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Five to be ordained to priesthood on May 18 at St. Andrew

When Bishop Earl Fernandes arrived in the diocese in 2022, there were no ordinations to the priesthood that year. In 2023, he ordained one priest. This year, that number grows to five.

Bishop Fernandes will ordain Deacons Tyler Carter, Michael Haemmerle, Jason Fox, David Johnstone and Daniel Colby to the sacred priesthood at a 10 a.m. Mass on Saturday, May 18 at Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road.

The ordination is taking place at St. Andrew instead of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral to accommodate a large turnout expected to witness the momentous event for the diocese. The Mass is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Light refreshments will be served immediately after the Mass in Nugent Hall beneath the church.

Ordinations to the priesthood and diaconate, which normally take place in May at the end of the seminary academic year, have been moved from the Cathedral in the past.

In 2018 and 2021, priestly ordinations took place at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church. This year's ordination of three seminarians to the transitional diaconate was held in March at the Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption.

This year's five candidates for the priesthood make up the largest class of seminarians for the diocese since there were also five in 2018.

Carter, Haemmerle, Johnstone and Colby have spent their final year of studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in north Columbus and Fox has studied at the Pope St. John XXIII National Sem-



Deacon Tyler Carter



Deacon Daniel Colby



Deacon Jason Fox



Deacon Michael Haemmerle



Deacon David Johnstone

inary in Weston, Massachusetts.

Deacon Carter, 27, is from Columbus St. Patrick Church and a graduate of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. His assignments during seminary have included Newark St. Francis de Sales, Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul, Danville St. Luke, Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle Church, Groveport St. Mary and Canal Winchester St. John XXIII churches. His first Mass will be celebrated at noon Sunday, May 19 at St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

Deacon Haemmerle, 29, is from Columbus St. Patrick Church and was homeschooled through high school before earning a degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio State University. His assignments have included Columbus St. Andrew, Columbus Holy Family, Chillicothe St. Peter, Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator, Perry County Consortium and Zanesville St. Nicholas and St. Thomas Aquinas churches. He will cele-

brate a first Mass at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19 at St. Patrick Church.

Deacon Fox, 50, is from Powell St. Joan of Arc Church and a graduate of Sylvia Southview High School in the Toledo area. He has served in assignments at Scioto Catholic in the Portsmouth area, Westerville St. Paul the Apostle, Columbus Christ the King and St. Veronica Parish in Burlington, Massachusetts. His first Mass will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19 at St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road South.

Deacon Johnstone, 38, is from Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church and a graduate of Marysville High School and Ohio Wesleyan University. His assignments have included Westerville St. Paul the Apostle, Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul, Danville St. Luke, Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains, Portsmouth St. Mary of the Annunciation, Holy Trinity and Holy Redeemer, the former New Boston St. Monica, Basilica of Regina Pacis in Brooklyn, New York, Chillicothe St.

Mary and St. Peter, Waverly St. Mary, Gahanna St. Matthew and Columbus Our Lady of Peace churches. A first Mass is planned for 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St.

Deacon Colby, 33, is from Columbus Immaculate Conception Church and a native of Raleigh, North Carolina who is a Virginia Tech University graduate. His assignments during seminary have included Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas, Columbus St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus St. Aloysius, Columbus St. Agnes, Marion St. Mary, Cardington Sacred Hearts, Mount Vernon St. Paul, Danville St. Luke and Delaware St. Mary while also participating in a summer Hispanic ministry immersion. His first Mass is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19 at Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway.

For information on vocations, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/vocations.

Catholic museum will hold gala at statehouse

The Museum of Catholic Art and History's "Night at the Statehouse" gala will be held this year at a venue where Ohio history is made.

The fundraiser for the diocesan museum will take place at the Ohio Statehouse in downtown Columbus starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 with a cocktail hour followed by the evening's program scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bishop Earl Fernandes will address the gathering and former U.S. Congressman Pat Tiberi will be the featured speaker.

The statehouse event will include

hors d'oeuvres, music, a silent auction and other surprises, organizers said.

Guests are invited as an option to dress in a late Victorian-era costume at the statehouse.

The Museum of Catholic Art and History, which is located three blocks from the statehouse at 257 E. Broad St. on the first floor of The Catholic Foundation building, has experienced an increase in visitors over the past year and has planned a number of events in 2024, including guest speakers and Ask a Priest Night.

The Museum of Catholic Art and History is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturday. Tours are available three times daily or by appointment for groups. The museum also hosts special events, exhibitions and classes.

The museum originally opened in 1998 in the former Holy Family School on South Grubb Street in the Franklin area of Columbus west of downtown but was closed in 2020 before reopening in its new location in October 2021. More than 200,000 visitors have toured the museum since its founding.

The collection includes stained glass windows, vestments, oil paintings and other religious items acquired from throughout the world.

Gala tickets, which are \$100 per person or \$175 per couple, can be purchased in advance at www.catholicmuseum.org. Parking will be available in the garage underneath the statehouse for approximately \$5.

For more information on the gala or the museum, email info@catholicmuseum.org or call 614-618-4030.



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PASSING THE GOAL

Deacon Joey Rolwing (left) and diocesan seminarians Brandt Boyden and Zack Goodchild form a vocal choral trio that performed "Sancte Joseph," "Be Joyful, Mary, Heavenly Queen" and "Regina Caeli" at the Good Shepherd Awards on April 15 at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Seminarians are benefiting from the diocese's "A Good and Growing Need" campaign that exceeded its fundraising goal last month.

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Campaign to support diocesan seminarians surpasses goal

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

The faithful across the Diocese of Columbus proved that when there is a need, they can meet it. And not just any need, but one that is good and growing.

A total of \$523,981 has been raised so far in the diocese's A Good and Growing Need campaign to help offset the cost of seminary formation.

In addition to donations from online giving, a second collection was taken at Masses during the weekend of February 24-25. Seminarians visited parishes across the diocese that weekend to ask for support.

The result is the diocese's second largest collection in recent history.

An increasing number of men interested in the priesthood has created a need for more prayerful and monetary support to help with the cost of seminary. Sixteen young men from the diocese entered seminary in August 2023.

Father William Hahn, the vocations director, said the diocese, which covers the tuition of its seminarians, had budgeted for 10 men entering seminary this year and not 16. As a result, he said the bulk of funds raised from the campaign will go toward paying tuition costs for the six additional men.

Taking into account the cost of \$55,000 per year to form and educate each seminarian, there was a \$330,000 deficit that now will be covered by the funds raised from the A Good and Growing Need campaign.

Father Hahn said additional money will help with housing for several of the first-year men during the summer. The diocese is arranging for several of them to live near the Ohio State University campus in Saint Paul's Outreach (SPO) houses, he said.

SPO, a lay ministry apostolate that is present at Ohio State, trains full-time missionaries and student leaders to build community on college campuses. The ministry offers men's and women's houses for students.

Typically, seminarians are employed during the summer or are placed in a parish, but the addition of the propaedeutic year has necessitated some changes.

The Catholic Church recently restructured seminary formation to be based on meeting certain human and spiritu-

Thank you for your support

My dear friends in Christ,

This past Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday. It was also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I ask that you continue to pray for your priests and to thank them for their priestly service.

Also, though, I want to express my gratitude for your support for our seminarians. In late February, a second collection was taken up for "A Good and Growing Need." We had 16 new seminarians, which added nearly \$1 million to seminary expenses this year. Through your generosity, we raised more than half a million dollars in that second collection. My vocations director, Father Bill Hahn, tells me that we will have a dozen or more new men apply for the seminary for next year.

We have "A Good and Growing Need" in our ever-growing diocese, the Diocese of Columbus. Young men are responding to the Pope's call to rise up to serve their brothers and sisters as priests. They are responding to the call to be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace.

We look forward in great hope to the future of our diocese, but today I simply want to thank you; to thank you



Bishop Earl K. Fernandes

for your prayers, to thank you for your generosity, and your continued support for our priests and seminarians.

May God bless you and your families for your kindness and generosity.

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus

al benchmarks rather than academics. Seminary formation now includes four stages: propaedeutic (preliminary), discipleship, configuration and vocational synthesis.

"That's supposed to be a 12-month program, so the seminaries have them for nine or 10 months of that, and then they're with us for a month or two to do the final part," Father Hahn said.

The propaedeutic stage, which varies for each individual but generally lasts a minimum of a year, presents additional costs to the diocese during the summer.

"It's the first year that the Church requires the propaedeutic stage, so that's why some of the money will also go toward helping with that: the housing, the meals," Father Hahn said.

Ten of the 16 men who entered seminary in the past year will live in SPO households during the summer. Some were previously involved in a seminary

preparation program, Father Hahn said, which counted for their propaedeutic year.

Going forward, he said, every individual will go through the propaedeutic stage unless they were previously in seminary.

The men studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum who entered seminary after high school will live in one SPO house and those studying at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology in Cincinnati, who graduated from college or have been out of college for some time, will live in another house.

In addition to housing, funds raised by the A Good and Growing Need campaign will be used for the propaedeutic men's summer expenses.

"We'll have a program that helps them to see the diocese more and know the different parts of the diocese, meet a number of the lay missionaries in our

diocese," Father Hahn said.

He said they will take trips to different parts of the diocese as well as meet with lay missionaries to learn about the various lay apostolates and groups who minister in the diocese.

"The goal of July is ... getting them more acquainted with the whole diocese, so that'd be going to all the different regions of the diocese, seeing the different ministries that are going on, different apostolates," Father Hahn said.

"It's really the part of their formation where they're getting a real sense of what it means to be part of the Diocese of Columbus."

The academic year for propaedeutic men at the Josephinum concludes in mid-May. For those studying in Cincinnati, their academic year extends through June.

Some funds from the campaign will be put toward expenses for a Wilderness Outreach trip. Propaedeutic men from the Josephinum will go on the trip in June before their counterparts arrive in Columbus in July.

Wilderness Outreach trains men in masculine spirituality. The program, founded by John Bradford of the Diocese of Columbus, seeks to form men physically, intellectually and spiritually.

"We're going to do a Wilderness Outreach expedition ... where we go out west and we're camping every night, doing some hiking and then doing some work in the parishes there," Father Hahn said.

The men will go on a retreat during the summer and also assist with Quo Vadis, a discernment camp held at the Josephinum in July for students entering grades nine through 12.

Father Hahn said the remainder of the funds will be put toward next year's expenses.

"Any excess funds are a great start to help for next year with another large class coming in," he said.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, Father Hahn said 12 individuals are currently in the seminary application process for the diocese.

"We have a really good year again," he said. "The Lord's blessing us."

Donations continue to be accepted and can be made online at www.vocationscolumbus.org.

Diocese announces additional clergy assignments

The following clergy assignments have been announced by the diocese that will be effective starting in July.

Reverend Stash Dailey, from Vice Rector of the College of Liberal Arts, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Michael Church, Worthington, effective August 1, 2024.

Reverend Brett R. Garland, from Pastor, St. Mary Church, Delaware, to graduate studies in Philosophy, Rome, Italy, effective July 9, 2024.

Reverend Michael J. Lumpe, from Pastor, St. Michael Church, Worthington, to Chaplain, Mother Angeline McCrory Manor and Villas at St. Therese,

Columbus, continuing as Vicar for Senior and Infirm Priests and Vicar for Hospital Ministry, effective August 1, 2024.

Reverend Patrick Toner, from Administrator, St. Catharine Church, Bexley, to Administrator, St. Mary Church, Delaware, effective July 9, 2024.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial Superior of the Theatine Fathers, **Reverend Lorenzo Uribe-Morales, CR**, from service outside of the Diocese to Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Church, Dover, and Holy Trinity Church, Zoar, effective July 1, 2024.

Diocese's annual Appeal gets underway May 4-5

The Appeal 2024 kicks off in parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus the weekend of May 4-5.

"Respond to His Love," the theme of this year's Appeal, encourages the faithful to demonstrate gratitude by responding generously to God's love in their lives. Funds raised by The Appeal support essential ministries and services in the diocese.

"Across the 23 counties of the Diocese of Columbus, we are called as Catholics to respond with both love and gratitude," Bishop Earl Fernandes said.

The goal for this year's Appeal is \$7.5 million, which is \$500,000 more than last year's target. In 2023, more than \$6.5 million was raised through The Appeal for the diocese.

In addition, more than \$1.9 million was returned to parishes that exceeded their Appeal fundraising goal.

Funds raised will support four pillars in the diocese: evangelization, Catholic education and tuition assistance, vocations and social needs.

"I have seen firsthand the work of God in our parishes and in the lives of our parishioners," Bishop Fernandes said. "God is good, and His love and blessings are abundant. It's easy to see.

"The profound and boundless love that flows from the Sacred Heart of Jesus cannot stop us. Love requires a response."

The Appeal dollars will support families, parishes and schools in missionary disciple formation to foster evangeliza-

tion in the diocese. This includes funds for marriage preparation classes and couple enrichment programs to encourage greater participation and engagement in parish life.

Funds also support efforts to make Catholic education more affordable and available to families, as well as to offer continuing education and formation opportunities for teachers.

Additionally, The Appeal supports vocations, including increasing seminarian costs, such as tuition and room and board, as well as ongoing discernment and formation activities and experiences for priests and deacons.

Funds also impact work to support mothers and their children, as well as coordination of prison ministry, which

serves the spiritual needs of inmates in the 12 correctional facilities located in the Diocese of Columbus.

Supporting necessary Catholic ministries is a way to respond to God's love, said Jean Spinosi, director of marketing and communications for The Catholic Foundation.

"Our response to His love through concrete actions not only shows our compassion toward those in need but also tells them that we see where compassion is needed and we act accordingly," she said.

For more information, including ways to give to The Appeal, visit www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal.

Coach should be remembered for faith, humility and not just wins

It seemed only fitting that Don Donoher died a few days after this year's NCAA Final Four in April. The longtime University of Dayton basketball coach who had guided the Flyers on an improbable run to the men's national championship game 57 years earlier passed into eternal life at age 92 on April 12.

If you're a college basketball fan, a University of Dayton graduate or have any connection to the Miami Valley, you've probably at least heard the name. Donoher was highly respected by everyone who knew him.

Even 35 years after he coached his last game at Dayton in 1989, he remained a beloved figure. When the school honored the Flyers' 1984 team that reached the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament in December at UD Arena, Donoher received a standing ovation while sitting in a wheelchair as he was surrounded by former players on the court.

The admiration extended well beyond Dayton. A who's who of college basketball coaches always spoke glowingly of Donoher. Some of the familiar names from his era included Digger Phelps, John Chaney and Rick Majerus. A reporter who covered the Flyers recounted recently how opposing coaches would frequently approach him to ask how Donoher was doing in retirement.

Legendary Indiana coach Bob Knight, an Ohio native and former Ohio State player, was not the easiest man to impress, but he so respected Donoher that he made him an assistant coach with the 1984 U.S. Olympic gold-medal-winning team. A few years later, Donoher spent a season as an assistant in 1989-90 with the Hoosiers when he was let go at Dayton in 1989 after three consecutive losing seasons.

Make no mistake, though, that Donoher's basketball accomplishments — and there were many — really aren't what defined him as a coach and as a man. Unnoticed by most of the world, but not by those who knew him well, was a deep Catholic faith that guided his life until the end.

Columbus native Larry Hansgen became the radio play-by-play voice for Dayton basketball in 1982. He was raised Methodist and had fallen away from his faith in college before he met Donoher. Within two years, Hansgen had become Catholic.

"It was very early in my time broadcasting games and his mother died," Hansgen recalled. "And he talked about her passing and her funeral with such a peace

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about him.

"He had two brothers who were priests and when they celebrated the funeral Mass, just the look on his face and the peace he had, I said to myself, 'I want that.' And so I went through RCIA and became a Catholic. The rest is history."

Donoher was a daily Mass-goer, often attending at noon on campus while he was coaching the Flyers, starting as an assistant in 1963 and serving as the head coach from 1964 through 1989. When he took his teams on the road, a priest always traveled with them to make sure Mass was available.

"He led me to my faith and I'm sure to a certain degree he did other guys," Hansgen said. "But the biggest thing is that he never proselytized. He didn't evangelize. He had a quiet faith, but it was so prominent in his life.

"People who have negative feelings about organized religion sometimes are uncomfortable seeing pious people, but what was great about Mick (Donoher's nickname) is that he was not what I would call pious, but a man who lived his faith on a daily basis in such a manner that it wasn't, 'Hey, look at me.'"

Dan Christie played for Donoher in the 1980s. He remained in the Dayton area after graduating and he and his family stayed connected with the coach through the years.

Like Hansgen, Christie was not Catholic, but he also recognized the coach's strong faith.

For years after college, Christie faithfully attended church with his Catholic wife and children before, finally, more than 30 years after college, he decided it was time to become Catholic. He began instructions during the pandemic year of 2020.

"I called coach for something, I can't remember what it was, but I said, 'Hey, Coach, are you sitting down?'" Christie said. "And he goes, 'Geez, Dan, did you kill somebody? What'd you do? What happened?' I said, 'Well, I just want to let you know, because I know your faith is one of the biggest things in your life, I just want you to know that I converted.'"

A few days later, Donoher showed up at Christie's office and dropped off a gift. It was a clock that played "How Great Thou Art."

Longtime Capital University basketball coach Damon Goodwin was a starting guard on Dayton's Elite Eight team in 1984. Like Christie, Goodwin drew inspiration from the example set by his college coach.

"Coach Donoher was a man of deep faith," Goodwin said recently. "I played for him for four years and coached with him for a season. He would attend Mass every day and was always reflecting on his path.

"He will be missed and he lived a life of thoughtfulness and inspiration."

Donoher not only was devoted to his players and his faith but also to his wife of 66 years, Sonia. They met in college at Dayton and married in 1954 after his final season as a player for the Flyers. And late in her life while she was battling Alzheimer's, he remained by her side at a care center until her death in 2020. After her passing, friends observed that he made almost daily visits to the cemetery where she was buried.

Just as noteworthy as Donoher's devotion to faith, family and basketball was his humility.

A Hall of Fame coach who led Dayton to eight NCAA Tournament berths, seven National Invitation Tournament bids (including the NIT championship in 1968) and a 437-275 record in 25 seasons, Donoher could be seen sitting with fans in the stands watching Flyers games long after his coaching days had ended or spotted in line at the post office mailing a package.

Until his death, he held the distinction of being the oldest living person to have coached in an NCAA men's basketball championship game, but he only knew that he was upon being informed of that fact by a reporter a few years ago.

Considering all of his success in the major college ranks, he wasn't above sharing his basketball knowledge with coaches and players at the high school level. For more than a decade, he served as a junior varsity coach and varsity assistant at Middletown Bishop Fenwick, which his grandchildren attended. Christie's son also had the privilege of being coached by Donoher in high school.

Donoher's own basketball career began at Toledo Central Catholic High School. He came to the University of Dayton in 1950 and played for three years before enlisting in the U.S. Army and then returning to Dayton as a part-time assistant.

Skin at Mass

Dear Father,
I live in the USA, but I come from a country where modesty is very important in my culture. For instance, at our Masses in my country we always dress up, even though our weather is mostly hot. My people would never think to show so much skin as I and my family see here. My question is this: Does it matter what we wear to Mass? I want to teach my children the correct attitude. Thank you.

- Ebale

Dear Ebale,

From the priest's view from the sanctuary, we see everything in the congregation. Sometimes that means we see "everything!" One might think that Mass is just another day at the beach.

It seems that there are two schools of thought about what to wear to Mass. One school maintains that the manner of dress doesn't matter. T-shirts and flip-flops are just fine. What matters is that someone is at Mass. God doesn't care because He sees the heart and looks past the externals.

The other school of thought is that we are going to God's house and that we owe it to Him to dress up as a matter of respect for Him. What matters is that we are there to worship Him and our worship includes how we present ourselves. God cares about the externals as well as the interior heart.

I agree that God looks past the externals and sees into the heart. The Bible backs us up on this. We read in 1 Samuel 16:7: "For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Our Lord Jesus doesn't mince words about false externals: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness" (Matt 23:27). Revelation

SACRAMENTS 101

Father Paul Jerome Keller, OP, S.T.D.

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19:8 teaches that righteous deeds are the fine clothing of the bride of Christ, which may lead one to think that actual garments don't matter.

On the other hand, the Sacred Scriptures are full of references to proper dress for divine worship. From the beginning, when Adam and Eve were naked, while still living in the temple that was Eden, God clothed them Himself with animal skins. I sometimes wonder if God would like to put some clothing on the modern-day Adams and Eves who appear at Mass in all states of immodest undress.

Time and again in the Old Testament, God gives specific directions about what those serving in the Temple were to wear: special clothing that was often costly.

In the parable about the guests invited to the wedding feast, our Lord has harsh words for the improperly dressed man: "bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness" (Matt 22:13).

And while I quoted from the book of Revelation that the bride's clothing will be her righteous deeds, we also find in Rev 7:9 that the saints will wear white robes in heaven (not just the Dominicans!).

Our bodies are important, including how we treat them and dress them. We are not just our souls. We are embodied spirits and our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Our bodies will be resurrected in eternal life.

While it seems obvious that God doesn't care about expensive clothing (especially the ripped jeans that

sometimes retail for more than dress slacks), He is not fooled by how we dress. Whether it is incarcerated persons in prison garb or the business suit of the bank owner, God sees both, and knows whether the repentant inmate may be more a saint than the banker. But when the banker shows up at Mass in an outfit meant for a run in the park, is God blind to the apparent carelessness?

In the document "Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper," the U.S. bishops wrote: "We should also come to the sacred liturgy appropriately dressed. As Christians we should dress in a modest manner, wearing clothes that reflect our reverence for God and that manifest our respect for the dignity of the liturgy and for one another."

Modesty, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2521-2522) teaches, "protects the intimate center of a person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden; ... modesty is decency. It inspires one's choice of clothing. It keeps silence or reserve where there is evident risk of unhealthy curiosity. It is discreet."

The way we dress and act, especially at Mass, reflects our interior state. Yes, God sees the heart but we don't. Yes, we are not to judge others by their appearances, but we are also not to cause scandal or distraction or temptation to others, especially at church. St. Paul teaches that "those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty" (1Cor 12:23).

It is good, Ebale, that you continue to teach your children to respect themselves by how they dress and treat others, including how they show respect to God at Mass.

It would be a good idea to speak to your pastor about guidelines for modesty at church. Maybe the phrase "our Sunday best" can have meaning again.

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In February 1963, he became the program's first full-time assistant under his mentor, coach Tom Blackburn. The following season, Blackburn was suffering from cancer and Donoher took over as interim coach for the final three games. Blackburn died in March 1964 and Donoher was named his replacement.

He enjoyed immediate success, leading the Flyers to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament and a 22-7 record in his first season.

In 1967, he reached the pinnacle in the sport. Dayton advanced all the way to the national championship game, where the Flyers ran into mighty UCLA led by 7-foot-2 center Lew Alcindor, who would later become NBA all-time great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. That team was coach by another legend, John Wooden, who won seven consecutive national titles starting that year and 10 overall.

An NIT championship followed in 1968. The program had mixed success in the 1970s and then came the magical run in 1984 led by standout Roosevelt Chapman. En route to the Elite Eight, 10th-seeded Dayton took down LSU, Oklahoma and Washington before losing to eventual national champion Georgetown.

Five years later, Donoher was fired after three consecutive losing seasons.

In later years, he was enshrined in the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame, the University of Dayton Athletics Hall of Fame, the Toledo Area High School Hall of Fame and the Toledo Central Catholic Hall of Fame.

Despite his successes, life wasn't easy by any stretch. There were plenty of bumps in the road, among them the hardship of being ousted by his alma mater. He lost a son, Gary, and several of his other children experienced struggles.

As a coach, Donoher sometimes showed his frustration.

Christie recalled a tough loss at Notre Dame when Dayton blew a five-point lead in the final minute. After the game, Donoher had an assistant rent a car in South Bend to ride in for the return trip to Dayton because the frustrated coach didn't want to be on the bus with the players.

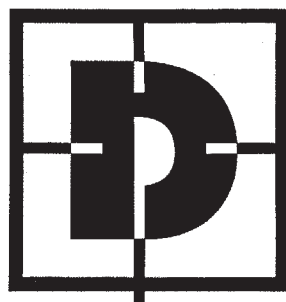
"But his faith was second to none," Christie said. "It pulled him through some of the life challenges that were thrown at

him with his own family and the stresses of coaching Division I basketball."

You might be wondering why it's worth sharing Donoher's story. Simple. Men in particular need to read about other successful men whose lives have been guided by their Catholic faith.

In today's world, many men are afraid to express their devotion to Christ, His Mother and the Church. Men like Don Donoher provide an example of faith and humility that everyone should strive to emulate.

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Ministry of presence in motherhood

The journey of being a mother is a journey like no other. There's no single image that can capture its transformative power; no single moment that points to success achieved. Rather, motherhood feels more like an epic road trip with many stops on the way to a destination unknown but sought.

I have brought seven children into this world and raised another as my own. I have carried a child in my womb and lost her before she could meet her twin. I have rejoiced over healings within my family, celebrated every milestone for each heart I so tenderly hold, and I have also sat in silence, feeling the frigid fear of not being able to find one of my children when they were truly hurting and broken. Though 22 years into this journey, motherhood remains a mystery unsolved by me.

There is a thread that remains constant through my journey and that is presence. When I reflect on how I have "evolved" as a mother, this ministry of presence has been my survival. I pull it out of my carpetbag like Mary Poppins did her lamp, as my children and I sit together. When they were young, I rocked them, sang to them, nursed them, and read to them over and over again.

As they grew older, I sit on their beds and listen to them walk their way through friendships, hard practices, mistakes made and even the occasional glimpse into a crush or two. It is sacred space. I can feel the tenuous threads of trust being built over time, and I pour myself into it.

Over time, I build this sacred space in my car, at my dining room table, and on my bedroom couch. As I drive to practices, take to work and eat late-night takeout, I sit

ALL THAT WE HAVE

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and listen. I imagine Mary walking, sitting and working with Jesus as a child and a growing young man, hand in hand, listening as he shared his heart, shared the longings he held. What a sacred space we mothers are invited into!

As many of my children have gotten older, growing into young adults now, my presence shows itself in different ways. Often, late at night, I stay on a Facetime call listening as they process the next step for an internship or job. I listen and walk them through time management for projects due, paperwork that needs to be turned in, and I find them where they are and take them for a meal. As they eat, I listen to their stories, being a safe space hopefully for them to launch ideas and share their thoughts. In our family, we talk often of trust being built over time. It's a family mantra that I aspire to live up to. Trust is a big deal, and it weaves itself beautifully into a ministry of presence by being intentional and truly listening to the hearts of our family. We cannot help but build trust.

There are caveats I have learned, however, over the years of my mothering. This ministry of presence, this listening to their hearts is not just a showing up. Listening is hard work, especially for mothers, because listening requires us to pause and ponder.

Lately, I have been struck by the environment that

needs to be created in order for my kids to share their hearts. Our kids are facing some hard challenges. Their concept of identity is being challenged by modern society. The models of friendships, romance, fun and adventure are all influenced by the culture of today. Old me handled these challenges differently than now the now-wiser me. I realize the importance of creating a space where the thoughts and ideas of my children can be shared safely without judgment; where questions can be asked, discussions had, and individual thoughts formed and owned. I think back to the late-night conversations I had with my college friends, those whom I let influence me, and wish I had a safe place to talk through my questions and form my own thoughts. Our children are nervous to share with us what they hear and see because they know it is often different than what we believe to be right. The more we preach, and the less we listen, the more they will find a place to Google their questions and seek their answers; forming not their own opinion but one that is of the group.

One of the delights of a mother's heart is seeing the man or woman their child grows into with their own individual unique thoughts. We have been at their transfiguration moments, and we have been at the foot of their crosses. We get these glimpses because we have stayed steadfast in our presence in their lives.

Mother Mary, help us grow a ministry of presence within our motherhood. Make our hearts tender and supple to your Son's will for the lives of our children, and help us to guide them to His heart. Amen

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Thoughts on 'Dignitas Infinita'

When the always well-written and often wrongheaded New Yorker dislikes something, chances are good that I'll like it – a principle that holds, with certain reservations, in the case of *Dignitas Infinita*, the April 8 "Declaration of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on Human Dignity." The Declaration underscores the Catholic Church's commitment to the defense of every human life from conception until natural death, calls Catholics to compassionate care for the most vulnerable among us, defends the biblical idea of the human person as defined in Genesis 1:27-28, and offers a welcome critique of gender theory and the legion of demons it spawns (this last being, predictably, what upset *The New Yorker*).

What's not to like, then? Perhaps that's putting it too sharply. The question is whether the Declaration could have been even better. I think that's the case, and in several ways.

The Dog That Didn't Bark. *Dignitas Infinita* has 116 endnote references to magisterial teaching cited in its text; over half of them are to documents and statements of Pope Francis. What is most striking, however, is the absence of any reference to Pope John Paul II's 1993 encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* (The Splendor of Truth) and its teaching that certain acts are intrinsically evil: gravely wrong by their very nature, irrespective of circumstances. That rationally demonstrable conviction – that some actions are wrong, period – is the ground on which the Church condemns sexual abuse, abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide and modern forms of slavery like sex trafficking. These are all "grave violations of human dignity," as the Declaration says. But *why* is that the case? Not because they offend our feelings or sensibilities about human dignity, but because we can know by reason that they are always

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gravely wrong. That should have been clearly stated.

Thus, the tenderness displayed during this pontificate toward moral theologians who reject the teaching of *Veritatis Splendor* on intrinsically evil acts weakens the defense of human dignity the Declaration wants to mount.

Defending Pre-Born Human Life. *Dignitas Infinita* is passionate in its rejection of abortion, and rightly links the abortion license to the erosion of "solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights." The Declaration would have been strengthened, however, had it taken a lesson from the American bishops, who have made the pro-life case for over half a century by teaching two truths that any reasonable person can grasp: 1) It is a scientific fact, not a philosophical speculation, that the product of human conception is a human being with a unique genetic identity. 2) A just society will ensure that innocent human beings, in all conditions and stages of life, are protected in law. And while the Declaration concludes its section on abortion with a reference to St. Teresa of Calcutta's "generous ... commitment to the defense of every person conceived," it makes no reference to the thousands of U.S. crisis pregnancy centers where women are offered care during pregnancy and support after a child is born. Thus, the essential pro-life complement to public advocacy on behalf of the unborn – solidarity with women in crisis pregnancies – is left understated in *Dignitas Infinita*.

The "Sex Reassignment" Fraud. The Declaration states, correctly, that "any sex-change intervention, as a rule, risks threatening the unique dignity the person has received from the moment of conception." This statement might have been developed further. Most urgently, *Dignitas Infinita* ought to have explicitly condemned the "transitioning" of confused and suffering children and adolescents – the most despicable form of the "trans" phenomenon – as child abuse. If a report commissioned by the British National Health Service could call out this medical malpractice as thoroughly unwarranted by clinical evidence, surely the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith could have highlighted the dangers posed to children and adolescents by trans ideologues, woke physicians, and unscrupulous plastic surgeons.

There Are, In Fact, Just Wars. Quoting Pope Francis, the Declaration asserts that "it is very difficult, nowadays, to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a 'just war'." One must respectfully and firmly disagree. Those "rational criteria" undergird Ukraine's self-defense against a murderous aggression the Russian aggressor has openly declared to be genocidal. Those same criteria are the foundation of, and the moral framework for, Israel's defensive war against Hamas, Hezbollah and their Iranian sponsor. The just war criteria would buttress Taiwan's resistance to any Chinese communist attempt to destroy the independence of the first Chinese democracy in millennia.

The global culture war is indeed a contest to defend and promote human dignity. *Dignitas Infinita* helps those of us fighting that unavoidable war. It could have helped more.

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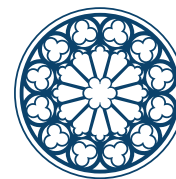


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Diocesan priest serves as consultant for 'Wildcat' movie

By Hannah Heil

Catholic Times Reporter

On a typical day, Father Jeff Coning might be found in his diocesan parishes, New Philadelphia Sacred Heart and Dennison Immaculate Conception, administering sacraments and caring for his flock. His priestly ministry, at times, however, extends beyond the parish – even onto the set of a movie.

Father Coning served as a consultant to actor Liam Neeson, who played the role of a priest in "Wildcat," a new film based on the life and writings of 20th-century Catholic author Flannery O'Connor that debuts in theaters on Friday, May 3.

"The film is essentially this journey into the life and mind and heart of Flannery O'Connor," said Eric Groth, the film's executive producer.

"Wildcat" was filmed in Kentucky in January 2023. Groth, who is the CEO of Renovo Media Group and president of ODB Films, invited Father Coning on set to consult Neeson in his role as a priest for the film.

"Father Jeff is a true evangelist at heart, and our goal with our films was to really share the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel with young people in creative and relevant ways," Groth said.

Groth, who is Catholic, has known Father Coning for nearly 20 years. The two met in 2006 at a national Catholic trade show and became friends.

"To be with Eric and watch how a movie was made was a great experience," Father Coning said.

Neeson, who is widely known for his role as Qui-Gon Jinn in the "Star Wars" series, acts as the parish priest for O'Connor, portrayed by actress Maya Hawke. Hawke's father, Ethan, directed, co-wrote and produced the film.

"Flannery was a woman from the '50s in the south who was a bit of an anomaly in a very Protestant, evangelical south, and she was a very devout Catholic woman, and so, we had to pay really close attention to that," Groth said.

For his scene with Hawke, Neeson, who is Catholic, requested a priest be with him on set as a consultant, Groth said, to ensure he represented the priesthood in the Catholic Church correctly.

"We talked about some minor details about the posture and gestures of a priest doing an anointing of the sick and confession," Father Coning said. "He actually thanked me for the prayer I offered before the shooting started."

Neeson's character offers O'Connor the sacrament of reconciliation. He also had to recite some Latin for his role.

Father Coning was present to advise Neeson, making sure the Latin was articulated correctly, Groth said. He also guided him in the use of sacramentals, such as proper use of the stole worn by



Maya Hawke plays Catholic author Flannery O'Connor in "Wildcat," which will be in theaters on May 3.
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a priest when administering the sacrament of reconciliation.

"It was a great experience," Groth said of having Father Coning on set. "Father Jeff got to be on set that whole scene – not even outside behind the monitors; he was in the room where we were shooting the scene."

"I was luckily one of the very few allowed in the room while the scene was being shot," Father Coning said. "It was actually shot some 10 times to get a variety of camera angles, and Maya and Liam did the exact same scene each time."

Father Coning also had an opportunity to interact with the film's director. He talked with Ethan Hawke for about 10 minutes, he said, and discussed confession, which Hawke was familiar with.

"I pointed out that having Liam end the scene with starting the sacrament of penance was better than having it occur in the middle of the scene," Father Coning said.

"I also pointed out that, from the script, Flannery was concerned about whether her work gave glory to God and that St. Thomas Aquinas had the same issue. Near his death, when his friends kept congratulating him on his work, his response was that his work amounted to mere straw."

Father Coning said he was familiar with O'Connor from a literature course he took in seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum. He read O'Connor again while Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell was bishop of Columbus, he said, because he frequently spoke about her.

Groth said two Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of Louisville were used for the shoot.

Father Matthew Hardesty, the pastor at the two parishes, served as a consultant for Maya Hawke. He guided her in her role as O'Connor, such as in genuflecting, praying and using the beads of a rosary.

From the acting to the set decoration and design, elements of the Catholic faith are reflected throughout the film. Groth said those involved in "Wildcat" were intentional about portraying the

Catholic faith correctly.

"Father Jeff was a tremendous part of making that happen," he said.

"Wildcat" follows O'Connor in her struggle with a lupus diagnosis, an autoimmune disease at age 24 that eventually led to her death, and her writings, which examine questions of faith, morality and suffering.

The film, written by Ethan Hawke and Shelby Gaines, shifts between reality and imagination in O'Connor's writing.

Groth said O'Connor wrote in a way that demonstrates "the protagonist who has light also has darkness, and the antagonist who seems full of darkness also can benefit from the light."



Father Jeff Coning

File photo

Her works largely explore God's grace, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) defines as "favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to His call to become children of God" (CCC 1996).

Actual grace, one variation, refers to "God's interventions, whether at the beginning of conversion or in the course of the work of sanctification" (CCC 2000).

"We often think of grace in a nice package with a nice bow on it," Groth said. "The reality is that grace often cuts with a sword before it heals."



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Josephinum honors Bishop McKnight, Karam with awards

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

The Pontifical College Josephinum bestowed its highest honor on Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City, Missouri on April 15, presenting him the Good Shepherd Award during its annual Good Shepherd Dinner, the seminary's signature fundraising event held in the Jessing Center on campus.

The Josephinum also presented the Pope Leo XIII Award to J. David Karam, a parishioner at Columbus St. Agatha Church and chief executive officer of Sbarro, a leading quick-service pizza restaurant chain.

The Good Shepherd Award is presented to a member of the clergy who exemplifies, in his life and ministry the qualities of a good shepherd. The award especially recognizes the clergyman's promotion of vocations and support of the Josephinum and its seminarians.

Bishop McKnight, a 1994 graduate of the Josephinum, serves on the college's Board of Trustees. He previously served as executive director of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

He was ordained to the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, where he first served as a parish priest and pastor. He returned to the Josephinum in 2003 to serve in various capacities, including as vice president for development and alumni relations. He was installed as the fourth bishop of Jefferson City in 2018.

Father Steven Beseau, the rector and president of the Josephinum, recognized Bishop McKnight as a "tremendous gift" to the Church and an "inspiration" to all who work there. The two – both Kansas natives – first met while studying in Rome.

"Bishop McKnight's connectedness to the Josephinum, his knowledge of the Church in the United States due to his work with the USCCB and his particular interest in the permanent diaconate have all been tremendous gifts to the Josephinum," Father Beseau said.

Accepting the Good Shepherd Award, Bishop McKnight told the audience of seminarians, clergy, alumni, benefactors and guests that he is an introvert. As such, he said, he would not want to accept the award, except for the mission of the Church and the House of Joseph, the Josephinum.

Bishop McKnight reflected on the relationship between the clergy and laity and the laity's important role in the life of the Church. He acknowledged Popes St. John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis, who each touched on the theme during their pontificates.

He recalled the words of the late Pope Benedict XVI, who said the laity have an obligation to take up the life of the



David Karam offers some remarks at the Good Shepherd Dinner on Monday, April 15 at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Karam received the Pope Leo XIII Award.

Photos courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum

Church. They are an essential part of the Church's mission.

Bishop McKnight noted that the priesthood and laity are not exclusive of each other. He contemplated how lay people can be more involved in the Church.

The bishop also recognized three seminarians from his diocese who are studying at the Josephinum.

Seminarians studying at the Josephinum come from several dioceses across the United States as well as dioceses in Uganda and the Virgin Islands and two religious communities.

Bishop McKnight said he appreciates his seminarians' formation at the Josephinum. In seminars, there are four dimensions of priestly formation: human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral.

The Pope Leo XIII Award given to Karam recognized his support of the Josephinum and priestly vocations. It is one of the two highest honors bestowed by the college.

The award is named after Pope Leo XIII. The Church's oldest pope, who died at age 93, granted pontifical status to the Josephinum in 1892, making it the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy.

A member of the college's Board of Trustees since 2015, Karam offered direction and vision to the seminary in areas of finance and advancement. He previously was president of Wendy's International and president and vice president of finance at Cedar Enterprises, one of the largest franchisees in the Wendy's system.

He also serves on the board of American Lebanese Syrian Associated Char-



Bishop Shawn McKnight (right) of the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri receives the Good Shepherd Award from Father Steven Beseau, president and rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum. Bishop McKnight is a 1994 Josephinum graduate and serves on the seminary's board of trustees.

ities, the fundraising arm of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Father Beseau recognized Karam as one of perhaps five people who have made a life-long impact on him.

He described him as a leader who is known for his compassion and patience, noting Karam's desire to grow in faith and habit of daily prayer.

Father Beseau also recognized him as a man who gives generously and has much wisdom to share. The Josephinum's rector iterated that Karam has made a "tremendous impact" on the seminary.

"The Josephinum has been a very grateful beneficiary of Mr. Karam's business expertise and his passion for the Church," Father Beseau said. "He is a gifted visionary – always looking to the future to see what is possible."

"Not only does he see an incredible future for the Josephinum, he is tireless in his efforts to help us realize that future."

Accepting the Pope Leo XIII Award, Karam spoke of the importance of leadership. He said he taught his children that leadership counts and leadership matters, whether it is in the home, a parish, seminary or diocese.

He added that serving on the Josephinum's board has blessed him.

Karam also reflected on what he described as one of the most beautiful Bible passages in Genesis chapter 18. In the passage, God plans to destroy the city of Sodom because of its great sin.

Abraham offers a prayer of intercession, pleading with God not to destroy the righteous along with the wicked in the city. He asks God if He would save

Sodom if there were 40 righteous people.

Abraham continues subtracting until he reaches 10. He asks God if He would spare the city if 10 righteous people are found there. God promises to have mercy if there are only 10 innocent men.

Karam said the passage demonstrates how fine the line is between a just, civil society and one that is chaotic.

Sean and Ashley McBride Taylor, who live in Dublin with their five children, served as masters of ceremonies for the evening. They shared how the Josephinum and its seminarians have impacted their young family.

The Taylors are members of the Friends of the Josephinum, a group of lay men and women who raise funds to assist seminarians with financial needs.

The group hosts an annual Friends of the Josephinum 4-miler run/walk and Clergy Who Cook culinary competition. The Friends support seminarians at the Mud Bowl & Helfant Classic Basketball Tournament and gather for an annual brunch and Mass in the Josephinum's St. Turibius Chapel.

The family was first invited to the annual Mass and brunch a few years ago, shortly after moving to Columbus. They were introduced to many of the seminarians.

Since then, Ashley said, their family has a renewed hope in the unity and strength of the Catholic Church.

"These men are our future; they will be our shepherds, and we are beyond blessed to encounter them during their time here at home, at the Josephinum," she said.

Ashley unveiled how involvement with the Josephinum has impacted her family. She highlighted the seminarians' positive influence on their children.

"These seminarians have not only befriended our family but are actively teaching our sons how to be prayerful servants of God, how to discern on an ongoing basis and how to lead as true men should lead, even in a world that is working so strongly in opposition of our faith," Ashley said.

"To our daughters, these seminarians have shown incredible kindness, intentional care and genuine concern."

The evening included a vocal performance by seminarians Deacon Joseph Rolwing, Zachary Goodchild and Brandt Boyden. Dr. Jason Keefer, the Josephinum's director of sacred music, led the choral trio in performing "Sancte Joseph," "Be Joyful, Mary, Heavenly Queen" and "Regina Caeli."

The audience prayed the Angelus, led by seminarian Deacon Tyler Carter. Bishop Richard Henning of Providence, Rhode Island, chair of the Josephinum's Board of Trustees, offered a prayer of benediction to conclude the evening.

Final Mass celebrated at Lancaster St. Mark

Three days after feast of St. Mark on the liturgical calendar, the parish bearing its name in Lancaster witnessed its final official Mass on Sunday, April 28.

Bishop Earl Fernandes was joined by priests who have served at St. Mark Church during its 70-year history for the closing Mass at 11:30 a.m. on a warm and sunny morning.

The bishop had announced a year ago that the parish, which was established in 1959, would consolidate with the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption as part of the diocese's Real Presence Real Future initiative necessitated by Mass attendance and population trends as well as a shortage of priests. He subsequently issued a decree of suppression for St. Mark Church that was effective on April 30.

A transition team that consisted of members from St. Mark and the Basilica of St. Mary has worked for the better part of a year to facilitate the merger.

While St. Mark will no longer be a stand-alone parish, the campus will be known going forward as the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption -- Emerald Campus. The main building that houses the current church, classrooms and a food pantry will be renamed St. Mary of the Assumption Center for Evangelization and Faith Formation.

All sacramental and worship activities henceforth will take place at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. The Emerald Campus will be utilized for faith formation and outreach activities, including the food pantry. Among the groups that meet at St. Mark include Al-Anon, Alcoholic Anonymous, homeschoolers and youth ministry.

Architect Luke Baus of Project Architecture, LTD has created conceptual drawings that were on display during the final weekend to repurpose the worship space at St. Mark for a variety of uses in the future that could include, concerts, catechesis, festivals, social events, recreation and youth activities.

The St. Nicholas Adoration Chapel, which was dedicated in 2023, will remain unchanged for the time being, but Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered solely at the basilica.



Deacon Jeff Hurdley reads the Gospel from St. John during the final Mass at Lancaster St. Mark Church on Sunday, April 28.

During the past year, Father Craig Eilerman has served as the administrator of St. Mark while continuing his duties as the basilica's rector. He praised the parishes in Lancaster for coming together to facilitate the consolidation in a spirit of cooperation.

"The Catholic community here in Lancaster is pretty tight," he said. I think each parish has its own culture and differences, but it's not perhaps as much as some other places in the diocese."

Father Peter Gideon retired as St. Mark's pastor last July after 15 years there. He is currently serving as the administrator of the Scioto Catholic consortium of parishes in the Portsmouth area.

Father Gideon and Msgr. James Walter, who was in residence at St. Mark, moved out of the parish rectory last year.

Since last July, one Sunday Mass had been offered at St. Mark each week and one daily Mass was celebrated on Wednesday evenings.

A large congregation turned out for the final Mass that included Bishop Fernandes as well as Father Eilerman, Msgr. Walter, Father Gideon and Father John Reade, a former assistant pastor at the parish.

"No doubt, many of you are feeling a bit sad today," Bishop Fernandes said in his homily. "We are sad because this will be the last Sunday Mass at this church, and God has poured out grace upon grace here.

"But rather than be sad, I would suggest



The choir leads the congregation in singing the processional hymn during the closing Mass at Lancaster St. Mark Church. CT photos by Ken Snow



Father Peter Gideon, longtime pastor at Lancaster St. Mark Church, recites the Eucharistic Prayer at the altar during the final Mass on April 28.

in the first place that while we acknowledge the sadness, let us open our hearts to receive consolation from the Holy Spirit."

He encouraged the faithful to trust the Lord and to recognize that He prays for his people.

"And so this should give us both hope and consolation, a sense of healing that the church will continue to grow in Lancaster where the faith is strong," Bishop Fernandes said.

The bishop went on to say that he was there among them for the final Mass as a shepherd of the flock to offer encouragement, just as Barnabas did for St. Paul.

"That is what I hope as the bishop of the diocese to be for all of you, as do your pastors -- sons of encouragement, to offer an encouraging word, to take courage, to be brave, to go forth in the power and the consolation of the Holy Spirit to make new disciples," Bishop Fernandes told the congregation.

"Change can be frightening and yet the Lord Jesus tells us, 'Know that I am with you even until the end of the ages. And so we need not be afraid.'"

After the Mass, luncheon was provided and exhibits were available for viewing that documented the history of the parish.

Dates set for graduation, baccalaureate at diocesan high schools

Portsmouth Notre Dame High School will be the first of the 11 diocesan secondary schools to hold graduation ceremonies for their Class of 2024.

Commencement and baccalaureate dates and times for diocesan high schools are:

Portsmouth Notre Dame – Commencement, 1 p.m. Sunday, May 19, school gymnasium; Baccalaureate, 5 p.m. Friday, May 17, Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church.

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory – Baccalaureate and Commencement, 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 24, Walter Student Commons.

Columbus Bishop Hartley – Commencement, 9 a.m. Saturday, May 25, Ohio Dominican University; Baccalaureate, 7 p.m. Friday, May 24, Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle Church.

Columbus Bishop Ready – Commencement, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25, school gymnasium; Baccalaureate, 7 p.m. Friday, May 24, Columbus St. Cecilia Church.

Columbus Bishop Watterson – Commencement, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 25, school gymnasium; Baccalaureate, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23, gymnasium.

Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans – Commencement, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25,

school gymnasium; Baccalaureate, 7 p.m. Friday, May 24, Zanesville St. Nicholas Church.

Newark Catholic – Commencement, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 26, school auditorium; Baccalaureate, 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, Newark St. Francis de Sales Church.

Columbus St. Francis DeSales – Commencement, 9 a.m. Saturday, June 1, Alumni Stadium; Baccalaureate, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 30, Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church.

Columbus Cristo Rey – Commencement, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 1, Mershon Auditorium; Baccalaureate, 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 30, Columbus Holy Cross Church.

Lancaster Fisher Catholic – Commencement, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 2, school gymnasium; Baccalaureate, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1, Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption.

New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic – Commencement, 3 p.m. Sunday, June 2, school gymnasium; Baccalaureate, 1:30 p.m. June 2, gymnasium.

Editor's Note: The Catholic Times will publish its annual graduation section in the June 2 issue.

West Jefferson parish comes together to build beds for kids

By **Tim Puet**

For *The Catholic Times*

Twenty central Ohio families who don't have beds for their children will be able to have that need filled thanks to work done last month by parishioners of West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude Church.

About 60 people took part at the church on Saturday, April 13 in a morning and afternoon of building child-sized bunk beds, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 11224 and the parish youth group. The beds were built using instructions from Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), a national organization that specializes in such work and has chapters in Marysville and Hilliard.

Mike Myers, who was in charge of the activity, said response to his request to help build beds was overwhelming.

"If there's anything I want to emphasize about this day, it's the way it brought people from all segments of the parish together," he said. "Besides the Knights and the youth group, lots of volunteers affiliated with neither organization came to help. Our pastor, Father Dwayne McNew, was enthusiastic about



Approximately 60 volunteers at West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude Church assisted with building bunk beds for children on April 13. *Photo courtesy Mike Myers*

this from the beginning and came in the morning to bless us.

"So many people came that we were able to divide the day into two shifts – 9 a.m. to noon and noon to about 2:30 p.m. – so no one felt overwhelmed.

"Brad Kitzler of Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church, who's in charge of

the Marysville chapter, offered to bring some of his people in to help, but the response was so great this wasn't necessary."

Myers said lumber for the beds was donated by Sutherland's and The Home Depot "and that saved us a couple of thousand dollars." Parishioners donated

mattresses and bedding.

The beds were not built with specific individuals or groups in mind. They're now in storage and will be made available to anyone who contacts Kitzler at the Sleep in Heavenly Peace site, www.SHPbeds.org and establishes a need for a bed.

Myers said he got the idea for the bed build through conversations at Knights events about a year ago with Kitzler, who is deputy grand knight of Knights Council 5534 in Marysville. Plans for the event began shaping up in the fall of 2023 and it began to be publicized in the church bulletin and elsewhere near the end of the year.

"We don't know whether we'll attempt another build next year or not," Myers said. "A lot depends on demand for the beds. If there's a place found for most of the beds we built, we'll be glad to do it again."

Kitzler said he has led about a half-dozen bed building events in the three or four years since he learned about SHP.

His involvement began when his wife, Brittny, talked to him about a child in

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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Be open to change through power of Holy Spirit

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
 1 John 4:7-10 or 1 John 4:11-16
 John 15:9-17 or John 17:11b-19

“That’s the way we’ve always done it!” “Why are you changing everything?!” These cries from the heart are expressed by people everywhere as they face the need to adapt to new circumstances. Besides death and taxes, there is a third item that is inevitable: *change*.

For Christians, this has always been the problem. We are, when all is said and done, introducing the world to news that transcends every other kind of news. The God who created the world is intervening in His own creation, making it more than it can be on its own, by the power of the Holy Spirit operating in and through us. This means we must be ready for the new, for *change* and for *something* beyond every expectation.

The fact that the Agent of Change is the Spirit of the Risen Lord Jesus tells us that God himself supplies the solution for us to be able to adapt to the new situation. The Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen us for all that God proposes to accomplish in us. But our hearts must change through an opening to the Spirit.

“The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.” As salvation history unfolds for us, God reveals that His intention is to offer salvation to all nations and peoples. We are often caught up in our own way of seeing and understanding. We are uncomfortable with innovation. We prefer to stay in our own circles and welcoming new members to the table is hard for us. Yet, it has been revealed to the nations and to us that God’s saving power is available, *Ascension, Year B*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes is the pastor of Granville St. Edward the Confessor Church.



and God is expecting us to use it and to follow where the Spirit leads.

The sacraments of the Catholic Church are the usual means used by God and His Spirit to bring salvation to souls open to receive what is offered. However, it is God’s prior right, His prerogative, to offer salvation according to His own Will, not our expectations. Peter experiences this when Cornelius and his household hear the offer of salvation and assent to it, and immediately receive the Holy Spirit as the Apostles did on Pentecost.

The Gentiles are not baptized and have not had the Apostles’ hands laid on them, so they have not been touched by the Sacraments. God intervenes and Peter makes a decision that has made all the difference for us. Seeing what God has done in the Gentiles already by the power of His Spirit, Peter incorporates them immediately into the growing Church. Peter says, “*Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?*” Then, “*He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*”

The overflow of the power of the Spirit is so great that the Church offers several options for the Scriptures to be proclaimed from the First Letter of John and from the Gospel of John. All these texts focus on God’s love for us as his children and on God’s free choice of us, as disciples of Jesus and as those who are sent on a worldwide mission.

Go out to all the world and share the Good News

Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
 Ephesians 4:1-13 or Ephesians 1:17-23
 Mark 16:15-20

The Gospel of Mark, in its canonical form with the “Longer Ending,” includes the charge made by Jesus to His disciples to continue the Mission He began: “*Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.*” This sounds very much like “the Great Commission” of the Gospel of Matthew (Mt. 28:16-20), with a difference. Notice that Mark’s charge includes “every creature,” where Matthew speaks of making “disciples of all the nations.”

The Good News that follows from the message of the Resurrection of the Lord is for the whole world, including the nations and all creation. Continuing this mission is the final charge Jesus gives as He is taken from our sight. The Ascension is the final step of the Lord’s establishing a bridge between Heaven and earth. His final word is to carry on with what his life

among us set in motion.

Jesus also speaks of what will happen in the lives of all who accept the message that is proclaimed: “*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.*” Any limitation on the power that flows from the act of believing comes only from a failure to believe. The grace is offered and belief in the Gospel is the doorway into the life that is offered. Signs are given that the connection has been made.

The signs that accompany belief will be evident in the lives of all who respond to the message by accepting it. It is helpful to note the content of these signs. First, however, a comment about the first-century world is needed. People were accustomed to (false) claims of power by charlatans

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

5/6-5/11
MONDAY
 Acts 16:11-15
 Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b
 John 15:26-16:4a

TUESDAY
 Acts 16:22-34
 Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8
 John 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY
 Acts 17:15,22-18:1
 Psalm 148:1-2,11-14
 John 16:12-15

THURSDAY
 Acts 18:1-8
 Psalm 47:2-7
 John 16:20-23a

FRIDAY
 Acts 18:9-18
 Psalm 47:2-7
 John 16:20-23a

SATURDAY
 Acts 18:23-28
 Psalm 47:2-3,8-10
 John 16:23b-28

5-12/5-17
MONDAY
 Acts 19:1-8
 Psalm 68:2-3b,4-5acd,6-7b
 John 16:29-33

TUESDAY
 Acts 1:15-17,20-26
 Psalm 113:1-8
 John 15:9-17

WEDNESDAY
 Acts 20:28-38
 Psalm 68:29-30,33-36b
 John 17:11b-19

THURSDAY
 Acts 22:30;23:6-11
 Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11
 John 17:20-26

FRIDAY
 Acts 25:13b-21
 Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b
 John 21:15-19

SATURDAY
 Acts 28:16-20,30-31
 Psalm 11:4-5,7
 John 21:20-25

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

Mass Schedule: Weeks of May 5 and May 12, 2024

SUNDAY MASS

10:30am Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio AM820, Columbus, FM88.3, Portsmouth, and FM106.7, Athens., and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbus-catholic.org.

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or Breeze-line Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

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.

DAILY MASS

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

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).

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these and many other parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannstmary.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org); and Columbus Immaculate Conception (www.iccols.org). Check your parish website for additional information.

WE PRAY WEEKS II AND III OF THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

This Sunday, it would be good to reflect on the power of the Holy Spirit shared with us through the sacraments. In Baptism, we become sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters to Jesus. In Confirmation, we are strengthened in our faith and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be proclaimers of the Word of God, the truth that he offers salvation to all. We are made one in Christ through the Eucharist so that we may live in unity and strive to incorporate

others into that unity. When we see the world around us through this way of understanding, we must be ready to change and become ever more open to perceiving God’s intention for something new for all.

Death has been overcome by the Resurrection of Jesus. It is still inevitable, but it does not have real power. Change in response to gospel joy leads to a new life that begins now and will last forever when we join the Risen Lord and all the saints.

who promoted themselves and various gods that had been “discovered” through encounters and travels along the trade routes of the ancient world. The surprise of the Christian claims was that the power at work through the Risen Lord is greater than any of these other so-called powers.

The Acts of the Apostles that has been proclaimed in the Liturgy throughout the Easter season describes how the promise of the Spirit unfolded after Pentecost. Today’s celebration of the Liturgy brings us back to the Ascension, which takes place scripturally 40 days after Easter and 10 days before the Feast of Pentecost. In this moment, as Luke explains in the prologue of Acts, the Risen Jesus charges the Apostles to wait for the Gift of the Spirit: “*While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for ‘the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’*”

Belief in the Gospel opens us to the Spir-

it, who equips us to proclaim the Gospel in our own times. In the world today, we need to drive out the spirits of divisiveness and polarization by living in unity and love. We must learn how to speak the Gospel in ways that make sense to the people who live in our post-modern and post-Christian culture, always remaining faithful to the truth that God has revealed through the Resurrection. We must face the powers of the world that reject us and revile us, as they speak falsehoods that must be unmasked, drinking in the pain of all of this by relying on the Spirit to guide us to truth and to the manner of making it known.

We must love with the very love that enabled Jesus to live among us, to suffer, die, rise and to carry our transformed human nature into the heart of triune life. We must be willing to touch the world with our faith, to bring the healing power of Christ to create a new culture of love and truth. We must pray, “Come, Holy Spirit!” and be ready to proclaim the Gospel to every creature.

Bottoms Up sets 1 million as goal in World's Largest Diaper Drive

In the belief that happiness is a dry diaper, Bottoms Up Diaper Bank hopes to bring a million smiles to Ohio babies through the World's Largest Diaper Drive in May.

"We never dreamed it would grow this big," said Bottoms Up President Jo Welsh of Lancaster. "My husband, Tim, started collecting diapers on a small scale in 2018, but we discovered more and more people understood the message about the impor-

ance of diapers for families in need."

They started working on their first World's Largest Diaper Drive in 2021, when they collected 250,000 diapers. Donations grew by about 250,000 diapers each year since, and now they hope to hit one million.

"People just get it," Welsh said. "They understand the importance of our mission as soon as we mention what we're doing, and we don't really have to con-

vince anyone to give ... we just spread the message that there's a huge diaper drive in May, tell people how they can participate, and the response is phenomenal."

In addition to the one million donated diapers that Bottoms Up hopes to collect in May, Welsh has set a goal of collecting \$250,000 to allow the organization to purchase various sizes of diapers that might not be donated during the drive. The monetary goal also helps with the

significant cost of delivering diapers to the 21 counties currently served.

Cash donations to help buy more diapers are appreciated, of course, but Welsh hopes people will also go to the store and actually buy the diapers they donate. "That way, they will see how expensive diapers are," she said, "and how challenging it is for a family to buy the thousands

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21 Watterson seniors commit to colleges



Twenty-one Columbus Bishop Watterson High School seniors who committed to college athletic programs took part in a signing ceremony in April at the school. They are (front row from left) Gabriella Beuselink, volleyball, John Carroll University; Liz Hohlefelder, softball, John Carroll University; Lexi White, softball, Otterbein University; Annie Jones, western equestrian, Albion College; (middle row from left) Sarah Thomas, volleyball, Ohio Wesleyan University; Lizzy Fields, track and field, Franciscan University of Steubenville; Emma Reynolds, field hockey and lacrosse, Ohio Wesleyan University; Erin Scully, soccer and wrestling, Trine University; Emily Copeland, soccer, Kenyon College; Mary Gamble, softball, Saint Mary's College; Maija Eglitis, volleyball, University of Toledo; (back row from left) Trae McAninch, baseball, Otterbein University; Noah Thomas, soccer, Capital University; Jake McCann, track and field, Denison University; Ryan Pardi, bass fishing, Adrian College; John Baumel, baseball, Wittenberg University; Elliott Schmidt, baseball, Wittenberg University; Layne Peters, baseball, Capital University; Nick Kudika, baseball, Baldwin Wallace University; Davis Minzler, lacrosse, Kenyon College; and Matt Jesse, baseball, Kent State Tuscarawas.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

Students on stage for St. Charles' spring play



The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will present its spring production, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5 in the St. Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad St. The cast includes James Graff (seated) and (standing, left to right) Liz Murrin, Connor McCarthy and Abby Adair. Other cast members are Pablo Bott, Tessa Bott, Grant Dine, Petrona Gale, Katie Graff, Luke Gregory, Lucia Rivera, Abigail Peppercorn, Georgia Robson, JJ Robson and Vincent Sylvester. Winner of seven Olivier Awards and five Tony Awards including Best Play, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" brings Mark Haddon's best-selling novel, adapted by two-time Olivier Award-winning playwright Simon Stephens, to life on stage. Tenacious and intelligent, Christopher is an autistic teenager who's better at solving equations than navigating a world that's stubbornly out of sync with how his mind works. After being wrongly accused of murdering his neighbor's dog, he resolves to find the real culprit. But when his investigation uncovers painful truths about his family, he dares to strike out on his own, embarking on an adventure that upturns his whole world. Ticket reservations may be placed by visiting the St. Charles website homepage at scprep.org and using the Buy Tickets button. *Photo/St. Charles*

DeSales freshman wins national skiing event



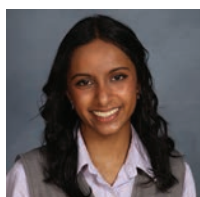
Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School freshman Evie Bishop recently won the giant-slam event in the junior division at the NASTAR Nationals at Snowmass in Aspen, Colorado, that included skiers from 40 states. Bishop trained and raced during the winter with the Mad River Mountain Alpine race team.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

DeSales senior among National Merit finalists

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School senior Maria Thomas has been named a National Merit Scholarship finalist. She is among 15,000 finalists across the country who is in the running for a National Merit Scholarship. Of the 1.3 million entrants in the National Merit Scholarship program, 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores qualified for recognition.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School



PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

BARLEYCORN, Michael, 71, April 17
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

BATTAT, R. Richard "Rick," 78, April 22
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

BEITER, Clara J., 76, April 17
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

BOWEN, Dr. Donald F., 71, April 12
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

CHAMBERS, Michael J., April 21
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

CRISTALES, Dr. Quirico G. "Ric," 83, April 22
St. Paul Church, Westerville

CHRISTY, Roberta (Sweeney), 92, April 15
St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington

CORTEZ, Louise A., 89, April 14
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

COSTELLO, William R. Jr., 60, April 7
St. Michael Church, Worthington

CROSS, John, 89, April 17
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

DIPIETRO, Grace, 67, April 12
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

FORKIN, John A. Jr., 84, April 19
St. Paul Church, Westerville

GALLICCHIO, James P., 92, April 13
St. Edward Church, Granville

GORDON, Lottie R. (Dumolt), 91, April 9
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

HEIGLEY, David C., 81, April 13
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

LAWSON, Hazel M., 90, April 21
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

McMILLEN, Melissa K. (Wagner), 46, April 18
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

MEDLEY, Donald B., 79, April 7
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

MELLE, James, 80, April 6
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

MENDINI, Louis Jr., 73, April 19
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

MUSSER, Joan A., 97, April 18
St. Peter Church, Columbus

PADGETT, Don R., 82, April 15
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

STALEY, Marian R., 99, April 23
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

VELICH, Mildred M. (Rodich), 89, April 21
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

Dr. Mary Jane O'Brien

Funeral Mass for Dr. Mary Jane O'Brien, 100, who died Tuesday, April 9, was celebrated Monday, April 15 at Columbus St. James the Less Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She was born in Cleveland on April 23, 1923 to George and Isabelle Cooper.

She was a graduate of the St. Vincent Hospital Nursing School in Cleveland and received a Bachelor's degree in nursing in 1978 from Capital University, a Master's degree in guidance and counseling from Ohio State University in 1982 and a doctoral degree in health education from Ohio State in 1995.

She was instrumental in creating and expanding the nursing program at Columbus State Community College, where she taught for 22 years. She also was an adjunct professor for the adult degree program at Capital and a board member of the Mid-Ohio Nursing Association, was inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 1995 and was chosen

Catherine E. Lampe

Funeral Mass for Catherine E. Lampe, 89, who died Tuesday, April 16, was celebrated Saturday, April 27 at Worthington St. Michael Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She was born in Iowa City, Iowa on May 4, 1934 to the late Charles and Mary Agnes (Nutting) Lampe and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1956.

She taught Latin at Iowa City High

Mother of the Year three times by local and state Mothers of Twins clubs.

At St. James the Less, she founded the parish nurse program and volunteered in many other initiatives. The parish school's gymnasium is named for her and her late husband, Gene.

She served as a student nurse in the U.S. Nurse Cadet Corps, working with wounded World War II veterans at a military hospital in Cambridge, and later was employed at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Lakewood Hospital near Cleveland and the Ohio State University Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, eight siblings and one grandchild. Survivors include sons, John (Debbie), Tony (Lynn), Brian (Linda), Danny (Janet), Dennis (Della), Mickey (Tina), Victor, Robert (Kathy) and Vincent; and daughters, Fran and Ruth (Bob); 27 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband; children Mark, Matthew (Lisa), and Jean; sisters Elizabeth (John) Verhoeven and Margaret (Don) Ralph; one grandson and two granddaughters.

Sister Mary Rosita Schiller, RSM

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Rosita Schiller, RSM, 87, who died Wednesday, April 17, was celebrated Saturday, April 27 at St. Andrew Cathedral, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

She was born Margaret Anne Schiller in New Era, Michigan to Edmund and Julia (Greiner) Schiller.

She earned a Bachelor's degree from Mercy College in Detroit, a Master of Science degree from Michigan State University and a doctorate from Ohio State University.

She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1951 and professed vows on Aug. 16, 1955.

She served as director of medical dietetics at Ohio State University's school of allied medical professions from 1978 to 2003, then retired as professor emerita to take a part-time position at St. Mary's Foundation in Grand Rapids. She began her career as a hospital dietitian in Manistee and Lansing, Michigan and

in 1966 joined the faculty at Mercy College (now the University of Detroit Mercy).

She was a fellow of the American Dietetic Association and internationally known as an educator, researcher and leader in the field of dietetics, serving in many leadership positions for state and national dietetic associations.

Among her honors were the medalion award from the American Dietetic Association and the president's award from the Ohio Dietetic Association. She was a trustee for the Mount Carmel Health System in Columbus, the Ohio State Alumni Club of West Michigan, St. Mary's Health Care and All Saints Academy in Grand Rapids and the University of Detroit Mercy.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Thomas, Father Timothy and Francis. Survivors include a brother, Joseph (Ruth); sisters, Stella O'Donnell and Rosemary (Norman) Byrne; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Lou Pelzer

Funeral Mass for Mary Lou Pelzer, 83, who died Wednesday, April 10, was celebrated Wednesday, April 17 at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, Columbus.

She was born on Feb. 24, 1941, in Cleveland to John and Marcelline (Hassett) Hannon, graduated from Ursuline College in Cleveland and received a Master's degree at Ohio University.

She was a third-grade teacher at Columbus Immaculate Conception School and with her husband, Dan, was an active member at Columbus St. Phil-

ip Church. The couple had resided at the Villas at St. Therese in Columbus from the time it opened in 1999 until she moved to Mother McCrory Manor, which is nearby, in 2021 to receive intensive nursing care.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters Alice Hannon and Bee Jay McGreal. Survivors include her husband; son, John (Amy); daughter, Marci (James LeDuc); brothers, Tom and Pete (Linda); one grandson and two granddaughters.

Sister Cyrilla Jackels, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Cyrilla Jackels, OSF, 100, who died Friday, April 5, was celebrated Tuesday, April 9, at the Holy Family Convent Chapel in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, followed by burial in the convent cemetery.

She was born Elizabeth Jackels on April 9, 1923 in Kaukauna, Wisconsin to Nickolas and Christina (Schmidt) Jackels.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Holy Family College in Manitowoc. She joined the Franciscan Sisters of

Christian Charity in Manitowoc in 1941 and professed her vows in 1944.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a sponsor presence representative for the Genesis HealthCare System in Zanesville from 2001 to 2013. She served in Peru as a teacher from 1969 to 2000 except for a one-year sabbatical and also taught at schools in Wisconsin, Hawaii and Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and six sisters and is survived by nieces and nephews.

Patrick J. Purcell Jr.

Funeral Mass for Patrick J. Purcell Jr., 79, who died Monday, April 8, as celebrated Tuesday, April 16 at Columbus St. Patrick Church.

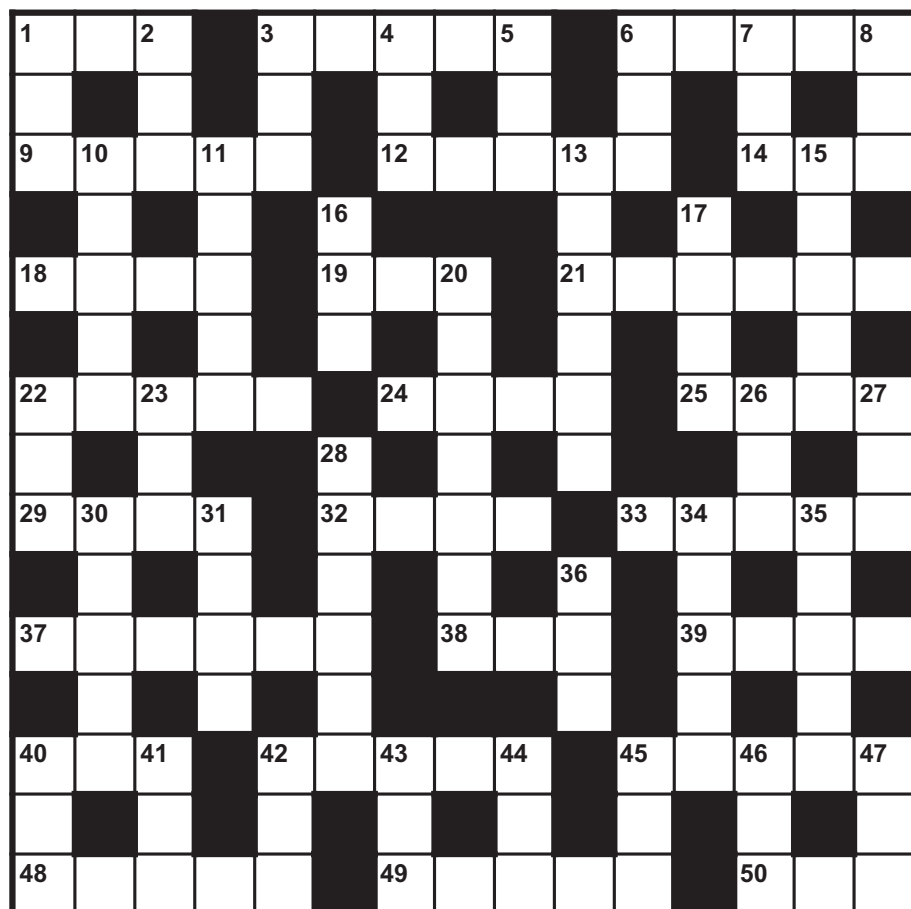
He was born on Oct. 20, 1944 to Patrick and Regina Purcell, graduated from Columbus Aquinas College High School and Ohio State University and received a Master's degree from Ashland University.

He spent 30 years as a coach and

teacher at Ohio Dominican College (now University) and Columbus Bishop Ready, Marion Elgin, Whitehall, Hebron Lakewood and Heath high schools.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Kathleen Pepper, Sue Dennis and Theresa Helpfrey. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen (Schwarz); a son, Shawn (Jamie); a daughter, Jennifer Ryan; a brother, Michael (Patty); and five grandchildren.

CATHOLIC CROSSWORD



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ACROSS

- 1 Animal of sacrifice in the Old Testament
- 3 "Let there be ____." (Gen 1:3)
- 6 She left her prophet husband for another man
- 9 Victorious church hall cry
- 12 Catholic comedian DeVito
- 14 Religious instruction, formerly (abbr.)
- 18 "...all run the ____ but only one wins the prize" (1 Cor 9:24)
- 19 Mercy Sisters letters
- 21 "But after I am ____ up, I shall go before you to Galilee." (Mt 26:32)
- 22 Church songs
- 24 Paulist digital ministry, Busted ____
- 25 Symbol of Mark
- 29 Papal order
- 32 Herod offered this much of his kingdom to Herodias' daughter
- 33 The ____ at the Well
- 37 Certain angel
- 38 "For however many are the promises of God, their ____ is in him." (2 Cor 1:20)
- 39 "...thy will be ____."
- 40 "How Great Thou ____"
- 42 They often signal the start of a religious service
- 45 Instrument of execution on which Christ died
- 48 "____ to God in the highest"
- 49 The ____ of Babel
- 50 Matthew collected this before he met Jesus

DOWN

- 1 Adam donation
- 2 Isle in the Archdiocese of Liverpool
- 3 Pope who wrote Rerum Novarum, ____ XIII
- 4 He called to Adam, "Where are you?" (Gen 3:9)

- 5 Number of horns on the dragon in Revelation
- 6 Catholic Fawkes of the Gunpowder Plot
- 7 Mary ____ Killop, saintly founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph
- 8 Parted sea
- 10 Archdiocese of Bologna is here
- 11 Liturgical color
- 13 Enter by the ____ gate
- 15 "____ in Deum Patrem omnipotentem..."
- 16 "He has shown might with his ____." (Lk 1:51)
- 17 ____ the fatted calf
- 20 Founder of 19A
- 22 James lead-in (abbr.)
- 23 OT prophetic book
- 26 "____ the Good Shepherd" (Jn 10:14)
- 27 She takes vows
- 28 Paul mentions her in Romans 16
- 30 One who helps you find a vacant seat in the pews
- 31 "Are you the one who is to come, or should we ____ for another?" (Lk 7:19)
- 34 Group of religious
- 35 "____ Dei"
- 36 "____ and it will be given to you" (Mt 7:7)
- 40 Month of the Assumption (abbr.)
- 41 Number of each animal Noah took in the ark
- 42 Canadian Diocese of Thunder ____
- 43 His wife was turned to salt
- 44 "____ for yourselves justice" (Hos 10:12)
- 45 Abbr. for two OT books
- 46 Mon. of the Rosary
- 47 Day on which God created man

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of diapers their child will need before they are potty trained."

A recent report indicated about half of American families need more diapers than they have, and the results affect those families in many ways that aren't immediately obvious. Daycare facilities usually require parents to provide diapers for their children, for example, so a family that can't afford diapers can't take their kids to daycare, and without childcare, parents can't work, she said.

And the health factors can be serious. Moms know how quickly a diaper rash can pop up, and how those rashes can turn quickly into major emotional and physical problems if clean diapers aren't available.

The Bottoms Up effort is year-round, but the World's Largest Diaper Drive in May is the big push. Civic clubs, churches,

school, businesses, men's and women's groups and others are recruited to facilitate local participation and distribute diapers largely in the areas where they were donated, through organizations serving community needs. During the year, Bottoms Up organizes 100 or more local diaper drives in 21 Ohio counties, with a staff of four and warehouses in Portsmouth, Chillicothe, Columbus and Lancaster.

"We're coming into the home stretch for this year's drive," Welsh said. "From May 1 through May 31, we'll be helping our participating organizations get the word out, recruit donors and volunteers, and manage pickups. Getting involved is easy, and there are still opportunities to be part of a project we guarantee will bring a smile to the faces of countless babies."

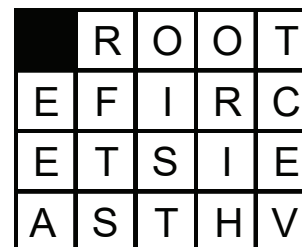
For more information, call Bottoms Up at (740) 808-6131 or visit www.bottomsup.life.

Words of Wisdom

by Pat Battaglia, aka Dr. Fun

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Bishop celebrates anniversary Mass at JP II center



Bishop Earl Fernandes offered a Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 27 at the Columbus John Paul II Early Childhood Center with children and families in attendance. The center, under the direction of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its founding this year. *CT photos by Ken Snow*

LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

Bishop Fernandes to keynote Steubenville conference

Bishop Earl Fernandes will be the keynote speaker at the fourth annual Truth of Love Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville from Friday to Sunday, June 21 to 23.

The conference theme, “My Body Given for You (Luke 22:19): The Eucharist and the Logic of the Gift,” will address the logic behind the pro-abortion slogan, “My body, my choice.” It will offer a Catholic perspective that understands the meaning of the human body not as a matter of choice but as a gift. Special emphasis will be given to the body’s significance as revealed in the Eucharist.

Conference speakers will explore this topic from three perspectives: the body as gift in relation to vocation, how the body as gift transforms our moral life, and how the body as gift is also a social body, embedded in the Church and in society and therefore in history and tradition.

Other conference speakers will include the Rev. Dr. José Granados of Madrid, a member of the Veritas Amoris Project; Dr. Scott Hahn, professor of theology at Franciscan; Dr. Stephan Kampowski, professor of philosophical anthropology at the Pontifical John Paul II Theological

Institute in Rome; Dr. Katharina Westhorstmann, professor of theology and medical ethics at Franciscan’s Austrian study abroad program; and Dr. Nicholas Healy, associate professor of philosophy and culture at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington.

Catholic Social Services hires development vice president

Julie Naporano will join Catholic Social Services (CSS) as vice president of development, effective May 13. She will lead efforts to strengthen partnerships, grow awareness, increase philanthropic support and position CSS as a stronger resource for communities throughout the Diocese of Columbus.

She is rejoining the agency after being its development and communications director from 2017 to 2022. She has worked for the past two years as a philanthropic adviser for Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School.

She also has done development and fundraising work for The Catholic Foundation, Catholic Youth Summer Camp, Cradling Christianity, the Legatus Catholic business group and the Homeport

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the Marysville area in need of a bed. “A few days after that, me and my boss at Penske Truck Leasing, where I was working at the time, were talking about ways the company could give back to the community and he mentioned something he had seen on TV about Sleep in Heavenly Peace,” a national organization based in Twin Falls, Idaho.

“I think those two conversations within a week of each other were a sign that I needed to do something,” he said, “so I got in touch with the group in Idaho, learned that they had no central Ohio chapters and traveled to Twin Falls for a day of training. The first build I was involved with was for an individual family and others have been through builders and real estate agents.”

Kitzler said SHP, a nondenominational organization, is founded on Christian values but doesn’t stress that aspect because it doesn’t want volunteers or bed recipients to feel that only Christians can be involved in the organization.

The organization’s website says it has about 200 chapters in the United States and Canada and has built more than 100,000 beds. It was founded in Twin Falls by Luke and Heidi Mickelson, who continue to be its leaders.

It started when Mickelson, a church youth pastor, and his youth group built beds for a family in the church at Christmastime. The Mickelsons then decided to build another bed and offer it on



A bunk bed under construction

Facebook, and the response to the offer and the community support it received were so overwhelming it ultimately led Mickelson to form SHP as a full-time ministry.

“I grew up in a middle-class family and the thought of not having a bed never crossed my mind,” Kitzler said. “When the opportunity came to help those who need a bed, especially kids who have no control over their situation, I couldn’t turn it down. I knew I had to step up.”

“If the same situation ever came to my family, I would hope people would help me. It’s all about taking care of each other. As the SHP motto says, ‘No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!’”

For information on obtaining a bed or donating to the organization, go to <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/oh-marysville>.

housing organization.

“One of the wonderful aspects of being Catholic is the sense of belonging to a larger community. Catholic Social Services embodies this spirit every day by touching the lives of each person they encounter. I’m honored to join the team and look forward to contributing to the new growth and direction of fostering community, offering hope and providing support to those in most need,” she said.

S. Kelley Henderson, president and chief executive officer of CSS, said, “I am excited to welcome her back to this team, and for where we might go in the future with her leadership.”

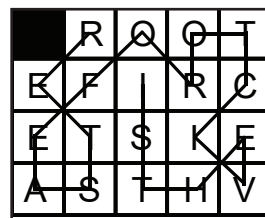
“At Catholic Social Services, we are moving into an exciting future; one that honors where we have been while exploring a fresh expression of where we might add value in the future. This fresh expression is rooted in the parable of the

Good Samaritan, where we learn what it means to be a good neighbor. Here, now, Jesus is asking us to ‘Go and do likewise.’ This simple and timely call is what will guide our journey together.”

CSS invites potential volunteers and organizations to reach out and take action to support the meaningful work of the organization. To learn more, go to www.colssc.org.

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WORDS OF WISDOM SOLUTION

St. Michael pre-K turns into hatchery

Worthington St. Michael pre-Kindergarten teachers recently participated in ChickQuest training through GrowNextGen and were provided with \$300 worth of equipment, including an egg turner, incubator and classroom materials. Last year, chicks were successfully hatched in one of the classrooms and this year different classrooms were able to hatch ducklings, chicks, quail and even an endangered Dutch Hookbill duck. Students learned about the unique characteristics of the animals and enjoyed duckling swim lessons.

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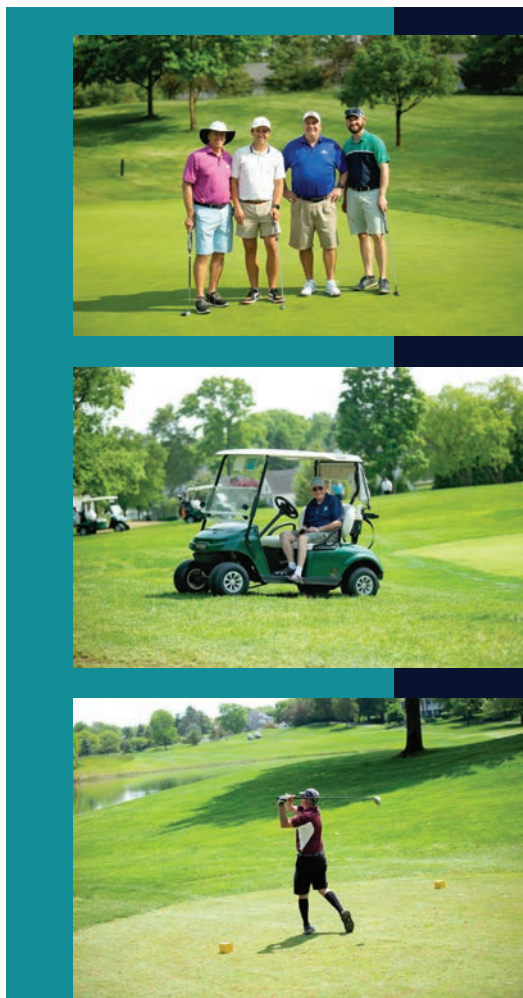
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