of the Resurrection, the Miter Club of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and the Bishops' Golf Classic. Bob has been chairman of The Catholic Foundation, and both are members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Bob and Marie Dawes have built a business, a family, and a philanthropic legacy in Columbus. They grew up in Pennsylvania and met in college in Emmitsburg, Md., where Bob attended Mount St. Mary's University and Marie attended



Kate and Jamie Richardson

Mary Grace, Maggie, and Finn – a comprehensive foundation in faith at home and at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School.

Jamie serves on the finance committee and the Bishop's Annual Appeal committee at St. Vincent de Paul Church and is on the board of The Catholic Foundation, where he chairs the marketing committee. He also has been cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 332 and a volunteer coach for the school's fourth- and fifth-grade girls basketball team. He is employed by White Castle Systems.

Kate volunteers as a school advisory board member and

a member of the parish financial development committee. She also serves on the diocesan school advisory commission and is pursuing a master's degree in theology degree at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Kate and Jamie are members of Legatus and Jamie is a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Father James T. Smith was born May 25, 1934, in Zanesville and died on Jan. 5. He had been pastor at St. Matthias from 1991 until his death.

He graduated from Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School in 1952, attended the University of Dayton, and received a bachelor of arts degree in international studies from The Ohio State University in 1955.

He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the former St. Charles College in Columbus in 1961, completed his studies for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary in Norwood in 1965, and was ordained to the priesthood at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop John Carberry on May 29, 1965.



Marie and Bob Dawes

He served as associate pastor at Columbus St. Philip (1965-69), Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul (1969-71), and Columbus St. Christopher (1971-72) churches. He was named administrator pro tem of St. Christopher in 1972 and was appointed pastor there in 1973, serving there for the next 10 years. He was pastor of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church from 1983 until being assigned to St. Matthias.

He also taught at Columbus Bishop Hartley and Bishop Ready high schools, served on the diocesan Priests' Senate (1988-91), and was a former member of the Catholic Times advisory board.



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ~ Clergy Assignment

Deacon Robert Killoren, to diaconal service at Church of the Ascension, Johnstown, effective immediately.



Front Page photo:

The main altar and baldachno, or canopy, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. There is room behind the altar for 175 seats, making a more intimate setting for weekday Masses.

Photo by Dick Wood



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SACRED HEART CONGRESS DRAWS CROWD

Msgr. C. Eugene Morris, director of sacred liturgy and assistant professor of theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum, speaks at the second annual Sacred Heart Congress on Oct. 12 at Columbus St. Andrew Church. The congress is designed to bring people closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of God's love for the human person, as evidenced in the mysterious yet definite love of the Sacred Heart for all humanity. Throughout the year, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart promote devotion to the Sacred Heart through the practice of enthroning the Sacred Heart in homes, schools, and businesses. To learn more about the Sacred Heart, visit www.sacredheartcolumbus.org. (CT photo by Jack Kustran)

PRactical STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Forgetful

Have you considered how important it is to be respectful of so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ before we can honestly respect all human life? We all took some time this past week to pray about how often each day we have very real and practical opportunities to be respectful to one another. Those small acts of kindness and respect seem to have become a lost art for some, but they show others that we not only hear and know the Word of God, but we also live it. Respect Life month focuses our hearts and minds on something we should prioritize every day of our lives. Let us remember to be respectful of one another and everyone with whom we come into contact. We do so much good, and promote the respect of life so well, when we model what that means for the world. In the same way that we ended last week's column, be respectful and all life will be respected.

I am so forgetful, and unfortunately I am becoming more so with age. We tend to get caught up in the forgetfulness of others, and it becomes too easy for us to overlook our own. If I forget someone's name, or to do something I had planned to, or what I was about to say, it is not a critical issue. But I get immediately annoyed when someone else forgets to do something for me, or to perform a task, or what I said to him or her, and so on. To be forgetful is to be very human. As often as we sin and temporarily are forgetful of God and His endless mercy and love, we are reminded that God could never forget us. The book of Isaiah tells us "I will never forget you, my people." That alone gives us so much solace, comfort, confidence, and peace that we should be at our best each day to never be forgetful of our place in the Body of Christ. I, for one, fail miserably at this so consistently. I want to deal with the present so intently that I forget the past. My in-laws have been staying with us for a week or so, and each time they visit, they are more forgetful. I get annoyed so quickly, and then I am forgetful of how much they have done for my family in the past 30 years. It is an ongoing practical challenge for me to remember the past that includes them, and means so much to us. It is the challenges of age and their forgetfulness that I need to forget. So it is with our Lord. Thank God He does not dwell on our past sins. We are loved infinitely and forgiven unconditionally. "His mercy endures forever." To look at it another way, God is immediately forgetful of our sinfulness as we ask for mercy and sincerely seek forgiveness, and as we receive the Sacrament of Penance. Our Lord holds nothing over our heads, nor is He annoyed when we sin over and over again. He forgets our sins forever and His love for us never ends. He challenges us and demands that we do the same for one another.

Our practical challenge this week is to be forgetful of the right things in proper order. We are humbled by God's mercy and forgiveness, forgetful of our sins time and time again. Why is it so difficult sometimes for us to do the same? This week, think of two people you should forgive, and forget whatever wrong was done. One can be family or a friend, and one can be a stranger. Forgive and forget that family member, and let them know. Forgive and forget that politician, leader, co-worker, or stranger in traffic or on the street with whom we hold a grudge. Let us be forgetful of past sins against us, and let us love those who have impacted our past as we move forward in the mercy and love of Jesus Christ.

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



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, is offering two adult education opportunities in October and November: a "Called and Gifted" workshop on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, and Thursday talks on Oct. 24 and 31 and Nov. 7 on the philosophical proof for the existence of God.

The workshop will be presented by the Siena Institute of Colorado Springs from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 18 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 19. Participants will learn how to discern and better exercise the gifts they have received from God through baptism and confirmation and discover new ways they can use those gifts to spread

the love of Christ to others.

Those wishing to take part in the workshop may register online at www.saintjohnsunbury.org. A \$40 charge will cover lunch, snacks, and workshop materials.

The Thursday talks, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each night, will feature Father Thomas Blau, OP, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Patrick Church, presenting proofs for the existence of God from the perspective of philosophy rather than theology.

For more information on either program, call (740) 965-1358, extension 100.

TUTOR TRAINING

Tutors are needed by the Dominican Learning Center for its unique one-to-one learning environment for adults who are learning to read or studying for their high-school equivalency diploma and immigrants who are looking for instruction in English as a Second Language.

Its next tutor training session will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.

Anyone interested can tutor students

one-on-one for one hour or more per week in reading, writing, math, or conversation at the learning center or at a local library at a time convenient to the tutor and the learner. Volunteers need to be older than 18, with a high-school diploma. Books are provided free to tutors.

For more information, call (614) 444-7330, extension 0, or visit the center's website, www.domlearningcenter.org, or its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/DominicanLearningCenter.

VOCATION RETREAT

The Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm are sponsoring a vocations retreat weekend from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 18 to 20, at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

In an atmosphere of prayer and reflection, the sisters ask unmarried

women to consider a possible vocation to their community.

Father Mark Zittle, OCarm, will be retreat master.

The cost is \$70 per person. For more information, visit www.CarmeliteSisters.com.

Full-time Position Available BUSINESS MANAGER

Saint Patrick Church is seeking a Parish Business Manager who serves in support of the Pastor and as a staff resource, ensuring that parish needs in administration, personnel, finance and facilities are fulfilled.

This individual will direct and manage these efforts with managerial, technical, legal and financial expertise within the principles of the Catholic Faith.

This position requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a related field and demonstrating skills in business administration, accounting, finances and facilities management.

Further details are available at:

<http://www.coldsdioc.org/Offices/HumanResources/JobOpeningsDiocese,Parish,School.aspx>.

KENNEY-KING BUSINESS CENTER DEDICATED

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School recently dedicated its new Kenney-King Business Center in honor of the graduates who made it possible, Mike Kenney and Nick King of the Class of 1993, who are commercial real estate entrepreneurs.

The Kenney-King Business Center is a state-of-the-art classroom designed to simulate a real-world business environment, complete with permanent white boards, a SMART board, two flat-screen televisions, high-speed wireless Internet, a conference room, a stock ticker, and innovative work tables designed for collaboration.

Kenney and King, owners of Preferred Living, began working with the school in 2011 on this project in an effort to give back to their alma mater.

In addition, Sheri Cook, Watterson business department chair, worked with Wayne Chang, chief financial officer of Preferred Living, to develop an entrepreneurship and innovation curriculum.

"Bishop Watterson has been and will be a staple for excellence in education. We chose to enhance their business ex-

perience because of our intense interest in the business world," Kenney and King said.

"The lower educational system provides very little in the realm of the entrepreneurial spirit and we wanted to remedy that. Watterson now has a tremendous business foundation that can be built upon in years to come, and we are truly proud to be a part of that.

"We feel that Bishop Watterson does very well in math, science, history, health, etc. With that said, we felt that Watterson was falling short on the business side of things," Kenney and King said about the school's business curriculum of years past.

"For the students who have interest, we see an enormous amount of potential for business and entrepreneurial courses where they can expand their knowledge and experience before entering college, which will certainly give them a leg up on their peers."

Notes about the BWHS business program:

• Bishop Watterson's business course listing has grown over several years



Bishop Watterson students in the school's new Kenney-King Business Center, which is utilized during all eight class periods each day. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

to include Financial Literacy, Applied Economics, Accounting I, Accounting II, Marketing and Law, Advanced Placement Microeconomics, Advanced Placement Macroeconomics, Advanced Marketing, and Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

• The school's Business Club combines service with academic achievement, organizing events such as

Christmas with Santa, and sales of bandanas and other items to fit the student theme for a football game. In addition, Watterson is home to the first central Ohio chapter of the National Business Honor Society.

• Watterson's advanced marketing and entrepreneurship and innovation classes now operate the school's Eagle Spirit Store.

DESALES BLOOD DRIVE



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School student blood drive coordinators Alyssa Sherman and Adam Acquista attended the Life Sharing Challenge luncheon sponsored by the American Red Cross and accepted a first-place award from the organization for high school Division AA. They are pictured with Dan Garrick, school principal.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

A Lecture Series at St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury, Ohio PHILOSOPHICAL PROOFS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

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Artificial insemination; patron saint for pain?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. We are a young couple who have been married for just over two years. We want to have children and, of course, bring them up in the faith. But recently we learned that it is very unlikely that we will be able to conceive children naturally, which leads us to this question: What is the church's teaching on artificial insemination and *in vitro* fertilization? We are very conscious of wanting to do God's will and wondering whether God might be telling us that we should not be parents. (Louisville, Ky.)

A. Studies show that in the United States, one in six couples of child-bearing age is infertile. For most couples, this is clearly a heavy burden. The church senses the pain in questions such as yours, and for that reason encourages scientific research to help reduce infertility.

However, there are some fundamental moral principles as to which techniques the church allows. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, in No. 2376, notes that "techniques that entail the dissociation of husband and wife, by the intrusion of a person other than the couple (donation of sperm or ovum, surrogate uterus) are gravely immoral."

The reason is that every child has the right to be born of a father and mother who are known to the child and married to each other. The more difficult

moral issue comes with techniques that involve only the married couple (i.e., the couple's own sperm, ova, and uterus). One's natural instinct is to leap to assist a loving, committed couple trying to conceive their own biological, genetic child.

But at the same time, not only do such techniques often involve the destruction of multiple embryos (thus snuffing out many lives in the zeal to produce one), but they may deny the child's right to be born from the loving marital act of his parents, rather than as a product of laboratory genius.

There are, however, some techniques of reproductive technology that are viewed by many Catholic moral theologians as permissible, because they simply help marital intercourse to reach its procreative potential (e.g., lower tubal ovum transfer and gamete intrafallopian transfer).

More can be learned about such techniques through the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction in Omaha, Neb., and you might also inquire from local church representatives whether there are infertility specialists in your area who would be sensitive to the church's moral guidelines.

Finally, I don't believe that God is telling you that you should not be parents. Perhaps a morally acceptable infertility treatment can help you to conceive.

If not, there are many children available for adoption who would benefit greatly from a loving home.

Q. Because of chronic pain, I have trouble getting the good restorative sleep that everyone needs. And due to the fact that I cannot tolerate medications, the only possible relief that I have from pain is sleep. Is there some saint to whom I could pray to help me? (Glen Burnie, Md.)

A. There are many saints who experienced considerable physical suffering in their lives. One of them is Gemma Galgani, an Italian mystic who died in 1903 at age 25 and was canonized in 1940.

She was one of eight children whose father was a prominent pharmacist in the Tuscan city of Lucca. Orphaned at 18, Gemma took over the responsibility for raising her younger siblings. At 20, she developed spinal meningitis, which required her to wear a heavy iron back brace and eventually confined her to bed. At 21, she began to display signs of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ.

Several months before her death, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis, which brought constant pain during her final days. Through it all, she maintained her prayerfulness and her trust in the Lord. She is widely venerated in Italy and Latin America, especially by those who are ill and suffering greatly.

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



Deacon in Marathon

Deacon Hector Raymond of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish will be running the Columbus Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 20. It will be his 46th marathon overall. He is pictured at the 2012 Boston Marathon. He has attended the national March for Life in Washington every year since arriving in Columbus in the late 1990s. This year's Columbus Marathon will be the second time he will be running specifically to help support pro-life activities. His goal for the marathon is to raise \$2,620 (\$10 per mile) for the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers in Columbus through the charity website Momentum. He is accepting donations online at www.gomogo.org (find runner "Hector Raymond") or by mail at Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Suite 120, Columbus OH 43229.

Photo courtesy Deacon Hector Raymond

KofC Ladies in Newark aid women in chemotherapy



Ladies of Knights of Columbus Bishop Ready Assembly 830 of Newark have distributed more than 800 blessed turbans for women undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments since beginning the project 15 months ago.

Most of the turbans have gone to oncology and radiation therapy centers in Licking County, with some being mailed out of state by request for friends and family of people going through treatments for cancer. Some also have been presented to cancer patients at their homes and workplaces.

The assembly meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Council members come from Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Granville St. Edward, Heath St. Leonard, and Newark Blessed Sacrament and St. Francis de Sales churches.

The meetings are preceded by Mass at 6 p.m. and a potluck. While

the Knights have their monthly meeting, the women make the turbans, using donated polyester and Spandex or soft, stretchy cotton. Each turban includes a signed card expressing the women's support for the cancer patient. While making and packing the turbans, the women pray for the patients' healing, recovery, and peace. Once packaged, the turbans are blessed by a priest and delivered.

"The involvement of so many keeps the turbans unique, so there is personality and love in each one," said turban maker Kathy Braidich. "This is absolutely without a doubt a God-inspired project."

Braidich said the women would like to tell others around the state about how to make the turbans and how the project has grown in Licking County, in hopes it will cover all 88 Ohio counties.

For more information, contact Braidich at (740) 504-6133, (740) 828-2164, or kbraidich33@hotmail.com, or Sally Oldham at (614) 403-9706.

The Year of Faith and the Second Vatican Council - The Word of God

By Jake Tawney

The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum* ("The Word of God"), was solemnly promulgated on Nov. 18, 1965. It is one of four constitutions from the Second Vatican Council. Weighing in at slightly less than 6,000 words, *Dei Verbum* can easily be read in a single sitting. Even so, a short article could never do full justice to its many and varied ideas. Rather than trying to cover everything, I will make three important points.

First, the fullness of divine revelation is Jesus Christ. For centuries, the Church has been battling the Protestant notion of *sola Scriptura* ("Scripture alone"), the idea that all we need to know about God can be found in the written words of the Bible. This is a very limited understanding of how God reveals Himself. The Catholic teaching might be more aptly characterized as

solum Verbum ("the Word alone") or even *solus Jesus* ("Jesus alone"). After all, as John's Gospel tells us, Jesus is the Word of God. Therefore, Jesus is the fullness of God's self-revelation.

The history of God's self-revelation goes back to the Garden of Eden. There, He desired to make Himself known to Adam and Eve. After the fall, God continued revealing Himself and chose prophets to specifically deliver His message. This message was written down by the sacred authors of the Old Testament, but the message was not complete. The Old Testament Scriptures communicate great anticipation and cry out for completion. The "words of God" in the Old Testament will attain an ultimate expression in Jesus Christ, who is the "Word of God." *Dei Verbum* highlights the intimate connection between the Old Testament and the person of Jesus

in the New Testament by quoting St. Augustine: "The New Testament is hidden in the Old and the Old is made manifest in the New" (DV 16).

Jesus revealed the fullness of God in two forms: words and actions. The actions give living meaning to His words. Subsequently, the Word of God continues to be handed on in two parallel forms: written Scripture and sacred Tradition. When Christ was still alive, he entrusted the task of protecting, spreading, and explaining the Word of God to the Apostles. The Apostles, taking what they themselves had received, handed on the revelation of God from one generation to the next through the succession of bishops. The task of interpreting the Word of God belongs exclusively to the teaching office of the living Church. This is what we mean by "sacred Tradition." The Word of God comes down to us in the writings of Holy Scripture, but it is guarded and brought to life through the Church. The Bible and the Church are inseparable. Both are needed to properly receive the Word of God. Without a living body to protect Scripture, readers would fall into endless disagreements on the "true meaning" of various passages. These fundamental disagreements will inevitably lead to division within the Church. This is precisely what we see in the Protestant communities: once the Scriptures were severed from the very Tradition that ensures their unity, one division after the next occurred, until today we find tens of thousands of Protestant denominations, but still only one Catholic Church.

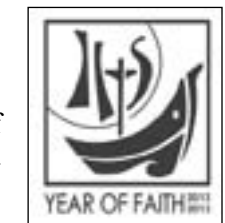
The second point concerns the proper interpretation of Scripture. There has been a tendency in modern scholarship to treat the Bible as merely a matter of historical record. Such a form of scholarship is known as the "historical critical" method. Of course, there is nothing wrong with placing biblical writings in their historical context. *Dei Verbum* admits this much: "For correct understanding of what the sacred author wanted to assert, due attention must be paid to the customary and characteristic styles of feeling, speaking and narrating which prevailed at the time of the sacred writer" (DV 12).

Examining Scriptures in the context of the corresponding historical period can be quite helpful. After all, while

the Bible is the inspired Word of God, God also used men as His scribes, and these men used images from their own society. For instance, without an understanding of the importance of shepherding at the time of Christ, it would be difficult for us to grasp the full meaning of Christ the Good Shepherd. Historical context is important, but *Dei Verbum* teaches is that it is not everything. We must also remember that the Bible is much more than a historical book. It is divinely inspired, and it must be read first and foremost in that context. The historical critical method went awry when it ignored inspiration and focused exclusively on the Bible as historical literature. Extreme cases saw some scholars eventually rejecting even the divinity of Christ. To guard against this, the Bible must be read with the mind of the Church: "All of what has been said about the way of interpreting Scripture is subject finally to the judgment of the Church" (DV 12).

The third point provides a nice conclusion to the first two. After all this talk about the proper interpretation of the Word of God and the final judgment of the Church in these matters, we might get the impression that the council is discouraging the laity from reading and trying to understand the Bible. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the Second Vatican Council issues a clarion call for members of the faithful to read the Bible regularly. Quoting St. Jerome, the constitution exhorts, "For ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (DV 25). *Dei Verbum* encourages us to encounter Sacred Scripture first and foremost in the Liturgy, where the Word of God becomes physically present in the Eucharist, but also through devotional reading and prayer. When we read the Word of God, let us do so in continuity with the Body of Christ: the Church. In that way, "the word of God may spread rapidly and be glorified, and the treasure of revelation, entrusted to the Church, may more and more fill the hearts of men" (DV 26).

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PRESENTER:
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Bishop Frederick Campbell's homily at the funeral Mass for Father Jack G. Maynard at Dresden St. Mary Church on Wednesday, Oct. 2:

"To hear that passage from First Corinthians (13:1-8 – "Love is patient, love is kind ...") at a funeral comes as a bit of a surprise.

"As most parish priests can attest, we usually hear it read at a wedding, where the meaning of the words may be lost at that moment on the public. But facing the profound mystery of death, St. Paul's hymn to love takes on a character that our world might find strange or even disconcerting.

"The love of which the apostle speaks is not of our making or the product of our emotions, no matter how deeply stirred. No, this love is a gift, first known through the love fully revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is *agape*, a love poured out for the good of others. It is gratefully possessed as a supreme gift by those who will look upon the cross and exclaim with the centurion, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'

"I have no idea why Father Maynard requested this passage be read at his funeral, but it certainly touches upon a fundamental reality of Christian life – that bathed in the love of God through Christ, we can, as St. Paul writes, 'bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things.' As he lay in that nursing home room over the past several months with a body that was progressively failing him, I suspect that Father Maynard often found consolation in this famous passage from Paul.

"Oh, not that Father Maynard always displayed that patience which St. Paul said was characteristic of love. Once when I visited him, I noticed the door of his room slightly ajar. I knocked at the door and heard Father ask rather abruptly, 'What now?' As I peeked around the door, his eyes grew larger and he said simply, 'Good Lord, it's the bishop!' and smiled and altered his demeanor.

"As you all know, it's a plain fact that Father Maynard could certainly fill a room. I found him looking fondly at pictures of the recent improvements made here at St. Ann's that had been sent to him by a parishioner. He talked about his time at St. Ann's and his great affection for the parish and its people. He chafed at his nearly complete immobility. Only his hands and eyes were animated, but he could still joke about the fact that going to dialysis at least provided him with a different set of four walls to stare at.

"I reminded him and thanked him for his wonderful hospitality when I first came to St. Ann's seven years ago for confirmation. Father Maynard was known for his gentleness and seems to have believed deeply in Jesus' teaching that 'blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit

the earth.' Many scholars hold that the phrase should be translated 'for they shall inherit the land,' and not just any land.

"The land to which Our Lord referred may be the land that God promised to Abraham and Moses and which God confirmed to David in Jerusalem. For Christians, this inheritance promised to the meek and humble, to those who wait for the Lord to show his power and might, is now the new Jerusalem, filled with light and peace, where every tear shall be wiped away. May Father Maynard claim this inheritance.

"Christians faced with the stern reality of death are yet filled with enduring hope. The world tries to avoid the reality of natural death by what they call celebrating life, but by celebration, I'm afraid they mean merely a party.

"The Christian term 'celebration' derives from the Latin term meaning 'to write large,' more often than not on a stone. For Christians, to celebrate a funeral is to proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and those faithful who have died with Christ will rise again with him to everlasting life.

"Whenever we celebrate the funeral of a priest, we realize that the heart of the priesthood is the offering of the sacrifice of the Mass in thanksgiving to God and for the good of his people. The holy Eucharist is that participation in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and it promises a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in which those faithful to Christ will participate forever.

"We remember Father Maynard for his devotion to the Mass and to the gift that it was for his parishioners. We bring his body to the place of that celebration and pray that the offering of this Mass today may be for Father's good and may assist him in that final pilgrimage to our heavenly Father. When you remember Father Maynard, a brother in Christ, a priest of the Lord, remember the words from our first reading, from the Book of Wisdom: 'The souls of the just seemed to the foolish to be dead, and their passing away was thought an affliction, and their going forth from us, utter destruction.' But they are in peace. Or recall the words of St. Paul: 'Although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.'

"Baptism and confirmation in the faith of Jesus Christ has planted a seed of immortality within us. The Lord does not forget his promises, and that seed of life will bear new fruit in the love of God. Our prayer is that this promise is already being fulfilled for Father Maynard."



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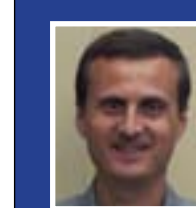
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Knight of our life



Lighting the Way
Joseph Thomas

The things we hold onto in life are not the same things we take with us into heaven. We are collectors of a sort, gathering items and storing them away for that rainy day. We forget that day may never come and what we are left with is just a pile of stuff that has no real meaning. It is the memories we leave behind, of the good we spread and the lives we touch, that are important to God. He cultivates our relationship with Him throughout our time on earth. He is looking to us to see how we respond to His call and whether we succumb to the environment so active around us.

I was posed with an interesting question one day and was drawn aback by it: "If you knew that this was your last night here on earth, what would you do and who would you like to see?" The answer continues to haunt me to this day. I found myself telling this person that I would like a chance to undo all the wrongs I have done in my past and atone in person to those people I have offended. I would ask for their forgiveness, for their blessings, and, most importantly, for their love.

What I failed to realize is that it is God sets the stage, hires the actors, and orchestrates the play. He is the Director of the cast and tells the story. The story is of your life, how you impacted others, and the way you responded to their needs.

By becoming a part of something greater than yourself, you are moved to action and stirred to emotion to not just sit by and watch, but to be an involved part of whatever or whomever you choose to help.

About three years ago, I became involved with a

new parish and was approached by gentlemen of the Knights of Columbus and was asked if I would like to join this fellowship. I had always been a supporter of their work and saw this as a way of getting to know the church community. There were so many suffering, needing people wanting a better life, and I found that these men gather together to bring a smile to someone's heart, food to the table, and much, much, more. The dedication they show is an example of how God can work in all of us.

I became involved in many of the Knights' causes, but singled out some that touched my heart and that I felt I could make an impact. I realized, through much prayer and action, that life is a circle. There is no beginning, no ending, just limitless spirits that flow around us. I began to see that to defend such life is to be an advocate for those who might not have the best intentions in their hearts. As I was praying, a thought occurred to me, what would such a conversation be like between the child in the womb and its mother?

"Hello, Mommy. It's me. I was wondering what you might be thinking about?"

"Are you excited about me coming? What is the

world like out there?"

"Are there stars in Heaven? How about earth?"

"Does Daddy know I'm coming?"

"Mommy, who is God and why is He talking to me?"

"He's telling me everything will be all right and to not be afraid of the dark."

"Mommy, what is dark?"

"Oh, I see. God is telling me that I am going to a better place."

"Where is that, Mommy? Is it our house?"

How do we answer this child? Each one of us carries a hole in our heart. Is this just a coincidence? If we believe that all life is precious, then why do choose who is and who is not to live? Isn't that God's decision to make with us and beside us? Here's hoping that when we are faced with the decision about our own lives, we will be kind. Let us hope and pray that we have the "Knight of our life." Let us hope that our sins will be forgiven and that those we have wronged will forgive. I wish to be remembered as someone who cared and who made a difference – one child, one man, one woman, one family at a time.

May God bless you and keep you. May He protect the children wanting life among the living, and may His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas is a freelance writer and active in many diocesan and church ministries.

He is a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church. He posts his thoughts online at <http://truegiftoffaith.blogspot.com>.

A Celebration of the life of Dr. Nancy Beran

Ohio Dominican University will conduct a memorial service celebrating Dr. Nancy Beran's life and contributions to the university at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, in Christ the King Chapel of Sansbury Hall, 1216 Sunbury Road. A reception in the Colonial Room will follow.

Beran was a professor of sociology at ODU. She retired in April 2011 after 37 years of service. After her retirement, she served as an adjunct professor in the division of social and behavioral sciences. All who knew her were enriched by her life and saddened by her death on May 25.

Support group for divorced and separated adults

Worthington St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., will host a six-week Christian-based support group for divorced and separated adults on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 23.

The program will provide an environ-

ment of comfort and support where individuals can process the loss of a marriage. A book, suggested readings, and handout material will be available.

Call C.G. Jones at (614) 846-2361 or the parish office at (614) 885-7814 to register or if you have questions.

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK



Nearly 50 students and staff from Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School participated in the Friends of the Poor Walk sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent DePaul on Saturday, Sept. 28. All money raised by the walk-athon is used for directly serving the poor. Pictured are students who showed up extra early to help prepare the "goodie bags" distributed as walkers left the field at Alumni Stadium, where the walk took place.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School



Cathedral in 1890

Photos courtesy St. Joseph Cathedral

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL



Bishop Rosecrans

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral has been the center of the Catholic Church at the symbolic center of Ohio – two blocks northeast of the Statehouse at Broad and High streets – since it was consecrated in 1878.

It has been the episcopal seat of all 11 bishops of the Diocese of Columbus – two of whom, Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans, the first bishop of the diocese, and Bishop Edward Herrmann – are buried in its undercroft. In its other role as a parish church, it has a membership of more than 800 families from throughout the Columbus area who make it their spiritual home, attending Mass and taking part in a variety of activities.

Since its dedication, it has undergone three significant renovations – in 1914, 1949, and 1978 – to meet changing liturgical requirements and to better serve its people. Today, it seats about 650 people in its nave, the portion between the altar and the rear wall, with room for 175 chairs behind the altar, which was moved forward in the most recent renovation to create a more intimate feeling.

Construction of the cathedral was no easy task, taking 12 years from the laying of the cornerstone in 1866 until it was consecrated in 1878. It wasn't originally intended to be a cathedral, but that changed when the Diocese of Columbus was formed from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in 1868 and Bishop Rosecrans decided St. Joseph Church would be his cathedral because of its central location.

Holy Cross (founded in 1833) and St. Patrick (1841) churches had been serving Catholics in Columbus for several years, and St. Mary Church in German Village, then known as the South End, had just been built when Father Edward Fitzgerald, pas-

tor of St. Patrick's, decided in 1865 to build a new church for part of his congregation to ease overcrowding.

Its architect, Michael Harding, drew up plans for the new St. Joseph Church which were much influenced by the design of Holy Cross. He said the church was "to be a magnificent structure of decorated Gothic architecture. ... The tower and spire, when finished, are to be 225 feet in height." The spire he spoke of was never built. Later plans called for a 312-foot main tower, but work was stopped at 150 feet, so the masonry would have time to settle, and never began again.

About 6,000 people were on hand for the laying of the church's cornerstone on Nov. 11, 1866. After that, construction was suspended for the winter. Little work was done in 1867 because Father Fitzgerald left for Little Rock, Ark. His successor was Bishop Rosecrans, who at the time was auxiliary bishop of Cincinnati and became bishop of the new Columbus diocese when its formation was announced.

The church originally was to have been built of brick, but Bishop Rosecrans decided when he selected it as the cathedral that he preferred a more permanent stone structure. Because of this change, the foun-

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Above: Exterior view

Below: Christmas Midnight Mass



BY TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

St. Joseph Cathedral is several parishes in one.

As its name states, it's the cathedral of the Diocese of Columbus, meaning it serves literally and figuratively as the bishop's seat. The word "cathedral" comes from the Latin *cathedra*, meaning "the bishop's chair," and its sanctuary includes a carved wooden chair where Bishop Frederick Campbell sits during Masses, ordinations, and other liturgical ceremonies.

Besides serving in this formal role, "it's really two other parishes," said Father Michael Lumpe, who became its rector, or pastor, on July 9 upon the retirement from active ministry of Father G. Michael Gribble, who had been rector for 13 years.

"One parish is for the people who work downtown on the weekdays and live elsewhere, who want to attend Mass on a daily basis, have their confessions heard, pray before the Blessed Sacrament during our two weekly holy hours, and even come into the cathedral to pray in quiet for a short time, getting away from the office for a short while and spending time with Jesus," he said.

"We also are a 'regular' parish in that we have registered parishioners who are very active and involved in making this their parish home during the week, on Sundays, and on holy days of obligation. We also have all the other offerings of any other



Schola and Choir

parish—RCIA, a pastoral council, an army of volunteers and dedicated liturgical ministers, an amazing crew of volunteers who feed the poor who come to our back door twice a day, an active Knights of Columbus council, and much more."

To meet the varied spiritual needs of those who visit it regularly or occasionally, the cathedral offers Masses on weekdays in the morning and at noontime, as well as on Wednesday evenings. It also has four Sunday Masses (three morning, one evening), plus a Sunday vigil Mass on Saturday evenings, in addition to confession three times a week and Holy Hours on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

Only about 10 percent of parishioners live in the downtown area near the cathedral, said Michael Elton, parish Pastoral Council president. Elton said the list of active parishioners includes people from all over Franklin County, plus residents from all six counties that border it, and from farther away, including one family from Xenia in Greene County, 55 miles from the cathedral. "I'm one of the few people who lives close enough to walk to Masses here," said Elton, who moved to the city in 2006.

Diocesan figures show the number of families registered as cathedral parishioners

has grown by about one-third in the past six years – from 601 in 2007 to 830 today. "I've noticed it's become a younger demographic since I moved here," Elton said. "I think that's partly because of all the new apartments and condos downtown (many within a short walk of the cathedral) that have attracted young families."

Elton said people also are attracted to the cathedral by "the beauty of its liturgies and the majesty of the cathedral itself. That's why I chose to become a parishioner, and it's the thing I hear more than any other when I ask new parishioners what brought them here."

Most of those liturgies include the cathedral's organ, a magnificent instrument in both sound and appearance, which was built over two years by Paul Fritts and Co. of Tacoma, Wash., and took four months to install before being dedicated in late 2006. Paul Thornock, music director at the cathedral since 1999, said the 66-stop organ is the largest in central Ohio and provides millions of sound combinations.

In the seven years since its dedication, renowned organists including Olivier Latry of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, David

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Interior arches Photo by Dick Wood

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Higgs of the Eastman School of Music, Craig Cramer of the University of Notre Dame, and David Briggs of St. James Cathedral in Toronto have presented concerts at the cathedral. Its organ also has been featured at the 2007 regional convention of the American Guild of Organists and at the National Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians in 2012.

Thornock, assistant music director and principal organist Robert Wisniewski, and organist *emerita* Dorothy Riley are part of a music program at the cathedral that also includes the Cathedral Schola, which specializes in the interpretation of early music and whose 17 members receive a stipend, and the Cathedral Choir, which consists of the schola and an additional 15 volunteers.

The choir, whose members range in age from 19 to 60, provides music from September to June for the cathedral's 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, heard live every week on St. Gabriel Radio in Co-

lumbus, and for many other liturgical celebrations throughout the year at the cathedral and throughout the diocese. It has performed at cathedrals in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Toledo, and at the University of Notre Dame.

With the organ, it has been featured on the national programs *Pipedreams* and *With Heart and Voice* and is heard regularly on *Music in Mid-Ohio*, broadcast Sunday evenings on the WOSU network of classical-music FM stations covering most of the Diocese of Columbus and much of the rest of Ohio.

"Cathedrals, as a rule, are to be a model of music and liturgy in their dioceses, and we take that very seriously," Thornock said. "What the choir, schola, and organ do is integrally woven into the fabric of the liturgy, not as a decoration or a performance, but as part of our heritage. It's our job to keep that heritage alive." He added that the paid members

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Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral's stone-walled undercroft, which has a vaulted brick ceiling, plays host to a wide range of receptions and art exhibits. Photos courtesy St. Joseph Cathedral




Above: Parishioners gather at Gantz Park in Grove City for the cathedral's parish picnic. Below: An open-air market earlier this year in the cathedral parking lot provided free produce from the Mid-Ohio Foodbank and healthy food choices for inner-city residents in need.





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daion was torn out and a deeper, more solid one was laid.

Construction proceeded in stops and starts until 1872, with three changes in architects. The fourth and final architect was William Rosecrans, the bishop's brother, who had gained fame as a general in the Civil War. While waiting for the cathedral to be built, its congregation worshipped in Naughton Hall on South High Street between State and Town streets.

Bishop Rosecrans celebrated his first Mass at the cathedral on Christmas Day of 1872. Because of defects in the steam system's fittings, there was no heat. Temporary seats and an altar were used and the ceiling was unfinished.

It took another six years to complete work on the ceiling, which has a four-part framework of arches and ribs that is covered with a thin sheet of plaster,

penciled with lines that make it appear to be stone.

The cathedral was consecrated on Oct. 20, 1878, in a four-hour ceremony. It was anointed with holy oils in 12 places which were later marked with white marble crosses inset in the walls. During vespers on the evening of the consecration, Bishop Rosecrans suffered a violent hemorrhage. He died the next morning.


The cathedral's first renovation occurred 35 years later and was directed by Columbus' fourth bishop, James Hartley, one of the cathedral's original altar servers, who led the diocese from 1904-44.

Twelve columns composed of a grouping of small iron rods were covered by stone and remain the same today. Three marble altars and a marble communion rail were added and the wood floor was overlaid with stone.


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Stained glass, decorated with biblical scenes, replaced the stained glass of geometric designs from 1872.

Confessionals were added, a copper roof was installed, and stone crosses cut from the first altar were inserted in the outside walls.

The sanctuary was remodeled under Bishop Michael Ready in 1949 to meet liturgical requirements. The renovation included replacing the altar and adding a *baldachino*, or canopy, over it. Two side altars became recessed chapels.

In addition, the old Chancery and rectory building next to the church were torn down and replaced by a structure made of sandstone from Licking and Franklin counties.

In 1968, Bishop John Carberry shortened the main altar and moved it away from the back wall so the celebrant could say Mass facing the congregation. Excavation of the undercroft also took place during that time.

The 1978 renovation, expanding on what Bishop Carberry started, was the most extensive since the cathedral was consecrated 100 years earlier.

It took place to help implement the Second Vatican Council's directives encouraging "full and active participation by all the people."

Architect Gilbert Coddington and parish committees decided to curve 175 chairs behind the altar, creating seats for all priests and assisting deacons for pontifical ceremonies and allowing people to feel the closeness of the liturgy for smaller parochial ceremonies such as weekday Masses.

The rear placement of chairs necessitated an additional forward movement of the altar, with the *baldachino* being moved 35 feet from its former position against the wall so the altar would be in the center of the *baldachino*. The process took eight hours.

The floor of the chancel, or space around the altar, was then extended into the body of the church and five rows of pews were removed. The old nave seated 696 people. The current one seats 650.

The numbers aren't very different, but the effect was dramatic, giving the cathedral a much more open look.

Another big change during the renovation involved replacement of the communion rail with another type of railing accenting the elliptical curve of chairs and eliminating the barrier-like effect of the old rail.

In addition, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Shrine of Our Lady were returned to their original locations and a new Shrine of St. Joseph was created.

In late 2006, the cathedral dedicated an organ built by Paul Fritts and Co. that took more than two years to build in Tacoma, Wash., and four months to put together in Columbus.

The 66-stop organ is the largest in central Ohio, and its sound has been heard nationwide on public radio on several occasions.

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Father
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Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

The scene of Moses sitting there with people holding his arms up during battle after he grows tired has to bring a smile to even the sourest of faces. He held in his hand "the rod of God," which had once been his simple shepherd's staff. From the time he began to do the Lord's bidding early on in Exodus, his rod became the action tool of God which symbolized God's continuing presence with and action for Moses on behalf of the people.

Here it represented their power over one of their traditional enemies, the Amalekites, who were a nomadic tribe in the Sinai and the Negeb deserts. The scene in Sunday's reading represents winning the battle, but hardly the war. The Amalekites would continually reappear, certainly through the period of the united monarchy under King David. After that, a few scattered references can be found, but none outside of the Old Testament.

Symbols and gestures in the Bible remain very important channels of communication between humans, and sometimes even more so when speaking of communications between God and humans. Inasmuch as Pope Francis has recently compared the Church to a field hospital for those involved in life's battles, we could easily anticipate some reflection of this picture of people supporting Moses' arms, as a symbol of how we all lift each other up before God. If Moses' arms dropped, the battle went poorly. When his arms were raised high (in prayer?), the battle went well.

SPEAKER SERIES AT ST. ANDREW

Dan DeMatte, youth minister at Columbus St. Patrick Church and a nationally known speaker and writer, will discuss "Youth in Crisis" at the next presentation of the Columbus St. Andrew School advisory board's parent speaker series.

His talk will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, in the church's Bryce Eck Center, 3880 Reed Road.

Pope Francis said in his recent World Youth Day address that the young people of the world are in crisis. It is up to parents to make sure they are aware of this crisis and how they can navigate the waves of a relativistic culture that is often hostile to the Catholic faith.

Realizing the need to lift up others in their efforts to raise their arms to God in prayer is not just a job for Aaron and Hur with Moses, but for all of us, with all of us. This may well be reading more into the text than is there, but interpreting symbols like these help keep the Scriptures dynamic and alive.

The *Mishnah* (the earliest Jewish written commentary on the Law of Moses) asks rhetorically whether the hands of Moses could bring victory or defeat. It answers by saying that "when the Israelites directed their thoughts on high and kept their hearts subject to their Father in heaven, they prevailed; otherwise, they suffered defeat." It is not a commentary in a modern sense, but represents reflections on various passages of the Law amassed over centuries.

The Gospel is certainly an example of the need to keep at it in prayer. Moses may have struggled to keep his arms raised in the first reading, but the widow who kept coming after the judge who "neither feared God nor respected any human being" no doubt had her hands and voice raised at, it must be said, a pretty poor excuse for a judge. The judge regarded her pleas for a judgment against her opponent as a "bother." Even more noteworthy is his fear that if he doesn't render a decision, she will come after him to strike him.

Jesus notes that the judge will render a decision because of the widow's persistence, but then compares God to the judge who was afraid of the widow's plea or at least weary of her pleading.

Here, too, Pope Francis has said frequently how important it is to keep on praying and to keep on asking forgiveness, no matter how often we have sinned. He has noted that we get tired of asking for forgiveness, and then we are driven even farther away from God. This widow is the real heroine of the story because of her persistence. Jesus loved seizing upon the unlikely characters to sing their praises. Blessed be the widows, and may justice be done for them!

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

In this presentation, DeMatte, author of the book *Holiness Revolution*, will use examples from his 10 years of experience in youth ministry to talk to parents about how they can best raise their children in the faith. He will offer a number of practical suggestions for parents to put into action with children and will send them home with a renewed desire to help cultivate holiness in the family.

The program will include cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres. To register, RSVP to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0949AFA92BAB9-dandematte. For questions, contact Beth Kelly at (614) 205-9430 or emk@columbus.rr.com.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Romans 4:20-25
Luke 1:69-75 (Ps)
Luke 12:13-21

TUESDAY
Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21
Psalm 40:7-10,17
Luke 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY
Romans 6:12-18
Psalm 124:1-8
Luke 12:39-48

THURSDAY
Romans 6:19-23
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 12:49-53

FRIDAY
Romans 7:18-25a
Psalm 119:66,68,76,77,93,94
Luke 12:54-59

SATURDAY
Romans 8:1-11
Psalm 24:1-6
Luke 13:1-9

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 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 I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Misreading Murray, yet again

From his current location in the communion of saints, Father John Courtney Murray, SJ, who died in 1967, is probably indifferent to the various ways his work on Catholicism and American democracy is misconstrued in the 21st century. But those who think that Murray still has something to teach Catholics about the American experiment in ordered liberty must regret that Murray's thinking continues to be misrepresented in some Catholic quarters and misapplied in others.

The most recent example of the latter came in the Sept. 23 issue of *America*, in an article titled "Murray's Mistake" by my friend Michael Baxter. As I understand Dr. Baxter's argument, it goes something like this: (1) Murray urged American Catholics to more active involvement in public life because Catholics still "got" the ensemble of truths on which American democracy rested, while the old Protestant mainline and secular America had long since abandoned that foundational moral consensus; (2) Catholics did what Murray suggested; (3) Catholic unity in the United States has subsequently fractured because of political differences.

I'm not buying.

I don't doubt that ecclesial unity in the Church in America has fractured in ways that no one could anticipate when Vatican II convened in 1962. But to blame that current disarray on differences of political opinion (and on Murray) would seem to ignore the obvious historical fact that Catholics were bitterly divided over political questions in the past, but without the fractures in ecclesial unity that both Baxter



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and I regret today. Catholics fought on both sides of the Civil War, but unlike other Christian communities, the Catholic Church didn't split into northern and southern branches. There were Catholic America Firsters and Catholic interventionists before World War II, but there were no serious fractures in ecclesial unity. There were Catholic disagreements about what racial justice required in the 1950s. Aside from the excommunication of a few recalcitrant segregationists, there was no fracture of ecclesial unity.

What may appear to be politically induced fractures in the unity of the Church in the United States today are the result of something else: too many Catholics in the United States, including prominent public figures, have ceased to believe and profess "all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and professes to be revealed by God" (which is what converts confess when they enter into full communion with the Catholic Church). That dissonance is why unity within the Church in the United States is so fragile these days.

Vatican II never ever taught that Catholic faith is a do-it-yourself thing. Yet too many Catholics in America learned from the council (or its alleged "spirit")

that Catholicism is something other than an embrace of Christ, who is truth, and the truths authoritatively taught by Christ's Church: truths that are then embodied in a Gospel-centered way of life that touches family, culture, society, and politics. The fractures in the Church that Michael Baxter rightly deplors have far less to do with Obamacare or Syria policy than they do with the fact that a not-insignificant number of U.S. Catholics deny to be true what the Gospel and the Church authoritatively teach to be true.

My friend Baxter is certainly right that it is much harder to live an integrally Catholic public life in the United States today than it was 50-some years ago, when Murray wrote *We Hold These Truths: Catholic Reflections on the American Proposition*. And it may be that, in the decades ahead, Catholics of integrity will go into active opposition to American culture and society in unprecedented ways. That possibility cannot be excluded. But the unity of the Church in the U.S. will not be recomposed by a retreat into microcommunities that, as Baxter suggests, reject the modern nation-state; John Kerry, Nancy Pelosi, Joe Biden, and their successors in future generations are not going to follow the late Dorothy Day and Michael Baxter into the desert.

And in any case, fractured unity can only be recomposed by recommitment to "all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and professes to be revealed by God."

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St. Bernadette Mission

Lancaster St. Bernadette Church, 1343 Wheeling Road, will conduct a parish mission each evening from Sunday, Oct. 20, to Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 pm. The mission will be led by Father Tony Stephens of the Fathers of Mercy in Kentucky.

This is an important time of personal renewal during which Catholics are be-

ing challenged to commit themselves more deeply to Christ and his church. It is also a time of discovery for those who are not of the Catholic faith, or who are unclear about what Catholics believe. Father Stephens will be addressing all these topics during the mission.

For more information, call the parish office at (614) 654-1893.

Position - Parish Staff Assistant

St. Paul the Apostle Parish of Westerville, Ohio is in search of a Parish Staff Assistant. The Parish Staff Assistant is a part-time position reporting to the Director of Parish Administration. The hours are M-F, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. This individual is responsible for the recording and detailed record keeping of the parish census, sacramental books, and certificate requests. This individual will interact with parishioners in areas of hospitality, stewardship, issuing letters of good standing, and e-mail correspondence. A full job description can be found on the parish website: www.stpaulcatholicchurch.org or the diocesan website: www.colsdioc.org. Send resume, cover letter and references to:

Director, Parish Administration/St. Paul the Apostle Parish
www.stpaulcatholicchurch.org

ST. BRENDAN CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



Hilliard St. Brendan School, which opened its doors on Sept. 4, 1963, celebrated its 50th anniversary this Sept. 4 at a liturgy celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell. The school's students, faculty, and staff formed a giant "50" in the parking lot, with Father Bob Penhallurick, St. Brendan pastor, and Mary Lang, school principal, in the middle.
Photo by Tony Ricchetti, Inter-State Studio

Pray for our dead

BROWN, Mary J., 74, Oct. 10
St. Peter Church, Columbus

CAPEHART, Mary J., 49, Oct. 3
St. Philip Church, Columbus

CONNOR, Betty A., 95, Oct. 10
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

CRAVEN, Mary T., 86, formerly of Columbus, Sept. 30
Holy Trinity Church, Peachtree City, Ga.

CROKOS, Nicholas J., 61, Oct. 2
Sacred Heart Church, Columbus

DEMBINSKI, Joseph R., Oct. 10
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

DOUGHERTY, James J., 83, Oct. 13
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

EITEL, Dolores M., 85, Oct. 8
St. Pius X Church, Columbus

ELMORE, Virginia C., 84, Oct. 11
Holy Family Church, Columbus

FERRARI, Dr. Robert F., 89, Oct. 8
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

KUHN, John E., 82, Oct. 10
St. John Church, Logan

MORRIS, Gloria J., 62, Oct. 13
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

PELGRINO, Helen S., 88, Oct. 6
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

RUDITY, Betty, 92, Oct. 6
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

SELISH, Jennie L., 98, Oct. 9
Chrsit the King Church, Columbus

SIROSKY, Robert L., 33, Oct. 8
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

TROY, John, 79, Oct. 10
St. Paul Church, Westerville

WILSON, George, 83, Oct. 6
St. Leonard Church, Heath

Robert M. Fowle

Funeral Mass for Robert M. Fowle, 93, of Lancaster, who died Monday, Oct. 7, was held Friday, Oct. 11 at Columbus St. Leo Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born Oct. 5, 1920, in Columbus to Arthur and Ruth (McDowell) Fowle, and graduated from University High School in Columbus in 1939 and The Ohio State University in 1945.

He coached at area high schools for 52 years and was a teacher for 39 years. His 1954 basketball team at New Lexington St. Aloysius High School won the Class B state championship in the school's only state tournament appearance, and his Co-

lumbus Father Wehrle High School track teams won Class A state titles in 1974, 1980, and 1983 and the Class AA championship in 1981. He is a member of the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary (Daugherty); son, Charles; daughter, Mary; brother, Arthur; and sister, Miriam Near. Survivors include sons, Tony, David, and Edward (Tris Oliver); daughters, Susan (Glenn) Opalenik, Mary Agnes (Dan) Murphy, and Ruth (Craig) Cuckler; 22 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Send obituaries to:
tpuet@colsdioc.org

Special needs program

The special-needs parenting group of Gahanna St. Matthew Church will sponsor a talk by Mark Butler, religious education director at Columbus Holy Spirit Church, on "Teaching Human Sexuality to Children and Teens with Developmental Disabilities from the Catholic Perspective" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, in the St. Anthony Room of the church, 807 Havens Corners Road.

This presentation is for parents and teachers, not children and teens. Free child care is available with advanced registration. Butler will talk about how Blessed John Paul II's Theology of the Body can assist teachers and parents in discussing sexuality with children who are on the autism spectrum or are dealing with other issues related to de-

velopmental disabilities.

Butler, former director of the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, is a master catechist who gives presentations at workshops and conferences on a variety of topics related to theology, history, and religious education. He and his wife, Susan, are the parents of three children, two of whom were diagnosed with autism at an early age.

Registration is \$8 per adult participant or \$15 per couple. Contact Karen Burford at kburford@stmatthew.net to register by email. Include the name, parish, and phone number of the participant(s), as well as the name, age, and special needs of those included for child care. For more information, call (614) 471-2067.

St. Mary Magdalene retreat

To honor the Year of Faith, Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., will host a one-day retreat on Saturday, Oct. 26, with guest speaker Father Josh Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches.

Registration and hospitality will be-

gin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. There will also be a light lunch and an opportunity for confession.

To allow for the preparation of enough materials, food, and seating, those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to (614) 274-1121, extension 13, by Thursday, Oct. 24.



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40 Days for Life
7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Founder's Center, 1243 E. Broad St., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils. Individuals may sign up for one- or two-hour shifts. Churches, schools, and other organizations may select one day in which their representatives will cover all shifts. **614-445-8508**

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call Deacon Steve DeMers at 614-224-6530 or 800-511-0584.

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Fax to: 614-241-2518
E-mail as text to tpuet@colsdioc.org

17, THURSDAY
Maturing Spirituality Series at de Porres Center
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "Ten Practices for the Spiritual Journey of Aging" with the Rev. Nancy Gordon, director of California Lutheran Homes Center for Spirituality. Begins with 30-minute webcast, followed by small-group discussion. **614-416-1910**

Ohio Dominican Spirituality Series
3:30 to 5 p.m., Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Spirituality Series lecture on "Dominican Spirituality: How Is It Unique?" with Jay Jackson, ODU theology professor. **614-251-4722**
'Catholicism' Series at St. Pius X
7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. "New Expressions II," Part 4 of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" series. **614-866-2859**

Vatican II Talk at Delaware St. Mary
7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. First of four talks by teacher and author Jake Tawney on the documents of Vatican II. Subject: "The Word of God." **740-363-4641**
Year of Faith Speaker at Cols. Immaculate Conception
7 p.m., Marian Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Talk on "Vatican II and the Signs of the Times in 2013: Discerning Responses to Current Issues of Social Justice in Light of Catholic Social Teaching" with University of Notre Dame theology and social concerns professor Dr. Margaret Pfeil. **614-267-9241**

18-19, FRIDAY-SATURDAY
'Called and Gifted' Workshop at St. John Neumann
7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. "Called and Gifted" workshop, presented by Siena Institute of Colorado Springs, on how to better exercise the gifts received from God. **740-965-1358, extension 100**

18-20, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Women's Retreat at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Women's retreat sponsored by spiritual life committee of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. Theme: "Come to the Well: A Journey of Spirituality, Prayer, and Priorities for Women." **614-866-2859**
Carmelite Sisters Vocations Retreat at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Retreat sponsored by Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm for unmarried women considering a possible vocation to their community, directed by Father Mark Zittle, OCarm.

19, 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**
Tutor Training Session at Dominican Learning Center
Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Training session for people interested in becoming students, for adults who are learning to read or studying for their high-school equivalency diploma, and for immigrants seeking instruction in English as a Second Language. **614-444-7330, extension 0**

19-20, SATURDAY-SUNDAY
Santa Maria Award Program
Santa Maria replica, downtown Columbus. Santa Maria Award program for all diocesan youths and adults, sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, using Columbus' voyages as an example of a life of faith. 1 p.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday for youths in grades 6-12 and parents, ending with Mass at Holy Family Church. 3 to 6:45 p.m. Saturday for youths in grades 1-5 and parents. **614-882-7806**

20, SUNDAY
Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family
Following 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. **614-221-1890**
Praise Mass at Seton Parish
11:15 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Praise Mass with contemporary music by parish's small musical groups. **614-833-0482**
St. Charles Alumni Mothers Mass and Luncheon
12:30 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass for mothers of school alumni, followed by luncheon featuring Pat Wynn Brown speaking on "The Higher the Hair, the Closer to God: My Rosary, My Rat Tail Comb, and Other Articles of Faith." **614-252-6714**

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
1:30 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. Meet downstairs. **614-282-4676**
Cathedral Music Series
3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Concert featuring Paul Tegels, professor of organ at Pacific Lutheran University. **614-241-2526**
Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. **614-886-8266**
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**

20-24, SUNDAY-THURSDAY
Parish Mission at St. Bernadette
St. Bernadette Church, 1343 Wheeling Road, Lancaster. Parish mission with Father Tony Stephens of the Fathers of Mercy in Kentucky. **740-654-1893**

21, MONDAY
Holy Hour for Vocations at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Holy Hour for priestly and consecrated vocations. **614-235-7435**

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

23, WEDNESDAY
Program on Affordable Care Act at St. Agatha
7 p.m., Parish hall, St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Program with Jeff Biehl, president of Access Health Columbus, discussing federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **614-488-6149**

Shepherd's Corner 'Reconnect with Earth' Study Group
7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Meeting of "Reconnect with Earth" study group, exploring how values and beliefs affect the way we treat the earth. **614-866-4302**
St. Michael Support Group for Divorced and Separated
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. First session of six-week support group for divorced and separated adults. **614-846-2361**

24, THURSDAY
Ohio Dominican Spirituality Series
3:30 to 5 p.m., Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Spirituality Series lecture on "Spirituality in the Marketplace: Is It Possible?" with Julie Hart and Ann Hall, ODU professors, and accounting and finance student Jonathan Beshears. **614-251-4722**
St. Paul's Outreach Banquet
6 to 9 p.m., Archie Griffin Grand Ballroom, Ohio Union, The Ohio State University, 1739 N. High St., Columbus. Ninth annual banquet of St. Paul's Outreach evangelization program for college students, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as keynote speaker. **614-352-2440**
'Catholicism' Series at St. Pius X
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Talk at St. John Neumann on Proving God's Existence
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Father Thomas Blau, OP, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Patrick Church, presents first of three talks on proofs from philosophy for the existence of God. **740-965-1358, extension 100**
Josephinum Priests, Poets and Philosophers Series
7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Lecture with Father Walter Oxley, STD, vice rector of the college's school of theology, on "An Examination of the Mystic Way in St. John of the Cross." Part of college's 2013-14 Priests, Poets and Philosophers series. **614-885-5585**
'Courage' Support Group Meeting
7:30 p.m., A Catholic organization providing support for individuals with same-sex attractions. **614-436-8676**
Mary Louise

25, FRIDAY
'Youth in Crisis' Talk with Dan DeMatte at St. Andrew
7 to 8:30 p.m., Bryce Eck Center, St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. National speaker and author Dan DeMatte, youth minister at Columbus St. Patrick Church, speaks on "Youth in Crisis" as part of St. Andrew parent speaker series. **614-205-9430**

25-27, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Retreat at Corpus Christi Center of Peace
Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 Stewart Ave., Columbus. Retreat led by Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Theme: "Can You Hear Me Now?: How Prayer Can Change Our Lives." **614-512-3731**

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of the schola and the volunteers in the choir must pass the same auditions, with both groups learning the music for particular services on their own time.

“Both groups work very hard individually away from the cathedral,” he said. “This allows us to achieve a polish and style that’s at a consistently high level and is remarkable for a group rehearsing once a week.”

The cathedral’s front doors provide a silent witness of the Catholic faith to thousands of people every day as they drive or walk along Broad Street, Columbus’ main east-west thoroughfare. What occurs at the church’s back doors every morning and afternoon isn’t seen by many people, but offers a more intimate witness of how the church attempts to follow Jesus’ teachings in everyday life.

From 9 to 10 each morning and from 4 to 5 each afternoon, weekends and holidays included, volunteers from the cathedral distribute a lunch bag filled with a sandwich, chips, water, fruit, and a dessert to people in need who line up at the back door knowing the food will be available with no questions asked. Money to provide the meals comes from donations to a box in the cathedral and from parish funds. It’s a tradition that’s been part of the cathedral for decades – so long that no one is sure when it started.

The cathedral’s conference of the St.



The cathedral as it is seen from the sacristy at the beginning of a Mass by participants in the opening procession. Photo by Dick Wood

Vincent de Paul Society and its social concerns and justice committee also serve the needy of the parish and the downtown area in a variety of ways. The St. Vincent de Paul conference provides 300 sandwiches a month for the St. Lawrence Haven food program and sponsors a parish Giving Tree at Christmastime each year. This past year, it collected about 30 fans for the Bryden House nursing home and the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs and 15 coats for JOIN. Conference member Juanita Walker was honored with the Top Hat award as Vincentian of the year for the diocese.

The social concerns committee dedicates its efforts to those who are in need because of hunger and poverty, domestic and family violence, capital punishment, and health and bioethics issues. This past summer, it sponsored a farmers market in the cathedral parking lot and handed out a truckload of fresh vegetables from the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. In 2011, it sponsored a health fair at which representatives from a number of organizations conducted screenings for various ailments.

As the parish added more young members, a young adult group known as Triple V, for the Latin *Via, Veritas et Vita* (I am the Way, the Truth and the Life) was formed. It’s been in existence since late 2009 and works with the St. Vincent de Paul conference in feeding 100 to 125 residents of Bryden House (the original St. Ann’s hospital near downtown) on the second Saturday of each month.

The group took part in Service Saturday, sponsored by Catholic Social Services, this past weekend and is attending a service and touring the synagogue of Congregation Torat Emet in Bexley this Saturday, Oct. 19. It will be collecting items for JOIN in November. Earlier this year, members went on a pilgrimage to the Franciscan Provincial House and the Shrine of St. Anthony of Padua in Cincinnati and the Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, Ky.

The influx of young people into the parish resulted in the start of a Parish School of Religion in 2010. For the past three years, the school concentrated on preparing students for their first Communion, with this year’s class consisting of six members. In 2013-14, the PSR will include classes for students in grades one to eight and will be led by Paul Davis of the diocesan Office for Divine Worship.

Davis also is in charge of the parish’s



The Paschal candle is carried into St. Joseph Cathedral during an Easter Vigil service. Photo courtesy St. Joseph Cathedral

RCIA activities and its spiritual life committee. About 15 candidates and catechumens for admission into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil are learning about Catholic teaching through the RCIA program. That’s about the same number as last year. Renee Morkassel of the spiritual life committee organized trips during the past year which visited the Shrine of the Holy Relics at Maria Stein and an exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Cincinnati.

The parish’s Knights of Columbus group, Council 400, is the oldest in Columbus and the sixth oldest in the state, dating back to 1899. It was the city’s only K of C council for 45 years and at one time had a large home that later became the former Salesian Boys and Girls Club. Among its annual activities are a Christmas basket drive, a parish pancake breakfast, basketball free throw competitions for young people, and collection of funds for the developmentally disabled and the Special Olympics.

The cathedral’s vocations committee is committed to ongoing prayer at 3 p.m. each day for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Other parish organizations include communications, events, information technology, and stewardship committees.

The cathedral actively raises money for notable causes through the arts. During the past year, its undercroft was the site of two major exhibits: “The Apostolic Visions of Paul-Henri Bourguignon” and “Art and Soul,” an exhibition of portraits of the

homeless in Columbus by Joseph Anas-tasi. The latter event raised thousands of dollars to benefit the homeless.

For the past six years, cathedral parishioners have been helping the diocese provide tuition assistance for students in need by sponsoring an annual Mardi Gras dance at the Athletic Club of Columbus. The event includes New Orleans cuisine, live music, dancing, and silent and live auctions. Last year’s honoree was diocesan schools superintendent Lucia McQuaide.

The cathedral’s beauty and tradition make it the site for a number of other special events, including six weddings this month alone. It’s a “destination church” for many, and Father Lumpe encourages those in the diocese who haven’t seen it yet to pay a visit.

“The term ‘cathedral’ can be daunting for some, but we are a parish church like any other,” he said. “If you have never been to St. Joseph Cathedral, I invite you to do so. Attend Mass, arrange a tour, come and pray. Every Catholic in the area needs to see and experience their ‘mother church’ in the Diocese of Columbus.”

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Pope Francis touches the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima at the start of a Mass in honor of Mary in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican on Oct. 13. The pope entrusted the world to Mary at the end of the Mass. CNS photo/Paul Haring



Here is a view of the damaged Basilica Minore Del Santo Nino de Cebu after an earthquake struck Cebu City, the Philippines, on Oct. 15. A magnitude 7.1 earthquake struck the central Philippines that day, killing dozens of people and damaging structures. CNS photo/Erik De Castro, Reuters



Pilgrims carry models of houses in hopes of receiving a new home as they arrive at Our Lady of Nazareth Basilica in Belem, Brazil, during the annual Cirio de Nazare procession on Oct. 14. More than a million pilgrims take part in the procession, which takes place on the second Sunday of October and honors Our Lady of Nazareth. CNS photo/Paulo Santos, Reuters

Catholics of all ages turn out for Walk for the Poor

About 500 people, from infants to octogenarians, came to walk a mile in the shoes of the needy at last month's St. Vincent de Paul Society Walk for the Poor at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. They came on foot, carrying canes, and in wheelchairs and strollers to join 233 St. Vincent de Paul chapters nationwide in raising money and awareness of the plight of the poor.

Bishop Frederick Campbell told the crowd that the walk in Columbus is one of the largest in the nation. "Here in the heartland, we have the heart," he said.

Bishop Campbell said the Vincentians provide not just material help, but "give a gift of themselves."

Alberta Davis of Columbus St. James the Less Church didn't let a recent fall and neck surgery get in her way of walking. With cane in hand, she walked a mile around the track. "The Lord pushed me," the 71-year-old volunteer said.



Some of the approximately 500 people who took part in the St. Vincent de Paul Society Walk for the Poor at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. Photo courtesy St. Vincent de Paul Society

Her nephew Doug Davis walked an additional two miles for her so she could "finish" the three-mile challenge.

Joan Chester and Eileen Bricker Quickel, who are in their 80s, walked with Columbus St. Cecilia Church's

SVDP conference.

Chester, who has been coming to the walk since the society started it, was happy to see the number of young people involved. "It's wonderful the high schools have chapters," she said.

Although Columbus Bishop Watterson High School has a St. Vincent de Paul youth conference, the school's cheerleaders decided to walk as a group as a community service project and to facilitate team bonding, said cheerleader Mary Ryznar. They raised \$60.

Ellen and Matt Peppercorn of Columbus St. Timothy Church walked with their four young daughters, including one in a stroller. "They're too young to take to a soup kitchen," Ellen Peppercorn said. "This is an easy way to introduce them to helping people."

More than 500 walkers participated, raising more than \$40,000 for individual St. Vincent de Paul conferences and the society's diocesan charities.

FAMILY ROSARY DAY



Families from across the Diocese of Columbus gathered on Sunday, Oct. 13 at Columbus Christ the King Church for the annual observance of Family Rosary Day. Pictured is the Oconer family from Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish (from left): Joshua (15), Jeremiah (13), Jeffrey (father), Maria (mother), and Julian (6). Also pictured is Grace Ritzenhaller, a ninth grader from Columbus Holy Family Church, as she crowns the Blessed Virgin Mary, assisted by Lee Brock of the fourth-degree Knights of Columbus. CT photos by Ken Snow



FOUR SCHOOLS HAVE JOINT MASS IN ZANESVILLE

More than 500 students from Muskingum and Perry counties traveled to Zanesville St. Nicholas Church for a special Mass on Friday, Oct. 4. Students came from Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School, Zanesville Bishop Fenwick School, New Lexington St. Rose School, and Cambridge St. Benedict School.

The Blue Notes Chime Choir from St. Rose provided music for the prelude.

The Rosecrans choir, directed by Crystal Bensonhaver, offered additional special music.

Father Martin Ralko of St. Nicholas Church celebrated Mass, emphasizing that students, while coming from small Catholic schools, could potentially witness to thousands of people just by going about their daily lives and following the teachings of Christ and the Church.