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The Editor's Notebook

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

By David Garick, Editor

In a few days, we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation for Catholics. We take time to glorify Mary's bodily assumption to Heaven and we ponder how that is relevant to us. Conceived without original sin, we naturally feel that she is uniquely entitled to her place in Heaven.

But what about the rest of us? We drag around our natural propensity for sin like a millstone tied to our necks. How do we find our way? Mary is our model. In her wonderful expression that we call the *Magnificat*, we find the way for ourselves: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed." Mary understands that even though the world will call her blessed, it is not of her own doing. Rather, the good in her is a grace from God.

Contrast that with the prevailing attitude of the world, still present today, in which people feel comfortable relying on their own wisdom, knowledge, skill, and achievement. As long as life does not force them to consider other human needs, deeper realities or ultimate questions, they feel self-reliant and independent. But those realities hang over us like an ominous cloud. That is, until we realize the truth in what Mary tells us: "His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty." The grace of God can provide the eternal answers where our own resources always fail.

Mary points us to her Son. The heart of Christianity consists of our attitude before God and our personal relationship to Christ. This is the number-one lesson of the spiritual life: that we are God's children in total dependence of the free grace of God. We cannot stand on our rights before God; we know that we are saved and blessed with any grace at all, only by the mercy of God through the loving action of Christ. This makes clear Christ's first beatitude in Matthew's Gospel: "Blessed are the poor in spirit." It has nothing to do with money or possessions and everything to do with our sense of complete dependence on God for all good and all grace. In this profound sense, religion is only for the needy, for those who are totally dependent on God for all grace. All of us humans are needy; those who recognize their need are religious people or good Christians.

We have been blessed in Columbus over the years with many examples to follow in the members of religious orders who work in our schools, hospitals, parishes, and communities. This issue of *Catholic Times* takes a look at the newest religious order to take up residence in our diocese. The story beginning on Page 10 tells of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who have settled in Chillicothe. Like Mary, they are reaching the hearts of people longing for answers in a troubled world. They remind us of the essential thing that God asks of us, which is simply to affirm wholeheartedly that he is God and we are his creatures and that he loves us and will give us his grace if we only ask.

MSGR. RALPH HUNTZIGER
PASSED AWAY ON JULY 30

Funeral Mass for Msgr. Ralph J. Huntziger, 89, who died Thursday, July 30, was held Tuesday, Aug. 5 at Columbus St. Mary Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born October 16, 1924, in Columbus to Joseph and Clara Huntziger.

He graduated from Columbus St. Leo School and St. Charles Preparatory School and earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Columbus St. Charles Seminary, a master's degree in theology from Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary in Norwood, and a master of arts degree in education from The Ohio State University.

He was ordained to the priesthood on March 18, 1950, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael Ready.

He was pastor at Columbus St. Mary from 1979-94 and assistant pastor at Newark Blessed Sacrament (1950-54), Columbus St. Christopher (1954), and Zanesville St. Nicholas (1955-56) churches. He also was a teacher at Newark St. Francis de Sales (1950-54) and Zanesville Rosecrans (1955-56) high schools and St. Charles Seminary (1954-55 and 1956-68), principal at St. Charles Seminary (1968-71), and spiritual director and pastoral activities director at the Pontifical College Josephinum (1971-79).

At various times, he served as chaplain for the Carmelite Monastery of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Columbus, secretary of the Diocesan Committee for Vocations, chaplain for Serra International of Columbus, director of the diocesan permanent diaconate program, conference master to sisters at the Columbus Bishop Ready High School convent, a member of the diocesan priest personnel board, and vicar of the South Columbus Vicariate.

He retired from active ministry in July 1994, and for the last several years was a resident of the Mohun Health Care Center. He was named a monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, by Pope John Paul II on Sept. 24, 1992.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Donald, Howard, Joe, and Jack. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT/Clergy Assignment

Confirming the appointment of the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, Father Todd Cassian Derbes, OP, from service outside the diocese to Parochial Vicar at Columbus St. Patrick, effective August 8.

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The earthly bodies some despise are those imprinted with God's love

By Carolyn Woo and Justin Bartkus

Catholic News Service

In August, the Feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary taken into heaven body and soul. This is by the power exerted by her son's suffering, triumph, and ascent into heaven. Where Jesus is, Mary is, since Mary's faith and love for him are unsullied by cynicism or bitterness, despite piercing sorrow. She believes the divine promises without pretense or hesitation.

The power that raised Jesus from the dead is what raises Mary above and beyond death. She experiences in her body and spirit the destiny that Jesus experienced, and therefore modeled, in his ascension. It is a passage that is not out of the world, but into another dimension that mingles everything earthly with everything eternal. Pope Benedict XVI noted this in his homily on the Feast of the Assumption in 2010.

Jesus passes out of sight so that we might not hold onto him as he used to be, but find him in the daily gifts and exaltations and sufferings of our experiences. Through the in-

arnation, Jesus became human, with a body which is neither left behind nor destroyed. The same goes for Mary.

Nothing that is precious in God's eyes will be lost. That includes our bodies. The ascent of Mary's body into heaven is two things: (1) a dogma cementing her greatness of faith, and (2) by means of her glorification, a guarantee that the little and hidden affairs of the body and of all bodies are precious to the Lord.

Catholic agencies and ministries around the world reach out to nourish, heal, shelter, and protect the poorest and most vulnerable. Daily we see children's bodies that are stunted, bearing the devastating consequence of malnutrition. We see those ravaged by disease because they lack access to common medicine. We see the disabled, those cast out by their communities because of mental illness or shunned for other reasons. Some are reduced to humiliating subsistence because of war or ethnic cleansing, their bodies scarred by torture.

Yet these bodies are crafted by God, imprinted with his love, sent forth to be his presence on Earth. In the midst of

these stark encounters, we witness the will to live, to thrive, to seek a better future, a chance to use their gifts, to make lives matter. In the people who serve with us, we meet compassion and generosity and hospitality and embrace, sacrifice and joy.

In this work and in our daily activities, we call to mind Blessed John Paul II's teachings on the *Theology of the Body: Human Love in the Divine Plan*. Our bodies are made to reveal the nature of God and his intended kingdom on Earth.

St. Teresa of Avila said in a poem that we are called to be God's hands and feet, his body on earth. On that note, she taught us that "God gave us faculties for our use; each of them will receive its proper reward. Then do not let us try to charm them to sleep, but permit them to do their work until divinely called to something higher."

(Woo is president and chief executive officer of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Justin Bartkus, collaborating on this column, is her son.)



Mary is shown being taken up to heaven in a painting inside a dome of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. The feast of her assumption is celebrated on Aug. 15 in the Roman Catholic Church.

CNS file photo/Nancy Wiechec

Cardinal Marchisano, Vatican art expert and visitor to Columbus, dies

Cardinal Francesco Marchisano, who was known for his work in caring for the Vatican's vast collection of artistic treasures and visited the Holy Family Jubilee Museum in Columbus on two occasions, died on July 27 at age 85.

Cardinal Marchisano began serving as secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Preserving the Patrimony of Art and History in 1988, then was named its president when the commission's name was changed in 1993 to the Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church. He held that position until 2002,

when he became archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica, a position he held until 2006.

His first visit to the Jubilee Museum, which has the largest collection of diversified Catholic artwork in the United States, came in 1998 for its dedication. He returned four years later as keynote speaker for a national convention on the establishment of diocesan museums.

While in Columbus, he also served meals at the Holy Family Soup Kitchen, which has been named in his honor. The museum is on the upper floors of the former Holy Family School and the soup kitchen

is in the building's basement. This prompted Cardinal Marchisano to say the museum is unique because "upstairs you have the treasures of Christ in art, downstairs you have the treasures of Christ in the poor."

In a telegram of condolence, Pope Francis praised the late cardinal's generous pastoral witness as a priest and bishop, who eagerly addressed "the needs of the faithful and who was sensitive to the world of art and culture."

He told Catholic News Service in 2002 that all of his jobs were focused on communicating the Gospel, usually not through

words, but through the witness of what human minds and hands were inspired to make in celebration of the faith.

However, despite his many top-level Vatican positions,

he told CNS that his favorite ministerial memory was the 30 years he spent, outside office hours, teaching catechism in Rome to groups of children with with severe hearing loss.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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Front page photo: Recently arrived Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Quilon walk in the neighborhood near their convent at Chillicothe St. Peter Church. Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Conflict

Have you prayed that final "tidbit" each day from our column two weeks ago? It is a nice meditation and does a good job of bringing us back to reality, especially when it comes to disruptions and challenges that frustrate us. I think it is so good we can all pray it one more time: "God's job, I think, is to keep lovingly disrupting our lives, and our job is to see if there are fresh opportunities for faith hidden within those disruptions. As a result, God keeps finding fresh ways to shake up our complacencies and challenge us to resist the seductive temptation to play the victim." It is far too often that I convince myself that I am the victim. Disruptions make me angry, frustrate me, and cause me to think I am the only one who has to deal with such things. That is such an embarrassment, when you think about it. It requires a complete change in mindset and attitude, but when we are challenged by God, we are called to respond very assertively and positively. Otherwise, we are truly victimized and fall into perpetual complacency. We are better than that.

We are all aware of the ongoing violence and military activity in the Middle East, especially the current war in Israel and the Palestinian areas. That cradle of civilization, the birthplace of major religions, must make God very unhappy. The war, violence, and innocent civilian victims just continue on and on. Too much of this travesty is done in the name of God and faith, whether you are the aggressor or the defender. Yes, evil exists, and we are responsible for combating its spread. It is so sad that evil never seems to go away. The blood flows constantly throughout the world, and it never even has a chance to dry up. Here is a quiz for us: What do the following nations all have in common: Afghanistan, Somalia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Mexico, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, the Central African Republic, Sudan, and Ukraine. You may have guessed that all are currently involved in some sort of war, civil or otherwise, or armed conflict. If so, you are correct. But you might also guess that the list should be longer. If so, you are correct again. Unfortunately, this primary list has a war death toll of 1,000 or more each year. There are at least 33 other nations at war, each with less than 1,000 deaths per year. What a sad way to measure and classify. If we would include the number of murders in each nation, including the United States, the totals get ridiculous (just under 15,000 in the U.S. in 2013). We seem to have become so numb to war, murder, and killing. No wonder this world has such disregard and disrespect for human life. To cite some facts from our list, the war in Afghanistan began in 1978, and the total of deaths there is more than two million. The civil war in Somalia started in 1991, and they have broken the 500,000 dead barrier. The Mexican drug war began in earnest eight years ago, and the known deaths are more than 150,000. The civil war in Syria began in 2011, and already it has joined the 250,000-plus club. We should fall on our knees every day and thank God for two things: first, for our good lives and freedom; second, for each veteran who ever served to protect and sustain us.

Our practical challenge these next two weeks is to pray for peace in our world. Pray the Prayer of St. Francis: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. . . ." Pray it at least once a day. As you pray, also remember our veterans, and ask God to hit every politician and bureaucrat upside the head and have them do whatever it takes to provide all care necessary for our veterans. Peace begins at home, so let us show it.

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



Marion Catholic Track Reunion

More than 70 people attended a reunion at the Marion Knights of Columbus Hall for all Marion Catholic High School track and field athletes and coaches.

The event combined a 25th anniversary celebration of the school's 1989 state track championship and a review of its outstanding 46-year history in the sport. From its opening in 1957 to its closing at the end of the 2012-13 school year, Marion Catholic had 11 state champions and 55 athletes who scored at least one point in the state meet. Two of those athletes, Richard Elsasser and Kevin Schlitt, are members of the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame.

All were recognized at the reunion, with most on hand for the event, which was organized by former Marion Catholic coaches Bob New and Larry Brown.

State champions from Marion Catholic include Ted Anderson (220-yard dash, 1959), Richard Elsasser (mile, 1960

and 1961), Pat Nicolosi (pole vault, 1966), Dan Schlitt (pole vault, 1985 and 1986), Vanessa Albernaz (100-meter low hurdles, 1986 and 1987), and Kevin Schlitt (pole vault, 1987, 1988, and 1989).

Joe Bauer, a 1963 graduate, traveled to the reunion from Arlington, Va. Morten Andersen came even farther, returning to Ohio from his homeland of Norway. He was an exchange student who attended Marion Catholic for the 1989-90 academic year and set the school record for the 800-meter run. He and all the school's other record holders were honored.

The event concluded with a Mass at Marion St. Mary Church for the intentions of all the school's living and deceased track athletes and coaches. New, who was track coach for the Irish from 1982-94, said the school's athletic trophies are now on display at the Marion K of C Hall. He also said he hopes the reunion will serve as a starting point for future all-school gatherings of Marion Catholic alumni.

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The Catholic Foundation Again Surpasses Record in Grants Distributed

The Catholic Foundation is thrilled to announce its second consecutive record-breaking year for impact. In the fiscal year which ended on June 30, the Foundation distributed 1,070 grants totaling \$6.5 million. The previous record was set in 2013, with nearly \$6 million in grants distributed.

"We've been abundantly blessed by the gifts of our donors, which allow us to provide for the parishes, schools, and ministries in the Diocese of Columbus," said Loren Brown, the Foundation's president and chief executive officer. "We hope to continue this upward trend for many years to come."

The Catholic Foundation focuses its funding on four key pillars: Catholic education/faith formation (43 percent), parish life (24 percent), social services (21 percent), and vocations (12 percent). Many of the more than 1,000 grants were distributed based on donor intent. Of the grants awarded, 55 percent

came from endowment fund distributions, 30 percent came from donor advised funds, and approximately one percent of grants were awarded in the form of scholarships. The remaining 14 percent came from the Foundation's responsive grants programs.

"This year, we were able to invest more money into our Catholic ministries than ever before," said Amy Parker, vice president of grants and diocesan partnerships. "It has been rewarding to see this investment in our faith, but we know that there is still much work to be done."

About half of the 23 counties in the Diocese of Columbus have an unemployment rate higher than the state average, which increases demand on supporting organizations, and, in turn, increases grant requests. While this was a record-breaking year, The Catholic Foundation staff and board of trustees continue to strive to provide for all requests for funding to sup-

port the Catholic faith.

"Through the support of our donors and parish pastors, and by the grace of God, we will move the dial closer and closer to fulfilling our mission of providing for the long-term needs of the diocese," Brown said.

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the Diocese of Columbus. The Foundation fulfills its mission by seeking donors to establish funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to community priorities and donor intent. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic foundations in the nation, distributing more than \$70 million in the diocese since 1985.

For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

Wilderness Outreach Has Dates Available

The Wilderness Outreach program, directed by John Bradford of Lancaster, is offering its services to men's groups for weekend outdoor spirituality programs it can conduct in Columbus and nearby areas this fall and in the spring and summer of 2015.

Available dates are any weekend between Oct. 3 and Nov. 30 of this year, and the 2015 weekends of April 10-12, April 24-26, and the first three weekends of May.

Its annual Carry the Cross program, a 12-mile walk consisting of 14 stations in which participants take turns carrying a wooden cross, will take place Holy Saturday, April 4, at Clear Creek Metro Park, on the border of Fairfield and Hocking counties.

A program for fathers and sons, led by youth minister Dan De-

Matte of Columbus St. Catherine Church, is planned at Tar Hollow State Park in Ross and Hocking counties from April 17-19.

Wilderness Outreach also is conducting a number of events nationwide from now through next summer. This weekend, it is concluding a 10-day program in the Ansel Adams Wilderness in California for seminarians of the Diocese of Lafayette, Ind. A similar program at the same site will take place from Aug. 1-10 for seminarians of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa.

Retreats are planned in the Beaver Creek Wilderness area of the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky from March 6-14 for Ball State University students and from March 14-21 for students from Indiana and Purdue universities. Bradford said this area, about six hours from Co-

lumbus, also would be an ideal site for programs in October and November for interested groups.

In the western United States, Wilderness Outreach is continuing work in the Sierra Nevadas, the Cascades, and the Rockies. Its first major project in Wyoming is planned for 2015. Weekends from Dec. 1 to Feb. 28 and June 1 to Aug. 31 of next year are available for programs in the West.

Wilderness Outreach challenges priests, seminarians, and laymen to embrace and develop their God-given manhood through worship, work, asceticism, leadership, and brotherhood. More information is available from Bradford by phone at (614) 679-6761, by email at john@wildernessoutreach.net, or online at www.wildernessoutreach.net.

Cremins in church? Funeral Mass for non-Catholic?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I have a question, and I know I'm not the only Catholic confused over this. Why is it that some priests allow cremains in church for a funeral Mass and others do not? The last wish of my dying sister was to be cremated and to have a Mass. The priest, however, would not allow her remains to be in church, and so we had a service for her in a funeral home instead.

But I have been to funeral Masses where the cremains were present. Is this a matter of a universal church rule, or is it an individual priest's decision? (No wonder church attendance is so low and parishes are closing. You are chasing us away. Get your act together.) (South Jersey)

A. For many centuries, the Catholic Church did not permit cremation, due principally to the church's belief in the resurrection of the body.

Even today, while it does allow cremation, the church clearly prefers traditional burial or entombment, as noted in the *Code of Canon Law* No. 1176, Section 3.

In 1963, when the Vatican lifted its long-held ban on cremation, it still did not allow the cremated remains to be present at a funeral Mass. But later, in 1997, the bishops of the United States applied for and received permis-

sion to have a funeral Mass celebrated in the presence of the cremains.

It is now the prerogative of the bishop of each U.S. diocese whether to permit this, and many bishops do. At the Mass, the cremains usually are placed on a small table near the altar, in front of the paschal candle, and they are revered with holy water and incense during the ritual.

It should not be the role of a local pastor to prohibit this option if his bishop allows it. Since you did not mention any dates, I'm guessing that your sister's death occurred before 1997 -- i.e., before the Vatican began to allow funerals in the U.S. with the cremains present.

Q. My husband is not a Catholic, but we were married in a Catholic church. I've been wondering whether my husband can have a Catholic funeral Mass when he dies. We agreed at the time of our marriage to raise our children Catholic, and he has seen to it that they have received all the sacraments.

He also attends Mass with me every Sunday (participating in everything except Communion), and he made sure that our children got to Mass, even when I could not go.

We are getting older, and this is becoming a real concern for me.

Someone mentioned to me that my husband would not be able to have a funeral Mass, and it seems to me that he is as good as, if not better than, some of the Catholics who are in church with him. Right now, I am feeling that if my husband is not good enough to have a funeral Mass, then neither am I. (Canajoharie, New York)

A. Relax and don't worry. It's very likely that your husband will have a Catholic funeral Mass. Here is what the church's *Code of Canon Law* says in No. 1183, Section 3: "In the prudent judgment of the local ordinary, ecclesiastical funerals can be granted to baptized persons who are enrolled in a non-Catholic church or ecclesial community unless their intention is evidently to the contrary and provided that their own minister is not available."

Assuming that your husband was once baptized, there are two other requirements: One is that he has not said that he does not want to have a Catholic funeral; the other is that his minister is unavailable, and since he has been attending Mass with you for many years, the practical reality is that he does not have his own minister.

So I would think that you would have no problem -- especially since your husband has been so supportive of your family's Catholic practice.

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

AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2014

Columbus Aquinas High School closed its doors in 1965, but its alumni continue to live the spirit of Aquinas and help young people find the value of a Catholic education. One way they do that is through scholarships to diocesan high schools.

This year, two graduating eighth-grade students from diocesan elementary schools were awarded full high-school scholarships for their freshman year, and four others received partial freshman scholarships.

The full scholarships were awarded to Adrienne Ferguson and Riley Fortcamp, both from Columbus Our Lady of Peace School, who will attend Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. Awarded partial scholarships were Charles Spencer, Worthington St. Michael School, to Bishop Watterson; Kai Jason Reed, Newark St. Francis de Sales School, to Newark Catholic; and Abigail Berman, Columbus St. Catharine School, and Carolyn Heinmiller, Columbus Holy Spirit School, both to Columbus Bishop Hartley High School.

The Aquinas scholarship fund has awarded more than \$325,000 to 125 young men and women attending Catholic high schools in central Ohio since 1994. The fund was initiated by Dr. Bob Frank, a Co-

lumbus physician and 1964 Aquinas graduate, and Gary Mangini, who graduated from the school in 1963 and is the retired director of The Ohio State University Student Health Service Pharmacy. Funds for the scholarships are raised by an annual \$1,000 raffle, and by a memorial golf tournament in memory of 1958 Aquinas graduate Charlie Mentel. The tournament is in its 22nd year. The fund also receives money from memorial donations and friends and supporters of Catholic education. Donation checks may be written to the Aquinas Scholarship Fund, in care of Gary Mangini, 2009 Hayer Court, Lewis Center OH 43035, and also may be made to the Aquinas Scholarship Endowment Fund with The Catholic Foundation.

The all-Columbus high school reunion, benefiting the Aquinas scholarship fund, will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 3, at Oakhurst Country Club, 3223 Norton Road, Grove City.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$40 per couple. The reunion's "triple threat concert" will feature Aquinas graduates Johnny Rhodes (class of 1960) and Jeff Pharion (1963) and the Eddie Pollina Band, featuring Suzie Goldstein and Amy Lancione. Tickets are available from Jeff Pharion at (614) 402-4811.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER REUNION

A reunion potluck for team presenters, workshop facilitators, newsletter contributors, and others involved in the Central Ohio Marriage Encounter organization will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 at the parish center of Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1880 Northam Road.

Those planning to attend are asked to contact Ray and Kathy Hinrichs at (614) 459-2612 or Deacon Tony and Elaine Bonacci at bonacci.1@osu.edu by Thursday, Aug. 14, and to bring their own drinks and a dish to share. It is suggested that those with last names ending in A through G bring a salad or appetiz-

er; H through P, a main dish; and R through Z, a dessert.

Hinrichs said Father Daniel Ochs, pastor at St. Agatha, and Father Justin Reis, in residence there, both of whom were involved with Central Ohio Marriage Encounter in the 1970s and '80s, will be in attendance.

Central Ohio Marriage Encounter is an affiliate of the Minnesota-based National Marriage Encounter organization. It has not presented a Marriage Encounter weekend since 1987 and is not connected with Worldwide Marriage Encounter, which currently sponsors the weekends in the diocese and elsewhere.

RENEGADE RESEARCHERS AND THE FUTURE OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH



MAKING SENSE Out of Bioethics

Father Tad Pacholczyk

Producing human embryos in the laboratory for research purposes makes most people uneasy. Even those who tolerate the creation of embryos in test tubes so that infertile couples might have children will often have reservations about the creation of embryos to serve as experimental research material or to destroy them for their cellular parts.

Twenty years ago, when a deeply divided government panel recommended allowing such research experiments on human embryos for the first time, even Bill Clinton summarily rejected the idea. Two years later, Rep. Nancy Pelosi concurred in the Congressional Record: "We should not be involved in the creation of embryos for research. I completely agree with my colleagues on that score." The proposal to engender human embryos by cloning has similarly drawn strong opposition from Americans for many years.

Yet society's views are shifting. Clinton, Pelosi, and many others have reversed their views in recent years. Scientists and politicians now seem ready to draw ethical lines, and then erase them as expediency demands.

Recently, with little fanfare, the journal "Nature" published a paper from a major research laboratory describing a study that would have been largely unthinkable when embryo research debates first began in the early 1990's. Dr. Shoukhrat Mitalipov and his colleagues at Oregon Health and Science University described the creation of multiple human embryos in the laboratory for research purposes. Two of the embryos were produced by in vitro fertilization (IVF), and four more were generated by nuclear transfer or cloning, the same technique used to produce Dolly the sheep.

All six of the human embryos were engendered for the purpose of "disaggregating" them for their embryonic stem cells to enable further study and detailed comparisons of their genetic and epigenetic patterns. If those human embryos derived by IVF or by cloning had not been destroyed, but instead implanted into their mothers, pregnancies could reasonably have been expected to ensue.

Human embryos, our own progeny, surely deserve better than being reduced to a kind of raw material, a commodity to be used for research and commercial purposes. Embryos, of course, are strikingly unfamiliar to us. They lack hands and feet and voices. Even their brains have not yet developed. They look nothing like what we expect when we imagine a human being. But they are as

human as you and I; they're simply younger, smaller, and more vulnerable. Embryos may not register with us on first glance. We may need to make a concerted effort to avoid disconnecting them from what we once were ourselves, given that each of us is precisely an embryo who has grown up.

Human embryos ought to be accorded the same respect that every human being deserves as a matter of basic human rights. Human dignity demands nothing less. Respect for our own progeny, then, will have the obvious consequence that human embryos should not be generated in the laboratory for premeditated destruction or for cellular cannibalization by scientists.

Mitalipov's laboratory, of course, is not the first to carry out human embryo-destructive research. But if he and his 25 co-authors on the paper are able routinely to create human life merely to extinguish it for research ends -- and are able to chronicle their exploits in professional journals without engendering so much as an ethical hiccup from the scientific community -- perhaps it really is time to ask whether our corporate practice of science is returning to its pre-Nuremberg days, when weak and vulnerable human subjects did not need to be accorded unconditional protections, particularly if expedient and important research agendas happened to be at stake.

On the other hand, one might argue that the biomedical sciences have not yet lost their ethical footing, concluding instead that a few renegade and influential scientists have managed to hold sway over a silent majority of other researchers who actually harbor substantive ethical objections to human embryo research. In that case, we can hope that papers like the one published by Mitalipov and his colleagues may trigger the research community to begin drawing some long-overdue ethical lines and to reign in some of their own rogue investigators. We can hope for a new measure of courage in taking the important step of joining science to ethics, and working to protect the youngest, most voiceless members of the human family from research exploitation.

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KNIGHTS OF MALTA'S RELIEF AGENCY EXPANDS

The Order of the Knights of Malta has a tradition of helping those in need that goes back to the days when its hospital in Jerusalem served pilgrims to the Holy Land and participants in the Crusades. Last year, the lay religious order of the Catholic Church celebrated the 900th anniversary of the signing of a papal document which placed it under the protection of the Holy See.

For most of its existence, the order engaged in voluntary work, humanitarian assistance, and medical assistance primarily through individual efforts. As the order grew in the 20th century, its work became so widespread that it formed aid associations in various nations. Those groups ultimately were combined under the umbrella of Malteser International, the order's German relief agency, which was founded in 1953.

For the first 45 years or so of its existence, Malteser International concentrated most of its aid in Europe, Africa, and Asia. But beginning in the late 1990s, it began to expand into the Americas. It now is conducting programs in Haiti, Peru, Cuba, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, and Bolivia. Last November, it opened an office in Coral Gables, Fla., for its work in the Western Hemisphere.

Ravi Triprapp, who has been with Mal-

teser International for 12 years in Cambodia, Thailand, and Germany, came to the United States at that time to become director of that office. He visited Columbus recently to talk to local members of the Knights of Malta and their guests about the organization's work.

"Malteser International now is conducting more than 100 projects in 26 nations," Triprapp told the *Catholic Times*. "Our emergency relief and rehabilitation programs in the Americas have become so significant that the only way to properly serve them was to open an office closer to the areas where we work in the Western Hemisphere so we can manage our resources there more effectively. We decided to locate in the Miami area because the airline connections there enable us to quickly go anywhere in the region to respond to people's needs."

Triprapp said Malteser International concentrates on five core areas, with the central goal of providing a healthy, dignified life for the people it serves. Those goals are relief, reconstruction, and rehabilitation; health and nutrition; water, sanitation, and hygiene; livelihood and social programs; and disaster risk reduction.

Last year, the organization raised about \$20.7 million through individual donations and its own funds, plus another \$38.9 million from government, and other sources, and spent \$59.7 on its programs worldwide. Its humanitarian efforts included helping 480,000 people receive emergency relief after disasters, providing a daily source of clean drinking water for 358,000 people, protecting about 6,500 infants from malnutrition and undernourishment by enriching their diet, and building or restoring 294 new homes, 120 emergency shelters, 58 health care facilities, and one children's home.



Top: A nurse and patient at Malteser International's senior center in Querecotillo, Peru. Below: Malteser infant care in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Photos/Malteser International

Most of the \$3.17 million it provided last year for aid in the Americas went to Haiti, where it has been present since that nation's devastating 2010 earthquake. Triprapp said its work there in 2013 included starting model gardens through which more than 100 farmers learned about sustainable agriculture and soil conservation and began employing those techniques in their fields. It also was involved in cholera prevention, disaster relief training, hygiene promotion, and reconstruction of schools.

In Peru, it provided school materials for 250 children, after-school meals for 59 children, mentoring for 53 children, and social mentoring for 35 senior citizens, with the help of nearly 200 local volunteers.

Among the dozens of other places where Malteser International offers help, none may be more dangerous right now than a health center near Mosul, Iraq, where the organization has joined with an Iraqi partner to provide health care in a building owned by the Chaldean church. About 35 people are

receiving free health care every day at the site, Triprapp said.

Malteser International's parent organization, the Knights of Malta, is not just a lay Catholic religious order. It also is recognized by nations as a sovereign state, an independent subject of international law.

Charles Mifsud, its regional activities coordinator (with the formal title of regional hospitalier), said the Columbus area currently has 14 members of either the Knights or the Dames of Malta, the organization's women's group, with another six in formation. Applicants must be at least 25 and be practicing Catholics with a record of service to the church and leadership in the community. There is a membership formation process that takes about 18 months.

Anyone interested in learning more about the organization or donating to Malteser International may contact Mifsud at (614) 378-6253.

Malteser's website is www.malteser-international.org.

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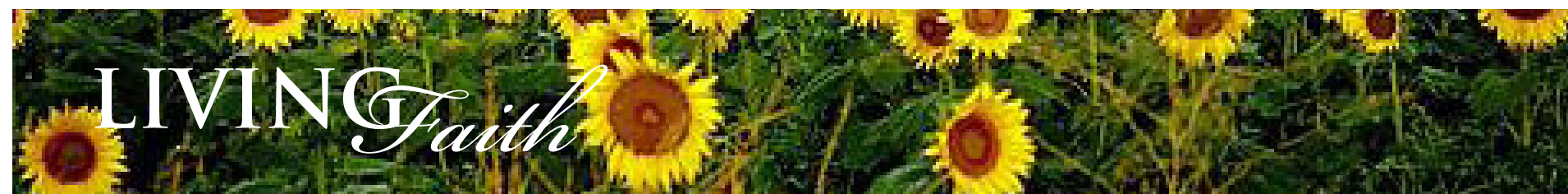
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God's massive power can overcome all enemies, but he comes to us in a whisper

Sunday's reading follows a dramatic showdown between Elijah and King Ahab after three long years of drought predicted by the prophet. During his reign, Ahab's wife, Jezebel, spread the worship of Baal throughout the land and murdered the prophets of the Lord. Elijah alone remained. Prompted by God, Elijah met with the king, and proposed a gathering on Mount Carmel.

People from all over Israel were summoned, including the prophets of Baal. Tired of their unwillingness to choose between the Lord and Baal, Elijah challenged them to watch and decide: The prophets of Baal were to prepare a sacrifice. Elijah would do the same. Each would call on their god to send fire to consume the offering.

You know the outcome. Despite a day of shouting, dancing, and self-mutilation, Baal's prophets received no answer. Then Elijah, after preparing his sacrifice and inviting the people to douse it all with water three times, asked the Lord to answer his prayer so the people would turn their hearts again to the true God.

Fire consumed the sacrifice, the stones, and the wood, and dried up all the water in the trench. Elijah commanded the people to slaughter all the prophets of Baal who were present. A small cloud over the sea grew larger and darker, and, as God had promised, at last, rain came.

Jezebel was furious and vowed to take Elijah's life. He fled until, exhausted, he sat down by a bush and asked God to take his life, but angels, not death, arrived. And they brought food. Twice they fed the old prophet.



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary van Balen

Strengthened, he traveled 40 days to Mount Horeb.

This is where we meet Elijah in Sunday's reading. After having spent his life striving to be faithful to his God, he wasn't sure what he had accomplished. In spite of the spectacular results on Mount Carmel and the killing of Baal's prophets, his world appeared unchanged.

A few lines are left out of Sunday's reading. Between the night of sleep in the cave and the command to stand on the mountain to wait for the Lord, Elijah hears God asking him what he is doing there.

He answers, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

Haven't we felt that same way at one time or another? Having done our best, our best isn't good enough. We've prayed, we've worked, and we've hoped, but eventually find hope elusive. As the angels observed, the journey is too much for us, for our resources. We need nourishment from God to go on, and even then we aren't sure, what to do next. Poverty, hatred, oppression, and disease continue to plague our world,

and we have no answers.

Elijah waited to meet the Lord, but God didn't come in the violence of wind or storms. He didn't come in earthquakes or fire. The Lord didn't come with force, but in a whisper. All the power of God. In a whisper.

I find that comforting. I think it's because I can do "whispers." I can do little things with great love. All the bombs raining down fire on people below haven't brought peace. All the hatred and angry posturing haven't brought needed change. Like Elijah's showdown on Mount Carmel, they might look impressive, but, in the end, they only make things worse.

We aren't perfect. Elijah wasn't, either. He had 450 prophets slaughtered because they believed in the wrong god. He wanted good. He wanted what God wanted, but couldn't make it happen himself.

It's a story repeated in Scripture and in our lives. God brings good from our efforts in ways we don't know. When we can see no path ahead, like Elijah, God invites us to trust. To be still. To listen. God is passing by. God is coming in whispers. Whispers from the lips of children, from a tired mother. From a scarred earth. From a cool breeze. From a kind deed. From some little thing you do that you think makes no difference.

The Holy One who made all that is and who is beyond our imaginings is a God who comes in whispers.

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Blessing of Chapel and Statue

Mount Carmel Health's New Albany Surgical Hospital has opened a new chapel for patients and visitors, the first on the campus. A blessing was performed by Father Jerome Rodenfels, pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany.

"We understand the important role that faith and spirituality play in the healing process," Dick D'Enbeau, president and chief operating officer of Mount Carmel New Albany, said during the dedication ceremony. "We are proud to have the opportunity to enhance the caring, personal spiritual care that we have available here at Mount Carmel New Albany through this beautiful new chapel."

In addition, a statue of the Blessed Mother, titled "Mary of the Immaculate Conception" (pictured) was installed overlooking the main entrance. This statue was part of the first chapel at the original Mount Carmel hospital, which is now Mount Carmel West, and dates back to the late 1890s.



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Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Quilon visit Bishop Frederick Campbell. Pictured are (from left): seated, Sisters Shani Mary, Leonard Mary, and Amelia Mary; standing, Bishop Campbell, Father William Hahn, Sister Agneta Mary, Mother Rexia Mary, Sister Ushatta Mary.

This has been a summer of transformation for Chillicothe St. Peter Church.

Its convent has sisters living in it again, and its former school building, which had many underused areas since students were moved to another location in 1986, is in the process of being filled with parish offices and space for organizations and ministries, social and educational events, and community outreach.

The church's pastor, Father William Hahn, said plans for some of the improvements to the school had been in the works for a while, but the changes were accelerated when the opportunity arose for the parish to house three members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Quilon, a religious order which has its base in India and has taken on a worldwide scope in recent years.

The sisters arrived on Thursday, July 17, and were formally welcomed to the community at a Mass on Saturday, July 26.

"It didn't take the sisters long to start into the work of evangelization in the community that they're anxious to do," Father Hahn said less than a week after their arrival. "We're still getting things organized in the convent, but they have already been with me on visits to the sick in homes and hospitals.

"Even before that, the first thing we did was go on a retreat in the Hocking Hills

with the sisters, myself, Parish School of Religion and RCIA youth group leaders, and Parish Council members from St. Peter and Waverly St. Mary Church (where Father Hahn also is pastor). The sisters also have been to Catholic Youth Summer Camp to meet some of the young people of the diocese. They're excited about the opportunity to evangelize, and we're excited to have them because of the presence they will add to the community for the Catholic Church and for our parish."

The sisters' congregational presence in the United States goes back to 1998, when they arrived in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Nineteen of the congregation's 535 sisters are stationed in the U.S., where they serve in Chillicothe, at St. Michael, St. Luke, Holy Rosary, and Our Lady of the Greenwood churches in Indianapolis, and at St. Joseph Church in New Rochelle, N.Y.

Sister Amelia Mary, FIH, one of the original group of sisters who came to Indianapolis, will be the superior of the Chillicothe convent. She has been a member of the congregation for 18 years. She will be joined by Sister Leonard Mary, FIH, a professed religious for 40 years and a teacher for 30 years, and Sister Shani Mary, who has been a member of the order for nine years. Sister Leonard and Sister Shani are both recent arrivals in the United States from India.

"When our order of sisters came to India-

napolis, its first ministry was at a day care center," Sister Amelia said. "That eventually closed, but by that point, we had gotten involved with several other things. We began at St. Michael's and were invited to come to more parishes as people became familiar with us.

"I studied at Marian University in Indianapolis and became a substitute teacher, teaching assistant, and pastoral associate. The sisters also got into nursing work at St. Francis Hospital there. The order is dedicated to an apostolate of education,



Left: The sisters join parishioners of St. Peter and Waverly St. Mary churches for a retreat in the Hocking Hills. Right: The sisters with a Westmoreland Nursing Home resident.

BY TIM PUET, *Catholic Times* Reporter

CHILICOTHE COMMUNITY WELCOMES FRANCISCAN SISTERS

health care, social work, and evangelization. We do all of that in Indianapolis, and we plan to be involved in all those fields in Chillicothe."

"Chillicothe has only about 20,000 people. For a town that size, it's remarkable that it has so many large institutions where the sisters' presence can be of great benefit," Father Hahn said. He said that as they familiarize themselves with the community and surrounding Ross County, the sisters will become involved in ministry at the city's two large health-care facilities – Adena Regional Medical Center and the Chillicothe Veterans Administration Hospital.

They also will assist in ministry at one or both of the city's two state prisons, and will be visiting Chillicothe Bishop Flaget Elementary School, which serves the city's two Catholic churches, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, to help students strengthen their faith.

In addition, the sisters will be part of the ministries of Waverly St. Mary, the only Catholic church in Pike County. Their work in the county will include programs at the former Good Shepherd Manor facility for developmentally disabled men and at the Adena Medical Center's Waverly branch. They also will be helping with the PSR program there.

Sister Amelia said that as the sisters become better-known in the community, they hope to become more involved in

work among the marginalized and in evangelization at individual homes. They are well-known for such activities in India, where their ministry includes 19 orphanages which house a total of about 900 children, plus work in hospitals, schools, nursing homes, and job-training programs, particularly for women.

The arrival of the sisters in Chillicothe marks the fifth establishment of a new convent in the Diocese of Columbus in the last five years. The Mexican-based Missionary Servants of the Word came to Columbus St. Stephen Church in 2009, then opened a convent at Columbus Christ the King Church in 2013. The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, whose motherhouse is in Ann Arbor, Mich., have been at Worthington St. Michael Church since 2011. Members of the Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, an order with origins in Poland which has several convents in the United States, have been living in a converted residence at 957 E. Broad St. in Columbus since September 2013 and working in and near downtown.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Quilon were founded in 1844 by Father Louis Dupuis, a French missionary who came to India in 1832 and remained there until his death 42 years later. The Immaculate Heart sisters were the first Catholic religious order of indigenous women in Asia.

In 1947, the order was divided into congregations based in the Indian cities of Quilon and Pondicherry. Both groups serve primarily in India, but the Quilon sisters have extended their work to the United States, Germany, Italy, and Jordan, where they have a total of 14 convents. The Pondicherry congregation also has grown, expanding to Kenya, where it operates three health centers, a college, and a school.

Sister Amelia said the sisters' arrival in the United States 16 years ago stemmed from a conversation between Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel Buechlein and a seminary classmate, Father Thomas Garvey, SCJ, a Sacred Heart missionary

who told the now-retired archbishop of the congregation's desire to evangelize in other regions.

The congregation's arrival in the Diocese of Columbus came about in a similar way, resulting from a talk Father Hahn had with a fellow priest in the spring of 2013. "Father Stash Dailey (now pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church) had just visited Indianapolis and talked with Sister Ushatta (Mary, FIH), the superior of the convent there, who he knew through contacts with the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious," Father Hahn said.

"He learned that her order was open to the possibility of coming to another diocese, and that subject somehow came up as we were talking. Some of us in the parish had begun at that point to discuss trying to find another community of sisters to live in our convent, so he put me in touch with Sister Ushatta, and I visited her in the early summer.

"Things moved pretty quickly after that. I made one more visit, then went to Bishop (Frederick) Campbell in the fall to talk to him about the possibility of bringing the sisters here. He met with them and extended a formal invitation, and we've been preparing ever since," he said.

Those preparations included a visit to the convent by Sister Amelia and four of her colleagues from Indianapolis in April, which was followed by a shower conducted by the parish youth group to replenish



Father Hahn carries the Eucharist in procession from Chillicothe St. Peter Church, where he is pastor, to the sisters' new convent. Photos courtesy St. Peter Church; CT photo by Tim Puet (group picture)

household items in the building.

The convent is serving its original purpose again after housing Franciscan sisters for much of the parish's history, until the retirement three years ago as pastoral associate of Sister Mary Peter Sterwerf, OSF. The building's first floor has been used for some time for offices and meetings, with the second floor mainly unused.

Father Hahn said the parish already was preparing for a capital campaign to renovate the school when the opportunity to host the sisters came up. He said the orig-

inal remodeling plans were changed to accommodate moving the church offices from the convent to the former school, making it more fully the educational, outreach, and social center of the parish. The school also is being made completely accessible to the handicapped and those who have trouble with walking or climbing stairs. The space in the convent which had been used as offices will be reconverted to its original use as a chapel.

The estimated cost of the project is more than \$750,000. Father Hahn said a starter gift of \$100,000, the help of a group of "sister guardians" who have pledged \$1,000 per year for the next three years, the purchase of a minivan for the sisters by a Waverly parishioner, and a \$5,000 grant from The Catholic Foundation have been of considerable help.

"The Franciscan sisters who served our parish for many years were often the originators and drivers of our outreach to the poor," Father Hahn said. "With the changing face of religious life in our nation, it seemed like a dream to bring sisters here again, but now we've been given that opportunity.

"It is so exciting to think of having our campus complete with a beautiful church, a well-built rectory, a wonderful convent with sisters living in it, and a spacious, accessible parish center building. We are truly blessed."



St. Anthony Corn Roast preview hosts disabled

The Columbus St. Anthony Church Corn Roast's annual Preview Night for people with disabilities, as well as their caregivers and family members, will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21.

Rides, food, and games will be free on that night for everyone fitting that description who has informed the corn roast committee in advance that they are coming. The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is making 250 tickets available for the event. Anyone interested in attending may also call the parish office at (614) 885-4857.

This will be the fourth year for Preview Night, which will include a performance from 7 to 8 p.m. by Inner Vision, a band consisting of graduates of the Ohio State School for the Blind.

"The corn roast has been part of the parish almost from the time it was founded 51 years ago," said Father Thomas Pet-

ry, the church's pastor. "For most of that time, it was thought of as something mainly for parishioners. A few years ago, we decided we wanted to let more people in the community know about it as a way of expanding the parish's presence."

That started corn roast committee members John Skaggs and Mike Dippold thinking about inviting students from the school for the blind, which is located near the church, to participate. "Mike works with the school," Skaggs said. "He suggested that we talk with our vendors and the people who bring in the rides and see whether they might open a few of them for a couple hours one night ahead of the start of the corn roast, just for the blind-school students and staff members."

"We were flying by the seat of our pants that year, not knowing what to expect," Dippold said. "It turned out to work really well. Big O Amusements

opened the rides for free and provided free popcorn, which was an unexpected bonus."

"The kids had the time of their lives," Father Petry said. "Some people were concerned about having blind children on things like upside-down rides, but the kids loved it. You haven't lived until you've heard the enthusiasm they have when they're here having fun. We're helping them have some enjoyment, but they're helping us even more. Preview Night has really helped the way, is a festival with food of all types, not just corn – into the type of community event we wanted it to be."

"After that first year, we decided to also include students from the state school for the deaf," which also is near the church, Dippold said. "That also went well, so for year three, we invited people with developmental disabilities" through committee member Paul Ners-



Participants in last year's Preview Night at the Columbus St. Anthony Church Corn Roast enjoy one of the rides. Photo courtesy John Skaggs

wick, director of Lend A Hand Services, which works with the developmentally disabled. "We also had Inner Vision here to provide music."

Nerswick said 50 festival tickets were sent to the county developmental disabilities board for last year's Preview Night, and 135 blind, deaf, and developmentally disabled people, caregivers, and families showed up. With more tickets being made available this year, a larger crowd is anticipated, which is why the committee asks those intending to partici-

pate to call in advance.

Sponsors and donors for the event include Lend A Hand Services, the Beechcroft Lions, the North Columbus Jaycees, Meat Packers Outlet, and The Kroger Co. Albanese Amusements of Hebron will provide the rides for the first time, continuing the tradition of free rides on Preview Night.

The festival will be open to the public from 6-11 p.m. Aug. 22 and 5-11 p.m. Aug. 23, with Inner Vision performing on Saturday night. The church is at 1300 Urban Drive.

Michelle Alexander to Present "The New Jim Crow" at ODU

Author, civil-rights lawyer, and legal scholar Michelle Alexander will discuss "The New Jim Crow" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Matesich Theatre in Erskine Hall at Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

The event is free. However, seating is limited. Those wishing to attend are asked to register by going to the university website, www.ohiodominican.edu, and clicking on the link to the event.

Alexander is the author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, which examines the nation's war on drugs and its impact on communities of color. Her book appeared on *The New York Times* best-seller list and won the 2011 NAACP Image Award for best nonfiction.

Alexander's presentation is one of a series of events scheduled at ODU to support the university's theme for the 2014-15 academic year, "The Com-

mon Good."

Alexander has appeared on national media, including MSNBC, National Public Radio, PBS, and C-SPAN's *Washington Journal*. She has taught at several universities, including the Moritz College of Law and the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University, and the Stanford University law school. She also was director of the Racial Justice Project for the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

She has worked as a litigator at private law firms, specializing in class-action lawsuits alleging race and gender dis-

crimination. She also served as a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun and for Chief Judge Abner Mikva of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. She is a graduate of Stanford Law School and Vanderbilt University.



A book signing and reception will take place immediately following the presentation.

ST. CHARLES REUNION

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., will host its annual combined class reunion from Friday to Sunday, Aug. 28 to 30. Featured will be the classes of five-year intervals from 1959 to 2009.

Events Friday will begin at 6 p.m. and include a "state of the school" update, class photos, and a football game against Dublin Coffman.

On Saturday, there will be a bike tour at 9 a.m., campus tours from 3 to 4:15 p.m., and Mass at

4:30, followed by each class' private gatherings.

Sunday will feature an alumni golf outing at 1:30 p.m. at Riviera Golf Club, 8205 Avery Rd., Dublin.

The school's class of 1954 will celebrate its 60-year reunion on campus, along with Columbus Aquinas College High School's class of 1954, on Saturday, Aug. 16.

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

The always-entertaining adventures of Elijah



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

August 10

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

The adventures of the prophet Elijah are always entertaining. They begin in 1 Kings 17, when Elijah appears suddenly, and they continue until 2 Kings 2:11, when he is whisked off in a fiery chariot. He pesters Israel's king, Ahab, and the king's wife, Jezebel. His successor, Elisha, will do the same.

Elijah's name in Hebrew is *Eliyahu*, which is translated as "My God is Yahu." *Yah* or *Yahu* are poetic combination forms in Hebrew to indicate the name of Israel's God, YAHWEH. When used in combination with other words, as here, it adds to the poetry of the story. El was one of the Canaanite gods, along with Baal, the storm god, and Astarte (or Ashera), who was his wife. Elijah will be doing battle with Baal worshippers throughout his time in Israel as a prophet. So the battle is joined right from the start, since even his name carries with it a hint of the battle to come.

Elijah will not rest until Israel understands and believes again that the Lord (Yahweh) alone is Israel's God; not Baal and not El and not the gods of Jezebel, the non-Israelite queen whom Ahab had married as a political alliance. It was Jezebel who introduced the worship of Baal. Thus *Eliyahu*, or Elijah, bears in his name the God he represents, in whose name he will cause havoc for Ahab and Jezebel.

1 Kings 19 is an interlude, as Elijah finds himself on the lam from Jezebel after he had slain the 450 prophets of Baal in a prophetic show of strength.

Elijah had fled from Jezebel's burning wrath (she had threatened to destroy him). Elijah eventually arrives at Horeb, another word for Mount Sinai, where he has this encounter with the Lord.

In all of the normally expected natural events surrounding a divine encounter (heavy wind, mountains shaking, rocks falling, earthquake, fire), the Lord cannot be seen. Then, a tiny whispering sound is heard, and in that, Elijah recognizes the Lord. He hides his face in his cloak because the ancients believed one would die if one looked directly on the face of the Lord. After this encounter, Elijah is refreshed and renewed for the work that awaits him.

We hear only a smattering of tales from the Elijah/Elisha saga over the three-year cycle of readings. We are encouraged to fill in the blanks by visiting 1 and 2 Kings on our own. It is well worth the effort as we discover how zealous these two early prophets were.

Sunday's Gospel portrays Jesus as the one who controls the wind and the storm, much as the Lord did in the Old Testament. Matthew adds the detail about Peter challenging Jesus to call him. When he does, Peter heads across the water before he weakens in faith and begins to sink. Jesus then describes Peter as "You of little faith." Yet he will give Peter the keys of the kingdom only a few verses later (Matthew 16:19).

When Jesus gets into the boat, the storm dies down, which leads the frightened disciples to conclude "You are the Son of God!" Leaving aside the rather comical posture of "doing him homage" (literally; nearly always in Matthew, the Greek word means to *prostrate oneself before*) in the boat, there is still Matthew's use of this episode to show how the disciples came to faith. Their fear is caused not by the storm, but by their seeing "a ghost." This has led some commentators to think this was a post-resurrection event which reinforced their faith in Jesus as the risen Christ – an intriguing possibility, to be sure.

Contact Father Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary, at hummer@stmarychillicothe.com.

The Weekday Bible Readings

8/11-8/16	8/18-8/23
MONDAY Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28c Psalm 148:1,2,11-14 Matthew 17:22-27	MONDAY Ezekiel 24:15-24 Deuteronomy 32:18-21 (Ps) Matthew 19:16-22
TUESDAY Ezekiel 2:8-3:4 Psalm 119:14,24, 72,103,111,131 Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14	TUESDAY Ezekiel 28:1-10 Deuteronomy 32:26-28,30,35c-36b Matthew 19:23-30
WEDNESDAY Ezekiel 9:1-7,10:18-22 Psalm 113:1-6 Matthew 18:15-20	WEDNESDAY Ezekiel 34:1-11 Psalm 23:1-6 Matthew 20:1-16
THURSDAY Ezekiel 12:1-12 Psalm 78:56-59,61-62 Matthew 18:21-19:1	THURSDAY Ezekiel 36:23-28 Psalm 51:12-15,18-19 Matthew 22:1-14
FRIDAY Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab Psalm 45:10-12,16 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56	FRIDAY Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 107:2-9 Matthew 22:34-40
SATURDAY Ezekiel 18:1-10,13b,30-32 Psalm 51:12-15,18-19 Matthew 19:13-15	SATURDAY Ezekiel 43:1-7ab Psalm 85:9ab,10-14 Matthew 23:1-12

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SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WWHO's cable channel listing.
Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)
(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).
Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

DAILY MASS

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

We pray Weeks III and IV. Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Time Away Lets Us See Truth Vs. Fantasy



THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM David Hartline

Getting away from it all, especially in summer, is always good for the soul. Religious communities have done this for centuries. I can remember as a kid hearing the nuns (Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati) telling us at Marion St Mary School, as the school year began in September, of their visits back to the Motherhouse in Cincinnati for retreats and time spent catching up with other sisters. My family recently spent a few days at one of the state park lodges, relaxing and bonding. You begin to better see the hand of God when you are away from the hustle and bustle.

Sadly, too many people, even those who have the means to do so, often don't take the time to bond with their families and get to know their spiritual side. The ugly side manifests itself in many ways.

Some nights after we put the kids to bed, and while we have a few minutes of down time, my wife and I occasionally watch a detective show such as *Cold Case Files* or *Forensic Files*. Often, the crux of these cases involves someone who lives in a fantasy world and commits a horrible crime. These people think that if they could just get rid of their husband, wife, chil-

dren, etc., their lives would be perfect and they could pursue their true love. How does someone ever get that far off the rails?

Perhaps the answer to that question is that our modern world seems to prefer fantasy over truth. Most of our grandparents and great-grandparents had little time for fantasy. They spent their time feeding their children and putting a roof over their heads while educating them in the ways of the Lord. They were grateful for what they had. Often, what little time they had off from work was spent going to religious festivals and pilgrimages. If you have ever gone to places such as the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Car-

ey and seen pictures of thousands of people coming there for feast days and pilgrimages, you know what I mean. Living a faithful life can make you happy.

I was thinking about this recently while reading a story about the happiest places in the United States. It seems Louisiana tops the list. The survey found that rural areas outside New Orleans seemed especially happy about life. In Louisiana, evangelical Christians primarily

live in the northern part of the state, while Catholics live in the southern part. The Catholic population is one of the most diverse in the nation, and probably one of the poorest.

Outside of the Cajun population, made up of descendants of Acadians (French Catholics) kicked out of eastern Canada in the 1700s, there are large populations of Vietnamese immigrants and African-Americans. As a matter of fact, no other state has a higher percentage of African-American Catholics than Louisiana. Contrast this to New York City, which was ranked in the survey as the unhappiest place in the nation.

New York City is home to eight billionaires and 380,000 millionaires. It is also the least religious major city in the United States. The Beatles had it right, *Money Can't Buy You Love*. Now, I don't want to pick on New York City; it is a great place to visit with all of its cultural events. I have been to Broadway shows there and looked at the old Yankee Stadium and imagined watching a game there, as well as Madison Square Garden, and pictured in my mind some of the great rock concerts that took place there. However, despite all of these wondrous gifts, most of the residents are unhappy – so unhappy that there is a perpetual shortage of counselors, therapists, and psychiatrists. Not so in Louisiana.

Perhaps the good church going folks of rural Louisiana have put it all in perspective; they have embraced the truth over fantasy. The Catholic author Michael Brown also notes that few places top Louisiana when it comes to Marian devotions. In getting away from it all from time to time and embracing reality over fantasy, we come to see the plans of the Almighty, which could make all of us a little happier if we took this message to heart.

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

Employment Opportunity BUILDINGS SUPERINTENDENT

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ANGELO, Sam, 89, July 19
St. John Church, Logan

BABUSCI, Giuseppe, 72, July 22
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

BRAMMER, Paul, 90, April 22
Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth

BREEHL, Bernard, 89, July 3
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

BROWN, Mary A., 84, Aug. 1
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

BUSHBY, Jerome T., 72, July 25
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

BUTLER, Melinda L., 67, July 29
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

CALHOUN, Susan P., 63, July 19
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

COCHRUN, Martha J., 85, June 25
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

COFFMAN, Jo Ann L., 84, July 28
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

EICHNER, Dorothy A., 79, Aug. 3
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

FANTOZZI, Luigi A., 88, July 26
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

FELICE, Matthew J., 47, July 26
Holy Cross Church, Columbus

FROTHINGHAM, Charles F., 61, July 30
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

GAFFNEY, Mary, 79, July 18
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

GOODMAN, Dave, 90, April 29
Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth

GORMAN, Carol, July 19
Holy Rosary-St. John Church, Columbus

HAUCK, Patricia, 65, July 24
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

IRONS, James W., 67, July 25
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

JACKOWSKI, Curtis J., 48, July 20
St. Paul Church, Westerville

JANSZEN, Joseph A. "Jay" III, 82, July 23
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

JASKIEWICZ, Edward M. Jr., 59, July 25
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

JONES, Richard, 82, June 11
Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth

KILOKOWSKI, Edward D., 92, July 21
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

KIRBY, Daniel, 72, July 20
Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth

KLEINMAN, Fred, 64, May 10
Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth

KOCH, Richard W., 76, July 17
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

KOZMAN, Michael, 96, July 25
St. Philip Church, Columbus

KUNZEN, Paul J., 89, July 22
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

LASKY, Dolores A., 84, July 19
St. Paul Church, Westerville

LORE, Nancy J., 78, July 25
St. Mary Church, Marion

MAGEE, James R., 96, formerly of Columbus,
June 25
All Hallows Church, La Jolla, Calif.

MERCER, H. Richard, 87, July 21
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

MILLS, Doris, 81, July 23
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

MONETT, James J., 85, July 28
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

NAPOLI, Michael J., 33, July 27
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

ODENWALDER, Mary A., 90, July 24
St. Philip Church, Columbus

PELOQUIN, Virginia "Gini," 71, July 30
St. Peter Church, Columbus

PINTO, Ida B., 91, July 20
Holy Family Church, Columbus

QUINTANA, Elizabeth, 94, July 29
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

ROTH, Steven, 66, July 21
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

RUSSELL, Charlotte, 91, March 20
Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth

RYAN, Michael P., 71, July 28
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

SAVICH, Rose M., 84, July 24
St. Michael Church, Worthington

SCOTT, Elizabeth A., 53, July 10
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

SCHREIBER, Bernard J., 85, July 28
St. Paul Church, Westerville

SPIERS, Donna C., 77, July 22
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

TATZ, Elizabeth C., July 20
St. Michael Church, Worthington

WATSON, Johanna M., 93, July 25
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

WISE, Thomas, 77, June 17
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

Brother Nathan M. Cochran, OSB

Funeral Mass for Brother Nathan M. Cochran, OSB, 57, a Benedictine monk of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, who died Wednesday, July 30, was held Saturday, Aug. 2 in the archabbey basilica. Burial was held at St. Vincent Cemetery.

He was born June 24, 1957, in Marion to the late Blaine and Ruth (Roach) Cochran.

He studied vocal music at Bowling Green State University from 1975-1977 and received a bachelor of arts degree in religious studies from the Pontifical College Josephinum in 1980.

He earned a master of divinity degree from St. Vincent Seminary in 1985, did graduate studies in art history at the University of Pittsburgh from 1985-86, and in 1998 earned a master's degree in art history from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York.

He entered the novitiate at St. Vin-

WODARCZYK, Michael J., 80, July 1
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

WOLF, Theodore H., 90, July 26
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

WOLFE, Catherine B., 91, July 21
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

cent Archabbey in 1982 and made his simple profession of monastic vows on July 10, 1983, and solemn profession of vows on July 11, 1986. He was curator for the archabbey's art collections from 1983 until his death, and in 1998 became director of the St. Vincent Gallery and a lecturer in fine arts at St. Vincent College. He became chair of the college's fine arts department in 2008 and performed many other roles at the college, archabbey, and seminary at various times.

In 2004, he worked at Vatican City as the special secretary for the beatification of Emperor Karl I of Austria. He received a number of honors for his work in the college and community over the years. From 1989-96, he was a religious services volunteer at the state prison in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

He is survived by a brother, Blaine.

Sally O'Keefe

Funeral Mass for Sally O'Keefe, 85, who died Monday, July 7, was held Friday, July 11, at Columbus St. Andrew Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born June 4, 1929, in Chicago to the late Clyde and Lillian (Clark) Benham. She was valedictorian at St. Xavier High School in Chicago and attended St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana.

She and her late husband, Thomas, were married in 1957 and lived in Chicago, Dublin, Ireland, and Athens, Ohio, before relocating in 1972 to Columbus, where she served as president of the Christ Child Society, a board member of Catholic Social

Services, a child advocate in the local court system, a volunteer preparing meals for the homeless, and a fundraiser for the Columbus Symphony and Opera Columbus. She also operated an interior design business for many years.

Survivors include sons, Thomas (Paula) and Conor (Dawn); daughters, Julie (Jim) Triona, Anne, Susan (Joseph) Wethington, Amy (Guido) La Via, and Maria; and 12 grandchildren.

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8, FRIDAY
Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. Also on Aug. 15. **614-866-4302**

9, 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. Also on Aug. 16. **614-565-8654**
Meditation Trail Walk at Shepherd's Corner
10 a.m. to noon, Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. One-mile trail walk through the center's meadows, stopping at 14 stations to seek and give thanks for the gifts of creation, led by Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP. \$5 suggested donation. **614-866-4302**

10, SUNDAY
Bishop Watterson Alumni Volleyball Tournament
1 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Annual O'Connor-Gleich alumni volleyball tournament for school alumni and guests. Maximum one guest per person. **614-545-2139**
Diocesan Youth Ministry Opening Leadership Meeting
1:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Opening leadership meeting and recognition for parish catechetical leaders, RCIA directors, and youth ministers. Topic: "Ministering in a Digital Age," with Bishop Frederick Campbell speaking on "Knowing Our Faith." **614-221-4633**

St. Agnes Band Concert and Ice Cream Social
3 p.m., St. Agnes Church, 2364 W. Mound St., Columbus. Worthington Civic Band concert in social hall, followed by ice cream social at 4. **614-276-6462**
Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. Also on Aug. 17. **614-886-8266**
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. Also on Aug. 17. **706-761-4054**

11, MONDAY
Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass. **614-406-2939**
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). **614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**
Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.

12, TUESDAY
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer group meeting. Also on Aug. 19. **740-653-4919**

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

14, THURSDAY
Women to Women Listening Circle at Corpus Christi
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Women to Women program for women of all ages and life circumstances. Begins with soup lunch until noon, followed by listening circle. Participants are asked to arrange for child care if necessary, since none is available on-site. **614-512-3731**
Theology on Tap Meeting
7 to 9 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics. Speakers: Father Nicholas Droll, parochial vicar, Columbus St. Andrew Church, with "Ask Me Anything," and Father Joshua Wagner, pastor, Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches, on Catholic trivia. \$5 per person. Main dish, adult beverages, pop, water provided. Bring a side dish or dessert. RSVP to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

15-16, FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Retreat for Mothers of Home-Schooled Children
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Retreat for Catholic mothers of home-schooled children, sponsored by Educating for Heaven, with talk by home-schooling mother Maggie Wright. Theme: "Behold Your Mother." Contact angie@educatingforheaven.com.

16, SATURDAY
Martin de Porres Center Fundraiser
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "Better in Hot Water: Tea and Literature" fundraiser, with traditional High Tea and program by Ann Hall, Ohio Dominican University English professor.
Aquinas-St. Charles Combined Class of 1954 Reunion
3 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Combined 60th anniversary reunion for Columbus Aquinas College High School and St. Charles Preparatory School classes of 1954. **614-252-9288**
First Fruits Celebration at Shepherd's Corner
7 to 8:30 Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Celebration of gratitude for all we have received in this time of harvest. \$5 suggested donation. Register by Aug. 14. **614-866-4302**

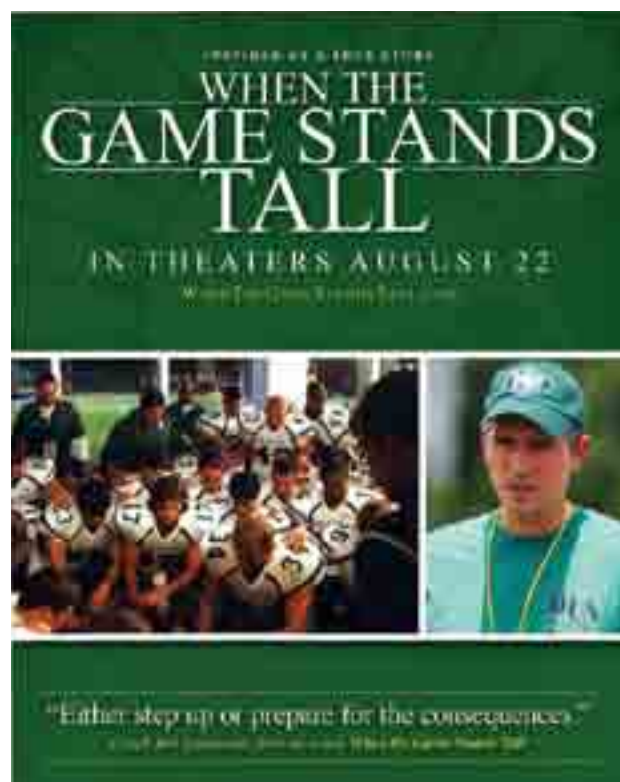
17, SUNDAY
Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family
After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. **614-221-1890**
St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus (New location). Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer. Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. Dave Orsborn, OFS **614-282-4676**
DCCW Woman of the Year Dinner at St. Charles
5 to 9 p.m., Walter Student Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Catholic Woman of the Year and Young Woman of the Year dinner. **614-228-8601**



MOVIE REVIEW

Movie tells story of Catholic high school team's amazing winning streak

WHEN THE GAME STANDS TALL



By Michele Jurich

Catholic News Service

This is how a movie gets made.

"I found the book in the Santa Monica High School football team locker room when I was cleaning it," said David Zelon, who, in addition to being the father of a football player, is executive vice president at Mandalay Entertainment Group.

In the spring of 2009, in a place that "smells of testosterone and sweat," he found what would become his latest film project.

"I'm 30 pages into it," he recalled, "and I felt like I found a needle in a haystack. It's an amazing story."

The book, *When the Game Stands Tall*, recounts the amazing winning streak of De La Salle High School in Concord, California, coached by Bob Ladouceur.

Upon meeting with its author, Neil Hayes, Zelon learned there was an even more amazing story, one that the original book didn't recount. "Get a copy of the paperback," Hayes told him.

It was in that story that Zelon, who produced the inspirational movie *Soul Surfer*, found the heart of the narrative of the Ladouceur film, which opens in theaters Friday, Aug. 22.

In what he described as a "perfect storm," Zelon, the father of a high school star -- who would play four years at Harvard on teams that won two Ivy League championships -- found a story that spoke to him. And, he hopes, to many more people.

De La Salle would run that winning streak to 151 games, over a dozen years, before losing. But the story told in *When the Game Stands Tall* is much bigger than wins and losses. Ladouceur not only coached football at De La Salle, but also taught religion.

For Zelon, finding the right director was essential. "Thomas Carter really fit the bill perfectly," Zelon said. "He captured the raw emotion of sports in *Coach Carter*. He's a huge sports fan."

Coach Carter recounted the story of a Richmond (California) High School coach who took his team off the court until the student-athletes' grades improved.

In casting the lead role of Ladouceur, Zelon said he was "looking for somebody who worked on multiple levels."

"He needed to be somebody who understood sports," he said. "He needed to understand iconic coaching. He needed to be athletic himself. He needed to have a basis of faith in his life so he would fit both sides and give us balance."

Jim Caviezel's name "floated to the top," Zelon told *The Catholic Voice*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Oakland, California. "He checked all the boxes."

Caviezel may be best known for his portrayal of Jesus in Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* in 2004.

Zelon and Carter flew to New York to meet with the actor, who took them to a concert with him.

"We went out and saw Johnny Mathis," Zelon recalled. "Johnny Mathis gave this amazing concert. His voice was like an angel. We shared this creative experience together. We bonded together."

Zelon found Ladouceur to be an interesting character. "He doesn't have to preach," he said. "He just does it. He lives it. He walks the talk."

Caviezel echoed that sentiment about "Lad" being a man of few words.

"Here's a guy in a room and he's not saying much. He's looking at his coaches. He knows they're capable of doing what they do. He lets them coach. But his presence is felt," he told the newspaper in a separate interview.

What he read in the script "had great redemption in it," Caviezel added. He spoke to the paper in Charlotte, North Carolina, where the film was screened for attendees at the Catholic Media Conference in mid-June.

From his own time on the basketball court in high school and knowing some top coaches over the years, Caviezel said he has seen firsthand how turning boys

into men, working on the qualities of the inner self and "sacrifice, brotherhood, commitment ... are so essential in having a strong team."

"Winning is just a byproduct of working on that inner self. It's the heart," he added.

Zelon told *The Catholic Voice* that the De La Salle athletes also earned his respect. About a year after he had acquired the rights to the book, Zelon and screenwriter Scott Marshall Smith went to a De La Salle football game.

"One of the things that impressed me about this team immensely was something that happened in the locker room after the game. They were playing a team and were beating them. They were up 35-0 at the half. Lad said, 'Seniors, you're done for the night.'"

The juniors went into the game. De La Salle ultimately won 49-7.

Afterward, Zelon overheard some talk around the lockers -- it was eight of the juniors discussing their effort that night, including the fact that they "only scored 14 points in the whole second half."

He said the bottom line was that the players decided they had to do better, recommit themselves to the team, and take on additional practice and preparation.

"There was not an adult in sight," Zelon said. "They were having a conversation you would pray that kids would have on their own. They had learned their lessons so well, they had embraced the De La Salle concept so well. We stood there with our mouths opened. I was so impressed by that."

Zelon is hoping that moviegoers will be inspired by Ladouceur.

"This story was honed and built over 30 years. Three decades of work went into formulating a program that turned our great young men," Zelon said. Perhaps others might want to understand the roots of success, not just on the field, but in helping boys become men."

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NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Pope Francis eats with Vatican workers during a surprise visit to the Vatican cafeteria on July 25. CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters



A man in Lofa, Liberia, educates villagers in late April on the prevention of Ebola disease. A Catholic priest from Sierra Leone asked for prayers for West African countries affected by Ebola. CNS photo/Ahmed Jallanzo, EPA



Sister Muna Totah, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition, comforts Mansour Ghobon, 51, of Gaza at St. Joseph Hospital in Jerusalem on July 30. Ghobon is one of 23 Gaza patients being treated at the hospital, which specializes in head- and chest-trauma wounds. CNS photo/Debbie Hill



Franciscan Sister Jane Frances Omler, OSF, walks outside the energy-efficient straw-bale house she helped build in Tiffin. The Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin built the house as a demonstration project to show that by incorporating nontraditional materials and a renewable-energy system, a house -- or almost any structure -- can be comfortable and good for the environment. CNS photo/Chaz Muth



KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

More than 1,150 people attended the convention of the Knights of St. John International, hosted by Columbus Commanderies 97 and 98 of the organization, from July 20 to 26.

The registration committee had planned for 700 people to attend. The larger attendance was considered a “good problem,” indicating the worldwide growth of the organization.

Knights and their families came to Columbus from at least eight different nations: the United States, Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Trinidad and Tobago, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

Many of the men and women attending were easy to spot on the streets of Columbus throughout the week because they were wearing the Knights’ bright blue leisure outfits, decorated with symbols of the organization.

Highlights included legislative sessions at which the Knights’ men’s and women’s organizations debated and added to or amended their respective constitutions. International officers also were elected.

In addition, there were several activities for young people, including trips to the Center of Science and Industry, the Magic Mountain amusement center, and the Zoombezi Bay water park, and a chance to perform community service in the Community Kitchen at Colum-



bus Holy Rosary-St. John Church.

A highlight of the convention was its closing Mass on Saturday, July 26 at St. Joseph Cathedral (pictured). Knights, the ladies auxiliary, and young people marched in full regalia from the convention site, the Renaissance Hotel, to the Mass, which was celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell.

The history of the order dates back to the late 1800s, when European immigrants to the United States formed benevolent societies in their parishes, often named by patron saints and inspired by the zeal of the knights of medieval times.

In 1879, several of these organiza-

tions met in Baltimore and formed the Roman Catholic Union of the Knights of St. John, later shortened to the Knights of St. John. The order was officially incorporated in the state of New York on May 6, 1886. Its members sought to care for spiritual, social, and physical needs of their members and neighbors. In the pattern of the knights of the Crusades, they cared for Civil War victims by forming a widows and orphans Fund.

The order was introduced to Ghana in 1933, making it truly international in scope. Today, it has members in the United States, Canada, Germany, Panama, Ghana, Nigeria, Togo, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Trinidad and Tobago,

and England. In 1992, its name was changed to the Knights of St. John International to reflect the order’s global structure.

Its model and patron is St. John the Baptist. The fact that St. John was a testament and open witness of faith in an unbelieving world is appropriate for Knights in today’s selfish times.

The Knights of St. John International continue to witness their faith in God through Jesus Christ in their daily works of charity for the Church, their community, and their commandery.

For more information regarding the Knights of St. John, see the organization’s website, www.ksji.org.



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