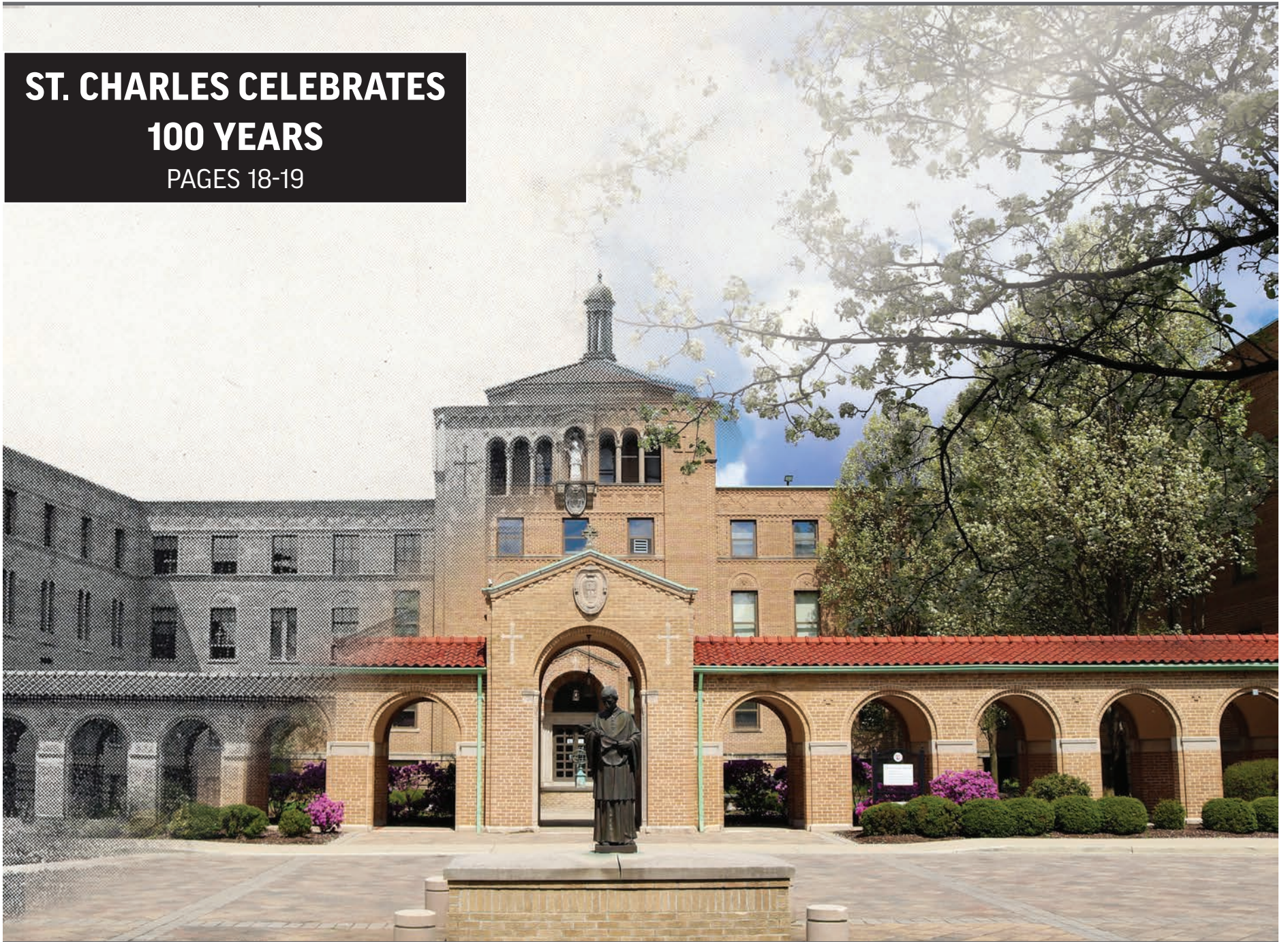


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# Catholic bishops of Ohio issue statement after defeat of Issue 1

Today (November 8) is a tragic day for women, children, and families in Ohio. We mourn that the dignity of human life remains concealed by the duplicity of a culture of death. Though this is a day of sorrow, we are never without hope. St. Paul tells us that it is in hope that we were saved and, “if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.”

Asking for God’s protection and mercy, we must look ahead. Despite the obstacles this amendment presents, the Catholic Church in Ohio will continue to work for policies that defend the most vulnerable, strengthen the child-parent relationship, and support women in need. As we pray

for the conversion of minds and hearts to the gospel of life, we recommit ourselves to defending children in the womb and supporting women in need. The Catholic Church and faithful will never grow weary in our mission to help women and families flourish through ministries such as Walking with Moms in Need and other local organizations that provide material and spiritual support and through advocacy with policymakers.

We, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio, are grateful to the Catholic faithful, clergy, and all people of goodwill whose actions in this campaign demonstrated our commitment to honoring and upholding the

dignity of life. Your sacrifices prove that the Church will never abandon her mission to support human life. We will persevere in this mission until every preborn child is protected, every pregnant woman is supported, and every human life receives respect, dignity, and justice.

With you in Christ Jesus,

**The Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr**

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

**The Most Rev. David J. Bonnar**

Diocese of Youngstown

**The Most Rev. John Michael Botean**

St. George Byzantine Catholic Diocese

**The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley**

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**The Most Rev. Michael Woost**

Diocese of Cleveland

## Catholics must continue to fight for life, against evil

### EDITOR'S REFLECTIONS

Ohio’s failure to stop the abortion constitutional amendment in the Nov. 7 election calls for an examination of Catholic conscience.

The Buckeye State joined the likes of Michigan, Illinois, California and New York that have legalized taking the life of an unborn child in a mother’s womb during all nine months of pregnancy.

The “Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety Amendment” modifies Article I of the Ohio Constitution to guarantee that “(e) very individual has a right to make and carry out one’s own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one’s own pregnancy, miscarriage care and abortion.”

The language of the amendment directs the state not to “burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against” the “right” to kill a preborn child. Access to snuffing out children in the womb through all nine months of pregnancy will lead to more pain-inducing late-term abortions.

While our faith teaches us to always have hope even in the worst circumstances and to think positively that the Lord will take care of our needs, a reality check is in order.

As Catholics reflect on the disastrous outcome of the election that will lead to thousands of lives lost to abortion, all of us must evaluate what went wrong and what we can do now to protect the most vulnerable among us after this amendment passed by a sizable margin.

We also should pray for those who have endangered their souls in the eyes of the Lord through having abortions, performing them as a physician or even for voting for the amendment.

Analysts point to the major funding advantage the abortion advocates had, thanks to deep-pocketed interest groups from out of state, over the pro-life movement in the campaign. Other pundits say the pro-life messaging was unclear to voters who might have been on the fence and, as a result, they were not moved to vote for life in the midst of their uncertainty.

Some exit polls indicated that the turnout among conservatives, who tend to support issues regarding faith and morals, was down from previous elections and that liberals showed up to vote in greater numbers than they had in years.

Voters in rural counties typically support pro-life issues and candidates, but there aren’t enough of them to override the estimated 70% of urbanites who favored the amendment.

Surprisingly, a CNN exit poll showed that 24% of White, born-again evangelical Christians voted in favor of the amendment. Estimates put the Catholic vote at about a 50-50 yes-no split.

If those numbers prove to be accurate, then Catholics need to look at what they did or didn’t do to lose this contentious battle.

Quite honestly, Catholics have no one

to blame but themselves.

Catholics should be united on this issue, and they are anything but in agreement on protecting the unborn.

The fractures are evident in many places.

Commuters into downtown Columbus traveling on one of the busier streets couldn’t help but notice a large digital billboard ad from “Catholics for Choice” supporting the “right” to abortion and claiming that a majority of Catholics back “choice.”

Abortion supporters cleverly used words such as “choice,” “rights,” “women’s health care” and “bodily autonomy” as a distraction from the grim reality of what abortion really is – killing an unborn child in a mother’s womb.

You’ve probably noticed in news articles that reporters write “pro-choice,” according to the Associated Press Stylebook that serves as a copyediting guide for publications, but “pro-life” is never used unless it’s part of a quote. Instead, the secular news style is “anti-abortion.” You can see the clear bias and, make no mistake, the media have a huge influence in forming opinions.

If you think it’s an exaggeration to say that Catholics are divided on abortion, here’s an actual anecdote from a local Catholic school.

A group of fourth-graders are sitting around talking one day before the election. One of the boys says to the others

that his mom says having an abortion is between the mother and her doctor. Another quickly chimes in and says, “Dude, abortion is killing a baby.” A couple of other kids agree that abortion does kill a child.

The other element to this amendment is the threat to parents’ rights. The Issue 1 promoters showed their savvy with how they framed this part of the amendment, emphasizing that a “no” vote would restrict their rights and the rights of a child.

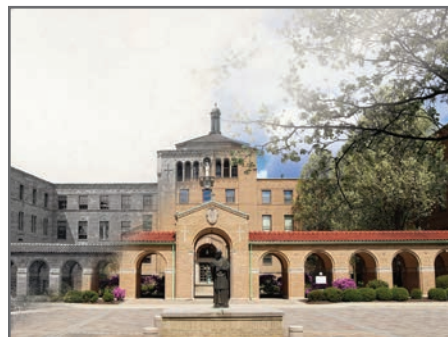
On the contrary, the amendment will give minor children an avenue to pursue abortions or gender surgeries without informing their parents or guardians. In other words, parents will have less control over potentially life-altering decisions impacting their kids.

Gender issues are another area where we need to choose our words carefully. Those in favor of gender-change procedures use the term “reassignment” in referring to a surgery to change a body part of a male or female.

Instead, call it what it is: mutilation. God did not make a mistake when he created a male or a female, but attempts to alter the body that Our Lord wondrously made are blatantly disrespectful.

If you’ve done any reading on gender dysphoria, you’ll find a growing number of young adults who regret distorting their bodies after they were led to believe by peers and even medical professionals that they’d be happy as the opposite gender. Studies have shown that 80% of

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### 100TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Charles Preparatory School, celebrating its centennial in 2023, has changed quite a bit physically over the past 100 years, but its mission to form young men remains the same.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

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## Bishop Fernandes ordains seminarian to diaconate

Bishop Earl Fernandes ordained diocesan seminarian Daniel Colby to the diaconate on Nov. 10 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Ordination to what is referred to as the transitional diaconate for a seminarian is one of the final steps before being ordained as a priest.

Colby, 33, is on track to be ordained to the priesthood next spring with four other diocesan seminarians.

Deacons who are seminarians on the way to the priesthood perform the same duties by virtue of their ordination as deacons who are married and will not become priests. Married deacons are often referred to as permanent deacons.

A deacon's role in the Church is to proclaim the Gospel, serve the people in celebration of the Eucharist, lead them in prayer, share in the celebration of baptism, bear witness to the sacrament of marriage, help celebrate the hope of the resurrection at the time of burial and bring the consolation of the Lord to the sick, the poor and the dying.

Four of Colby's seminary classmates – Tyler Carter, Michael Haemmerle, David Johnstone and Jason Fox – were ordained to the diaconate in the spring.

Major concelebrants at the Mass with Bishop Fernandes were Father William Hahn, diocesan director of vocations;



Daniel Colby (right) stands before Bishop Earl Fernandes during the examination portion of the ordination to the diaconate on Friday, Nov. 10 at St. Joseph Cathedral.



Diocesan seminarian Daniel Colby prostrates himself before the altar at St. Joseph Cathedral during the Litany of Supplication that is part of the ordination rite.

Father Steven Beseau, rector and president of the Pontifical College Josephinum where Colby is studying; and Father Matthew Hoover, Colby's parish priest at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. Other priests from the diocese were also in attendance.

Joey Rolwing, a diocesan seminari-

an, served as a lector for the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, and Johnstone proclaimed the Gospel from St. Matthew. Colby's deacon cohorts performed other duties at the Mass, and seminarians participated as altar servers.

The Rite of Ordination within the

Mass began with the Election of the Candidate immediately after the Gospel. The candidate was presented to Bishop Fernandes, who formally chose him for the Order of the Diaconate.

Colby came forward after being called

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## New deacon looks forward to priesthood

By Hannah Heil

Catholic Times Reporter

Deacon Daniel Colby, a seminarian for the Diocese of Columbus, had something special to celebrate on his birthday this year.

Colby was ordained to the order of diaconate at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Nov. 10, his 33rd birthday.

Colby joins four seminarians in the diocese, Deacons Tyler Carter, Jason Fox, Michael Haemmerle and David Johnstone, who were ordained to the diaconate in May. After Colby's ordination, the diocese has five seminarians serving as deacons until their anticipated ordination to the priesthood in May 2024.

Colby, from Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina. He graduated from Virginia Tech University in 2013 with a degree in industrial design, and he worked in consumer product design and development. He worked in Charlotte, North Carolina after college and moved to Columbus for a design job in 2014.

Colby was raised Presbyterian, but, he said, he left the faith during high school because he "didn't want some 'guy up in the sky' telling me what to do."

Upon moving to Columbus, Colby was introduced to the Xenos Christian



Bishop Earl Fernandes lays hands on Daniel Colby during the seminarian's ordination to the diaconate.

Fellowship by his next-door neighbors, who were a part of the evangelical church community. Colby was invited to their cookouts and Bible studies, he said, which helped answer questions he had about God and the Christian faith.

A "pivotal moment" in his faith journey, he said, occurred after his neighbors invited him to hear Lee Strobel, an



Newly ordained Deacon Daniel Colby (left) stands with Bishop Earl Fernandes after the Mass on Friday, Nov. 10.

apologist, or person who defends Christianity, present a case that Christ's Resurrection was a true historical event.

"I was intellectually convinced now that Christ really did rise from the dead, but that meant that I had a decision to make," Colby said.

After Strobel's presentation, Colby said he prayed "for the first time in over

a decade to receive God back into my life and to let Him be my Lord." He felt reborn and renewed, and he began attending services at Xenos with his neighbors.

However, later that year, during Christmas 2014, Colby had a conversation with his father that changed the trajectory of his faith journey. Colby's father, Steve, announced that he was leaving the Presbyterian church to become Catholic.

Colby said this news "sparked an interest" in the various Christian denominations, and he sought to learn about each one. When Colby read about Catholicism, he recalled experiencing a desire to attend Mass.

"I remember waking up very early on the morning of January 1, 2015 with an inspiration that I needed to go to Mass, even though I had never been to Mass or had been in a Catholic church before," he said.

Colby lived near Columbus Holy Name Church, and he attended an early Mass there on the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, which is a holy day of obligation for Catholics to attend Mass.

"When the priest elevated the host for the consecration, I felt a surge of power and fear, and my head unconsciously turned away from looking at it," he said.

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to the altar by the bishop, who then proceeded with his homily.

Bishop Fernandes began by mentioning that Friday was Colby's 33rd birthday.

"The Lord has been preparing this day in your life from your childhood to your conversion to the Catholic faith and entrance into the Church through the seminary to this moment which you are about to be ordained a deacon," Bishop Fernandes said. "It is a great day in the life of the Church and in the Diocese of Columbus."

The bishop noted that the ordination was taking place on the feast of St. Leo the Great. Leo strongly emphasized the person of Jesus Christ.

In reflecting on the diaconate, Bishop Fernandes noted that Leo strongly emphasized the person of Jesus Christ.

"Christ is our Deacon. We should contemplate that," Bishop Fernandes said. "He came to serve, not to be served. He came to serve all of humanity, and still today He serves."

"Through the ordination of deacons, we celebrate the fact that Christ the Deacon remains present in time in His Church. And this is something beautiful for us to contemplate. Men are set aside, as they were, in Numbers, to be dedicated to God's purpose, dedicated to prayer, dedicated to the service of the Lord at the altar, dedicated for the ministry."

The bishop focused on two principal roles of the deacon: to announce and to



Daniel Colby (center) stands during the investiture of the stole and dalmatic by Deacons David Johnstone (left) and Chris Campbell.

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be a true servant of charity.

"A deacon, in imitation of Christ, announces the good news of salvation," Bishop Fernandes said. "Christ, when he appeared in the temple, unfurled the scroll of the prophet Isaiah (He who had been anointed). He had been sent to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives, freedom to the oppressed, to announce a year of favor from the Lord. And he went about

proclaiming the good news of salvation, especially to the poor.

"So, too, the deacon today, through the proclamation of the Word, helps those who are poor to have hope, those who are suffering to know that the Lord is near to them. ... Always and everywhere, we announce Christ. This is what Leo the Great did."

After the bishop's homily, the ordination ceremony continued with an examination of the candidate during which Bishop Fernandes questioned the elect about his resolve to undertake and fulfill faithfully the ministry to which he was about to be ordained and his willingness to serve the Church in union with Christ.

The elect then knelt and promised respect and obedience to the bishop.

A Litany of Supplication came next and was followed by Bishop Fernandes laying hands on the candidate and reciting the prayer of ordination. The bishop completed the act of ordination by asking God to dedicate this deacon to the service of the altar and the Word.

After the prayer was the investiture with the stole and dalmatic, which signifies incorporation into Holy Orders. The stole and dalmatic, which are worn by a deacon, are signs of his ministry and office.

In the handing on of the Book of the Gospels, Bishop Fernandes symbolically placed the book in Colby's hands, representing his commitment to proclaim God's word.

A fraternal kiss of peace completed the ordination rite. Bishop Fernandes extended a greeting of peace to the new deacon as a sign that he is a co-worker in the ministry of the Church. Other deacons in attendance gave Colby the sign of peace.

At that point, the Liturgy of the Eucharist proceeded in the same fashion as a typical Mass with the new deacon assisting at the altar.

"Everyone here in the church has been praying for you," Bishop Fernandes said earlier in his homily. "But now we pray that an abundance of grace would be poured out upon you so that you may boldly proclaim the Gospel in its entirety."

"As you begin your ministry and enter into the clergy of the Diocese of Columbus, I urge you to contemplate the words of Pope Leo the Great: 'Remember, O Christian, your great dignity.' You have great dignity as a child of God, but now the Lord calls you to holy orders, to the diaconal ministry, the ministry of service, the ministry of announcing the joyful good news, the ministry of true charity."

"Remember these words, remember your great dignity, and how Christ calls you to the ordained ministry. Remember that great dignity six months from now when, with your classmates, we will also call you, God willing, to the priesthood to offer the saving sacrifice for the salvation of all humanity, and we hope and pray that God grants you that grace."

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The Mass "lit a fire under me," Colby said, and he was determined to figure out what occurred at the consecration of the host. He studied Catholic doctrine and Church history in the following months and spent more time in prayer.

Colby was convinced, he said, that the Catholic Church was the true Church founded by Jesus Christ.

During summer of that year, Colby began Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes (now the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) at Immaculate Conception Church.

"It was during RCIA when I first learned about the priesthood and felt a very clear call from God to pursue that path," he said. "I continued in RCIA and was brought into the Church at the Easter Vigil in 2016."

Colby became involved with the parish, helping with the Knights of Columbus and the parish men's group. He also regularly spent time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Colby continued to experience a call to the priesthood. He applied to the Pontifical College Josephinum and began seminary in fall 2017.

As a Catholic, Colby said, he appreciates the Church's history, the witness of the saints and the Catholic worldview

of "seeing the natural and supernatural united in every part of life." He considers devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary the most important part of his faith journey.

During his first year of seminary, on March 25, the feast of the Annunciation, Colby consecrated himself to the Blessed Mother. He followed the book "True Devotion to Mary," written by St. Louis Marie de Montfort.

"It's principally through growing in my relationship with her and learning to hear her voice and guidance in my life that I've understood more deeply my call to the priesthood," Colby said.

"I believe that she is asking me to be her Son's priest to help reach all of her lost and scattered children who are away from faith and away from Christ like I once was."

He appreciates the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a 20th century Polish priest who gave his life in place of another man at Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. Colby admires that the saint, who had a vision of the Blessed Virgin at age 12, held his devotion to Mary at the center of his priesthood and apostolate, or his mission as an apostle of Christ, he said.

"And it helps that we sort of share a



Deacon Daniel Colby incenses Bishop Earl Fernandes during the diaconate ordination Mass.

*CT photo by Ken Snow*

surname."

While in seminary, Colby assisted at several diocesan parishes including Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas and Columbus St. Mary Magdalene, St. Aloysius and St. Agnes churches on the west side of the city. He completed his pastoral year at Marion St. Mary and Cardington Sacred Hearts churches.

He also assisted at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul, Danville St. Luke and Delaware St. Mary churches. He participated in a summer Hispanic ministry immersion and served at Holy Family

Soup Kitchen.

"Each one of these assignments has taught me a lot about myself and showed me where I need to grow to be a good and holy and relatable minister of Christ," he said.

"I'm very grateful to all of the priests and people of these parishes for their prayers, their friendship and their support. I hope to visit them before long as a priest to celebrate Mass with them as well."

As a deacon, Colby said, he looks forward to preaching at Mass and sharing the richness of Christ and His mercy with people in their daily lives. He is also eager to lead the faithful in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, he said, because of how much the Eucharistic Lord helped him "grow as a man."

Looking ahead to his projected ordination to the priesthood in May, Colby said, he anticipates reconciling people with God in the sacrament of confession and bringing the Body and Blood of Christ to people in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

"I also look forward to getting to teach the faith and help people learn all the beautiful things about Catholicism that I've been privileged to learn over the past decade."



# Summit speakers offer guidance on evangelization

**By Hannah Heil**  
*Catholic Times Reporter*

Hundreds of people who gathered for the Diocese of Columbus Evangelization Leadership Summit, held at Ohio Dominican University on Nov. 11, were sent forth on mission to proclaim God's glory.

The summit featured keynote addresses from Bishop Earl Fernandes; Dr. Marlon De La Torre, the senior director of the diocesan Department of Evangelization; Father John Riccardo, a priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit and founder of Acts XXIX ministry; and Tim Glemkowski, the chief executive officer of the National Eucharistic Congress.

"Proclaim God's Glory," the theme of the summit, was an invitation for Catholics, especially those who work in parishes, to be witnesses to the joy of the Gospel and bring Christ to each person they encounter. The keynote speakers offered practical tips for proclaiming the Gospel, as well as the need for each person to be firmly rooted in prayer.

The day began with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Fernandes in honor of the feast of St. Martin of Tours, a French bishop and soldier. After Mass, Bishop Fernandes offered the first keynote, "Evangelization in the Diocese of Columbus."

He spoke of the New Evangelization, which Pope St. John Paul II called for in 1983 and Pope Benedict XVI described as being synonymous with mission.

Bishop Fernandes said evangelization begins in the family, and "every voca-



Father John Riccardo delivers one of the keynote addresses at the Diocese of Columbus Evangelization Leadership Summit on Saturday, Nov. 11, at Ohio Dominican University.



Tim Glemkowski, chief executive officer for the National Eucharistic Congress, speaks at the evangelization leadership summit.

CT photos by Ken Snow

tion is born in the family." The Catholic Church is made up of domestic churches and families who play a critical role in evangelization. People are sent forth from their families on mission to proclaim the good news of salvation.

The bishop recalled the words of Pope Francis, who, when elected pope, said he dreams of the Church as a "missionary Church." He said the Church needs to go forth, out of her comfort zone, to the peripheries of the world.

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Father John Riccardo incenses the Blessed Sacrament at the conference.



Father John Riccardo speaks to a large gathering at Ohio Dominican University.

## ANDREW DINNER

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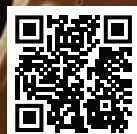
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Columbus St. Aloysius Church provides an annual Thanksgiving Day dinner for those in need on the holiday.



Winter coats and other clothing are made available during the Thanksgiving Day dinner at St. Aloysius Church on Columbus' west side. Photo courtesy Sandy Bonneville

## Parishes, agencies share blessings for Thanksgiving season

By Tim Puet

For *The Catholic Times*

Parishes and service agencies throughout the diocese will be conducting their traditional outreach efforts for those in need during the Thanksgiving season, providing dinners and donating food baskets on the holiday itself – Thursday, Nov. 23 – and the days surrounding it.

The Thanksgiving Day dinner at Columbus St. Aloysius Church is one of

the longest running of these events, going back to the early 1970s. No one putting it together can remember just when it started, said Sandy Bonneville, the event's coordinator for 27 years and a volunteer for many years before that.

"It just keeps going," she said. "Every year, I wonder where everything is going to come from, and every year, like magic and with the help of plenty of volunteers, things come together."

"This year, we're getting a lot of help from Ghanian Catholics whose week-

ly Mass has been moved to St. Aloysius because of the closing of Columbus St. Anthony Church, where they had worshiped for many years. They're enthusiastic that St. Al's has adopted them and look forward to helping others in the way many of them were helped as they settled here."

Bonneville anticipates again serving about 1,000 dinners at the parish, via takeout, to homebound people with help from Catholic Social Services and to people living on the streets or in camps

in the Hilltop and Franklinton neighborhoods of Columbus' west side.

"People who live in our neighborhood may never attend church, but through the dinner and our Taking It to the Streets ministry, they know how much the Church cares for them," Bonneville said. "They need us, but we need them just as much."

"This is a great way to evangelize the way Pope Francis wants us to – as he

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## St. Brigid educator writes Thanksgiving book for kids

By Elizabeth Pardi

Hillary Harper, preschool director at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School, has written and published a children's book called *Thankful FUR You*, a story about keeping the Thanksgiving holiday from being overshadowed by Christmas.

Harper, who has worked in early childhood education for almost two decades, based the tale on her family pet Cannoli, an English cream golden retriever, who serves as the story's main character.

"As a preschool director, my staff and I read picture books aloud to children every day," Harper said. "In November 2022, we were discussing Thanksgiving books ... and (realized) there are not a lot of options for Thanksgiving picture books."

Soon after, Harper was at home with Cannoli when the idea for *Thankful FUR You* came to her.

She and her St. Brigid staff created the storyline, which consists of Cannoli and his dog friends worrying that the inconveniences they cause their owners have resulted in the owners no longer being thankful for the dogs and thus canceling Thanksgiving. The dogs resolve to be on their best behavior in hopes of re-

instating the holiday.

"The book is a reminder of the importance of gratitude and thankfulness," Harper said. "Through Cannoli's journey, young readers learn about the value of appreciating the present moment and the relationships they have. (It) weaves together themes of friendship, togetherness and the joy of giving thanks."

After assembling the storyline into a manuscript, Harper contacted Bear With Us Productions, a publishing company based in the United Kingdom, for the illustrations and production of *Thankful FUR You*.

She chose Felipe Calv, an artist in Brazil, as the illustrator who created bright, friendly images to bring the story to life. "I really like his use of light when he paints," Harper said.

To give Calv an idea of how she wanted the character of Cami, Cannoli's owner in the story, to be portrayed, Harper sent photos of her youngest daughter, Margaret, now a seventh-grader at St. Brigid School.

In the book, Cami appears as a sweet-looking, young girl with glasses. Cannoli's character, like Harper's real-life Cannoli, is depicted as a fluffy, ivory-colored canine, and just as Harper

does in real life, Cami uses "my best boy" as her term of endearment for the dog throughout the book.

Because of how much she enjoyed creating *Thankful FUR You*, Harper started her own publishing company this year called Cannoli and Co. Books. The company's goal, which can be found on its website, [cannolicobooks.com](http://cannolicobooks.com), is to bring "engaging, timeless, and creative stories to children and adults alike."

Harper's next step is to publish a Christmas activity book in December for ages 3-7. "It includes 72 educational and engaging activities," she said. "It has things like I Spy for a road trip."

Additionally, she will publish another children's book, *A Deep Breath for Me*, in April. "It focuses on teaching self-regulation skills and calming techniques to children who are experiencing anxiety."

This time, Harper's other dog, Mack, who struggles with anxiety, is the main character. "The book follows (Mack's) journey of learning to cope with his uneasy feelings with the help of his new best friend, Gertie, the puggle (dog)," Harper said.

"Children can learn breathing exercises, visualization techniques and other self-soothing activities that can be prac-



Hillary Harper, the preschool director at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School, has written a children's book, "Thankful Fur You!"

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## Where does the tabernacle belong?

**Dear Father: I'm a new Catholic, and I've noticed that in some churches the tabernacle is in a side chapel, but in other churches it is in the center of the sanctuary. Why is it different in some churches, and is there a specific place it should be? – C.J**

Dear C.J.: I recall once visiting a church and looking for the tabernacle but wasn't able to find it because it was hidden in what appeared to be a back, windowless closet. I don't think most people would keep their pets in such a place. What a way to treat the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist!

What we believe the Eucharist to be is seen in the place we give it in our churches.

For instance, at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the tabernacle is in a somewhat secluded side chapel for people wanting to pray. With this chapel, the pope is protecting the Blessed Sacrament from the thousands of daily visitors to St. Peter's, a number of whom have little or no understanding of what the Eucharist is.

Most are there as sightseers of museum pieces, not as parishioners wishing to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. To have the tabernacle in the front and center of the high altar would be disrespectful of the sacrament and would make quiet prayer impossible.

Most of our parish churches aren't loaded with sightseers descending on them daily. Thus, it isn't necessary to move the tabernacle off to a side chapel for those wishing to pray and to protect the dignity of the sacrament.

Many parishes have the tabernacle prominently displayed in the sanctuary, inviting worship of Christ as people come into the church whether for Mass or Adoration.

One source of guidance concerning the placement of the tabernacle in our churches is found in Canon Law, Number 938: "The tabernacle in which the blessed Eucharist is reserved should be situated in a distinguished

### SACRAMENTS 101

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place in the church or oratory, a place which is conspicuous, suitably adorned and conducive to prayer."

Another essential source to read is the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*. In paragraph 314, we read, "In accordance with the structure of each church and legitimate local customs, the Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, conspicuous, worthily decorated, and suitable for prayer."

The location of the tabernacle in any church is left to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, as paragraph 315 states. Thus, the tabernacle may be placed in the sanctuary apart from the altar where Mass is celebrated "not excluding its being positioned on an old altar no longer used for celebration."

Additionally, the bishop may determine that in some churches it is more fitting that the tabernacle be placed "in some side chapel suitable for the private adoration and prayer of the faithful and organically connected to the church and readily noticeable by the Christian faithful." The reason for this is that the church, like St. Peter's in Rome, is overcome by sightseers.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1183, notes that "the tabernacle is to be situated 'in churches in a most worthy place with the greatest honor.' The dignity, placing, and security of the Eucharistic tabernacle should foster adoration before the Lord really present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."

And again, the book *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass*, section 9, says that the

"place for the reservation of the Eucharist should be truly prominent. It is highly recommended that the place be suitable for private adoration and prayer so that the faithful may easily, fruitfully, and constantly honor the Lord, present in the sacrament, through personal worship."

The U.S. bishops underlined the importance of the visibility of the tabernacle in churches particularly when Mass is not being celebrated (*Built of Living Stones*, #80).

Worldwide, until more contemporary decades, when churches were built the tabernacle was "front and center" so that when one entered the church, one's eyes were drawn to the sanctuary. There one would find the specially adorned tabernacle drawing each person to consider its importance on account of "Who" resided in it.

There was a time when older churches were being renovated. Often the tabernacle was moved to a side chapel, sometimes invisible or at least difficult to find. As a result, there was a noticeable decline in Eucharistic Adoration.

I can't help but wonder how much this architectural change contributed to the lack of belief among Catholics of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Many pastors are restoring the tabernacle to more prominent positions in their churches, typically in the center of the sanctuary. As a result, Eucharistic Adoration is beginning to flourish again. While I don't have scientific statistics for it, there is an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life associated with parishes where tabernacles are restored and where Eucharistic Adoration is regular.

I'm reminded of the verse in John 12:21: "We want to see Jesus." Indeed, we need to see Jesus, to spend time with Him before the tabernacle. Conversely, Jesus wants to see us. Let's go and kneel before Him present in our tabernacles!

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says, 'to smell the sheep' – and it's a wonderful opportunity for all types of people to come together, to be warm for a few hours and not worry what anyone's wearing.

"As in Jesus' parables, it's a banquet where all are invited. People may be hesitant or embarrassed about coming, but we want them to. The church hall is packed, but there's always room for more."

The St. Aloysius dinner will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 23. Besides being served a complete meal, all in attendance will receive a bag of groceries and other essentials from the Mid-Ohio Food Collective and individual donors. Winter coats and other clothing also will be available. The Columbus Folk Music Society will provide entertainment, as it has most years since 2014.

About 50 turkeys will be provided through donations to the Fry Out Cancer organization, which since 2014 has donated more than \$185,000 from turkey sales to the James Cancer Research Hospital and Solove Research Institute at Ohio State University (OSU) and to Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Fry Out Cancer is led by Matt Freedman of New Albany and Dr. Sameek

Roychowdhury of the James, who was a mentor to Bonneville's son, Russell Bonneville Jr., who completed his medical studies at OSU last year and is doing research at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Bonneville will return to help his mother at the dinner, as he has since childhood. His father, Russell Bonneville Sr., played a key role at the event until his death in 2017.

Pies will be provided for the first time by The Martha Circle, a women's group affiliated with The Catholic Foundation.

Besides sponsoring the Thanksgiving dinner, the community outreach committee of St. Aloysius and its west side neighbor, Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, distribute hot meals along Sullivant Avenue and other principal streets of Franklinton and the Hilltop several times a month as part of its Taking It to the Streets program.

"We take our faith from the pulpit to the pew to the pavement," Sandy Bonneville said.

The Community Kitchen at the St. John Center, 640 S. Ohio Ave., next to Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church, will serve dinner in its dining room on Thanksgiving Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

said staff member Allison Gaiters.

Columbus St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th St., will distribute Thanksgiving food boxes beginning at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20 to anyone requesting them. The boxes will include turkey, cornbread muffin mix, boxed stuffing, fresh produce and canned cranberries, vegetables and gravy.

Many of the turkeys for the Community Kitchen will come from the 26th annual "Bring a Turkey to Church" weekend at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., which will take place after all Masses Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18 and 19. In the past 25 years, the parish has collected more than 8,700 turkeys, including 538 last year, as well as \$26,873 in cash, including \$4,240 last year.

Large containers of Thanksgiving-related food and cash donations for the Community Kitchen also will be donated this weekend. In recent years, enough turkeys have been collected to allow the kitchen to distribute the excess to other agencies serving needy families.

The New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, is collecting turkeys for the 16th year for Columbus St. Dominic and St. James the Less churches. A large truck to receive

the items will be parked outside the parish ministry center on Nov. 18 and 19. Last year, the parish collected 407 turkeys and more than \$5,000.

The Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN), a diocesan agency at 578 E. Main St., Columbus, that serves the city and Franklin County, will receive 250 boxes of food for distribution from the Byron Saunders Foundation, a central Ohio organization that provides Thanksgiving meals annually to families in need, said JOIN director Lisa Keita.

The St. Francis Evangelization Center, 404 W. South St., McArthur, doesn't have room to host a Thanksgiving dinner but gives about 500 Vinton County families a chance to have a family dinner at home through its annual Turkey Toss program.

Eligible families come to the center and receive \$40 food vouchers for use at Campbell's Market in McArthur, the county's only full-service grocery, said center director Ashley Riegel.

The St. Vincent de Paul pantry at Logan St. John Church, 351 N. Market St., will distribute baskets with holiday dinner items



## Pope's new ecology document urges proper use of nature

As crops are being harvested, and most of our environment is preparing for a long winter sleep, Pope Francis has revealed the title of his new letter on the environment, *Laudate Deum* (Praise God).

"Praise God" is a frequent refrain in several Psalms, including Psalm 148:

"Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you his angels; give praise, all you his hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the Lord's name; for he commanded and they were created, assigned them their station forever, set an order that will never change." (Psalm 148:1-6)

The new document, released Oct. 4, is a follow-up to his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*). The pope revealed the title on Sept. 21 at the Vatican meeting of rectors of Catholic and public universities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

The new document, he said, is "a look at what has happened" since 2015 and a look at what still "needs to be done."

The world is facing "a process of environmental degradation," he said, but it is a problem that impacts much more than nature. It "leads down to the bottom of the ravine: Degradation of living conditions, degradation of the values that justify these living conditions,

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because they go together," with some people believing they are entitled to exploit and hoard natural resources while ignoring the impact on the poor and indigenous people.

In responding to questions, the pope said that the throwaway culture and the culture of abandonment are tied.

"The discarded, the outcasts, are men and women, whole peoples who we leave on the street like garbage, are they not? We have to be aware that we use the wealth of nature only for small groups through socio-economic theories that do not integrate nature, the discarded."

Pope Francis insisted on the urgency of returning to the proper use of nature: "Today humanity is tired of this misuse of nature, and must return to the path of good use of nature ... dialogue with nature." To this end, the pope urged universities to create networks of awareness by "organizing hope."

"Reclaiming and organizing hope ... one cannot help but consider it in the context of integral ecology ... the youth of today have the right to a balanced cosmos and

they have the right to hope and we have to help them to organize this hope, to make very serious decisions from this moment."

The pope mentioned that schools and universities should teach in three human languages – head, heart and hands – and not just teach things. Students should "learn to think what they feel and what they do, to feel what they do and what they think, and to do what they feel and what they think." He challenged educators to be "creative in the face of reality ... not just dispensers of information."

Respect for God's creation and respect for life are integrally connected. And the converse is true as well. If we love God, we must love what God made, and that's the human person and the rest of creation.

"A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted." (*Laudato Si'*)

What are you doing today to help creation awaken even better in the spring? You can find a plethora of ideas at [columbuscatholic.org/care-for-creation/laudato-si](http://columbuscatholic.org/care-for-creation/laudato-si).

## Courage in our identity as prophets

In life we have groups that we choose, and those that are chosen for us. As children, we choose our playmates based on those we are in class with or what activities we join, or from our neighborhood.

It is the same for adults, but we have an added category of the social groups our children join as we shepherd them to and from these events. We are asked to get involved and help them prosper.

As a homeschool mom, for many years, I have shied from many of these groups, preferring my quiet, carefully cultivated circle of comfortable friends. But God blew that away with one whisper of a breath.

It is comforting to choose our friends, whom we will walk with and who will help us grow into who we were made to be. I have been blessed over the years to walk with many faithful friends who have lifted us in prayer, laughed and cried with us and through whom we have been made better people. It is a beautiful life, and one for which I am very grateful.

However, during the past year, I have been wrestling with a growing discontent in my heart. I searched long and hard, wondering what could be causing it, and I found the answer in the prophet Jonah.

### ALL THAT WE HAVE

#### MaryBeth Eberhard

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Jonah was called by God to go to Nineveh but didn't go, at least not when first asked. He had his own judgments against the Ninevites, who were part of the Assyrian empire. Perhaps he was afraid and was also quite comfortable being the known prophet in the northern kingdom of Israel.

So, he chooses to go the other way and heads the opposite direction of where God is calling him. The ship he is on finds such stormy seas that the sailors throw Jonah overboard as he states he is the cause. God sends a whale, and Jonah sits in the belly of the whale for three days and three nights.

As Christians, we see the prefiguration of the resurrection written into the story. However, I found myself compelled during the past year to examine the call of Jonah.

God called Jonah to go somewhere uncomfortable, to

be with people who were perhaps rough around the edges, people who were different than him. He knew the Ninevites' brokenness, and He also knew Jonah's. Here's where I have rested. God knew the Ninevites needed saving, and He also knew Jonah did, too.

Perhaps like me, Jonah was growing too comfortable in his carefully cultivated bubble, and God called him out. Perhaps like Jonah, my time in the belly of the whale where I have

wrestled, cried tears of pain, anger, abandonment and loneliness was meant to open my heart to God's new call.

My children are getting older now and are involved in sports, acting, jobs and many other activities that have asked for a commitment from me. My immediate "yes" came out of a desire to love and serve my children, but God knew how to get me.

It is through my mother's heart that he caught me. It is in my desire to model love to my children that He found me, and it is in the recognition of my own judgment and brokenness that He is healing me.

This year, I find myself attending Mass in different places and forming new relationships. I am sharing much time outside my bubble with people who do not know the Lord and many who do, but differently than I am used to.

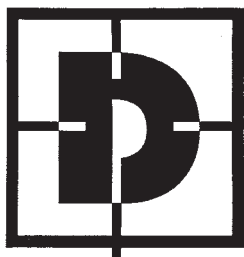
There are times I am uncomfortable to add the word "Christian" as I tell my story, and yet every time I do, God boldly reveals a conversion of heart toward Him, a window into someone's soul that has allowed His grace to flow and heal.

Who am I to stand in the way of that gift? Who am I to even be the conduit of that grace, but God does not choose the equipped. He whispers, guides, prods and pushes us into sharing His love, and here's the kicker. We are transformed in doing so; not just changed but transformed.

We stand tall in the identity of prophet that each one of us receives at our baptism. Have you had a moment in your life where you feel fully alive, living wholly in who you were created to be? For me, it has been in the desire for something more, the recognition that something was off, the wrestling with what I saw happening and who I was called to be, and God is speaking life into that.

Fortunately, right now, I am not being asked to move my family across the world to go preach the Gospel. Instead, I am being asked to join the PTO, work at a concession stand, sell tickets, plan fundraisers and help with costumes. It is here that I encounter people who are changing me for the good and who, through God's grace, are encountering His love through that "yes."

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## Share your joy in the Lord with others

I was praying with a friend recently, and a line from a song bubbled up: “Joy, joy, joy, down in my heart.” I shared that with her, and she was delighted. She exhibits joy in the Lord, and as I was praying with her, I began to think about joy and the many ways it manifests in our lives.

Joy is countercultural in that Christian joy is a joy in the Lord, a joy in the promise of eternal life for those who know, love and serve the Lord.

Are we able to maintain our joy in all circumstances, as Christian joy isn’t tied to things going well or going wrong but to the knowledge that we are loved by God. That is a true sign of Christian joy, and that is also a great challenge for each of us in our daily lives.

My mom is in memory care, and we have lots of ups and downs with her health and the different stages of dementia that she is experiencing. When I share stories with people, sometimes they say they can’t understand how I can do it.

God has given me joy and peace with her condition. I love her, and she loves me. I’m grateful for this time with her. She has the joy of a small child, and that is really beautiful as seen through the eyes of Christ.

I’m grateful to God for giving me eyes to see her this way and for the ability to appreciate the joy of simply being together, mother and daughter, no matter the circumstances.

The other day, a woman named Margaret who was sitting with my mom and me broke out in song, “Praise

### HOLY AND HEALTHY | Lori Crock

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God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Praise Him above the heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!”

It was spontaneous, and it moved our hearts. It brought joy to all of us. We laughed, and Margaret tried to remember words for another “church” song, and she couldn’t. So, I chimed in, and I do not have a good singing voice, which made everyone laugh some more.

Turns out, Margaret used to sing in the choir, and she exclaimed, “This is fun!” In memory care, we celebrate everything that brings the residents joy and peace.

St. Teresa of Avila said, “Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.” No one wants to be around gloomy people. Joy is contagious!

I have a friend who is so joyful she is practically bursting out of her body telling stories and loving those around her. I enjoy every minute being with her. We laugh, and we cry, but when a friendship is Christ-centered, we know that we are loved and that we are beloved daughters of the one true God. We are determined that nothing will steal our joy.

## In support of Jimmy Lai

As chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, John Lee is the principal enforcer of the Chinese communist regime’s ever-tightening chokehold on his city’s liberties. Earlier this month, he hosted a “Global Financial Leaders’ Investment Summit,” in a rather obvious attempt to get around the fact that the United States had banned him from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation CEO Summit now meeting in San Francisco. To what ought to be, but probably isn’t, their shame, Mr. Lee’s faux-summit, aimed at convincing American financial leaders that Hong Kong is open for business, was attended by the CEOs of Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, Blackstone, Citigroup, Franklin Resources and others.

Hong Kong may be open for business, but it isn’t open for freedom. For before the American CEOs arrived, Mr. Lee pledged to “pay particular attention to those anti-China and destabilizing activities camouflaged in the name of human rights, freedom, democracy and livelihood.” Dr. Goebbels couldn’t have said it better.

Like others at the higher elevations of the Hong Kong civil service, John Lee attended a Catholic secondary school and considers himself a Catholic, as does his predecessor, Carrie Lam. But what kind of Catholics cooperate with a regime that aims to “sinicize” all religion in China, privileging “Xi Jinping Thought” over the Gospel of Jesus Christ? What kind of Catholics jail peaceful protesters who ask that Beijing and the Hong Kong government it controls honor the pledge they made to protect and civil liberties when Hong Kong reverted to Chinese control in 1997? What kind of Catholics manage a corrupt justice system that delivers pre-packaged verdicts against human rights activists?

And to personalize all this: What kind of Catholics keep a fellow Catholic, Jimmy Lai, in solitary confinement for over a thousand days, after destroying his business, shutting down his newspaper, and

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arresting him on bogus charges of violating “national security?” What kind of Catholics prevent a man whose only crime is living the Church’s social doctrine from seeing his children for three years? What did John Lee and Carrie Lam learn in those Catholic schools, anyway?

On All Saints Day, 10 bishops from around the world petitioned John Lee for the unconditional release of Jimmy Lai from his unjust imprisonment. Their statement was brief and to the point:

“We, the undersigned, bishops of the Catholic Church, call on the Government of the Hong Kong Special Admin-

istrative Region to immediately and unconditionally release Jimmy Lai. Mr. Lai’s persecution for supporting pro-democracy causes through his newspaper and

Jesus said, in John 15:11, “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.” The saints give us such a powerful witness to this complete joy.

Pope St. John Paul II said, “We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy. It makes us see that Jesus did not come to lay burdens upon us. He came to teach us what it means to be fully happy and fully human.

“Therefore, we discover joy when we discover truth – the truth about God our Father, the truth about Jesus our Savior, the truth about the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts.”

So how can we invite others into our joy? Speak with love. Look at people with love. Invite people into relationship with us, and from that relationship, introduce people to the love of Jesus. Be honest. Be authentic. Be vulnerable. Accept and love people where they are.

The joy that we have as Christians is meant to be shared, meant to change us and meant to impact those around us.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, “Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. ... A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.”

in other forums has gone on long enough.

“There is no place for such cruelty and oppression in a territory that claims to uphold the rule of law and respect the right to freedom of expression. In standing up for his beliefs and committing himself through his faith to challenge autocracy and repression, Jimmy Lai has lost his business, been cut off from his family, and has just surpassed 1,000 days in prison, while facing the prospect of many more years of incarceration to come. He is 75 years old. He must be freed now.

Full marks, then, to the prelates who stood up for Jimmy Lai and his family: Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York; Cardinal Baselios Cleemis Thottunkal, Major-Archbishop of Trivandrum, India; Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services-USA; Archbishop Anthony Fisher, O.P., of Sydney, Australia; Archbishop Gintaras Grušas of Vilnius, Lithuania; Archbishop J. Michael Miller, C.S.B., of

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# Keep in mind while mourning the election results that truth always wins

By Beth Vanderkooi

On Tuesday, pro-life Ohioans, and indeed all Ohioans, were handed a defeat in Issue 1. There will be plenty of time for a post-mortem discussion of what went wrong and why. I hope that Ohio's pro-life and faith leaders, especially those integrally involved with campaign strategy, take that seriously. For my part, I know I will.

But before we get to that, I want to invite you all to take a moment to grieve, for the passage of Issue 1 was a tremendous loss. It is right that we grieve, not just because political loss is tough and emotional, but because the stakes were incredibly high. Ohio suffered a real loss

Tuesday night, and the suffering that will result is equally real.

For my part, I want to thank everyone who joined us in prayer, in fasting, in donating, in volunteering, and in voting. Coalition grassroots efforts across the state netted more than 250,000 voter contacts in the past seven weeks. The volunteers organized under Greater Columbus Right to Life were almost 20,000 of those, and that does not include friends and supporters who worked under the administration of other organizations. Or does it count the people who walked with a local political party, dropped literature in their neighborhoods, or stood outside of concerts, games, and other events.

I had the opportunity to work with

tremendous partners all over the state, but none as closely as Mark Huddy and Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns and Dr. Michael Parker. Together, we traveled the region, speaking to groups large and small. Each time, I was amazed by the outpouring of faith and the readiness to engage the culture. We also had tremendous partners in The Catholic Times and St. Gabriel Radio.

Over the past few months, we have listened to beautiful personal stories shared by many who stopped into our office to pick up a yard sign. We've been moved to learn how someone's mother chose life or fought for their life in a difficult situation and shed tears with women who thanked us for our work and shared their abortion stories. So many of

you shared that you'd never done phone banking or door-to-door, but this was important enough that you gave generously of your time. We've had first-time donors and longtime donors and donors big and small, and those donors allowed us to be able to make an impact on not only the election but on the lives of so many we touched.

To each one of you who gave this campaign your all: I am so proud of you, so honored to serve with you, and so sorry that our efforts did not result in victory. So very sorry. This was not the outcome we wanted, or was it the outcome Ohioans deserve. I cannot help but wonder how quickly many will come to regret

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## Bishops, pro-life groups react to Issue 1

The following is a compilation of reactions from bishops around the state and local pro-life organizations after the passage of Issue 1 on Tuesday, Nov. 7 that will enshrine abortion into Ohio's constitution:

### ARCHBISHOP DENNIS SCHNURR of Cincinnati

"The people of Ohio missed this important opportunity to demonstrate that the health and safety of women, the fundamental rights of parents, and the lives of preborn children deserve protection. Despite this outcome, we are grateful for all of you who prayed, educated yourselves and others, and voted NO on this horrific amendment. And we praise God for the gift of His great love and mercy which He continues to pour out to us in good times and in bad.

"The passage of Issue 1 shows that there remains a desperate need for conversion of hearts and minds to a culture of life in our country, one that respects the inherent dignity and sacredness of every human being from conception to natural death. This conversion will only come about through the witness of our earnest prayer and compassionate care for the most vulnerable among us. I urge everyone in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to redouble support for the many Catholic ministries that provide material resources and personal accompaniment to women, children and families so that abortion ceases to be a consideration.

"May the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love to the praise and glory of God, the Creator of all."

### BISHOP EDWARD MALESIC of Cleveland

"Today is a very sad, disheartening day for me, as I am sure it is for so many of you who have championed the great cause of upholding the sanctity of human life, from the moment of conception. Even though our efforts to overcome the

enshrinement of abortion into our state constitution failed, we must never give up on the just cause to support a culture that values every life, at every stage.

"We must recommit ourselves to supporting pregnant women in need through our ministries that serve them – whether they face challenging pregnancies or find it extremely difficult to care for their children after birth. We must continue our work to care for these vulnerable women by providing physical, emotional and spiritual support through places like Zelle's Home, the Christ Child Society and the many programs offered by Catholic Charities.

"Please join me in praying and persisting in our mission to protect every life, which is foundational to our faith and in our belief that every life is a priceless, precious gift from God."

### BISHOP DAVID BONNAR of Youngstown

"I am saddened by the result of this election, and above all concerned about vulnerable human life. I am also grateful for the valiant effort of the clergy, religious, and faithful, working together to make our Catholic voice known on this difficult but important issue. Countless hours were expended on this cause, with coordination between bishops, diocesan offices, and concerned faithful throughout the state and diocese.

"As a community of faith, we will build upon this collaboration and continue to promote the dignity of every human person. We will be unrelenting in our effort to care for women, children, families, and anyone in need. Our care for life and one another can never be reduced to election day. We need to be intentional every day about our love for one another and human life. This is all about forming a 'culture of life and a civilization of love.'"

### BISHOP PAUL BRADLEY of Steubenville

"Ohio joins a growing number of other states to lose sight of the intrinsic value of

human life. If life is not protected in what should be the safest place imaginable, the mother's womb, life is at great risk outside the womb. God help us. Today is a tragic day for women, children, and families in Ohio. We mourn that the dignity of human life remains concealed by the duplicity of a culture of death. Though this is a day of sorrow, we are never without hope. St. Paul tells us that it is in hope that we were saved and if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

"Asking for God's protection and mercy, we must look ahead. Despite the obstacles this amendment presents, the Catholic Church in Ohio will continue to work for policies that defend the most vulnerable, strengthen the child-parent relationship, and support women in need. As we pray for the conversion of minds and hearts to the gospel of life, we recommit ourselves to defending children in the womb and supporting women in need.

"The Catholic Church and faithful will never grow weary in our mission to help women and families flourish through ministries such as Walking with Moms in Need and other local organizations that provide material and spiritual support and through advocacy with policymakers."

Bishop Bradley said he is grateful to the Catholic faithful, clergy, and all people of goodwill "whose actions in this campaign demonstrated our commitment to honoring and upholding the dignity of life. Your sacrifices prove that the Church will never abandon her mission to support human life. We will persevere in this mission until every preborn child is protected, every pregnant woman is supported, and every human life receives respect, dignity, and justice."

### KATHY SCANLON, PRESIDENT of Pregnancy Decision Health Centers

"PDHC continues on the front line through the outreach of our 24/7 hotline and four pregnancy centers, providing life-affirming options, personalized care, and a community of support and resour-

es to every individual who reaches out to us for help. We continue to walk alongside and empower women and families throughout their pregnancies and beyond through a robust Family Empowerment Program, including parenting education classes, family and community health advocate services, and practical resources through much-needed baby items. We continue to provide our youth with positive messages to help them build healthy relationships, make healthy choices in life, and avoid risky behaviors that may interfere with achieving their life goals. We continue to be a source of hope, healing, and community, to individuals struggling from a recent or past abortion experience.

"At PDHC, each comprehensive program and service began because there was an essential need in the community. Our programs and services have continued to grow and evolve over the last 42 years, positively impacting thousands of lives and we will continue to provide the same love and compassionate care to everyone we serve. Our work continues and becomes more important than ever as unexpected pregnancies will continue to occur, despite what is going on in the world around us. We are committed to being that source of hope and support in the community."

### JOR-EL GODSEY, PRESIDENT of Heartbeat International:

"Big Abortion won, while women, parents, and babies lost. Women lost common-sense protections. Parents have lost the ability to be involved in a key, and dangerous, component of their child's medical and emotional health. And babies have been denied their bodily autonomy to grow as God intended. The work of pregnancy help will now be the only thing that can help women from the entrapment of the abortion profiteers."



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and gift cards on Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to families who have registered.

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, is part of a Christmas box drive sponsored by Big Walnut Friends Who Share, an outreach of churches in the Sunbury and Galena areas.

The parish is collecting canned potatoes for a Christmas meal, with other churches collecting other items. Anyone attending the church's 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass is asked to bring canned or boxed foods for Friends Who Share.

West Jefferson Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike, is putting together containers of instant mashed potatoes, gravy and stuffing and collecting monetary donations for meat for the community's Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

The pantry at Columbus St. James the Less Church, 1652 Oakland Park Ave., will distribute nearly 400 two-box food baskets for Thanksgiving, said pantry manager Pat Woods. One box will contain turkey, produce, bread and eggs with nonperishable items in the other. She said the items are donated by the Church of the Resurrection and sever-



Volunteers prepare the annual Thanksgiving meal at Columbus St. Aloysius Church.

al other parishes and by Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students.

Zoar Holy Trinity Church, 1835 Dover-Zoar Road N.E., in cooperation with the Tuscarawas Valley Ministerial Association, will distribute dinners on Nov. 19

to homes, workplaces, domestic violence shelters, firehouses and hospices. The dinners will be prepared at the church and include turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, dressing, cranberry salad and pie.

New Lexington St. Rose Church, 309 N. Main St., is sponsoring its annual Turkey Trot 5-kilometer run or walk at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day in the parking lot of its former school at 119 W. Water St. Registration is \$25 on the day of the race.

Both Zanesville parishes will collect food for the holidays at Masses during the Thanksgiving period. The collection at St. Nicholas Church, 955 E. Main St., will be at the 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass, while at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St., it will take place at Masses on the weekend of Nov. 18 and 19 and in its office from Nov. 20 to 22.

Circleville St. Joseph Church, 134 W. Mound St., is offering its 39th annual Thanksgiving dinner for home delivery or carryout only. Pickaway County residents who call the church at (740) 477-2549 by Tuesday, Nov. 21 will have dinner delivered to their homes between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Dinners also will be delivered at the same time on Christmas Day. The registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 22.

The Scioto Catholic Community will serve dinner from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day at the Holy Redeemer Activity Center, 1325 Gallia St. Carryout is available for those unable to attend.

St. Vincent Family Services is collecting donations to support Thanksgiving meals for approximately 100 families and clients in its care, said Catherine Sherman of St. Vincent. It also is running its annual Adopt A Family program, in which families or individuals receive information on a needy family, shop for items on the family's wish list, wrap and label the gifts and deliver them to the St. Vincent Family Center on a specified time and date.

This year's delivery dates range from Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 7 to 9.

To apply as a gift giver, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MQ2K3ZM>. Monetary gifts may be made at any time online at [www.svfs.ohio.org](http://www.svfs.ohio.org) or sent to St. Vincent Family Services, 1490 E. Main St., Columbus, Ohio 43205.

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ticed in their daily lives." She hopes the book can be a resource for parents and educators in caring for children and supporting their mental health.

Harper, a wife and mother of three teenage daughters, is an Ohio native, having grown up in a family where her mother was a teacher and her father

worked for newspapers throughout his career.

"He was a Statehouse reporter," Harper said. Of her mother, who taught for 25 years, Harper recalled that as a child, she would go with her to work. She said she is proud to be "following in their footsteps."

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their "Yes" votes once it becomes apparent how extreme this amendment is.

To those of you for whom this was your first time dipping your toe into pro-life activism: Welcome to the cause, and I hope you keep working with us. I wish I could say that this was an anomaly, but the reality is that pro-life work can be a minefield of heartbreak and disappointment if you make the mistake of thinking that the "win" is the only metric of value. However, the truth of it is that this work is incredibly humbling and heart-breaking. I regularly remind our volunteers of the words from 1 Corinthians 3. It is our job to plant the seeds. God does not demand that we are successful, but he does call us to be faithful. Pro-life work can break your heart, but it will grow and enrich your soul. It will be worth it. None of us will know this side of Heaven's differences we made, but each of us can know that while God has allowed this injustice to continue for a time, He has already conquered every sin, evil, and death.

To those of you who may be looking back with regret that you did not, for whatever reason, get as involved as you wish you had: It is not too late. The

need to engage with and advocate on behalf of pregnant women and children is about to dramatically increase. Consider this your invitation to (re)join us on the sidewalk and in our various advocacy efforts. We have 30 days until this Constitutional Amendment becomes effective, and we will continue to adapt and respond as we can. Our team is already meeting with colleagues and elected officials as we prepare to respond, and we will respond.

In every speech or talk I've given these last few months, I ended by acknowledging that I didn't know what would happen on Nov. 7, but I already knew what would happen on Nov. 8. The day after the election, pro-life people across the state woke up with the same steadfast determination to help women and children and families that we have always had. We fought hard because the stakes were high, and we are not shying away from how serious the ramifications of last Tuesday's vote were. But we are confident that we are fighting a battle that has already been won. Because we know: Life Always Wins.

*Beth Vanderkooi is the executive director of Greater Columbus Right to Life.*

Harper has always been passionate about children's education. In 2021, she was selected to serve on the Learning Standards Committee for the Ohio Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and School Readiness. She helped to revise the language and literacy standards for early childhood, a St.

Brigid newsletter said.

Harper plans to continue using her talents as a writer and educator for as long as she can to contribute to youth education.

*Thankful FUR You* can be purchased through Amazon or Harper's publishing company website, [cannolicobooks.com](http://cannolicobooks.com).

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youth experiencing gender confusion outgrow it by late adolescence.

Lost in the debate are the reasons for an abortion in the first place. Twenty years ago, the country had some serious debates about abstinence education. Today, it's rare to read any stories or hear any discussions about sexual morality.

Abortions wouldn't even be necessary in a society that values moral living, traditional marriage and abstinence from intimate relations outside of marriage. There would not be any so-called "unwanted" babies to abort.

Critics will say that you can't change the sexualized culture. That's what Planned Parenthood and other abortion and artificial contraception providers want you to believe because they profit handsomely from desperate women who come to their facilities for a quick fix.

So, how do Catholics clean up this mess? Solidarity, education, vigilance.

The efforts to oppose the amendment by the Catholic Conference of Ohio on behalf of the state's bishops and numerous pro-life organizations were admirable. The bishops showed no hesitation or fear in spreading the message to vote "no" in every parish throughout the state.

Priests spoke out from the pulpit with-

out reticence, as they should on abortion. Laity and pro-life groups distributed signs, handed out information, made phone calls and prayed diligently.

If Catholics can continue to be that fervent and influence a vast majority of Catholics to defend life, then a victory will be achieved.

To do that, the Church needs to make it clear once and for all that abortion in all cases is unacceptable. That starts with the hierarchy.

Not only do we need to see more clergy and laity praying in front of abortion centers (don't call them clinics) and talking to abortion-minded women whenever possible, they must hold Catholic policymakers accountable to follow Church teaching on the right to life or face disciplinary, canonical consequences.

Above all, the education process starts in Catholic homes and schools. Chastity, virtue and respect for God's precious gift of human life must be imbued in the hearts and minds of our precious children from an early age.

Now is not the time to give into the temptation for despair. Regroup and continue the fight. Always keep in mind that the Author of Life will triumph over the forces of evil.





## Catholic Diocese of Columbus

### DECREE OF SUPPRESSION

of the Parish of St. Bernard Church, Corning, Ohio  
and Changing the Parish of St. Patrick Church, Junction City, Ohio

Whereas, demographic changes in the general population of the faithful in southern Perry County, including but not limited to decline in registered parishioners, decline in mass attendance, decline in offertory revenue, and the shortage of priests, have drastically affected the viability of the parishes in that region; and

Whereas, a plan has been carefully developed by the pastor of St. Bernard and St. Patrick parishes recommending the suppression of St. Bernard Parish and the aggregation of the suppressed parish with the parish of St. Patrick Church; and

Whereas, the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Columbus at a meeting held on November 9, 2023, reviewed the plan in detail and unanimously approved the proposal to suppress St. Bernard Parish and to make changes to St. Patrick Parish to join the territory, parishioners, assets and liabilities of St. Bernard Parish to that of St. Patrick Parish; and

Whereas, having heard the Presbyteral Council in accordance with Canon 515.2;

Therefore, I, Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, hereby decree the following:

1. The Parish of St. Bernard, Corning, Ohio, is suppressed effective December 31, 2023;
2. Simultaneously with the suppression of St. Bernard Parish, the territory, parishioners, property, assets and liabilities of this parish will be joined to those of St. Patrick Parish by aggregation into a single juridic person, care of which is entrusted to the pastor of St. Patrick Parish. The territorial jurisdiction of the parish will encompass the southern portion of Perry County, including the townships of Jackson, Monday Creek, Salt Lick, Coal and Monroe.
3. The care of St. Bernard Church and the other properties of the former St. Bernard Parish, whether sacred or profane, will become the responsibility of St. Patrick Parish, until further decisions are made and approved through the appropriate canonical processes regarding the disposition of these buildings and properties.
4. This decree shall be promulgated by publication in the Catholic Times and disseminated in the affected parishes via the parish bulletin and other means of communication as deemed appropriate by Pastor of the affected communities.

Given at the Chancery Office, 198 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio this 10th day of November, 2023.

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes  
Bishop of Columbus

+ *Earl K. Fernandes*

*Reptus Mores*

Notary



## Catholic Diocese of Columbus

### DECREE OF SUPPRESSION

of the Parish of Church of the Atonement, Crooksville, Ohio  
and Changing the Parish of St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington, Ohio

Whereas, demographic changes in the general population of the faithful in southeastern Perry County, including but not limited to decline in registered parishioners, decline in mass attendance, and the shortage of priests, have drastically affected the viability of the parishes in that region; and

Whereas, a plan has been carefully developed by the pastor of Church of the Atonement and St. Rose of Lima parishes recommending the suppression of Church of the Atonement Parish and the aggregation of the suppressed parish with the parish of St. Rose of Lima Church; and

Whereas, the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Columbus at a meeting held on November 9, 2023, reviewed the plan in detail and unanimously approved the proposal to suppress Church of the Atonement Parish and to make changes to St. Rose of Lima Parish to join the territory, parishioners, assets and liabilities of Church of the Atonement Parish to that of St. Rose of Lima Parish; and

Whereas, having heard the Presbyteral Council in accordance with Canon 515.2;

Therefore, I, Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, hereby decree the following

1. The Parish of Church of the Atonement, Crooksville, Ohio, is suppressed effective December 31, 2023;
2. Simultaneously with the suppression of Church of the Atonement Parish, the territory, parishioners, property, assets and liabilities of this parish will be joined to those of St. Rose of Lima Parish by aggregation into a single juridic person, care of which is entrusted to the pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish. The territorial jurisdiction of the parish will encompass portions of Perry County, including the townships of Pike, Pleasant, Bearfield, and Harrison.
3. The care of Church of the Atonement Church and the other properties of the former Church of the Atonement Parish, whether sacred or profane, will become the responsibility of St. Rose of Lima Parish, until further decisions are made and approved through the appropriate canonical processes regarding the disposition of these buildings and properties.
4. This decree shall be promulgated by publication in the Catholic Times and disseminated in the affected parishes via the parish bulletin and other means of communication as deemed appropriate by Pastor of the affected communities.

Given at the Chancery Office, 198 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio this 10th day of November, 2023.

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes  
Bishop of Columbus

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*Reptus Mores*

Notary





Diocesan seminarian Matthew Waldman (center) talks with Columbus Bishop Watterson High School seniors AJ McAninch (left) and Luke Hangen at the Serra Club vocations luncheon.



Father Kyle Tennant addresses the young men attending the Serra Club vocations luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Pontifical College Josephinum. *CT photos by Ken Snow*

## Young men hear about priestly vocation at Serra Club luncheon

By Hannah Heil  
*Catholic Times Reporter*

Discerning God's will for a person's life can be confusing, but having a clear picture of what a vocation entails can help.

A luncheon hosted by the Serra Club of North Columbus on Nov. 7 aimed to help young men in the Diocese of Columbus to understand what a vocation to the priesthood could look like.

Serra Clubs, named after St. Junipero Serra, support and encourage priests and religious sisters, as well as young men and women who are considering vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life.

"We want to give you an opportunity to know a little bit more about our faith and a little bit more about what it is to be a priest," Tom Rhatican, president of the Serra Club of North Columbus, told young men attending the luncheon.

Middle and high school students shared a meal with seminarians studying for the priesthood in the diocese; heard discernment tips from Father William Hahn, the diocesan director of vocations; and listened to Father Kyle Tennant, chaplain of Columbus Bishop Ready High School and parochial vicar at Columbus St. Cecilia Church, speak about his path to the priesthood.

After the luncheon, which was held at the Pontifical College Josephinum, seminarians led the young men on a tour of the facility.

Chaplains at diocesan Catholic high schools were present, including Father Paul Noble from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and Father Anthony Essien from Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, as well as Dr. Adam Dufault, superintendent of Catholic schools for the diocese.

Father Jeff Rimelspach, chaplain of the Serra Club of North Columbus and pastor of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, offered a blessing.

Students were present from several diocesan Catholic schools, as well as homeschools.

"I wanted to come to the Serra Club luncheon because I think it's a great way to expand on my faith and grow closer to God," said Sam Giglio, an eighth-grader at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle School. "I think that's mainly why I want to be here today."

Giglio said he has considered the priesthood but is not certain if that is where God is calling him. Spending time with seminarians and hearing from priests at the Serra Club luncheon could be helpful in knowing how to take the next step.

"I think it'll let me look in closer to what I should be doing, what I can do," he said. "So, I think it would help me a lot and understand what I would do if I was a priest and going into the priesthood."

Anthony Maurer, a student at Bishop Ready, said he came to the luncheon to learn more about the priesthood.

"It's still a little bit confusing, but I know a good amount of it, just like how long it is and what it takes to go through it because I've gone on many retreats and stuff here (at the Josephinum) before and learned a lot about it," he said.

"(The luncheon) might just show like another side that I haven't seen maybe or just help me, help teach me a little bit more about different experiences and how it might appeal to me."

Loren Williams, a student at Columbus Trinity Catholic Elementary School, agreed that the luncheon could help to "learn more about the priesthood and what it can include for us and see if that's an option for us young Catholic men down the road in our lives."

Williams said he has considered a vocation to the priesthood.

"I've definitely thought about it, and I hope to learn more about it when you listen to the priests and the people here at the Josephinum talk about what it is and what they do," he said.

"It might help me think about what they do, what sacrifices I might have to make later in life but what joy it could bring me and how it can help other peo-

ple."

Choosing a vocation that brings joy and involves service to others was a theme of Father Tennant's vocation story.

Father Tennant said when he was in sixth grade he began to worry about what he was going to do in the future. He tried to figure out his future career and what God had planned for him.

"Eventually, it occurred to me that if God made me and God loves me, then if I figure out what He wants me to do with my life, then that'll be the happiest that I could possibly be," he said.

"If I figured out what God made me for, then that's as happy as I could possibly be in this life because I'm using the gifts that He has given me for the service of those around me."

Father Tennant, who is from Scioto County in southern Ohio, visited the Josephinum in high school. He attended live-in retreats, in which he spent a few days on campus, attending classes and spending time with seminarians to "get a taste" of seminary life.

"Seminary is really about discerning and trying to pray and figure out, 'Is this what God wants me to do?'" he said. "And some guys come to seminary, and they find out, 'no,' and that's fantastic because they're giving it a shot, and they're putting themselves in God's hands and saying, 'Look, just show me what You have in store for me, and I'm willing to say, 'yes.'"

After high school, Father Tennant attended the University of Notre Dame, which, he said, was his "dream school." He studied mechanical engineering, but he continued to contemplate the priesthood and the possibility of attending seminary after college.

Father Tennant worked in Chicago as an information technology consultant after graduation. He believes God opened a path for him, he said, that He wanted him to follow.

"Sometimes God's will for us becomes apparent through the things that He either makes available or the things He

kind of takes away," Father Tennant said.

He said he enjoyed the Windy City, but his favorite parts of the week were spent at church, helping with the youth group and teaching Sunday school.

Shortly after meeting with a friend from college who was a priest, Father Tennant applied for seminary. It was as if a "fire was lit," he said, after submitting his application.

As a priest, he knew he would have to make sacrifices, but in sacrificing he would also find joy, he said.

"A lot of people will be like, 'Oh, you have to give up women?' No, you give up one woman. You give up the woman you're going to marry. That's it. That's the only woman that you sacrifice."

"But what you gain as a priest is being a part of so many different families and being able to impact and be a spiritual father to so many different people and help in so many amazing ways that you can't even begin to imagine sitting where you are right now."

As chaplain at Bishop Ready, Father Tennant said it is a joy to be around students.

In living out a person's vocation, not every day will be amazing, he said, and some days will be frustrating. Difficult situations will occur, but even those times are good, he said, because he is doing God's will.

"It's worth thinking about what did God make you for because if you start trying to be a hammer when you're actually a plate, something's gonna feel off," he said.

Father Tennant recalled the words proclaimed at Mass during the transition from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

"That's what your vocation is about," he said. "That's what God has made you for: for the praise and glory of His name, for your good as an individual but also for the good of all His holy Church."

"God has given each one of us a set of skills that He intends us to put to use for



# Religious sisters offer information at Marian Dinner

Thirty young women interested in or discerning a religious vocation attended the annual Marian Dinner on Nov. 8 at Columbus St. Andrew Church.

Sisters from 13 religious orders were represented at the annual event, which is sponsored by the diocese and open to individuals in grade eight through college.

Bishop Earl Fernandes welcomed the 70 people in attendance and said, "I'm very happy that all of you are here, especially the young ladies who are discerning a vocation, but also for all those sisters who have already consecrated their lives to Christ, the bridegroom."

"We have all different types of sisters here, so you have an opportunity to really get to know them, to understand their whole way of life, and to understand why in one point in time they decided to enter religious life."

Congregations represented were the Apostolic Sisters of St. John; Bridgettine Sisters; Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm; Children of Mary; Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus; Dominican Sisters of Peace; Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist; Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province; Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco); Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Kerala (India); Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pondicherry (India); Fran-

ciscan Sisters of Christian Charity; and Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

Each of the orders has sisters working in the diocese in a variety of ministries.

Attendees participated in the Liturgy of the Hours prayers with the sisters before dinner. Religious from several orders spoke briefly about their charisms, and Bishop Fernandes offered some remarks. "Your path will be different from their path," the bishop said. "But God continues to call. He calls, and He sends."

Each order set up an information table and sisters mingled with anyone interested in learning about their work.

"More and more groups of sisters are coming (to the diocese), and I hope you get to know some of those present," Bishop Fernandes said. "Get to know them, where they're from, get to know what their life is really like."

Among the parishes and schools represented at the event were Columbus St. Andrew Church, Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, Hilliard St. Brendan Church, Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr Church, Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, Chillicothe St. Peter Church, Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center and Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School.

Also in attendance was Father Stash Dailey, the diocese's vicar for religious who oversees the orders of sisters and priests serving in the Diocese of Columbus.



Willow Pecek (left), a member of Hilliard St. Brendan Church, and Adeline Mays, a member of Columbus St. Andrew Church, speak with Sister Guerline, FMA, of the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco at the annual Marian Dinner on Nov. 8 at Columbus St. Andrew Church.



Bishop Earl Fernandes chats with some of the women and the sisters attending the annual Marian Dinner at Columbus St. Andrew Church. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Sisters attending the Marian Dinner come together for a photo.



Three members of the Apostolic Sisters of St. John speak about their work.



Sister Cecilia Grace, CM and Sister Maria Caritas, CM, of the Children of Mary visit with (from left) Brianna Briseno, Melissa Buestan, and Montserrat Bimas.

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# Lay missionaries explain their evangelization goals

By Hannah Heil  
Catholic Times Reporter

While vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life are widely recognized, lesser known, perhaps, are lay missionary apostolates, which are organizations dedicated to evangelizing.

Members of six missionary apostolates – the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS); Damascus; Hard As Nails; Missionary Servants of the Word; St. Paul's Outreach (SPO); and Urban Encounter Ministries – gathered Oct. 30 for Mass and dinner at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church with Bishop Earl Fernandes.

The apostolates, which consist of lay missionaries evangelizing to various demographics, shared their organization's charism, or spiritual gift, with the bishop and other missionary groups.

Seminarians for the Diocese of Columbus were also present and shared their missionary role as they study for the priesthood.

Blake Matson, who is in his fourth year as a FOCUS missionary, spoke about the apostolate, which is serving students at Ohio State and Ohio Northern universities.

The apostolate serves college students across the country. At Ohio State, FOCUS has seven lay missionaries serving about 67,000 students.

"We're a collegiate outreach apostolate that serves college students on over 190 college campuses across the country to here in the Diocese of Columbus ... mainly working to win students over in friendship, then over to Jesus in the Gospel, working to build them up in faithfulness and zeal for other people and sending them out on mission," Matson said.

Four FOCUS missionaries serve students at Ohio Northern's campus in Ada.

Anna Sepanic, a FOCUS missionary there, said eight Bible studies have been formed. An additional 10 students were asked into discipleship, which is the second stage after a Bible study has concluded, when students are invited to see who God might be calling them to evangelize to.

Based in Centerburg, Ohio, Damascus is a missionary movement seeking to revive the Catholic Church in America. Members serve thousands of young adults each year.

Damascus offers Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC) and retreats for youth, as well as for adults throughout the year. They have an additional campus in Michigan, known as CYSC Great Lakes.

Gina Whiteman, 31, said Damascus is a place where children encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and realize that He is present, body, blood, soul and divinity.

"It's so much more than a program; it's so much more than a place," she said. "Damascus truly is a people. ... We're a missionary body who seeks to be Jesus centered, joy filled, obedient, mission fo-

cused and then toilet plungers, ... which just means that we're not afraid to get messy because Jesus wasn't afraid to get messy with the people that He served and loved and walked with and lived with."

Whiteman, who serves as the formation coordinator at Damascus, first attended CYSC in sixth grade. There, she said, she encountered the love and joy of Jesus, and she went on to serve as a camp counselor. Whiteman is now a wife and mother who serves on Damascus' missionary staff.

"Families are missionaries, too; it doesn't go away when you serve in your vocation, you're still a missionary," she said. "So, that's a beautiful thing."

In her role as formation coordinator, Whiteman said, she oversees finding new and creative ways to form the missionaries who serve at Damascus.

There are 63 full-time missionaries and 80 people on the missionary staff. Damascus also has eight missionaries who serve youth across the United States. This past summer, 300 summer missionaries served the youth at CYSC.

Hard As Nails Ministries, based in New York, is another community of lay young adult evangelists and missionaries. They travel across the United States, offering events and retreats, and some of their missionaries recently came to the Diocese of Columbus.

"The vision of Hard As Nails is to make a world where no one suffers alone," said Nick Ganis, a missionary with the organization.

Hard As Nails missionaries in the diocese are focused on high school outreach. They are currently serving at Newark Catholic and Columbus Bishop Hartley and St. Francis DeSales high schools.

Two missionaries, Julio Perez and Octavio Mendoza, from the Missionary Servants of the Word shared their organization's charism.

"Our mission is to spread the Word (of God) to everybody that we encounter, and the way we do it is with the Bible," Mendoza said. "We go really house to house. We knock on doors, and then, when they

open the door, we will speak to them with the Word because this is what the bishop said today: No, we have to go and spread the Word. If we don't do it, we're not doing our mission."

Missionary Servants of the Word evangelize to the Latino Spanish-speaking population in Columbus. Latinos can get lost when they come into a new country, Mendoza said. When exposed to newness, they can turn down a wrong path and leave their faith.

The missionaries lead Bible studies, Mendoza said, beginning with the Book of Genesis through the Book of Revelation.

John Packer Stevenson, who serves as a chapter supervisor for SPO at Ohio State, shared how SPO missionaries work with students on campus.

"They're meeting people," he said. "They're starting those awkward first conversations. They're breaking into people's lives, knowing that they're not just themselves, but they're carrying the Lord with them out of the Holy Spirit, and they're taking students with them."

"And they're training students how to go into their classes and how to talk to people, even professors, and how to start these encounters and conversations to find the next step, the next invite."

He said missionaries seek to save lost souls, and they adopt the "incarnational quality of Our Lord," Who dwelt among His people.

"All these missionaries, they live with households of students, and these houses, they're up at 6 a.m. four days a week for breakfast, 6:30 a.m. in the morning for Liturgy of the Hours with some worship afterwards, and then, three nights a week they have dinners," he said.

"And these houses exist as places, yes, of formation, but also mission, so they can invite people to these houses that, perhaps, would never come to a missionary event right away because they're just maybe not that open or ready yet."

Packer Stevenson said students involved with SPO come to know Jesus and what it means to live as a child of the Holy

Spirit through formation, Bible studies and living with Catholic brothers and sisters.

"They're sent off – as they graduate – to say as big of a 'yes' as possible to the Lord, whether that is seminary, consecrated life," he said. "They actually discern and take seriously full-time mission or to launch into a career with the idea of being a missionary ... because families are, in fact, still called to be missionaries."

Jotham Allwein, 33, a missionary with Urban Encounter Ministries, spoke about the ministry that is serving the Hilltop neighborhood of Columbus. The neighborhood, on the city's west side, has a high percentage of drug addiction and overdoses, prostitution and poverty.

Allwein said Urban Encounter, which was founded by Bryan O'Donnell, aims to return the neighborhood to the heart of Jesus. The Hilltop has many families, he said, and the ministry's focus is to claim the neighborhood for Jesus and bring its residents to Him.

The ministry, which has been active since 2020, has four pillars: community, revitalization, evangelization and worship. The missionaries are working for Hilltop residents to encounter Jesus Christ at Columbus St. Aloysius Church.

"We partner with St. Aloysius, which is the parish in that jurisdiction who's responsible for all the souls in Hilltop," Allwein said. "And so, the end is not for us to be the hero. The end is for Father Lawrence (Tabi), who's at St. Aloysius, to be the hero."

Missionaries with Urban Encounter attend the noon Mass at St. Aloysius every Sunday, Allwein said, and they intentionally sit behind someone new or a person they have not spoken with, to form new relationships.

"The individual people of Hilltop are incredible, and the families are incredible, so it's really, really exciting," Allwein said.

Shane Gerrity, a seminarian for the diocese in his first year of theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, spoke about seminarians as missionaries. He said missionary work as a seminarian begins internally.

"Our mission for these next nine years slowly begins first within yourselves and then outward," he said. "The mission field for the seminarian is his own heart."

"It's looking deeply into what part of you is broken, what part of you is not ready to receive a relationship, to find those places, to accept them, to ask God to come into them, and then, to eventually be able to be a gift for your brothers."

As a seminarian, Gerrity said, he enjoys "apostolic missions," or being sent out, including to participate in Bible studies with the Missionary Servants of the Word or serve the youth at Damascus. He said the greatest mission for a seminarian, perhaps, is serving "his brothers," or oth-



Lay missionaries who minister and evangelize in the diocese came together to talk about their work on Oct. 30 at Our Lady of Victory Church. Photo courtesy The Catholic Foundation



# Thousands view relic of St. Jude's arm at diocesan churches



Stephanie LeChard holds her children (from left) Lily, Ava and Lucy and prays with her mother-in-law, Katie, in front of the St. Jude relic at New Albany Church of the Resurrection on Nov. 1. The LeChards are members of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Celestine Gary, a member of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, touches the glass case surrounding the relic of St. Jude at New Albany Church of the Resurrection on Nov. 1



Brooklyn Evers, a member of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, brings medals to the relic of St. Jude at New Albany Church of the Resurrection.



Natalie Schlater (right) and her mother, Deb, venerate the St. Jude relic at New Albany Church of the Resurrection. The Schlaters are members of Columbus St. Patrick Church.



Pam Grady, a member of Columbus Holy Family Church, kneels before the relic of St. Jude at New Albany Church of the Resurrection.



The St. Jude relic tour made its first stop in the diocese on Monday, Oct. 30 at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church. *Photo courtesy Gary Gardiner*



The St. Jude relic's second stop in the diocese came at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center on Tuesday, Oct. 31. *Photo courtesy Sarah Lightle*

By **Hannah Heil**  
*Catholic Times Reporter*

A relic of St. Jude, one of the 12 Apostles and a cousin of Jesus Christ, recently spent three days in the Diocese of Columbus.

The relic of the saint's arm, which was held in a wooden reliquary for public veneration, drew thousands of people from across Ohio and out of state. The reliquary is carved in the shape of an upright arm and a hand in the gesture of imparting a blessing. The relic is considered a first-class relic.

First-class relics include a saint's body or fragments of the body, such as pieces of bone.

Other classes of relics include second-class relics, which are items that a saint owned, such as a piece of clothing or a book, and third-class relics, which are items that a saint touched or have been touched to a first-, second- or third-class relic of a saint.

The relic of St. Jude, who is known as the patron of impossible causes, is on tour with Father Carlos Martins, the director of Treasures of the Church ministry, which seeks to give people an experience of the living God through the relics of His saints. Father Martins is a member of the Companions of the Cross community of Catholic priests.

The arm of St. Jude, which has been venerated in Rome since ancient times, is on pilgrimage in the United States from September to May and will be shown in 100 cities.

In the Diocese of Columbus, the relic was brought to Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church on Oct. 30. About 3,000 pilgrims visited the church to venerate the relic, including an individual who traveled from Iowa.

There were people present who had been away from the Catholic Church for decades, said Andrew Burson, senior director of parish ministry at St. Paul. He said viewing the relic was "spiritually healing" for them.

Sacramental confession was offered throughout the day at the church, Burson said, so people could fulfill the requirement for a plenary indulgence.

A plenary indulgence, or pardon from the punishment due for sins, is offered for venerating a relic if, within a reasonable period, it is accompanied by receiving the Eucharist, sacramental confession and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was offered at the church from 1 to 6 p.m., and veneration of the relic was offered until 10 p.m. However, pilgrims continued to venerate the relic until 11 p.m.

The church was filled for a 7 p.m. Mass, which was celebrated by Father Daniel Olvera, parochial vicar at St. Paul,

that was celebrated in the presence of St. Jude's relic. Father Olvera was joined by two deacons and five priests from the diocese, as well as Father Martins, who served as the homilist.

On Oct. 31, the relic was brought to the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, adjacent to the Ohio State University campus.

The relic was on display for public veneration at the Newman Center from 1 to 10 p.m. with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Earl Fernandes at 7 p.m. More than 600 people visited the relic in the afternoon before Mass, and 400 people attended Mass, said Sarah Lightle, communications associate at the Newman Center.

Penelope Norton, who came to see the relic at the Newman Center, said the experience was "special for me."

"I figured it's a once-in-a-lifetime thing to see an actual one of the Apostles that was right with Christ, so I thought that was something that I needed to come up here with from Dayton," she said.

Norton was joined by Tom Fagan, who also drove from Dayton to see the relic. He has seen other relics of saints, he said, and believes it is important to learn about the saints.

"The more we get to know about them now, the more we can ask for their help in getting us to heaven and other loved ones, too," Fagan said.

He admires St. Jude for being the patron of impossible causes and seeks his intercession.

"He's like in combination with St. Rita, the saint of the impossible," Fagan said. "They're both known as the saint of the impossible, so I like them both really well because I've got some impossible things that need to happen. I call on both of them."

Anita Fouch, who is a nurse practitioner at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, came to venerate the relic. Working in the health-care field, she said, she feels a calling to St. Jude and seeks his intercession.

"St. Jude could easily be our patron saint because, you know, he is the patron saint of the impossible, and I'd like to think that we are definitely on the cutting edge of curing impossible diseases," she said. "I do outpatient gastroenterology, so ours is pretty cut and dry, but nonetheless, I feel a strong calling to St. Jude just because I am a nurse practitioner."

Fouch said seeking the intercession of saints, such as St. Jude, could be beneficial for parents whose children are sick. She believes in the power of prayer when facing an illness.

"I feel like St. Jude is a good patron or saint to pray to, especially, you know, 'I've been told that, well, my kid has this horrible illness,' or whatever, you never



## Women receive St. Mother Teresa awards for faith, service

Thirty women from 21 parishes in the diocese received St. Mother Teresa Recognition Awards on Sunday, Nov. 5 during a presentation at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

The awards were sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) in conjunction with the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference and the Daughters of Isabella.

The recipients were recognized for living in the spirit of Mother Teresa as women strong in their Catholic faith, engaged and involved in parish communities and having set an example of devotion and dedication in the tradition and spirit of the holy and humble saint.

"These women would lovingly serve without the desire to be recognized," said Michele Faehnle, a co-chair for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference, "but we believe that it's important to recognize them, especially to inspire other women to live out their faith."

Bishop Earl Fernandes presented certificates to the women, who were recommended for recognition by one or more individuals during a nomination period in September.

There were three honorees each from Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare and Our Lady of Perpetual Help and two each from Westerville St. Paul the Apostle, Columbus St. Patrick, Columbus St. Cecilia, Gahanna St. Matthew and Newark St. Francis de Sales, and one each from 14 other parishes.

The St. Mother Teresa awards succeeded the former Catholic Woman of the Year and Catholic Young Woman of the Year Awards, which were last presented in 2016.

The recognition lunch and ceremony were held this year for the first time since 2019 with 150 recipients and guests in attendance. Members of the clergy present were Father Joseph Yocum, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Father Michael Watson, who assists at Our Lady of Perpetual Help; and Father Thomas Herge, pastor of the Jackson-Vinton Consortium.

The honorees were Allison Arend of Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes, Janice Bean of St. Patrick, Mary Bishel of Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Sandra Borden of the Jackson-Vinton Consortium, Diane Boyden of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Maria Bremerkamp of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul, Lori Crock of Hilliard St. Brendan, Barbara Flaherty of St. Paul the Apostle, Lisa French of Canal Winchester St. John XXIII, Mary Ann Grove of Columbus St. James the Less, Lisa Grywalski of Plain City St. Joseph, Kathleen Hare of St. Brigid of Kildare, Kathi Jackson of Granville St. Edward the Confessor, Judy Jasper of St. Cecilia, Laura Kreber of St. Cecilia, Margaret Kuhns of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona,



St. Mother Teresa Recognition Award honorees for charity, compassion and service with Bishop Earl Fernandes are (front row from left) Rachel Shreve, Maria Bremerkamp, Mary Lager, Diane Boyden, Mary Bishel, Lisa French, Laura Kreber, Julie Stalford, Sue Ruffley, Kathy Moore, Mary Ann Grove, Ginger West; (back row from left) Deb Levy, Barbara Flaherty, Kathleen Hare, Kathi Jackson, Judy Jasper, Janice Bean, Carolyn Obert, Diane Walker, Bishop Fernandes, Lisa Grywalski, Allison Arend, Anita Schroeder, Lucy Lopez, Chrisanne Webster, Katrina Streitenberger, Lori Crock and Scott Borden (accepting for wife Sandra, who died in September). Not pictured are Margaret Kuhns and Jody White. *Photo courtesy Abigail Pitones*

Mary Lager of St. Matthew the Apostle, Deb Levy of St. Paul the Apostle, Maria Lucia Lopez of St. Francis de Sales, Kathy Moore of Portsmouth St. Mary of the Annunciation, Carolyn Obert of St. Brigid of Kildare, Sue Ruffley of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Anita Schroeder of Columbus St. Agatha, Rachel Shreve of Columbus St. Peter, Julie Stafford of Lancaster St. Bernadette, Katrina Kay Streitenberger of St. Matthew the Apostle, Diane Walker of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Chrisanne Webster of St. Francis de Sales, Ginger West of St. Patrick and Jody White of St. Brigid of Kildare. Boyden, who passed away in December, was honored posthumously.

Their list of accomplishments spans a wide range of volunteer and professional activities in parishes, schools, hospitals, helping the homeless and disabled, homeschooling, and as wives and mothers raising families in the domestic churches of their homes.

Bishop Fernandes emphasized the critical role that women play in transmitting the faith in their families and communities.

"What you do, actually, is proclaim the Gospel in your families and your neighborhoods, your parishes," Bishop Fernandes told the women and guests. "And that's what we really need to continue to do. Each and every person here, in one way or the other, is an evangelist with a particular vocation, a particular state in life, but no one is exempt from the mission of evangelization."

The bishop emphasized the importance of evangelization in today's culture as the diocese and the worldwide Church focus on spreading the faith, most especially among those who do not know how to pray or know God or

respect human life.

He stressed that the Church needs to hear the voice of women in this time in its history.

"Pope Leo XIII realized that, most of the time, that faith is transmitted in the family through mothers, and so beginning with his pontificate there was a real push toward the formation of women because they would be the ones forming their children," Bishop Fernandes said.

"We can speak about a shared responsibility in the Church with the role of women. Think about our Catholic schools and how many women are principals, teachers, school administrators, and how much influence and authority they have over the children entrusted to our care."

It's a misconception to believe that evangelization rests solely in the hands of bishops, priests, religious sisters and other clergy, Bishop Fernandes said.

"When people think about the Church and the Church's mission of evangelization, sometimes they think about ... the bureaucratic, institutional Church," the bishop said. "But they forget about the maternal face of the Church, the Church who gives birth to new children at baptism, the Church that feeds her children with the bread of life.

"And so, where I think Catholic women can be a great help to the mission of evangelization is not only within the family but in showing the maternal face of the Church to help us as a whole to recapture the image of the Church, our mother."

He asked women to raise their voices in defense of the Church and of her teachings and to speak about the good things the Church does while continuing to be loving mothers and wives. When a

woman does this, the bishop said, she lends credibility to what the Church is saying in the world.

"Be good workers and holy people right where God has placed us, as St. Francis de Sales used to say, to assist us in the mission of evangelization to help us bridge the gap between the institutional Church and the charismatic Church so that people are actually open to what we have to say," he said.

"If they hear it from you, it has an additional credibility because, day in and day out, you have to live the life."

Transmission of the faith is the greatest gift a mother can give a child, Bishop Fernandes said as he shared stories of how his own mother, Thelma, lived out her Catholic faith every day in raising her five sons.

"There is nothing like a mother teaching her child their prayers," Bishop Fernandes said.

He went on to say that young people "need to see authentic, credible witnesses to the faith so that they might actually say, 'I, too, will believe, and if I can believe then I can have a better understanding of the world around me and engage that world with the truth that comes from the Gospel.'

"There's nothing like children seeing their parents' faith."

He closed by expressing gratitude for the honored women's engagement in the Church.

"I'm very grateful for all that you do to help us to proclaim the good news of salvation, he said.

DCCW, an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women, was founded in Columbus in 1947 by Bishop Mi-



## St. Charles marks 100 years educating high school boys

The oldest Catholic high school currently in existence in Columbus turned 100 years old this year, but it's showing no signs of aging.

St. Charles Preparatory School has positioned itself to continue to educate young men for years to come with extensive expansion projects and upgrades to its campus.

The school for boys in grades nine-12 commemorated its centennial year on Friday, Nov. 3 with a Mass in the Walter Student Commons celebrated by Bishop Earl Fernandes along with 11 priests from the diocese.

A ceremony after the Mass included the presentation of a time capsule to be filled with items from the school and proclamations from the Diocese of Columbus read by Bishop Fernandes and from Bexley Mayor Ben Kessler, who declared Nov. 4 as St. Charles Day in the east-side suburb.

The feast day of the school's patron, St. Charles Borromeo, is celebrated each year on Nov. 4. A Mass for the feast day is an annual event, but this year's observance had special meaning on the 100th anniversary of the school's founding in 1923.

Bishop Fernandes mentioned his joy to be celebrating the Mass at a school named for St. Charles Borromeo, the nephew of Pope Pius IV and a descendent of a noble family who became a cardinal at age 21 and served as the archbishop of Milan, Italy, during the Protestant Revolt in the 16th century.

"St. Charles Borromeo has a special place in my heart," Bishop Fernandes told the student body, faculty, staff, alumni and guests during his homily at the Mass. "I not only pray for your school, but he is the patron saint of bishops.

"He has a special place in my heart because when my father (Dr. Sydney Fernandes, M.D.) first came to the United States (from India) he worked at St. Charles Hospital in Toledo."

The bishop pointed out that St. Charles Borromeo serves as a witness to the students at a school named in the saint's honor to strive for holiness and excellence. St. Charles spent many hours praying before the Blessed Sacrament and the crucifix.

"We are blessed in many ways here at St. Charles Preparatory," Bishop Fernandes said. "We have been given many gifts – the gift of a good education, the gift of faith, the gift of good friends.

"Do we hand off these gifts to future generations? ... New vocations have been produced from this high school. And yet the mission of handing on the gift – the gift of wisdom and grace – lives on in each and every one of us here at St. Charles."

Donations from hundreds of alumni and benefactors have allowed St. Charles to build toward the future as part of its five-year campaign, The Vision for the Future: Building Leaders for the Next 100 Years.

During the centennial year alone, the

school has completed the new Frank E. Murphy Convocation Center for athletic events and other large gatherings that seats up to 2,000, beautification of the campus's Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and a new central plaza connecting a number of the preparatory school's buildings.

The beginning of another project was announced Friday. A new Brotherhood Center will be built on the site of the original gymnasium to provide space for more classrooms, offices, a new library and a media center.

"We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us ... grateful for their vision and dedication," St. Charles principal Jim Lower said at the anniversary ceremony. "Throughout the years, our school has been a beacon of light, illuminating generations of students. It has been a place of learning, not only in an academic sense but also the lessons of humility, faith, character, charity, justice.

"Our students are encouraged not only to strive for academic success but also to be compassionate and to live a life of service to be your brother's keeper. To the students who walk these halls today, you are the embodiment of the hopes and dreams of those who came before you."

In the school's 100-year history, more than 7,000 young men have graduated from the institution. Many have gone on to achieve career success in a variety of fields. A number of families have established a legacy at St. Charles with several generations of young men graduating from the school at 2010 E. Broad St.

The school's largest graduating class in its first 100 years was 155 students in 2017, but that number could be eclipsed in 2027 after welcoming the largest freshman class in school history in August with 198 first-year students who also constitute one of its most diverse classes.

Current enrollment stands at 579. The sophomore, junior and senior classes range in size from 119 to 129 students who come there from 64 ZIP codes.

"The impact of St. Charles stretches far beyond these walls," Lower said. "Our alumni have gone on to become leaders, innovators and agents of positive change in their communities. They are dedicated husbands, fathers and grandfathers, all gathered together as we celebrate this milestone."

Banners representing each decade of the school's existence were carried by current students during a procession before the start of the anniversary Mass. Alumni from as far back as the 1950s up to the 2020s walked behind the banners.

One of the graduates in the clergy procession was Msgr. William Dunn, a member of the Class of 1957 who concelebrated the Mass.

In addition to having a notable reputa-

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Current Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School students carry banners representing the graduation classes over the course of 100 years before an annual feast day Mass on Friday, Nov. 3.  
CT photos by Ken Snow



The Robert Walter Student Commons at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School is filled with students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests for a Mass commemorating the school's centennial anniversary.



A time capsule with items ranging from the student newspaper and magazine to a varsity athletic letter and a Latin test are placed in a time capsule.



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tion for academics, St. Charles has provided the Church with many vocations throughout its history. According to records, the school has produced approximately 300 diocesan and religious order priests, including 13 who were ordained since 2000.

Two more, Michael Ryan from the Class of 2008 and Brian Vetter from the Class of 2013, will be ordained this spring by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, which has a strong connection to the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. Another eight graduates are currently answering God's call to a religious vocation in seminaries across the country.

Msgr. Dunn has experienced St. Charles from several sides. After his days as a prep student, he was ordained to the priesthood and then was assigned to his alma mater to teach religion and Latin from 1968 to 1975.

Since then, he has returned through the years to celebrate Mass while serving as a priest and pastor at several parishes throughout the diocese.

"Every time I go out there, I can see the spirit of the students," Msgr. Dunn said. "It's a unique situation."

The only all-boys high school in the diocese was established in 1923 by Bishop James Hartley. The first classes were held in September that year at the old Sacred Heart School north of downtown Columbus with five priests on a faculty teaching 14 students. Enrollment grew to 52 students the following year.

In 1924, Bishop Hartley purchased 26 acres on the school's current site, and ground was broken on July 2 that year. On Nov. 4, 1925, Bishop Hartley dedicated the new school, which consisted of a main building and a power plant, and Msgr. Joseph Weigand served as rector for the next 17 years.

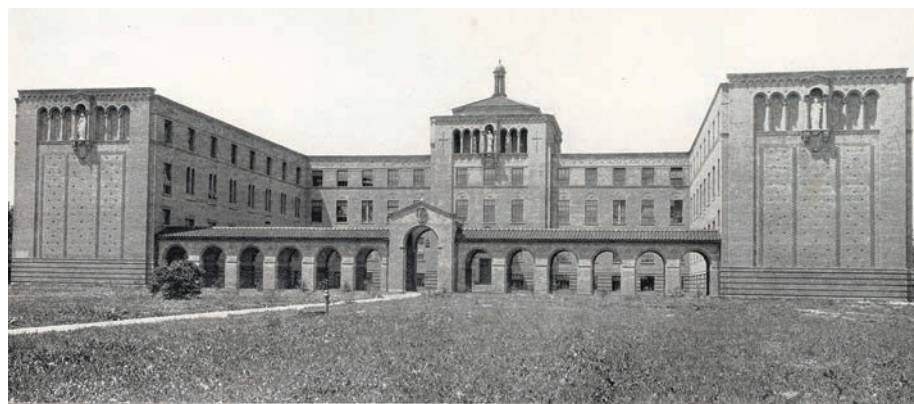
That same year, the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity came to the school to perform duties at the bishop's request. They remained until 1976.

For the next 35 years, the school's enrollment continued to grow, and the facilities also expanded with the addition of the grotto in 1928, a chapel in 1937, a theater in 1940 and more seating in the gymnasium in 1951. A flood from nearby Alum Creek in 1959 caused an estimated \$150,000 in damage to buildings that had to be repaired.

In 1961, a decision was made because of diminishing priestly vocations in the Church to restrict enrollment to only young men with serious interest in the priesthood. Over the next seven years, the student population plummeted from 350 in 1961 to 65 in 1968.

Msgr. Dunn had joined the faculty in 1968 and was at the school when it was decided St. Charles would return to being a prep school open to all boys starting with the 1968-69 academic year.

"It was wonderful to see it grow again," Msgr. Dunn recalled. "People were happy



ST. CHARLES COLLEGE-SEMINARY

St. Charles Preparatory School's main building opened in 1925, two years after the school was founded. *CT file photo*

to have an all-boys Catholic high school, and there was great support there.

"Some alumni fathers transferred their sons, who were juniors and seniors at other high schools. That, of course, is always hard for students at that age, but they acclimated themselves to their surroundings and became friends with other students.

"We see them at alumni events now, and they're still very supportive of the school."

In the 1970s, the school began to offer more courses, and a majority of the faculty members were lay people rather than religious.

"It has an excellent reputation as a college prep school," Msgr. Dunn said. "When some of the alumni got to the university, they were able to bypass certain basic courses in math, history, English and were often placed in second-year college courses."

Father Charles Jackson served as principal from 1971 until July 1976 when Father Daniel Pallay succeeded him. Both priests were St. Charles alumni.

At that point, the student body had swelled from 317 to 450. To handle that growth, a floor was added to house classrooms and laboratories.

Enrollment jumped again after Dominic Cavello, a 1964 graduate, became the first lay principal in St. Charles history in July 1985 after serving as assistant principal for 10 years.

Improvements to the campus included the Holy Angels Library, a natatorium, training and fitness facility, technology upgrades, a new driveway and entrance off E. Broad Street, the Robert C. Walter Student Commons, the St. Charles Student Services and Fine Arts Center, and a multi-sport athletic field.

In 2011, the school expanded beyond its original site for the first time, developing a West Campus that featured an athletic complex with additional practice and competition fields, a new track and a weight training and conditioning facility along with a parking lot accessible from a pedestrian bridge across Alum Creek.

Lower took over as principal after

Cavello's retirement in 2012. As a teacher and boys basketball coach, Lower was quite familiar with the school. Among his achievements as a coach was guiding the Cardinals to a state runner-up finish in 1992.

In 2016, land was purchased next to the school's West Campus to build a large facility that would house the robotics team and My Brother's Keeper mentoring program and provide a recreational area for basketball and indoor golf practice.

In athletics, St. Charles has won five Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) state championships, includ-

ing golf (2009, 2010), soccer (1983, 1985) and swimming (2008). The school has also won seven non-OHSAA-sanctioned championships in water polo and two in volleyball.

Its teams compete in the Central Catholic League in baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, water polo and wrestling.

A number of athletes have achieved all-state status and gone on to play at the collegiate and professional levels in various sports. The school also offers a variety of clubs and has an acclaimed theater department.

Nearly all of the school's seniors attend college after completing St. Charles' rigorous academic course of study and have gone on to prosper in business, arts, medicine, law and public service.

"What are we preparing for?" Bishop Fernandes asked the current students as he concluded his anniversary homily. "Is it just for university? Is it just for a job? Is it for our vocation? Perhaps to be a husband or a father? To be a teacher or a priest or religious? Or to be a physician?"

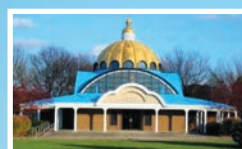
"Perhaps this school is preparing us for life, but ultimately the reason the school exists is to prepare you for life not only here below but for eternal life."

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# Sports permeated career of longtime diocesan employee

By Hannah Heil  
Catholic Times Reporter

Some of Marty Raines' earliest memories of sports include times when her father took her to games as a child. Those early days of watching games with her dad developed into a love of sports that ultimately blossomed into a 43-year career with the Diocese of Columbus, which concluded Oct. 31 this year.

Raines retired after spending 16 years as the director of the Diocesan Recreation Association. She previously served for 22 years as a history, physical education and religion teacher at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School and was a principal for six years at New Lexington St. Rose of Lima School. During her tenure with the diocese, 35 of her 40+ years involved sports, including coaching softball, boys and girls volleyball, girls basketball and track and field.

As a teacher at St. Vincent de Paul, Raines coached and served as the school's athletic director. She started a boys volleyball team at the school in the late 1980s, about which she notes, "I'm very excited to say that since I started the program, they have always had a team."

While she did not coach as principal at St. Rose of Lima, she remained involved with sports during her time there.

"The funny thing, at St. Rose, I walked into the gym for the first volleyball game, and their athletic director said, 'We need somebody to run the clock. You don't happen to know how to do that, do you?' I said, 'Oh yeah, I can run the clock.'"

Raines, who is a parishioner at Lancaster St. Bernadette Church, describes herself as a "product of our Catholic schools." She attended Lancaster St.



Marty Raines holds gifts she received at a retirement party on her final day after 16 years as the director of the Diocesan Recreation Association. Photo courtesy Office of Catholic Schools

Mary of the Assumption School and Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School. She subsequently earned a degree in history and physical education from Ohio Dominican University and a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Dayton.

Raines said she planned to spend her career with the diocese, but she did not expect to retire as director of the Diocesan Recreation Association (DRA). "I figured I would retire as a teacher, so it took a different path than I had anticipated."

For the past 16 years, as director of the DRA, Raines visited three or four school gyms a day. On weekends, she often put more than 100 miles on her car, she said, traveling to diocesan sporting events.

Twenty-four parishes constitute the DRA, with most of them within the Columbus I-270 Outerbelt. St. Vincent de Paul, Delaware St. Mary and London St.

Patrick also participate, as well as Somerset Holy Trinity for basketball and track.

In retirement, she said, it will be an adjustment not visiting school gyms and watching diocesan games every day. "Once I retire, I'm going to have to break that habit of just coming up and bebopping around to all the different gyms because I've done it for ... 30-some years," she said. "So, I keep telling people, 'I don't think I'm going to disappear off the face of the earth.'"

As director, Raines' responsibilities included creating diocesan game schedules, managing finances, collaborating with the various DRA sport commissioners and troubleshooting.

"It takes teamwork (to run the association)," she said. Raines worked closely with the signers and commissioners, who help to run the different parish sports programs

in the diocese. She said they met between three and five times last year "to make sure that we're not all in the same gym at the same time" and to work through parish- and school-related conflicts.

Among her greatest accomplishments during her years as director, Raines said, she is most proud of bringing the Play Like A Champion Today program to the diocese.

"It's a resource-based discussion on coaching as ministry," she said. "(Coaches) spend a lot of time on that. They probably don't realize that it's a calling, and it is a ministry, and that's something that I think takes them by surprise when I approach it that way."

"We also talk about the 'grow approach,' which are some fundamental things that they can use in their coaching: setting goals, how to develop relationships, how to let the kids take ownership. (If) they do all of those things, then they end up with winning, and winning can be more than just wins and losses. It can be winning the right way or losing the right way."

In the DRA, head coaches of parish-based sports programs for students in grades four-eight are required to complete the Play Like A Champion Today training. Nearly 3,000 coaches have completed the training.

The program is a three-hour training, which also covers safety. There is a parent version of the training, known as Parent Like A Champion Today, which, she said, she asked parents to participate in.

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## Five Watterson seniors to play college sports



Five Columbus Bishop Watterson High School seniors have committed to play college sports next year. They are (front row from left) Mia Gill, cross country/track & field, University of Dayton; Olivia Milburn, lacrosse, Mercyhurst University; Lesley Furuta, volleyball, Kent State University; (back row from left) Angelo Lamatrice, lacrosse, Ohio State University and AJ McAninch, baseball, Marshall University. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

### Central Catholic League Girls Soccer

**ALL-CCL First team**  
Ruby West, Emily Cope-land, Ally Capozella, Megan Terveer, Bishop Watterson; Kaitlin Emmerling, Alli Mann, Juliet Pekarcik, St. Francis DeSales; Faith Campbell, Grace Eiselstein, Kristin Brinkman, Bishop Hartley

**Second team**  
Emma Miller, Bailey Kerins, Watterson; Chloe Conway, Stella Newman, DeSales; Kendall Ramsey, Ashley Velasquez, Anna Casto, Hartley

### Volleyball

**2023 girls volleyball final standings**  
**League games:**  
1. Bishop Hartley 4-0  
2. Bishop Watterson 2-2  
3. St. Francis DeSales 0-4

**ALL-CCL First team**  
Kaylee Musick, Jada Shade, Mallory Matheny, Hartley; Layla Hoying, Makenna Glenn, Watterson; Lyla Stewart, DeSales

**Second team**  
Karah O'Malley, Patience Locklear, Hartley; Maija Eglitis, Jessie Musselman, Watterson; Gwen Stein, Kaitlyn Zehala, DeSales

### Boys Soccer

**ALL-CCL First team**  
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**Second team**  
Adien Mann, Patrick Granta, DeSales; Malcolm Gillies, Henry Gillies, Ryan Cartagena, Hartley; Sebastian Isbell, Eli Bush, St. Charles; Dillon Brown, Max Meacham, Connor Samenuk, Watterson



### Eucharistic procession at St. Michael



Worthington St. Michael School students participated in a Eucharistic procession on Friday, Oct. 13 followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the rosary in the church before concluding with Benediction. Asked by Father Michael Lumpe, the parish pastor, whether there were any questions, the students answered, "Can we do this every week?" St. Michael students also have the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament at monthly First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hours. Photos courtesy St. Michael School

### Bishop blesses Marian Garden at OLB



Bishop Earl Fernandes made his first visit to Our Lady of Bethlehem Preschool and Childcare (OLB) on Oct. 31 to bless the newly restored Marian Garden on the school grounds. Eagle Scout Andrew Ferris of St. Andrew Troop 296 completed the project over the summer. Ferris, an alumnus of OLB and St. Agatha and now a senior at St. Charles Preparatory School, and his parents were on hand for the blessing along with more than 125 OLB students and staff. The garden includes a sixty-inch statue of Our Lady of Grace and a variety of plants to ensure year-round color and beauty in honor of Our Lady. An engraved sign near the statue bears the dates of the restoration and Bishop Fernandes' blessing. OLB students regularly visit the garden to encounter Jesus and His mother through prayer and reflection. Photos courtesy Our Lady of Bethlehem

### Watterson seniors named National Merit Commended Scholars



Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students (from left) Pierre-Andre Geoffrion, Michael Daniels, Katie Driscoll, Everest Veliu, Dylan Crumbaugh and Max Melaragno have been recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars based on their performances on the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

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## Speaker outlines Chesterton's views on health care

At the fifth annual Hospitaller's Dinner benefiting the Order of Malta's Center of Care in Columbus, Dale Ahlquist shared the profound insights of writer Gilbert Keith Chesterton from more than 100 years ago that presciently address the spiritual, physical and moral dilemmas plaguing modern society.

Ahlquist, the featured speaker at the event on Nov. 3 at the Pontifical College Josephinum's Jessing Center, knows the writings of Chesterton as well as anyone.

The creator and host of the EWTN television series "The Apostle of Common Sense" is an author, editor, publisher of Gilbert magazine, president of the Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton, a senior fellow at the Chesterton Library in London and the co-founder of the classical Chesterton Academy high school in Minneapolis, which has expanded to nearly 70 schools in the United States, Canada, Italy, Iraq and West Africa.

Ahlquist blended humor with the wit and wisdom of the British author's writings during his talk to local members of the Order of Malta and their guests titled "The Healthy and Un-Healthy Approach of Healthcare: A Prescription."

Ahlquist shared Chesterton's insights on a topic that hits home with Ohioans after an amendment was passed by voters on Nov. 7 enshrining abortion into the state's constitution.

"Some beautiful idealists are eager to kill babies if they think they will grow up bad," Ahlquist said in quoting Chesterton, "but, I say to them, 'No,' beautiful idealists, let us wait until the babies grow up bad and then, if we have any luck, they will kill you. That was 1908.

"(Chesterton) sees the troubling connection between politics and scientifically organized health care. In both, preventive methods only mean arbitrary power."

Some members of the Order of Malta are involved in health care, making Ahlquist's presentation particularly poignant to them.

The Sovereign Order of Malta is a lay religious order dating to 1050 in Europe. The order now includes 13,500 knights and dames whose primary work of charity is serving the poor and the sick in 20 hospitals and more than 1,500 clinics in

over 120 countries.

Members carry out that mission in the Diocese of Columbus at their Center of Care adjacent to Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church on the east side of the city. Medical professionals and volunteers provide free health checkups, wound care, foot care, vaccinations and dental care while also offering items such as socks, hats, gloves, toiletries and medications.

Two of the medical volunteers – Dr. Joseph Fiala and Albert Navarro – were honored before Ahlquist's address for their service at the Center of Care.

Ahlquist shared Chesterton's thoughts about care for the sick, starting with a proposed National Health Insurance Act in England in 1912.

Chesterton opposed it for three reasons: It was anti-democratic because it was passed against the people's will; it was compulsory, which Chesterton equated to slavery; and he saw the act paving the way for government to gain more influence in citizens' daily lives.

"Does that sound familiar?" Ahlquist asked.

Chesterton believed that more government power diluted the public's desire for reform. He said it was good to have the power to ward off sickness, but it's also good to have the power to ward off tyranny.

"One of Chesterton's strongest objections to the insurance act in his own time was that the increase in taxes to those who could scarcely afford to pay more taxes ... prevented a man from paying for other needs ... just as important as medical care," Ahlquist said.

"Chesterton says it's difficult to distinguish between a tax and a fine except that the fine is generally much less."

Chesterton argued that compulsory insurance led to people "being forced to pay to be protected against themselves."

"Our social reformers today have a readiness to grant favors or conveniences to the citizen if he will give up some part of his independence," Ahlquist said. "And people throughout history have always been willing to trade their freedom for security."

To understand the state of health care, Chesterton argued that it starts with

health having nothing to do with care.

"Health has to do with carelessness," Ahlquist shared, according to Chesterton. "In special and abnormal cases, it's necessary to have care. When we are peculiarly unhealthy, it may be necessary to be careful in order to be healthy. But even then, we are only trying to be healthy in order to be careless."

He went on to say "the worship of health is unhealthy." Instead, Chesterton suggested, people should eat not only to sustain their body, but meals bring families together to be thankful for one another's company and to God for their food.

Ahlquist said Chesterton was taken to task in his day for saying health has to do with carelessness.

"There was already an attitude that scientific health-care professionals were better equipped to take care of us than we were ourselves," Ahlquist said.

"Already, there was a philosophy of preventive medicine, which, in a sense, treats everyone as if they're always a patient all the time. If everyone is always being treated, that means that everyone is always ill."

Ahlquist explained that Chesterton was against the pervasiveness of health-care officials – the state's control of health – and with the government getting involved in private life.

"For to be always in good health under a doctor's orders is only to be an immortal invalid," he said. "To be kept always



Catholic author, EWTN host and educator Dale Ahlquist speaks at the annual Order of Malta's Hospitaller's Dinner benefiting the Center of Care in Columbus. *CT photo by Ken Snow*

well is really to be always ill."

Chesterton expressed similar sentiments about exercise, saying the purpose of fitness or sports is to have fun and not to achieve a certain body fat ratio.

"Chesterton says that we should treat our necessities as if they are luxuries because then we'll have a greater enjoyment of them," Ahlquist related.

Ahlquist elicited laughter from the audience when he said Chesterton is paradoxical.

"So, by the way, is Jesus," he said. "The first shall be last, last shall be first. Blessed are the poor. Yeah, these are paradoxes.

"The dead shall rise. That's a paradox. A virgin shall give birth. That's a paradox."

Ahlquist also drew laughs when he mentioned that Chesterton, who at time tipped the scales at more than 300

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# Sacred Heart Congress attendees advised to grow in faith, love

By Hannah Heil  
Catholic Times Reporter

“Abide in my love.”

The words spoken by Jesus in John 15:9 are an invitation to love as He did.

Those who gathered for the 12th annual Sacred Heart Congress at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church on Nov. 4 were given the same invitation.

The congress was held for God’s faithful to unite in prayer, grow in their Catholic formation and experience a deeper love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Father Stash Daily, the spiritual adviser and host of the “Sacred Heart Hour” on St. Gabriel Radio, envisioned a yearly gathering to praise and worship the Sacred Heart.

The congress began with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a rosary led by the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus. Following the rosary, Mass was celebrated by Bishop Earl Fernandes.

In his homily, the bishop reflected on St. Charles Borromeo, whose feast is celebrated on Nov. 4.

When recalling St. Charles, Bishop Fernandes encouraged those gathered to think about the virtues of faith, compassion, courage and humility.

He spoke of the “great faith” that St. Charles had in Jesus Christ, and he said the world needs faith in God’s mercy and the Holy Eucharist. Penance and fasting are ways to respond to God’s mercy, he said.

Bishop Fernandes told the congregation that the renewal of the Church begins with them. He said that a person must first renew and reform himself to reform the Church.

The world needs courageous hearts that are willing to forgive their enemies, he said. The bishop explained that Jesus



Children kneel at the altar for Eucharistic Adoration during the 12th annual Sacred Heart Congress at Westerville St. Paul Church.  
CT photos by Ken Snow

encourages individuals to be humble, and humility is a way they can respond to God’s grace.

Msgr. Frank Lane, who serves as administrator of Columbus Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist churches, was a featured speaker at the congress. He spoke on “The Sacred Heart and the Holy Eucharist.”

Msgr. Lane said people often think that God is an imposition on their lives, but that is not true.

He said the heart of the Lord was pierced on the cross, and He “moves deep” into the hearts of those who receive Him. In receiving the Eucharist, Catholics carry the heart of Jesus within them.

Recipients of the Eucharist bear God, Msgr. Lane said.

When he was a child in school, he re-

called, a teacher told the students that they did not need to genuflect to the tabernacle after receiving the Eucharist because they are a tabernacle carrying the living God.

The Eucharist is an exchange of love between God and His people. Msgr. Lane said devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a way for people to integrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist into their lives.

In Scripture, there is both a meaning and wonder to the word “love,” he said, and “grace” is a translation of the word “love.”

He said that love transforms and changes people. Any couple who has been married more than 50 years can attest that they are not the same people they were prior to getting married. They changed as a result of love.

On the cross, Jesus viewed the wellbeing of humanity as more important than

His own life. For this reason, Msgr. Lane said, the crucifix is the greatest symbol of love: an outpouring of self for others.

He said love is necessary for humanity to become who it was created to be.

The more a person loves and gives of himself for others, he said, the more human they become. It is only in the giving of self that a person becomes who they were created to be.

It is through “self-emptying” that a person enters into union with Jesus Christ.

“In that total emptying of yourself, you discover who you were truly created to be,” he said.

Because of what Christ endured on the cross, Msgr. Lane said, humans will never experience the depth of abandonment from God that Jesus did. People might suffer, he said, but never at the level of Jesus on the cross while experiencing abandonment.

He recalled Jesus’ words on the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” which Jesus echoed from Psalm 22.

Msgr. Lane asked those gathered how they could accept such a love. He said they accept God’s love in receiving the Eucharist.

He recalled St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, a French Carmelite nun who lived in the 20th century. She described the Eucharist as a piece of heaven.

Following Msgr. Lane, Emily Jaminet spoke about the Sacred Heart and building relationships.

Jaminet is the author of “Holy Habits from the Sacred Heart” and executive director of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network, which promotes devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Jaminet said Jesus wants His love to come into the hearts of His people and then go forth and impact their relationships with others. This is “truly a challenge,” she said.

“One of the reasons why I wrote the book ... is because I realized how difficult it was to share the love of Christ with others,” she said.

A person might experience the love of Jesus in their heart, but it can be difficult or challenging to bring the love of God forward and share it. Regardless, Jaminet said, relationships always need Christ.

“He wants to be in our hearts so we can go forward and share the perfect love of Christ,” she said.

This requires spending time with Him in prayer, as well as through dedication and virtue.

Jaminet said God “meets us where we are at,” and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a lifestyle, a roadmap and a way to view “each and every encounter” with another person.

Jaminet recited the 12 promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which Christ gave to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque when He



Father Joe Laramie, SJ, the spiritual director for the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network, spoke about ways to develop a relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Msgr. Frank Lane, administrator at Columbus Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist churches, speaks on the Sacred Heart and the Holy Eucharist.



Emily Jaminet, executive director of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network, is the author of “Holy Habits from the Sacred Heart.”



## LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

# Walking with Purpose founder coming to Westerville

Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of the Walking with Purpose women's apostolate which has chapters in several diocesan parishes, will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., on the subject "Hope for Right Now."

Her talk will be based on the 58th chapter of the Book of Isaiah and contrast the spiritual dehydration felt by many people with the way Jesus, the Living Water, can refresh us. It will identify symptoms of spiritual fatigue and help listeners discover practical ways to bring restoration to the soul.

The cost is \$25 per person. To register, go to [www.walkingwithpurpose.com/events](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com/events). Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. A book signing and reception will follow the talk.

## Saint Challenge daily devotional book released

Catholic Treehouse, a Columbus-based distributor of Catholic books and other devotional items, has released a daily devotional book titled *The Saint Challenge*, based on its daily email and podcast with the same name.

For every day, it gives a brief biography of the saint of the day, then presents a challenge inspired by that saint. The challenges include corporal and spiritual works of mercy, development of the interior life, and catechesis of key dogmas of the Church.

"The Saint Challenge was developed to keep people actively engaged in pursuing holiness," said the book's author, Michael LaMorte, the founder of Catholic Treehouse. "I wanted to reach casual Catholics and re-engage them. It provides example after example of how to meet times of adversity by living your faith."

"On some days, readers will uncover a fact or story about Church history, such as finding out where the Church got certain prayers and hymns and traditions. Other days may feature catechesis or learning certain Church dogmas. Some

days, readers will simply be inspired by heroes who were martyred for refusing to deny their faith. But no matter what day it is, every day, readers will meet a wide array of fascinating people who were part of the living history of the Church."

The book is 419 pages long, with every page containing quick-reference icons with key information about the saint and links to online resources. It also contains a section with 35 common prayers, chaplets and litanies.

The book can be purchased for \$29.99 on Amazon. In addition, the free daily emails can still be subscribed to at [www.thesaintchallenge.com](http://www.thesaintchallenge.com).

For more information, contact LaMorte at [mike@catholictreehouse.com](mailto:mike@catholictreehouse.com) or (614) 282-3144.

## Columbus Catholic Renewal sponsors Mass on Nov. 18

Father Patrick Toner will be the celebrant for a Mass that will be part of a program sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 18 at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road.

The day will start with Mass, followed by a potluck breakfast, a talk by Father Toner on "How Is Your Life in the Spirit?" and Eucharistic Adoration. Individual prayer ministry and confessions will be available.

The Columbus Catholic Renewal is under the authority of Bishop Earl Fernandes with Father Toner as liaison. For more information, go to [www.cccolumbus.org](http://www.cccolumbus.org).

## Hocking Hills retreat planned for Dec. 2

A one-day retreat for women aged 18 and older will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the St. Martin de Porres Retreat House in South Bloomingville in the Hocking Hills.

The retreat, led by local author Cecile Smith, will be based on the method of

prayer presented in her book, *Connecting with God in the Garden, An Inspirational Journal for All Seasons*. It will include times for prayer and silent reflection, potting poinsettias, decorating Christmas cookies, conversation and sharing.

The cost is \$75 (meals included), or \$125 if an optional overnight stay and Sunday brunch are added. To register, go to <http://www.CecileSmith.com/contact> or [Seeds\\_of\\_Grace@yahoo.com](mailto:Seeds_of_Grace@yahoo.com).

## Bishop Fernandes to speak to men's luncheon club

Bishop Earl Fernandes will give his annual address to the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, Dec. 1 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., following the 11:45 a.m. Mass. No reservations are necessary. A \$12 donation to cover the cost of the lunch is requested. The lunch will be sponsored by The Catholic Foundation.

The club's next meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 2, when the bishop returns to present its annual Catholic Man of the Year award. To sponsor one of the club's lunches, contact Pat Foley at [foley513@gmail.com](mailto:foley513@gmail.com).

## Newman Center to present seasonal concert in December

"Gaudete! Rejoice!" will be the theme for a concert by the Buckeye Catholic choir at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 in the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave.

The program of seasonal music is designed to prepare for the birth of Jesus by accompanying the Virgin Mary from the Annunciation to the Incarnation.

## Ohio Dominican receives Catholic Foundation grant

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) has received a \$6,800 grant from The Catholic Foundation to support and strengthen programming provided by the university's office of campus ministries. The money will

be used during the 2024-25 academic year to develop programs to educate, inspire, deepen, celebrate and fulfill the religious imagination, personal growth and spiritual needs of ODU's campus community.

The ministries office promotes spiritual enrichment and personal development through a full range of Catholic-based faith experiences and integrates ecumenical and interreligious programming.

It sponsors weekday and Sunday Masses, weekly rosaries, weekly Bible studies, guided meditations, Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship events, service projects and other events, lectures and activities throughout the academic year.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe image coming to diocesan parishes

A special missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that has been traveling the United States is available for visits to diocesan parishes through Monday, Nov. 27.

Ralph Martinez of Columbus, who is serving as guardian for the image during this time, will accompany the image and give talks about it.

Talks are scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 at Columbus St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, and 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17 at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road. Martinez invites other parishes to contact him at (614) 431-2446 to set up times for a talk.

The image is an exact replica of the original image of Our Lady which she left on the cloak of St. Juan Diego in December 1531.

It is among four images blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by its rector to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America. The images are known to have been associated with many miracles and healings.

Martinez said he learned of an unexpected opportunity to have the image in the area a short time ago and took advantage of it. He said it is booked in advance and has stops scheduled through 2024 and that it last visited this area in 2017.

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appeared to her in the 17th century. He makes promises to those who respond to the pleading of His heart and make an effort to return His love.

Jesus promised to give such people "all the graces necessary in their state of life; establish peace in their homes; comfort them in their afflictions; be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death."

Jesus also promised those who receive

Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance. He said they will not die in disgrace, nor will they die without receiving the sacraments.

Jaminet recited each of Christ's 12 promises. She asked those gathered to reflect and think of which promise they especially need that day.

She reminded the congregation that they are in a spiritual battle, and "Satan's

agents are everywhere."

She said Jesus stands at the door, and each person needs to let Him inside their heart. Jaminet invited them to "go deeper into the heart of Jesus."

She reminded those gathered that God keeps his promises through times of sickness, sorrow, war and joy to those who honor His Sacred Heart.

Father Joe Laramie, SJ, the spiritual director for the Sacred Heart Enthronement

Network, offered ways for the congregation to practice devotion to the Sacred Heart. He encouraged those gathered to have their homes enthroned, attend First Friday Mass and add ways to grow in devotion.

The congress concluded with Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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chael Ready. Its members participate in activities during the year, and the group's board meets quarterly. More information on the organization can be found at [www.columbuscatholic.org/di-](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/di)

ocesan-council-of-catholic-women.

"I want to thank the award recipients who inspire us by radically living out the Gospel," DCCW president Annette Roth said. "Some have let me know that they

didn't want to be recognized, but sharing your stories helps others."

The Daughters of Isabella is a Catholic women's ministry founded in 1897 by Father Michael McGivney, who also

started the Knights of Columbus. The local group, which meets at St. Agatha Church, is open to all women and has a strong pro-life focus and prayerfully supports vocations in the diocese



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

## Worthy Wife elicits gratitude

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
 Matthew 25:14-30

Proverbs' poem of the Worthy Wife often elicits a chuckle from both husbands and wives and results in glares or rolling of the eyes on the part of one or the other. This is a witness to the simple fact that we are often too quick to take words at face value and to understand things according to our own mode of thinking.

Communication, teamwork and conversation across the generations, sharing faith and wisdom, are the goals that we must set for ourselves as we seek to put into practice what the Bible presents.

The poem in Proverbs paints an idyllic picture of life in an ancient city, where the whole family is ready and able to work together to ensure the wellbeing of the family. We do not see here a spousal relationship of dominance, even though our modern ears tend to hear the description that way.

Rather, the picture that is painted is one where the husband notices all that his wife is doing in her sphere to build up family harmony. He is one who speaks lovingly of his wife at the city gates, where he must venture into the world of the elders. He is no complainer, but one who knows that he is very blessed.

The wife in the poem likewise is presented as one who fills in all the potential gaps in peace for the family. She learns skills and puts them to use, happy to do so, no doubt, because her husband expresses in words his gratitude and the fact that he sees her for who she is.

So many discussions about family situations are nothing more than gripe sessions. We have a world that tells us that we must learn to be independent and to do for our-

*Solemnity of Christ the King Year A*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

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ourselves, and that we are free to put expectations on others regardless of their skills.

Any family that has several children learns that each child is a precious gift and that each one must be treated differently to express love in a way that is understood by that child.

A smile, a kind word, a hug, an invitation to participate in the work and life of the family must be tailored to each one. How well do each of the parents see the unique needs and capacities of their children?

A word about the word "worthy" is in order. When I served as director of vocations for the Diocese of Columbus many years back, one question that was asked by the bishop at the ordination of a candidate was: "Do you judge him to be worthy?" Happily, there was a scripted answer given, but in offering the answer it did give me pause when I answered affirmatively.

One who had that role in earlier times expressed that the Latin answer offered some couching: "In quantum possumus scire, et tu indiges, ..." In English, this would be, "Insofar as we are able to know, and you need to know, ..." Such an affirmative came more easily in those days.

For myself, I thought about the word "worthy," or "dignus" in Latin. Other translations possible are: "deserving," "qualified," "eligible," "suitable" or "adequate." By most honest measures, none of us deserve a "yes" to this question for the roles we are assigned by society or by the Church.

In my own heart, I would do a mental translation that could be more readily as-

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS			
11/20-11/25 MONDAY	THURSDAY	11/27-12/2 MONDAY	THURSDAY
1 Maccabees 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Luke 18:35-43	1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Luke 19:41-44	Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 Daniel 3:52-56 (Ps) Luke 21:1-4	Romans 10:9-18 Psalm 19:8-11 Matthew 4:18-22
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SUNDAY MASS	(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).	12:05 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. Saturdays, Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org. (Saturdays on radio only).
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10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.	Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WILB radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties.	<b>WE PRAY THE SEASONAL PROPERS FOR WEEKS I AND II OF THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS</b>
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sented to without qualms of conscience. "Do you judge him to be worthy?" meant, to my personal understanding, "Do you judge him capable of standing under the weight of it?" This seemed to me the real question.

God has entrusted us to one another to live and witness the reality of His kingdom in interdependence. Roles might change with society, but God's act of inviting us to be ministers of the kingdom in the world as it invites us to rely on the help of God and to remain open to cooperation with all who are part of our community.

We are not worthy of God's trust on our own. But with His help and with the wisdom that is shared in families and among us, we can stand under the weight of it. God created us to be His "worthy wife" as the Church in our time.

Let us see one another with the eyes of God. Let us speak well of one another at home, at work and at the city gates, so that the world might see the fruit that comes from cooperation with God's grace to face the challenges of our time.

## We will be judged on how well we served others

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
 Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
 Matthew 25:31-46

The separation between those who will enter into life and those who are to be sent "into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels," that is, the promise of hell for malefactors, is often discussed these days.

Some deny the possibility, but it must be clearly understood that there will be a reckoning. We can expect to be judged by Christ the King, and we can expect the possibility that one group will not enter the kingdom due to what has happened in this life, due to the choices for which they alone bear responsibility. Some doubt the reality of this claim, but Jesus Himself taught it.

However, among those who are convinced of the truth, one aspect of Jesus' clear teaching is often overlooked. The

scene described is to happen at the end of the age. The act of judgment will be done by the King Himself. And it will be the King's own angels who will make the necessary separation.

In the meantime, we are all left to wonder whether we are sheep or goats, whether we will be on the Master's right or His left. We are not free to pass judgment on one another. We are not even capable of judging ourselves.

Judgment must be exercised, but it must be used for a purpose quite other than determining someone's eternal destiny. Instead, it is meant to be used to discern Christ's presence among us in the anonymous way He has chosen to be with us.

As we conclude this liturgical year with the Solemnity of Christ the King, we are invited to see that God has indeed put all authority into the hands of Jesus. He is to be our Judge. For now, however, He wants to help us discover the way to be on the right side at the end of the age.

The image of "right and left" is somewhat ambiguous. Is it to the right of the King as he faces us? Or is it "stage right," those who are to our left as we face Him?

A play on words in English offers a proper understanding. Those "on the right" will be the ones who have chosen to be His "right hand men and women" as He ministers to His flock now, in time, before the end of the age. To be on the right is to be used as God's instrument for mercy and compassion, not judgment.

Although the scene presented to us is about the final judgment, we are left in time to put into practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy without discrimination. There are no "worthy recipients" of our good works to be found. We are meant to seek out those who are hungry and thirsty, strangers, naked, or ill or in prison. We have only to open our eyes to what is happening in front of us.

The act of judgment for human beings is interior. We take in something "out there"

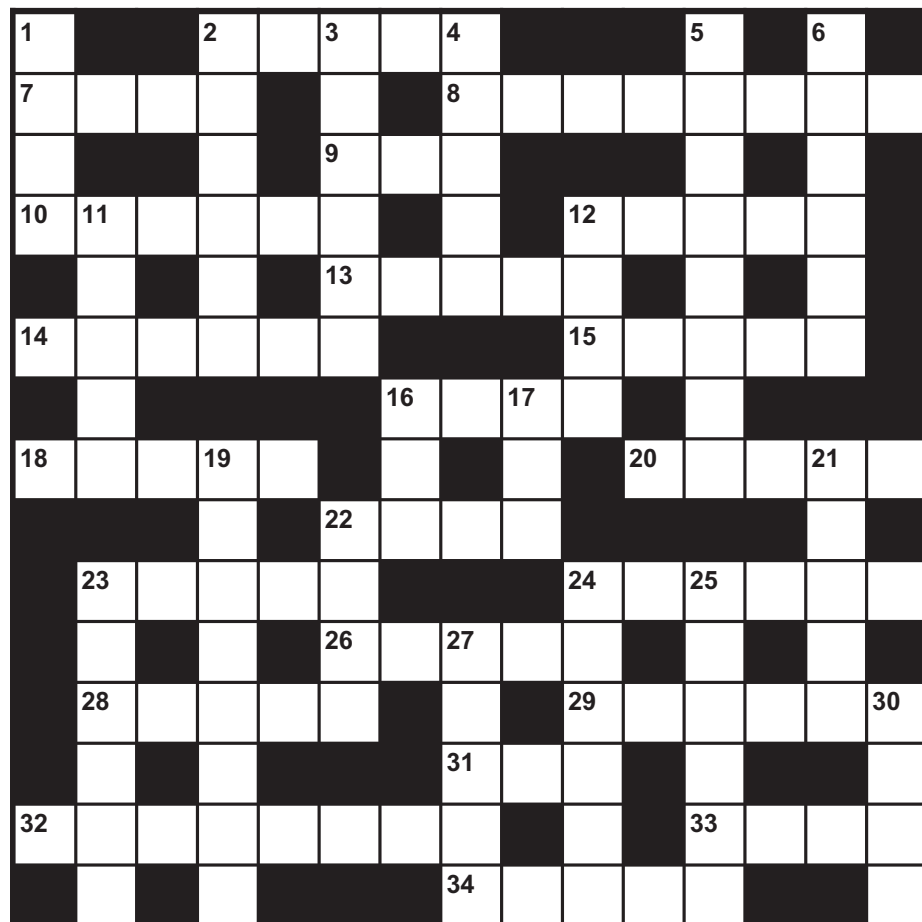
and measure it before we make choices. We are invited to move the act outward instead, to choose to serve whoever is there and to be ready to discern without measure what we have to offer to help them.

The criteria are not where they come from or who they might be, but what their need is. All of them are Jesus, by His own act of identification. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

We have allowed the world around us to polarize us into different camps. This kind of separation is not about the choice of eternal destiny. Rather, it is about creating our own kingdoms. There is only one King, Christ Himself. We must act now, together, in solidarity with all in need, if we want to hear these beautiful words: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."



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**ACROSS**

- 2 \_\_\_ magna
- 7 \_\_\_ Domini
- 8 Jesuit who proposed the "Big Bang Theory"
- 9 Number of each unclean animal Noah took in the ark
- 10 The day of the Resurrection
- 12 Papal letter signed by the Pope's secretary and sealed with the Pope's ring
- 13 Archdiocese in Nebraska
- 14 A member of the clergy
- 15 Cardinal Dulles
- 16 He says there is no God, according to Psalms
- 18 Saint item
- 20 "Have \_\_\_ on us"
- 22 Describes our will
- 23 Aquinas' opus, for short
- 24 What Jesus did on the water
- 26 Medieval concept that was never an official teaching of the Church
- 28 Saint who gave his name to an alphabet
- 29 City in the Archdiocese of Westminster and the Diocese of Brentwood
- 31 NT book
- 32 Ethical conduct
- 33 Catholic actor Wilson who did the voice for Marmaduke
- 34 Catholic Academy Award-winning actress Hayward

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- 1 Jazz musician and Catholic convert Brubeck
- 2 An Eastern rite
- 3 Type of saint
- 4 Diocese of Honolulu greeting
- 5 Prayer of repentance
- 6 This kind of person stirs up strife, according to Proverbs 28.
- 11 Administer extreme unction
- 12 False god of the Old Testament
- 16 "...and \_\_\_ our salvation, He came down from heaven."
- 17 First of the marks of the Church
- 19 Describes the soul
- 21 "\_\_\_ in Deum Patrem omnipotentem..."
- 22 "Though the just \_\_\_ seven times, they rise again" (Prov 24:16)
- 23 Our Lady of Prompt \_\_\_
- 24 "...I am sending you like lambs among \_\_\_." (Lk 10:3)
- 25 Catholic singing Sisters
- 27 Magdalene and the sister of Martha
- 30 Novena number

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the good of our brothers and sisters, and the real secret about vocations is, when you figure out what yours is, whether that's as a married man, as a priest, as a religious brother, ... whatever it is, you're doing exactly what's going to make you, as a person, the most fulfilled you can possibly be this side of heaven."

Father Hahn offered ways for young men to actively discern. He encouraged students to grow in relationship with the Lord and spend time with others who are discerning, such as seminarians, and priests to get a concrete picture of the priesthood.

Father Hahn told the young men it is important that they attune their ear to God's voice.

He suggested reading the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to learn God's language and how He speaks. By becoming familiar with God's Word in

the Scriptures, which is absolute truth, Father Hahn said, young men can recognize God's voice speaking to their heart.

He also encouraged young men to spend time with seminarians, so they can understand seminary life and the priesthood. Juniors and seniors in high school can participate in a come-and-see weekend at the Josephinum, he said.

Young men can also participate in diocesan Andrew Dinners, which are hosted by Bishop Earl Fernandes, with seminarians and priests, he said, as well as the Melchizedek Project throughout the diocese for young men in high school to learn about the priesthood and discuss how they hear God's voice.

Altar serving is another way for young men to discern, Father Hahn said, as it combines time spent listening to the Lord's voice and time with priests.

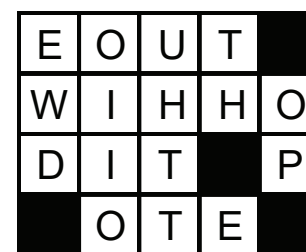
# Words of Wisdom

by Pat Battaglia, aka Dr. Fun

Draw a path from letter to letter to spell the words given in capital letters that completes the wisdom statement.

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# PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

**AKEN, Kenneth, 85, Sept. 28**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**DESTEFANI, Susan, 67, Oct. 16**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**MILANO, Pasquale, 92, Oct. 30**  
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

**STARR, Cynthia, 70, Oct. 28**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**ALEXANDER, Donald D., 84, Nov. 3**  
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

**DONATO, Nicoletta G. (Guzzi), 95, Oct. 28**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**MIRARCHI, Patricia A., 87, Nov. 5**  
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

**STOCK, Peggy (Saltz), 87, Oct. 2**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**BARDEN, Joel R., 77, Oct. 26**  
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

**FELKER, Leslie (Wade), 80, Nov. 6**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**PASZKE, William A., 80, Nov. 4**  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**SUSI-CENKO, Maria G. (Giuliani), 93, Oct. 28**  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

**BAYES, Michael "Mickey," 66, Oct. 28**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**FERGUS, Kevin B., 93, Oct. 30**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**RAIFF, Christine (Libertore), 75, Oct. 19**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**VALENTINE, Judith, 81, Sept. 27**  
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

**BRYAN, Michael, 82, Nov. 4**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**GINS, Patrick, 75, Oct. 29**  
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

**SAUER, James E., 87, Nov. 3**  
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

**VOULGARES, Regina (Brady), 75, Sept. 23**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**CORD, Antonio C. "Tony," 73, Oct. 21**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**LOESING, Norbert J., 60, Oct. 27**  
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

**SCHNEIDER, Alfred "Al," 92, Oct. 16**  
Christ the King Church, Columbus

**ZARBAUGH, Maria (del Pilar), Oct. 31**  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**DAVIS, Shirley (Regula), 83, Oct. 16**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**MAZZOLI, Joan, 79, Oct. 26**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**SECRET, Marie (Latchic), 90, Oct. 23**  
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

**ZIMMERMAN, Joyce Ann, 83, Oct. 24**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**DAVY, Sandy (Cihon), 65, Nov. 6**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**MEYERS, Shirley A. (Henry), 82, Oct. 28**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**SHEEHAN, William R., 77, Oct. 22**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

## Roselyn Mary McNellis

Funeral Mass for Roselyn Mary McNellis, 91, who died Saturday, Nov. 4, was celebrated Tuesday, Nov. 7 at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor in Columbus, where she had been a resident since 2005.

She entered the former Discalced Carmelite monastery in Columbus in 1949 and was one of the founding members of the Columbus Carmel Community.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Roselyn (McGro) McNellis, and brothers Joseph and Francis and is survived by nieces and nephews.

## Ohio Dominican announces Christmas events

The schedule of Christmas activities at Ohio Dominican University (ODU) in Columbus includes a concert, an art market, a community dinner, a visit from Santa, a tree lighting ceremony and a creche blessing, all on campus at 1216 Sunbury Road with no admission charge.

The university chorus will present a

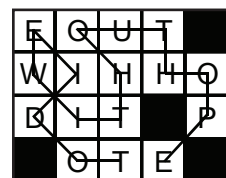
Christmas concert with the theme "Rise Up and Follow" at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27 in Christ the King Chapel. All other activities will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

The art market, in its 22nd year, will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature handcrafted items made by ODU students, faculty and staff for purchase.

Santa's workshop will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Catherine of Siena Room

of Erskine Hall. Santa will be available for pictures and children will be able to make Christmas crafts to take home.

Dinner for the ODU family and the surrounding community will be from 6 to 8 p.m. in Hamilton Hall, with the tree lighting and creche blessing at 6:30 in front of Erskine Hall. The ceremony will include remarks by university president Connie Gallaher, music by ODU's band and choir and prayers for a safe Christmas season.



**WORDS OF WISDOM SOLUTION**

**WEIGEL, continued from Page 9**

Vancouver; Archbishop John Wilson of Southwark, England; Bishop Robert E. Barron of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota; Bishop Alan A. McGuckian, S.J., of Raphoe, Ireland; and Bishop Lucius Ugorji of Umuahia, Nigeria.

Given the lack of support Catholicism's

most famous contemporary political prisoner has received from the Vatican and from the current bishop of Hong Kong, these bishops' evangelical concern for a suffering son of the Church must be a comfort to the Lai family. It should also encourage Catholics who care about the basic human rights of religious freedom, free speech and freedom of the press to pray for John Lee, that he might find the courage to embrace and live the cardinal virtue of justice, whatever the cost to his career.

The Acton Institute has produced a marvelous documentary on the life and trials of Jimmy Lai, The Hong Konger. I hope those American financial titans who kowtowed to John Lee watch it and learn something about courage in the process. And come to think of it, The Hong Konger would also be appropriate Advent meditation material at the Vatican Secretariat of State.

Christ and am always reminded that surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!

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**SUMMIT, continued from Page 5**

Bishop Fernandes said the mission of evangelization is a collective effort. It is not limited to the responsibility of the bishop. He said priests and deacons are the bishop's coworkers in the mission, but the laity also need to be evangelizers.

The bishop recognized that Catholics live in a secularized society, which, he said, is mission territory. Columbus is projected to have a million people moving here in the next 10 years, he said, and all of those people will need Jesus Christ.

Bishop Fernandes described evangelization as something that needs to be recognized as "normal."

He said Catholics have lost their missionary impulse, and the last two to three generations have forgotten how to evangelize. It should be normal for Catholics to go door to door, speaking about Jesus Christ and sharing the Gospel message.

Following the bishop, De La Torre spoke about unveiling the truth of Jesus Christ. Everyone is seeking intimacy with Christ, he said, but they do not know it.

He said that people should be attracted by what Catholics have to offer. Catholics should offer something attractive and beautiful, and their speech should be convincing and compelling to others.

He said Catholics should ask themselves: Am I joyful to listen to? If they are joyful, then people will want to know how and why they live a certain way.

As evangelizers, he said, people need to unveil the divine not human. Evangelists should be people who unveil beauty, truth and goodness.

"He'll use anyone at any time to unveil that beauty," De La Torre said.

A person should be so enraptured by what they are encountering – truth, beauty and goodness – in another person that they surrender to God and allow the Lord to have complete ownership of their soul, he said.

De La Torre said people are not going to be attracted to divine revelation or a ministry, but they will be attracted to a person.

For this reason, evangelizers need to

use "attractive language." He said they should echo the "language of the cross," reflecting Christ and joyfully bearing their cross, which will attract others.

De La Torre discussed parish catechesis and the importance of having one-on-one encounters with individuals. He said a person needs to be introduced to "a love that never ends," and it will take time.

In the afternoon, Father Riccardo spoke about restoring the initiative of evangelization to God. He said many people spend time brainstorming best practices or the next steps.

Father Riccardo, who has been a priest for 27 years, said people, instead, need to rely on God and trust Him. He said most people have "worldly minds with Catholic patches," and they have "squeezed" themselves into the world's way of thinking.

Many people make their own plans and ask God to bless what they are doing, he said. He recalled wasting time trying to figure out what to do rather than praying about it.

Father Riccardo said people need to acquire a biblical worldview. God has a plan, and it is the work of His people to listen to the voice of God and discern His plan. He said God speaks to people in different ways.

When it comes to work in parishes, he said, prayer has become an "agenda item" in a meeting, but in reality, prayer should set the agenda. The Apostles and saints prayed to know what to do, he said, not merely before doing something.

He encouraged those who work in parishes to spend time in prayer together. He said they should collectively discern what God is speaking to them. Each person should share what they heard, and the leader should share last, so what he says does not influence the group.

The leader's task is to discern what the Lord is saying in prayer. He said the point is not for the leader to drive to a consensus, but rather, to continue to seek clarity from the Lord.

Father Riccardo said the Holy Spirit will talk to, direct and lead people. He described the Church as a sailboat, and it is Catholics' work to "hoist the sail" and trust that the Spirit will guide them.

Parishes and ministries should not operate as a rowboat, he said, in which people do all the work themselves, and their arms become tired from rowing. The Church could be likened to a sailboat because Her people need to rely on God and trust Him to do the work, rather than themselves.

Father Riccardo also encouraged those who work in parishes not to use the word "staff." He said it is a corporate term and is insulting. He reminded those gathered that they have one teacher and one Father in heaven. Therefore, "family" is a more appropriate term.

He recalled the Bible verse Hebrews 11:8: "By faith, Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going."

Father Riccardo asked those gathered to consider what is holding them back from walking "through that door." He said it could be a fear of the unknown or fear of failure, or it could be because it might be a hardship or a challenge.

People get the "exhilaration of discipleship," Father Riccardo said, but are they willing to leave the familiar behind to walk through that door?

He said the Gospel is hard, and Jesus' commands are hard. Although a person might not know where God is calling them, everybody is called to obey, trust and allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

The final keynote speaker of the summit, Glemkowski, spoke about the Eucharistic Revival that is currently taking place in the Church. The revival began in 2021 and will conclude with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July 2024.

Glemkowski, who lives in Littleton,

Colorado with his wife and children, said the congress is an initiative that is meant to address the crisis of faith or unbelief in the Church. He said the aim is to bring revival to God's Church through the Eucharist.

He told those gathered at the summit that they are living in a time of crisis, a time of hurt, pain and brokenness. He told the audience that they are God's answer to the crisis.

People are desperately broken, he said. Many live in despair and are tempted to leave the Church because they have no hope.

He said that revival is a divine invitation. It is a sovereign act of God in response to prevailing prayer, and it is not a project or a program.

Glemkowski told the audience that, before they are called to do anything, God seeks to move within them. He said that they must simply "be" and allow God to work in them before they "act."

He said Jesus was sent by the Father to bring His people back to Him. "God is on the move to bring about renewal," he said, and Jesus is not on mission alone.

Glemkowski said one of the easiest things to do in the spiritual life is plateau. He said every person is called to be transformed and be who God created them to be, which is found in the Eucharist.

When Catholics receive the Eucharist, Glemkowski said, God calls them by name and tells them who they are. In receiving the Eucharist, people are broken open. They imitate Jesus Who was broken open and sacrifices Himself at each Mass.

Jesus gave up everything to bring God's people back, he said, and people need to "surrender from the core of our being." If there is going to be a renewal and revival, Glemkowski said, it will be through repentance.

Recalling the words of writer C.S. Lewis, he said many people today are "half-hearted," but the world is aching for full-hearted creatures who have given everything to God.

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Raines will continue to lead *Play Like A Champion Today* training in retirement.

"During the course of *Play Like A Champion*, I give them a lot of different ideas of ways in which they can share their faith, be it praying at the beginning of practice or at the end of practice, doing service work," she said.

"Some of them go to Mass as a team, go to Eucharistic Adoration as a team. Through *Play Like A Champion*, there's a rosary for sports practices where they could do a decade of the rosary, and it has a sports twist to it that they could do ... when they're doing warm-ups in their practices. There's also a Stations of the Cross that's very similar to that.

"Really, it's just letting the kids know that this is a life experience, and that they can share their faith. The coaches are able

to share their faith. We can pray."

The ability for opposing teams to unite in prayer before a game, such as for an official who died or a player experiencing medical issues, is what makes diocesan sports unique. Raines was impacted by seeing the intersection of the Catholic faith and sports, especially through children's eyes.

"My faith has gotten stronger because I can see the kids learning and growing, and that makes me feel so happy inside and that we're able to share this with these youngsters," she said.

Witnessing the Catholic faith become more central to sports is one of the ways, Raines said, she has seen diocesan athletics evolve during her career.

"I think that the biggest change that I've seen, ... I think it has a lot to do with bring-

ing our faith into it," she said. "You know, when we first started, yeah, I probably did a prayer at the beginning of practice. I don't remember, but I probably did. But now, it's more a part of the program."

Raines said she observed numerous "feel good" stories during her time in diocesan sports that demonstrated the Catholic faith in action.

"When somebody's running, and they're losing, and somebody comes back and runs with them – we've seen that," she said. Raines also witnessed opposing teams support players who are experiencing medical issues. She recalled a volleyball team that wore T-shirts to support an opposing player who was battling cancer. The team also made T-shirts for the young woman's team.

"The official said, 'We have something

in the diocese called a "Blue Card" for outstanding sportsmanship,' and I was tearing up just watching it, and he goes, 'I don't even have to say anything else. You just witnessed it.'"

Reflecting on these moments and ways that students embody their Catholic faith on the field or on the court is something that Raines will take into retirement.

She recalled witnessing students learn and grow as players, and "the biggest highlight is seeing the joy that the kids have when they're playing these games," she said. "That's the big thing."

On Nov. 1, Ryan Aiello assumed the role of director. "He's energetic, he's enthusiastic, and he's got a lot of good ideas," Raines said of Aiello. "So, (we're) definitely in good hands."



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pounds, was not fond of exercise.

While his weight and his smoking likely factored into his death at age 62, it didn't stop him from being one of the most prolific writers in history.

Chesterton penned 100 books, including the Father Brown mystery series, and volumes of poetry. Chesterton also wrote for newspapers and periodicals and, astoundingly, at least 5,000 essays during his lifetime.

In one of those essays, Chesterton posited that "if there's one thing worse than the modern weakening of major morals, it is the modern strengthening of minor morals. Thus, it is considered more withering to accuse a man of bad taste than of bad ethics."

Chesterton believed that a man's minor actions ought to be free, flexible and creative, but his principles should be unchangeable.

"Our views constantly change," Ahlquist said in quoting Chesterton, "but our lunch does not change. In other words, we no longer care for the soul, which is eternal, but we spend a great deal of time and energy and money caring for the body, which will soon turn to dust."

Chesterton not only wrote about an overtly scientific approach to the world but also about an unhealthy "worship of nature" that he called "unnatural."

The British author said the two extremes "represent two false visions of humanity. One is what Chesterton calls the hygienic view, which tries to create a whole network of precautions against remote possibilities. ... But the other extreme is merely submitting to nature in



Attendees listen to Dale Ahlquist at the Order of Malta's Hospitaller Dinner on Nov. 3.

*CT photo by Ken Snow*

the abstract and to insist that everything be natural, to regard ourselves as merely passive players in a process that is perfect were not for us interfering.

"Materialism has made us forget about the soul."

Worship of the body has become so perverse today that "we're passing out condoms in public schools, where we're letting underage kids determine whether or not they're a boy or a girl, where we are legalizing marijuana," Ahlquist said.

Ahlquist pointed out that no one questions scientific studies on the effects of secondhand smoke, "but try to bring up the medical evidence about the link between abortion and breast cancer."

In today's anti-life culture, Ahlquist said "the very existence of people is seen as an enemy to health. The more people, the worse it is for health. Thus, the population has to be controlled.

"It's a logical and obvious economy, (Chesterton) says. Those who are not born will not need the services of a clinic or a doctor. This is diabolical."

Chesterton referenced the diabolical in the Gospel story where Jesus casts out a demon from a possessed man and puts the evil one into the swine. But, he says, in the modern world "we've left something out of that story. We've left out the Redeemer, and we've kept the demons and the swine."

A fixation on health leads men away from treating the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit. Chesterton emphasized that "our bodies are for the glory of God."

Ahlquist cautioned against misunderstanding Chesterton's ideas on health care.

"He's not advocating a total loss of self-control," Ahlquist said. "In fact, when Chesterton argues for freedom, he is arguing for self-control because that's what freedom is. It's self-control. It's self-government. It's taking care of yourself by your own free will.

"Self-control is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. What Chesterton's trying to do is get us to this right understanding of a human person who's a combination of body and spirit."

Ahlquist reminded the medical professionals at the dinner that the Catholic Church created schools and hospitals, but that when "someone figured out that you can make money from doing these things, medicine moved from the realm of mercy to the realm of commerce and

naturally invited the realm of the state to also get involved. And neither the state or the market wants religion involved."

Committed Catholics must take control of both education and health care, Ahlquist said.

"Chesterton said when we gave the power to the state to teach our children, we gave the state more power than it's ever had in all of human history," Ahlquist said, "because we've given them the minds of our children and the formation of those minds."

In regard to science and health care, "in 1902, G.K. Chesterton said, 'We are learning to do a great many clever things. The next thing we're going to have to learn is not to do them.' Ahlquist said.

"And by the same token, he said a few years later, 'To have our right to do a thing is not the same as being right in doing it.' The reality of being pro-life is that sometimes defending life sometimes means defending suffering.

"Death can never be a prescription for pain. In defending health against disease, we are defending life against death, and we have to hold life as an ideal rather than health as an ideal. ...

"We are God's handiwork, and all bodies are holy not only because God created them but because God Himself became a man, and all wombs are holy because God Himself once dwelt in one of them, and so this is the perspective every Catholic physician has to have in dealing with every patient."

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er seminarians.

"The real mission has to happen in close proximity," he said. "The true discipleship happens only through the compunction of your brothers seeing deeply into you and pointing out your faults so that you can move towards sanctity, which, ultimately, is a humble stripping away of every self-gratifying thing that I try to take on in my mission."

At the end of the evening, Bishop Fernandes spoke about the New Evangelization. He told the missionary groups that his two priorities as bishop are vocations and evangelization.

"The New Evangelization is now directed ad gentes, to the nations," he said. "We live in a non-Christian society, in a non-Christian environment. We are in missionary territory."

The bishop spoke about 10 pillars of the New Evangelization, including using the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a "harmonious way" within the diocese and nationally. He said there are many charisms, but everyone is called to work on "the same team" in unison.

Other pillars, he said, include evangelizing through modern visual and digital

media, and that missionary work must be long range and permanent in commitment.

Bishop Fernandes emphasized that a person never stops being a missionary. While their role might change, the work does not end, he said. It continues in every phase of life.

"We must propose God once more to the world, to a world that has never heard of God or Jesus Christ," Bishop Fernandes said.

The bishop recalled the words of Pope Benedict XVI, who quoted Pope John Paul II, when he was inaugurated as pope.

"He said, 'My dear young people, Christ takes nothing from you, and He gives you everything,' and that's what I would say to you, and that's what you have to propose," Bishop Fernandes said. "The world has lots of problems. There is only one answer. It needs Jesus Christ, and we are missionaries of the Word – missionaries of Jesus Christ, the Word became flesh."

The bishop expressed gratitude for the missionaries' efforts, sacrifices and witness to the Gospel. He thanked them for the sufferings they endure for the "sake of the name" of Jesus Christ.

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know what'll happen because with Jesus all things are possible, so I'm a big fan of St. Jude," she said.

As a practicing Catholic, Fouch recognizes the importance of the saints and venerating their relics as a way to grow in holiness. She has seen other relics brought to Columbus, and she said, Catholics have a lot to learn from the saints.

"We are taught, of course, as Catholics that that's our goal in life is to become a saint, so how better to do that than by studying and learning and following in their footsteps," she said.

Michelle Weber, who works in health care at one of the Ohio State University hospitals, also enjoyed visiting St. Jude.

Venerating the relic was special for her because St. Jude is "somebody who was contemporary of Jesus," she said. Weber enjoys visiting relics to learn about the saints.

"It's wonderful that the Catholic Church preserves them, that they show them, that they're available to us faithful even if we don't live in Rome, that they're able to keep them preserved and tour them and give us an opportunity to see them and help us grow in our faith," she said.

For Ben Andrews, it was his first time seeing a saint's relic. He is currently studying to become Catholic through the

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

He did not have prior knowledge of St. Jude, he said, aside from the saint being mentioned in the Bible. St. Jude is mentioned in John 14:22, and he is believed to be the author of the Letter of Jude in the New Testament.

Andrews said he wanted to see the saint, and he researched and learned about relics before coming to visit.

"I think the connection he has as one of the 12 Apostles, I think it'd be cool to see," he said. "First off, the historical part, the bones ... from 2,000 years ago in such close proximity to Jesus, it'd be really cool to just be in that presence, and then much more, too, the presence of God working through the relics, right over there. ... It'd be so cool to venerate that."

On Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints, St. Jude's relic traveled to New Albany Church of the Resurrection.

The relic was on display for veneration from 1 to 10 p.m., and an All Saints Day Mass was celebrated in the presence of the relic at 7 p.m.

There was a steady stream of pilgrims coming to venerate the saint's relic throughout the day. Pilgrims drove in from various places, including Mansfield, Ohio and Michigan, to see St. Jude.



## Mass stipends aid mission priests, your loved ones

By Sister Zephрина Mary, FIH  
Director, Diocesan Missions Office

The Holy Eucharist is a profound mystery, the marvelous sacrifice of Jesus, who gives Himself fully to us in the form of bread and wine. It is the primary proclamation of the love of Christ. God's love transforms bread into His Body and wine into His Blood, which is the ultimate nourishment for our soul and body.

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Our spiritual mission consists of sharing God's saving love with others. The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1324)

Catholics are called to embrace the unity and universality of the Church. The missionary priests are counting on you and your assistance. The Church's mission extends beyond earthly realities, and it requires heroic sacrifices for the poor.

In rural villages, Masses will be offered every day by the mission priests without any special intention or stipend. Moreover, in the mission places, poor people expect help from the Church. Therefore, the priest always shares with his people what he has in the form of a money gift or other assistance.

As part of this Christmas season, we invite you to offer Mass intentions through the Missions Office.

"The celebration of the Eucharist is an action of Christ Himself and of the Church. In it, Christ the Lord, through the ministry of the priest, offers himself, substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine, to God the Father, and gives himself as spiritual nourishment to the faithful who are associated with him in his offering." (Code of Canon Law 899 §1)

Mass stipends are a critical means of support to these missionary priests in spreading the Gospel to areas yet un-

touched by it. In doing so, your Mass offering and stipend blessings will triple, benefitting the person for whom the Mass is offered, the missionary priest who will celebrate the Mass and people served by the missions.

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Father Vijayakumar Yadala, a parish priest at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tribal Mission Parish in Bondadipeta Village, India, carries the monstrance. Photos courtesy Missions Office



Father Anthony Pasala, a parish priest at St. George's Church, Bharara Kothagudem, Telangana, India, offers Mass.

greater world as they seek opportunities to witness their faith. We are so grateful for your ongoing financial and spiritual support.

We continue to strive to promote global missions by coordinating and managing the mission programs and collections in our diocese. "The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will blossom." (Pope St. John Paul II)

Your part in our shared Church's mission will be rewarded by God's blessings both now and forever. It has been an

honor and blessing for our diocese to cooperate with the worldwide missions of the Church.

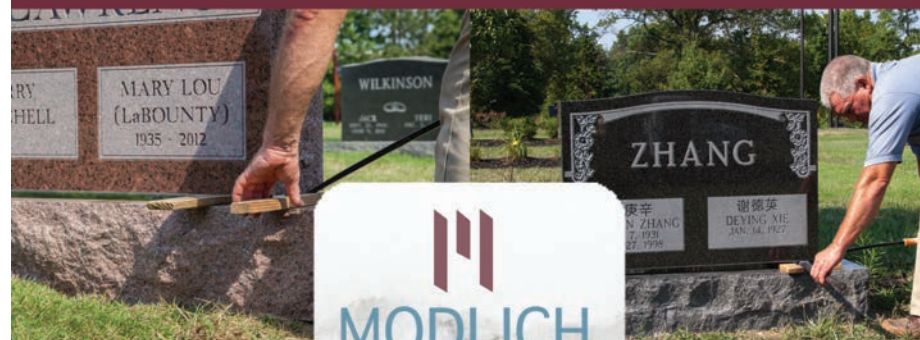
We look forward to the new opportunities to grow as missionary disciples and living our Catholic faith. The missionaries are not alone because Christ is with them, and we accompany them with our constant prayers, sacrifices and selfless and generous contributions.

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## Final Mass at Church of the Atonement



Bishop Earl Fernandes celebrates a final Mass on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Crooksville Church of the Atonement. The parish is one of two in the Perry County Consortium that closed in October along with Corning St. Bernard as part of the diocese's Real Presence Real Future initiative. Church of the Atonement was established at the turn of the 20th century and served the people of Crooksville and the surrounding area for more than 120 years. The bell under the parish sign was placed in front of the church and dedicated by Bishop James Griffin after the parish's 100th anniversary celebration in 2001. The remaining churches in the consortium, Junction City St. Patrick and New Lexington St. Rose of Lima, will be merging.

Photo courtesy Abigail Pitones

## Lancaster St. Mary dedicates new columbarium



A new columbarium at Lancaster St. Mary Cemetery was blessed and dedicated by Father Craig Eilerman, rector of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, with assistance from Deacon Frank Sullivan on Sunday, Oct. 29. The columbarium has 160 niches that accommodate two urns each. The columbarium was constructed to surround the pre-existing Calvary scene, providing a place of interment for the earthly remains of those who chose cremation. St. Mary Cemetery serves the greater Catholic community of Fairfield County.

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# Holy Rosary-St. John parishioners express gratitude for 125 years

Thanks to God and to the people who have served and worshiped at the parish and its predecessors since 1898 was the theme for the 125th anniversary Mass at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church on Sunday, Oct. 29.

In his homily, Bishop Earl Fernandes, principal celebrant for the Mass, said, "Today is a day to give thanks to God for the many blessings over these past 125 years – for the opportunity for so many to come to school here and to learn (and) ... for the religious sisters who taught here and who still came, even once the school was closed, who still come to worship with the people of the community, who did not want to abandon them.

"We give thanks to our forefathers and mothers in faith who proclaimed the faith and hoped that we would carry it on. We give thanks for the many sacrifices that people have made that we would have the gift of faith," the bishop said.

"The Word of God, St. Paul tells us, cannot be changed. It must always go forth, just as it did from Jerusalem. And the Word of God went forth from Jerusalem and came to this place, and 125 years ago the parish was founded."

The cornerstone for the church on the corner of Ohio Avenue and Newton Street on Columbus' near east side, near Nationwide Children's Hospital, was laid on July 3, 1898. Most of its founding families were of German descent. At the time, it was known as St. John the Evangelist.

In the 1970s, its congregation was combined with that of Columbus Holy Rosary Church, and the parish became the Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist Church. By that point, most of its parishioners were African American, reflecting changes in the composition of the neighborhood.

Priests of the Jesuit order served the parish for many years, and its former school was staffed by Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity, familiarly known as the Stella Niagara Franciscans. The sisters continued their support of the parish for many years after the school closed.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace and their predecessor congregation, the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, also have provided many years of service to the parish.

Today, the former school building serves the neighborhood as the site for the Community Kitchen, an independent organization formerly part of the parish that serves meals daily to those in need; the St. John Center, which provides adult education and other community services; and a free clinic operated by the Order of Malta.

"Today we celebrate the fact that for 125 years, God has called people out of their homes through the power of the



The opening procession for the 125th anniversary Mass at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church includes members of the Knights of St. John and the Ladies of St. Peter Claver.

*CT photos by Ken Snow*



Choir members sing at the 125th anniversary Mass for Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church on Sunday, Oct. 29.

Holy Spirit to come here, to offer Him their hearts and their very lives and to be transformed by the power of the Eucharist, to go out into the world and share His compassion, His mercy, His love," the bishop said.

"The Jesuit fathers who are here today represent a religious order that is committed to making known the love that flows from the Sacred Heart of Jesus – a heart which was pierced at Calvary, a heart which is a burning furnace of charity," Bishop Fernandes said.

"Sometimes we can be very critical of the Church and the world, but the truer hallmark of the Christian is joy ... the joy that comes from knowing that we are loved by Jesus Christ; the joy that comes

from knowing that if we have friendship with Him, despite the misery and the suffering of this world, we can have life; the joy of knowing that in Him I have brothers and sisters who love me.

"And that with Him I can transform this world, and with Him I can offer what I have received, the gift of life and the gift of love.

"My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, never forget that you are loved by Jesus Christ. Never forget that even your enemies are loved by Jesus Christ. Ultimately, we must go forth from this church as missionaries. Of what? Of God's love. Missionaries of whom? Of God, who is love," the bishop said.

"This day, let us commit ourselves



Bishop Earl Fernandes celebrates Mass at the altar at Holy Rosary-St. John Church on Sunday, Oct. 29.



Columbus St. John the Evangelist merged with Holy Rosary to form a church community.

anew to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and to love our neighbor as ourself.

"Who is our neighbor? Every man, every woman. Who is neighbor to him? The one who treated him with compassion (a reference to the parable of the Good Samaritan). You, you go and do likewise," Bishop Fernandes told the congregation.

Priests in attendance besides the bishop and Father Ramon Ower, the parish's pastor, included Father Michael Nimocks, who grew up in the parish, and former pastors Father Bob Scullin, SJ, and Father Fred Benda, SJ. The procession to begin Mass was led by members of the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver.



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## St. Gabriel Radio expands into Athens

St. Gabriel Radio expanded its reach deeper into southeast Ohio when a new sister station, 106.7 FM, went on the air Wednesday, Nov. 1.

The new station, operated by St. Isidore Media, will carry all of St. Gabriel Radio's programming.

The addition of the Athens station comes nearly five years after St. Gabriel Radio's last expansion when it began broadcasting in January 2019 on 88.3 FM in Portsmouth.

St. Gabriel Radio, Inc., has been on the air in central Ohio since 2005 when it began broadcasting on WUCO 1270 AM in Marysville. Its signal moved to 1580 AM on Christmas Eve 2008 and then found a permanent home on the radio dial at 820 AM on Dec. 17, 2011.

"From a small station in Marysville to one of the strongest Catholic radio signals in the country, it's just been one miracle after another," St. Gabriel Radio executive director Bill Messerly said.

"God has been so generous to our faith community, and our local support has been so humbling to witness. This expansion is just one more 'God surprise.'

"It was so exciting when we received a call from our friends in Athens. It's cool to see God work through their 'yes.'"

The Athens station came together in just six months.

In May, residents interested in bringing Catholic radio to the Athens area reached out to EWTN and St. Gabriel.

Local Knights of Columbus members Brett Martz, Jeff Niese and Father Mark Moore, a chaplain for the Newman Ministry on the Ohio University (OU) campus, created the non-profit St. Isidore Media during the summer and began working to establish a tower site, licensing, equipment and programming.

In September, Hobby Radio, Inc., donated the 100-watt 106.7 FM to St. Isidore Media, and the decision was made to pick up St. Gabriel Radio programming.

Hobby Radio had gone off the air on March 31 as WEAK radio, which played obscure and oldies music, and its owner had been seeking a non-profit to take over the station. Low-power FM signals generally reach an area within a 3½-mile radius.

The Federal Communications Commission granted St. Isidore Media a license to operate under the call letters WSIB LPFM on Oct. 23, and the station began broadcasting just over a week later on All Saints Day, Nov. 1.

"My philosophy when I started this is, is that if we could help save one soul, then our work would be paid a hundred-fold," said Niese, president of St. Isidore Media. "Our OU students have really been on fire through the new group called OU Catholics. I want to help our students learn more about the Catholic faith.

"We are pleased to work with St. Ga-

bril Radio. We haven't done this before, and we need their help."

Messerly credited Greg Savoldi, St. Gabriel Radio's engineer, for his assistance in getting the new station on the air so quickly.

"I think he probably drove down to Athens as many times as the UPS truck," Messerly said. "His expertise and the hours and hours of time spent helping St. Isidore Media made all of this possible."

St. Gabriel Radio's flagship 820 AM signal extends into Athens County to Nelsonville but not as far as Athens, which is 13 miles southeast of Nelsonville.

"Now, with FM 106.7 in Athens, residents and students will receive a strong radio signal 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Messerly said. "We will be working with the local community to get the word out about the new station and involving them in our local programming."

At the outset, some of the station breaks on 106.7 FM will be localized, and guests from the area will start to be included in St. Gabriel's content produced in Columbus.

Father Moore was scheduled to be a guest on the Athens station's first day on the air.

"Being a small town with a large university, Athens is truly a unique envi-

ronment," Father Moore said. "Bringing Catholic radio to this area is an excellent opportunity for evangelization, both doctrinally and spiritually.

"Having prayers and Catholic teaching broadcast on the radio is something that can help people understand and appreciate the beauty of our Catholic faith. I am grateful to God for bringing this opportunity to have a Catholic teaching, and most importantly our prayer life, available to any listener."

Messerly said, "It's been a blessing to get to know the leadership from St. Isidore Media. We work well together and make a good team.

"Father Matt Moore is a bundle of energy and is always smiling. Jeff Niese is down to earth and has a no-nonsense approach. I've come accustomed to him telling me when we are talking on the phone that he is out on his farm working."

Athens is located in the Diocese of Steubenville, just east of the Diocese of Columbus.

"Although many central Ohioans immediately think of Ohio University when considering Athens, there are strong, generational Catholic families in the area," Messerly said. "Many are familiar with St. Gabriel programming and have been touched by it, and they want to share it with others."



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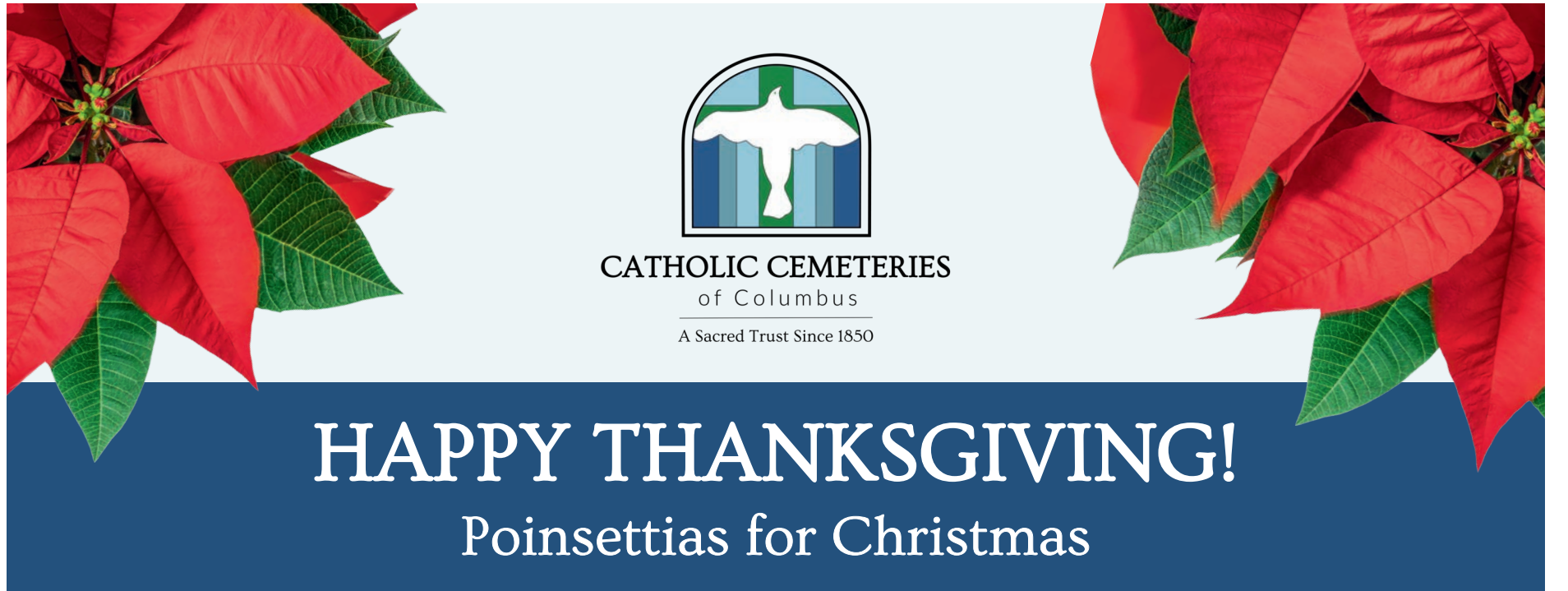
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**Thanksgiving is a time to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us.**

It is also a time to remember, honor, and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have died and are buried at Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus. During the Advent season we welcome your visit to the Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus.

Before Christmas, we decorate our Cemetery chapels with poinsettias. Please consider purchasing one or more of these decorative poinsettias in memory of your loved ones buried at Catholic Cemeteries.

**Potted poinsettias will be used to decorate:**

- Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel at St. Joseph Cemetery
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