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Deacon Petrill begins new role as director of diaconate office

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

Deacon Stephen Petrill has been named director of the diocesan Office of the Diaconate and assumes the role July 1, following Deacon Frank Iannarino, the director of ministry and life for the permanent diaconate who will retire at the end of June.

Deacon Petrill has served as director of diaconal formation since May 2023. He had been associate director of the Office of the Diaconate since November 2022.

"I'm really humbled to be asked to serve in this role, really excited and mainly grateful," Deacon Petrill said. "I look forward to helping the bishop, the priests, the deacons and the people, the diocese."

As director, Deacon Petrill will continue his duties overseeing the formation process for men who aspire and are in candidacy for ordination to the Order of Diaconate. He will also support the newly ordained in their assignments after ordination and communicate Bishop Earl Fernandes' vision for the diaconate in the diocese.

Deacon Petrill said he will "help the

diaconate in this diocese to be the best it can be under all of our human limitations, including mine."

He also serves as a deacon at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church. He was ordained to the diaconate in 2016 by Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell and was first assigned to Powell St. Joan of Arc Church before coming to St. Brigid, his home parish, two years ago.

"Next to my family, speaking personally, the greatest joy of my life is being a deacon," he said. "It's a lot of work, but so is anything that's worth doing."

In addition to his work in the Office of the Diaconate and service at St. Brigid, Deacon Petrill is a full-time professor of psychology at the Ohio State University. His research involves various intellectual disabilities, including Dyslexia.

Deacon Petrill received a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and a master's and doctorate in psychology from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He completed postdoctoral studies in London.

Prior to his work at Ohio State, Deacon Petrill was a professor at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut and Penn State University.

A Cleveland native, Deacon Petrill



Deacon Stephen Petrill



Deacon Frank Iannarino

moved to Columbus in 2006 with his wife, Dawn, and three children. He met Deacon Iannarino, a deacon at St. Brigid, a few years later.

Deacon Petrill said he had experienced a calling to the diaconate. He eventually reached out to Deacon Iannarino, who then became his formation director.

Deacon Iannarino served as director of the Office of the Diaconate for more than three decades.

"He leaves a long history," Deacon

Petrill said. "He's formed most of the deacons in the diocese."

Deacon Iannarino began in October 1991 when Bishop Emeritus James Griffin, who ordained him to the Order of Diaconate in 1989, established the diocesan Office of the Diaconate. The permanent diaconate was restored in the United States in 1968 after the close of the Second Vatican Council.

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Bishop addresses Juneteenth celebration

Below is an excerpt from a letter written by Bishop Earl Fernandes to the parishioners at Columbus St. Dominic Church for their annual Juneteenth celebrations:

As you know, it was on June 19, 1865 that Major General Gordon Granger ordered the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas at the end of the Civil War, drawing to a close a sordid period of history which pitted brother against brother in the United States. Of course, it was preceded by a longer period of time when men and women were treated as objects to be used rather than as persons to be loved. Great cruelty and violence prevailed over common sense. People simply refused to acknowledge the reality before them – that each person is made in the image and likeness of God; that each person possesses dignity; and that a person's worth is not based on what he or



she has or does but is rooted in simply being. This self-evident truth was denied because of profit or bigotry or both. The denial of human dignity, because of the color of a person's skin or race, was

and is a blight on the history of humanity. As I have said before, racism is a sin, and every form of racism must be eradicated from the Church and society.

A recent Vatican document, *Dignitas Infinita* (n. 6), put it this way:

Indeed, only by "acknowledging the dignity of each human person" can we "contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity." Pope Francis affirms that "the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ," but even human reason can arrive at this conviction through reflection and dialogue since "the dignity of others is to be respected in all circumstances, not because that dignity is something we have invented or imagined, but because human beings possess an intrinsic worth superior to that of material objects and contingent situations. This requires that they be treated differently. That every human being possesses

an inalienable dignity is a truth that corresponds to human nature apart from all cultural change."

Although June 19, 1865, is worth celebrating, we must acknowledge that even after that date a long period of inequality, prejudice and racism continued. Many have worked hard to establish a more just and equitable society; nevertheless, we must not allow new attacks on human dignity and new forms of racism and slavery to gain traction. As you celebrate Juneteenth, I invite you to thank Almighty God for the gift of life He has given you and to remember your own dignity as a child of God. Give thanks to God for the freedom you enjoy, but ask Him for the grace to use your freedom for excellence; for a more just society; for building the civilization of love; for advancing the Kingdom of Christ – a Kingdom of truth, goodness, and love.



Front page photo CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP

Young people experience a faith- and fun-filled week at Catholic Youth Summer Camp on the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus that included a closing Mass on June 21 with Bishop Earl Fernandes. *CT photos by Ken Snow and photos courtesy Damascus Catholic Mission Campus*

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Catholic Youth Summer Camp mixes faith, fun

"Jesus isn't boring. His Church isn't either."

This caption appears on the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus website and this is how kids, teenagers, university students, and adult men and women experience Christ at Catholic Youth Summer Camp.

A unique blend of enthusiasm for the Catholic faith in the staff and volunteers is felt everywhere during the weeklong camps on the Damascus campus, located within the Diocese of Columbus in rural Knox County.

The official chaplain for Damascus, appointed by the Diocese of Columbus, is Father William J. Slattery. He is a friend and classmate of Bishop Earl Fernandes from the time that both were studying for their doctorates in Rome at the Pontifical North American College.

Born in Ireland, Father Slattery was ordained by St. Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Basilica in 1991. He has a Ph.D. in alethic logic from the Gregorian University and an STL in theology from the Lateran University. Starting this academic year, he will also be professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville as well as the chaplain at Denison University.

He has appeared on EWTN and is the author of *Heroism and Genius* (Ignatius Press), *The Logic of Truth* (Leonardo da Vinci Press) and other books. His next book *Ultramodern Catholicism: How to Re-Enchant the Modern Lifestyle* (Our Sunday Visitor Press) will be published next spring with a foreword by Mark Wahlberg. The movie star endorsed it with these words: "This book slam dunks why I'm proud to be Catholic." It will be followed by *Men Wildly Alive: Why Chivalry is Manhood's Greatest Coach*. Another book, *Mystical Mass*, will follow these.

"At the end of every school retreat at Damascus, there are teenagers who go on stage to tell hundreds of their fellow students in the auditorium that they have decided either to convert to the Catholic faith or to return to it," Father Slattery told *The Catholic Times*.

"The secret to the success of Damascus is the eternal secret to successful evangelization: enthusiastic Catholics bringing people closer to the Mass, confession, Our Lady, the angels and the



Father William Slattery (right), the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus chaplain, chats with 13-year-old Owen Wood, a member of Columbus St. Cecilia Church.



Lucy Thompson of Chillicothe St. Peter Church prays during prayer lab time.



Campers gather in small prayer labs at the Marian grotto to learn how to pray, meditate and contemplate.

CT photos by Ken Snow

saints.

"In the summertime, each morning, you see about 600 teenagers and kids sitting on the lawns of Damascus or beside 'Lake Joy' doing 'Prayer Labs' where they learn how to pray and even to take the first steps in contemplative prayer."

Aiden Abshire, an Ohio State University student from Plainfield, Illinois, is one

of the young adult counselors, returning for the second straight year.

"I really like the authenticity and confidence of everyone there," he said. "I started getting involved because I belong to the Buckeye Catholic community at the (St. Thomas More) Newman Center. This really allowed me to pursue, and take ownership, of my faith. And a few of

Elise Mays, a member of Columbus St. Andrew Church, gives a testimony on her experience at Catholic Youth Summer Camp.

them had worked here (CYSC) through some summers and said how transformational it was in their lives.

"And I knew I wanted to give something to God for once in my life, so I said 'yes' last summer, and I began to see my life really become transformed."

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Additional clergy assignments announced

The Diocese of Columbus announced the following clergy assignments on the weekend of June 15-16:

Reverend P.J. Brandimarti, from Parochial Vicar, St. John the Baptist Parish, Mount Vernon and Danville, to Administrator, Church of the Ascension Parish, Johnstown, effective August 1, 2024.

Reverend David Poliafico, resuming the office of pastor at St. Timothy Parish, Columbus, effective June 9, 2024. (Fr. Dan Ochs will conclude his service as admin-

istrator on June 9, 2024)

Reverend Daniel Dury, continuing as pastor at St. John Neumann Parish, Sunbury, effective August 1, 2024.

Reverend Jason Fox, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. John Neumann Parish, Sunbury, effective July 9, 2024.

Confirming the appointment by the Provincial of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, **Reverend Jesse Chick, CFIC**, from Parochial Vicar, Church of the Ascension Parish, Johnstown, and

hospital ministry, to service outside the diocese, effective May 20, 2024.

Confirming the appointment of the Superior of the Heralds of the Good News, **Reverend Jins Kuppakara Devasia, HGN**, from Parochial Vicar, St. John Neumann Parish, Sunbury, to part-time Parochial Vicar, Church of the Ascension Parish, Johnstown, and part-time hospital ministry, effective July 9, 2024.

Confirming the appointment of the Superior of the Heralds of the Good

News, **Reverend Anish Thomas, HGN**, continuing as Parochial Vicar, Church of the Resurrection Parish, New Albany, effective July 9, 2024.

Reverend Stephen M. Smith, from Pastor, Church of the Ascension Parish, Johnstown, to Pastor, St. John Paul II Scito Catholic Parish, Portsmouth, effective August 1, 2024. (Fr. Peter Gideon will conclude his service as administrator on August 1, 2024)

A life of service for the Church to those in need

If the measure of a man is his service to God, Jerry Freewalt more than measured up.

The diocese's director of the Office for Social Concerns passed away earlier this month at age 51. He left the world way too soon, but he'll be remembered for his impact on so many people.

Most anyone would want it said about them after their passing that he was a good guy. That's exactly what those who knew Freewalt were saying about him in the days after his death.

Freewalt's funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, June 19, by Bishop Earl Fernandes at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Emeritus James Griffin and Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell joined Bishop Fernandes on the altar along with priests from the diocese.

To have three bishops and a nearly-full cathedral attend a funeral Mass showed how much respect the diocese had for Freewalt and his work.

For nearly a quarter century, Freewalt worked for the diocese's Office for Social Concerns, first as a program associate, then as associate director and finally as a director. He also spent 15 months as the director of the Catholic Conference of Ohio, which represents the bishops of the state's dioceses and eparchies to help them carry out public policy initiatives.

Freewalt loved that work. He was good at it. He was a determined advocate. And everyone he worked with respected him and his passion.

Most of his professional efforts involved the Corporal Works of Mercy. He fought for the needs of the underserved on issues that affected the common good – the poor and disadvantaged, unborn children, mothers, inmates, seniors, farmers, the death penalty, mental health and the environment. He served on various boards and created programs such as Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope (ARCH) and the Walking Stations of the Cross in downtown Columbus in addition to leading thousands of students and adults in service projects throughout central Ohio.

Outside of the office, he dedicated himself to his most important work – being a husband and father and a faithful follower of Christ. That was evident from the

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list of family and church activities that he was involved with through the years. His obituary listed his numerous accomplishments and areas of engagement.

Catholic Times readers knew Freewalt from the many Faith in Action columns he wrote over the past two decades in a rotation that included Office for Social Concerns colleagues Mark Huddy and Erin Cordle. He informed the diocese through his writing about the important work he was involved in and often encouraged the faithful to become engaged themselves in initiatives that were important to him.

Since his passing, many people have shared their thoughts about Freewalt. Here are just a few:

Beth Vanderkooi, executive director of Greater Columbus Right to Life: "Every day, Jerry Freewalt brought Jesus to a broken and hurting world. He was a kind, humble, and loving man who lived fully his conviction that every life is sacred and has dignity. He enjoyed politics and saw it as a way to help the marginalized and most vulnerable in our society. Certainly, he was a valued partner in the protection of the unborn and the support of their families, but he will also be remembered for his work on Ohio's law and policy for multi-system youth, rural development, education, criminal justice reform (and ending the death penalty), poverty cessation, and care of creation. Jerry defied partisan labels, because in a world where so many conform their faith to their politics, Jerry worked every day to live his faith and take it to politics. I was honored to be his friend and will miss him."

Bob and Mary Ginn Ryan, founders of SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education) for students with special needs: "Jerry was not only one of the first supporters of SPICE, but he continued his support ever since our beginnings. His support was sincere and he truly understood SPICE's mission. Jerry really 'got it.' We always felt that if Jerry supported you, it was a real compliment and that you were doing the right thing."

Brian Hickey, who followed Freewalt as the director

of the Catholic Conference of Ohio: "One of Jerry's best personal and professional qualities that stood out to me was his principledness regarding Catholic social and moral teaching and his non-partisan attitude in proclaiming and advocating for the dignity of life in all stages and circumstances. Jerry could get along and connect with any legislator or collaborator to advocate for the good. His gift in this way led to changed hearts and minds and tangible outcomes, which will live on."

Mark Butler, who worked with Freewalt on various initiatives, including the OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence) program that helps children and families stay together while facing medical challenges and the Multi-System Youth Custody Relinquishment Fund: "Jerry exemplified Catholic Social Teaching more than anyone I've known. He deeply valued the dignity of every person and went out of his way to uplift everyone he encountered. Because of Jerry's dedication and willingness to share his own experiences with legislators, children with complex needs in Ohio today have access to services and can stay in their family homes. He wasn't just an effective professional; he was a compassionate advocate. I am honored to have been his friend for 26 years and to have collaborated with him frequently in the pursuit of justice and peace."

Sister Christine Pratt, who worked with Freewalt for several decades on rural life and social justice initiatives while she served in the Diocese of Toledo: "I was always very proud to know him. We did a lot of work together when we did a statement on agriculture (expressing) our concerns about large-scale agriculture and the impact on environment and people. We did a lot of tours around the state visiting all kinds of farms and processing plants, large-scale chicken operations, hog operations, processing plants, all of that together. We learned and educated one another about what was happening in agriculture. ... In our social justice ministries, our call is to take the Gospel and help people. In our rural ministry, I always say Jesus came from a small town. He had an appreciation of the gifts and the

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Coming soon: A Holy Year of Hope

On April 9, the Vatican crossed a key milestone in the runup to the 2025 once-every-quarter-century Jubilee with the official decree establishing the Holy Year of Hope.

Pope Francis presided over a ceremony in the atrium of St. Peter's Basilica for the reading of the papal bull, or official edict, that laid out his vision for a year of hope.

"Hope is needed by God's creation, gravely damaged and disfigured by human selfishness. Hope is needed by those peoples and nations who look to the future with anxiety and fear," Pope Francis said.

He asked for gestures of solidarity for the poor, prisoners, migrants and the earth. The papal bull also announced that he will open a Holy Door in a prison "as a sign inviting prisoners to look to the future with hope and a renewed sense of confidence."

The Holy Year is a centuries-old tradition with pilgrimages to Rome to visit the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul and to receive indulgences for the forgiveness of their sins in the process. Pope Boniface VIII declared the first Holy Year in 1300, and now they are held every 25 years. On Dec. 24, 2024, Pope Francis will open the basilica's Holy Door and formally inaugurate the Jubilee.

FAITH IN ACTION | Erin Cordle

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In 2015, Pope Francis called for an interim Holy Year devoted to mercy. I was lucky to have been in Rome in June that year. Quite by accident, as I rounded a corner heading to the basilica, the first door I came to was the Holy Door. It was discretely guarded by two plain-clothed men with earbuds.

As a convert, I knew the Holy Door was important but not much more. However, I can tell you that when I walked through that Vatican Holy Door, I had the biggest goose bumps on my arms. I was in awe of the experience and the feelings that overwhelmed me. I was thankful that no one was behind me as I actually froze for a moment. What a blessing and an awakening!

While I realize the next Holy Year begins in 2025, I wanted to share this experience as a testimony about our need to take advantage of holy opportunities that aren't annual events. For example, we experienced a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage here in the diocese in

June leading up to the National Eucharistic Congress in July in Indianapolis. The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton route (one of four routes) began in Connecticut and spent the week of June 24-30 in our diocese.

From our diocesan website, Bishop Earl Fernandes wrote:

"The National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States, is preparing for Year Two – the Year of Parish Revival (2023-2024). The Eucharistic Revival is an historic and important national movement to help the faithful fall in love with Jesus, especially in the Eucharist, and be inspired and equipped to share that love with others... we have a tremendous opportunity to renew our parishes during the next year. In the nine days leading up to the feast of Corpus Christi, I will be offering Mass and leading Eucharistic processions throughout the Diocese and invite you and your parishioners to participate in these regional events."

I hope and pray that you participate in these extraordinary opportunities and experience the same sense of awe and blessedness that I did walking through the Vatican Holy Door in 2015.

Why not wildly colored vestments at Mass?

Dear Father,
Why are the priest's vestments green all the time? I think it's boring. I once saw a priest wearing rainbow-colored vestments and liked it. Can you or the Bishop tell the priests to switch it up a bit?
-Iris

Dear Iris,
You raise an interesting point about why the priest at Mass cannot do whatever he pleases. This applies to which vestments he wears, their color and all the other rubrics or instructions for celebrating each of the sacraments. This particularly applies to the Mass because it is our supreme act of worship of Almighty God, and is a serious matter, not to be toyed with at the whim of anyone.

In recent centuries, there are only several colors we may use at Mass celebrated according to the Roman rite: gold, white, black, violet, red, rose and green. These are not the colors of the rainbow or may so-called rainbow vestments be worn, even if the rainbow is most properly the sign of the covenant that God made with Noah. Other Western Catholic rites sometimes use other colors particular to them alone.

Each of the Roman Catholic Mass colors has a special significance for each Mass that is celebrated. A priest, or even a bishop for that matter, has very limited options on the color he wears at Mass. Here is a mostly complete explanation of the colors used at Mass and other liturgies.

Gold (or silver) is a festive color symbolizing light and joy. It is worn for the most special solemnities celebrated at Mass, such as Easter, Christmas and special days in the life of a diocese, parish or religious order.

According to a source well-positioned to know, one of the behind-the-scenes dramas of the present pontificate involved Pope Francis' determination to amend the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and declare capital punishment an intrinsically evil act: something that can never be countenanced. After a lengthy and bruising argument over whether that was doctrinally possible, a compromise was reached and CCC 2267 now declares the death penalty "inadmissible" – a strong term, but one with no technical theological or doctrinal meaning.

Has the papal campaign against capital punishment now achieved its objective through the recent declaration of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Dignitas Infinita* (Infinite Dignity)?

There, the Dicastery wrote that the death penalty "violates the inalienable dignity of every person, regardless of the circumstances" (34). That subordinate clause (*al di là di ogni circostanza*, in the Italian original) is striking. For the paragraph in *Dignitas Infinita* in which it appears cites paragraph 27 of Vatican II's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et Spes*), where the Council fathers identified as crimes against human dignity "all offenses against life itself, such as murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia and willful suicide; all violations of the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, physical and mental torture, (and) undue psychological pressures ... " That, in turn, was the paragraph cited by Pope John Paul II in the 1993 encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* to identify intrinsically evil acts: acts that are wicked by their very nature. And as John Paul wrote in *Veritatis Splendor* 81, "If acts are intrinsically evil, a good intention or particular circumstances can diminish their evil, but

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

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White, also symbolizing light and joy, is worn during the Easter and Christmas seasons and on the days that we celebrate saints who were popes, bishops and priests, as well as those saints who were in religious vows.

Masses honoring our Blessed Mother call for the priest to wear white. White is worn on other special days of the year, such as celebrations of the Angels, the birthday of St John the Baptist, the Chair of Peter (nowadays referring to St. Peter's taking pastoral responsibility in Rome) and the Conversion of St. Paul.

Red has a double meaning. First, it symbolizes blood. And so, red is worn on Palm Sunday and Good Friday as a sign of the blood Christ shed for love of us. It is also worn on days that we celebrate saints who died as martyrs, as a sign of the blood they shed for love of Christ. The second meaning of red is fire. Thus, red is worn for Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire.

Black, a sign of mourning, naturally is worn for funerals. This was the long-standing custom until the 1970s. Then white tended to predominate at funerals as a sign of our hope in the resurrection. Many Masses for the dead now use violet or even black. My only concern about wearing white at funerals is that we some-

Rupture by stealth?

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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they cannot remove it. They remain 'irremediably' evil acts; *per se* and in themselves, they are not capable of being ordered to God and to the good of the person."

So when *Dignitas Infinita* 34 teaches that "one should (also) mention the death penalty" when citing the list of grave evils identified in *Gaudium et Spes* 27, which are the evils John Paul II used in *Veritatis Splendor* 81 to illustrate the concept of acts that are inherently evil irrespective of circumstances, was *Dignitas Infinita* making a stealth move to achieve the goal Pope Francis was unable to achieve in his proposed revision of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on the question of capital punishment?

I am not a fan of the death penalty. It is too often applied in the United States. It is certainly applied in grotesquely inhumane and promiscuous ways in China, Russia, and countries suffering under jihadist and radical Islamist regimes.

But to assert that capital punishment is intrinsically evil is to assert that the entire Catholic tradition from St. Augustine to St. John Paul II got something of grave moral significance wrong. It is also to assert that the Bible, the revealed Word of God, teaches falsely, e.g., in Romans 13:3-4: "For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of him who is in authority? Then do what is good and you will re-

ceive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain; he is the servant of God to execute his wrath on the wrongdoer."

And the assertion of either of those two things cannot underwrite a genuine *development* of doctrine. Rather, those assertions risk a collapse into what the great theorist of doctrinal development, St. John Henry Newman, called "doctrinal corruption" – an omnipresent danger in the Church, brilliantly explored by Matthew Levering in *Newman on Doctrinal Corruption* (Word on Fire Academic, 2022).

Given that *Dignitas Infinita* was the result of a somewhat rocky editorial process (described rather blandly in the declaration's prefatory note by the prefect of the doctrinal dicastery, Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernández), it is not clear whether what was afoot in *Dignitas Infinita* 34 was editorial sloppiness or an intentional, if stealthy, rupture with revelation and tradition. That it could be the latter is suggested by the fact that, over the past decade, stealth measures, in the form of ambiguities, have been employed to achieve certain ends the present pontificate could not achieve by other means, such as Holy Communion for Catholics in canonically irregular marriages or blessings for those in homosexual unions.

All of which underscores the bottom-line issue in the Catholic Church today: Is divine revelation, embodied in Scripture and the Church's tradition, real, and does it have binding authority over time? Or can the truths of revelation, mediated through two millennia of tradition, be modified by contemporary human experience and sensibility?

While you may see green quite a bit during the year, a regular Mass-goer is certain to see many other colors. To use your term, we are already switching it up quite a bit. Just not the rainbow.

times mask our grief at the passing of a loved one. Violet and black help us admit our loss. They also remind us of our need to offer prayers and penances for the deceased so that they may have their time in purgatory shortened and may gain heaven speedily.

Violet can be thought of as a softening of the color black. That's why it is appropriate for funerals but is the primary vestment color during Lent and Advent. Lent is the time for mourning our sins because they have offended God and caused our separation from Him. Violet and penance go hand in hand. Advent, too, is the time for violet because we are preparing for Christmas. We want to remove the spiritual obstacles that stand in the way of celebrating Christ's First Coming but without the severity of Lenten penances.

Rose vestments are used only two days of the year: the fourth Sunday of Lent and the third Sunday of Advent. Rose is a softening of violet and signifies our joyful anticipation of either Easter or Christmas.

Finally, green is used for all the other days of our Church calendar. Green can make us think of plants and therefore life. It is also a sign of hope in eternal life, especially as we ponder our Lord's resurrection from the dead. It also points to the fact that we are not celebrating a feast or a special season of some sort in the Church.

The use of various colors at Mass developed over a long period of time. In fact, it wasn't until the 13th century that Pope Innocent III mandated some of the colors to be used.

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Only God should be placed on a pedestal

You're such a good mom, they say with admiration. Teach me, their eyes say. Share your wisdom or your secret strategy to raising such great kids.

I take a breath, smile, and thank them, telling them that truly any goodness they see must come from the Lord. Though true and meant from my heart, these comments only seek to elevate a false sense of my motherhood. As they walk away, I lean on a table for strength, the pressure of the sanctity they have bestowed upon me stealing my breath and making my step falter. I wish they could see how I see them; their joy, their youthfulness, their creativity and energy in mothering.

I am no saint. Oh, I am attempting to get there, but trust me I am not even close. This is not a false humility. Each one of us can look within and know the depths to which we are steeped in sin. Those parts come easily to mind when we speak the words, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the words and my soul shall be healed."

That healing? That is what I crave. That is what I need. That is what drives me to be better. I know my identity and walking in it takes a surrender to His will

ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard

MaryBeth Eberhard writes about marriage, life experiences of a large family and special needs. She attends Sunbury St. John Neumann Church.



that pushes away and purifies any of my desires to the point of bending me low. But low is where I want to be. For Him, I need to be on my knees.

The eight children I am blessed to call my own do not make me more holy than the dear friend who holds one child close to her heart. The two wheelchairs that are parked beside my children's beds at night do not make me more holy than the mother who quietly suffers as her child struggles with depression and anxiety. Caring for them challenges me; at times, it can be a near occasion of sin with how much it demands of me.

How often I am tempted to listen to the thoughts of weariness, frustration and surrender that permeate my thoughts. Our adoption journey, my battle with cancer, our decision to homeschool. none of these make me more of a saint. Please do not put me upon that pedestal. Do not place anyone there. Only God should be

elevated.

Each of us has a journey toward sanctity and each one is unique to whom the Lord is calling us to be. In essence, in staying true to our unique path of sanctity, we are being formed more closely to who God has created us to be. He even paves out the way for us, with our suffering. Instead of pedestals, perhaps we should offer honest recognition that the journey is hard.

Parenting of any type, any style, is crazy beautiful and agonizingly difficult. So many of us look upon others with rose-colored glasses thinking they must have the secret recipe for parenting. We cannot possibly see behind their doors, inside their hearts. But surely we all know the reality. It's unspoken but universally known.

I am in awe of the Lord's goodness. I praise Him for his steadfastness. His trust, His faith in me, and His provision for my family over the years are endless and deep, and for that, it is Him who I choose to elevate, Him who I will emulate, and Him who I will place upon the pedestal saying You are such a good, good Father.

To read more of MaryBeth Eberhard's writing, visit her website and subscribe for updates at www.marybetheberhard.com.

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Iannarino served at St. Brigid, which was then a new parish, for two years before his ordination and continued there as a permanent deacon after his ordination.

Now, as he prepares for retirement, he is confident the Office of the Diaconate will be in good hands with Deacon Petrill.

"He is the perfect successor," he said. "I've known him for a long time – he and his wife and his three kids – and he is just the perfect person."

"He's a professor at Ohio State; he's an educator, and he's a theologian. He's just the perfect person to take over the office."

Since Deacon Iannarino began his work as director in 1991, he served under four bishops: Bishop Griffin, Bishop Campbell, Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Fernandes. Deacon Iannarino led efforts in guiding men preparing for the diaconate and in their assignments post-ordination.

However, he does not see his work as reflecting him.

"It's never ever been about me," he said. "It's always been about helping these guys learn to be Christ the Servant. Whenever anybody says something to me like, 'What do you do as director?' I say, 'I helped the bishop make or form deacons and then I helped the bishop, priests and deacons enjoy their ordained ministry together.'"

Deacon Iannarino said he reached out to Bishop Fernandes about adding an associate, so someone could be trained and able to assume the office after him. For the last few years of his 33 in the office, he had Deacon Petrill by his side.

"He was with me for two years," Deacon Iannarino said. "And now he's ready to go, and I'm ready to step back. I may not be the director, but I told him, I said, 'I'm a phone call away.'"

In addition to his work in the Office of the Diaconate and serving at St. Brigid, Deacon Iannarino worked as an educator.

He first started teaching at Portsmouth Notre Dame High School before coming to Columbus Bishop Watterson

High School in 1977 as a religion teacher and then serving as head of the religion department. He was also the school's head golf coach for several years.

Deacon Iannarino credited Msgr. John Cody, who married him and his wife, Peggy, baptized their three children and formerly directed the diaconate school in the diocese, for prompting him to consider the diaconate.

"I love the image of Jesus the Servant, always loved it," he said. "I thought, well, maybe that's what the deacon is. Deacon is the image of Jesus the Servant."

Deacon Iannarino recalled being offered the role of director for the new Office of the Diaconate in the early '90s. Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, then Father Hendricks, the diocesan chancellor at the time, approached him after celebrating an early morning Sunday Mass at St. Brigid.

"He said, 'I need to see you immediately,'" Deacon Iannarino recalled. "That was the longest walk in my life because I thought, 'What did I say?' This is the chancellor for the diocese. 'Did I say something stupid from the pulpit?'"

"I'm only 37 years old – I was ordained at the age of 36 – I'd only been ordained for about a year, and he said, 'Bishop Griffin would like to appoint you as the director of the diaconate, and my mouth dropped.'"

Deacon Iannarino said the bishop was seeking an individual who was an educator, theologian and deacon to lead the office. He "fit the bill."

After remaining with the office for 33 years, Deacon Iannarino expressed gratitude to those who offered their talents in the office alongside him.

He recognized Jean Morris, his long-time secretary who served for years in the Office of the Diaconate before retir-

ing. Morris' husband, Deacon Jim Morris, serves at Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church.

"Right now, we have Patty Cooley. Before her, we had Rebecca Price over at The (Catholic) Foundation, and before her, we had her daughter, Kelly (Cooley), who was my secretary," he said.

"They ran the day-to-day operation of the office. They were just great."

As he prepares to enter retirement, Deacon Iannarino might be found on a golf course. A lover of golf, he also recognizes parallels between the sport and life as a follower of Christ.

"When I would teach my class at Watterson, I would always tell people, to my students: The two most important times in your life are now and the hour of your death. Those are the two most important times in your life," he said.

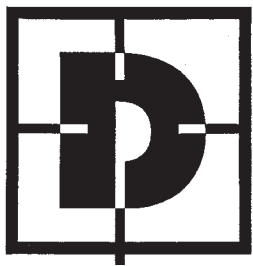
"As a golf coach, I would always teach my golfers that the most important shot in golf is always the one right there in front of you."

Permanent deacons serve part time or full time in parishes, schools, hospitals, prisons or other ministries. They assist bishops and priests in proclaiming the Gospel at Mass, administering the sacraments and doing charitable work.

Deacon formation consists of four stages: inquiry, aspirancy, candidacy and post-ordination. There are currently 10 candidates for the diaconate in the diocese. They are set to be ordained in August.

Once ordained, a deacon spends five years in the post-ordination stage, during which they continue to take classes. Every four years, a new class of men is selected for diaconate formation.

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Speaker shares story of gang-raped mother's courage to give him life

Steventhen Holland, a national pro-life speaker, was the featured presenter at the Greater Columbus Right to Life annual banquet on Monday, June 10.

Steventhen grew up in a small Southern community in the 1980s, but it was not until he was eight years old that he realized he was different. One of his classmates pointed out that he was the “wrong” color and didn’t belong.

As he thought about it, he realized that he was different from his family. His skin color was different. His build was different. Even his name was very different.

So he asked his mother and she shared with him that their family had adopted him from foster care when he was just seven days old. At the time, he was frail and sickly, and social workers asked the Holland family if they would take him in knowing he likely would not live.

It was 20 years later after losing his second child to miscarriage -- when he began looking for medical history and information about his biological family -- that Holland would learn he had been conceived in the gang rape of an 18-year-old mentally disadvantaged young wom-

an.

When she and her caretakers learned she was pregnant, they told her that she must have an abortion. His mother, Glenda, only functioned at the level of an 11-year-old but knew that she loved her child fiercely and must protect him.

With no other help accessible, she ran away from the group home and made her way several hours north.

She was very pregnant and living in some boxes behind a local grocery store when a young man found her. The 16-year-old scooped her up, took her to his family’s home and asked, “Can we keep her?” Shortly after that, she went into labor and gave birth to Steventhen.

Steventhen shared with the audience at the banquet not only the courage of his mother in protecting his life but also the day that they met and stories of the precious time they spent together.

Greater Columbus Right to Life (GCRTL) executive director Beth Vanderkooi shared that the organization had invited Steventhen to speak because “in the wake of the disastrous effects of last November’s Issue 1 adoption, we need

more than ever to hear the stories of regular people choosing heroic virtue and we need to change the culture to stand up for life and protect and support those who choose it.”

Vanderkooi also noted that the banquet, her 12th with the organization, would be her last as executive director. GCRTL is searching for a new full-time executive director to replace Vanderkooi, who will transition into the role of president.

As president, Vanderkooi will provide guidance on strategy, mission and public policy while mentoring the incoming leadership.

“This is a wonderful time to grow the organization in a way that is fiscally responsible and allow me to focus on some exciting projects while also mentoring and training the next generation of pro-life leaders,” she explained.

To learn more about the position of executive director, visit gcrtl.org/about-us. To support Greater Columbus Right to Life’s work, send donations to 4900 Reed Rd, Suite 200; Columbus, OH 43220 or give securely online at gcrtl.org/donate.



Steventhen Holland speaks at the Greater Columbus Right to Life banquet on June 10.

Photo courtesy GCRTL

Two Biking for Babies routes to start in Columbus

Two groups of cyclists are preparing to pedal from Columbus for St. Louis and Arlington, Virginia, next month as part of the annual Biking for Babies National Ride to raise funds and awareness for pro-life pregnancy centers.

Columbus has become an annual launch point for Biking for Babies, which is celebrating its 15th year in 2024. Since 2017, riders have set out from Columbus to cover 600 miles to St. Louis during six days in July while traveling across Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

This year, five other routes (up from three in the past), starting in Rochester, Minnesota; Green Bay, Wisconsin; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Huntsville, Alabama and Lincoln, Nebraska, will also be riding to St. Louis, where they will converge on July 13.

In 2022, Biking for Babies added three Eastern routes that meet in Arlington, Virginia, with Columbus as one of its starting points. This year, the other routes besides Columbus will originate from Belmont Abbey, North Carolina and Amsterdam, New York.

A total of 92 individual riders on all of the routes ask for donations, which can be made at www.bikingforbabies.com, that will go to 95 pregnancy centers

and maternity home partners across the country. Each missionary is paired with a pregnancy center to promote its mission of providing free support and resources to those experiencing unexpected, difficult or at-risk pregnancies. Among the beneficiaries in the Diocese of Columbus are the Women’s Care Center and Pregnancy Decision Health Centers.

This year’s goal is \$400,000 for Biking for Babies, whose mission is to proclaim the dignity of human life by uniting cycling with the formation of young adults into missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

In Biking for Babies’ 15-year history, executive director Nikki Biese said 216 young adult missionaries have cycled more than 31,000 miles and raised more than \$1.61 million for 127 pregnancy centers while also growing in holiness from the experience.

“Women served by pregnancy centers are looking for hope in their crisis; they find hope as well as a voice saying they can do this, and we are here to help,” Biese said. “Women are welcomed and loved unconditionally, and these centers extend that love to their unborn children, born children, and families.

“Our team is driven to provide countless more women that hope and to bring

about a world where advocating the thriving of all, from conception to natural death, is not only the best option, but the only conceivable option.”

Riding for the second year in a row from Columbus is Joseph Massaro, a 23-year-old from Seville, Ohio, who graduated in 2024 from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a degree in theology and catechetics. He has been cycling for seven to nine years and seriously training the last three to four years.

He started training for this year’s event in March while in college, riding an average of 25-35 miles three to four times a week.

Last year, he participated in the route to St. Louis. This year, he’s riding to Arlington, Virginia. He described the experience as life changing.

“I distinctly remember being so anxious about the ride itself because I was worried that God was going to use this experience to call me to the priesthood,” Massaro said. “He did call and He led me to a deeper understanding of my own vocation, that of the domestic priesthood or fatherhood.

“In this call and through the National Ride, I saw the need for support that Biking for Babies and our Pregnancy Re-

source Center partners intend to give to families in crisis pregnancies.

“I may be a little biased when I say I believe Biking for Babies is one of the best organizations to help. To echo the words of St. John Paul the Great in *Familiaris Consortio*, “Families become what they are.”

He said he chose to ride to use his gifts to help spread the Gospel of Life.

“Last year, I remember how joyous and happy I was even through everything was sore,” he said.

“I am excited to finally meet my team in person after months of Zoom meeting and emails. I am also a little excited to return to Steubenville, my alma mater, and ride those sweet hills in the Ohio Valley. I just hope and pray that we will have the weather that we had last year; it was beautiful and comparatively cool for early July.

More information on Biking for Babies is available at www.bikingforbabies.com. The progress of this year’s missionaries can be followed on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram.

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challenges of the land. And He used the grapes and the wheat of the earth to give us His life, which connects us with the rural community. We wouldn’t have the Eucharist without the rural community. Jerry knew and understood this. He was a fine, fine man. I’m just heartbroken

that we’ve lost them.”

Bishop Fernandes paid tribute in his funeral homily to Freewalt for his service to the diocese: “We must really acknowledge what we feel in the flesh, the sorrow and the passing of a great man like Jerry, who dedicated his life to the

church and service to the poor and marginalized. ... He will be greatly missed.

Reflecting on the Beatitudes and, in particular, the hunger and thirst for righteousness that is sometimes translated as justice, the bishop said, “Jerry was a clear advocate for justice, giving each

person his or her due, including God, and that he dedicated his life to protection of the human person in all stages. ... We hope and pray that Jerry, who has died, will be taken to the Father’s house, where the deepest longings of his soul will be satisfied by God Himself.”

Tradition continues with St. Anthony feast day celebrations

By Hannah Heil

Catholic Times Reporter

Parishes in the Diocese of Columbus celebrated the feast of St. Anthony of Padua in with Masses, food and festivities. The faithful honored the beloved saint, who was born in Lisbon, Portugal, later became a Franciscan friar and is a Doctor of the Church.

Columbus St. Anthony Circle No. 1 honored St. Anthony with a Mass on June 13 at Columbus St. Christopher Church celebrated by Fathers William Metzger and Andrzej Koźmiński, SAC (Society of the Catholic Apostolate), the church's pastor. After Mass, refreshments were offered in Columbus Trinity School cafeteria, located next to St. Christopher.

Pat Brown, a member of the circle, has been heading the St. Anthony feast day celebration for decades. It was a tradition started by her grandmother, who emigrated to the United States from Italy.

"I'm very happy to say I'm 88 years old, and I'm still here today honoring our great feast of St. Anthony of Padua and with my family by my side," Brown said.

St. Anthony Circle No. 1 first celebrated the feast at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church after its members arrived in the United States from Italy, Brown said. The annual celebration was then moved to Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Church



DeeDee Perez (left) and her mother, Pat Brown, members of Columbus St. Anthony Circle No. 1, coordinate the St. Anthony feast day celebration at Columbus St. Christopher Church.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony Circle No. 1

and eventually to St. Christopher, where it remains today.

"All the families – there were generations from Italy that came and we had our celebration every June the 13th on his feast day," Brown said.

Her mother, Lucy Petrella Nance, headed the feast day celebration for years,



Columbus St. John the Baptist Church celebrated the feast of St. Anthony of Padua with a procession around the church.

Photo courtesy St. John the Baptist Church

and Brown has carried on the tradition. Brown's children, grandchildren, siblings and nieces and nephews continue to be active in the celebration as well.

"St. Anthony was actually born on August the 15th, which is the feast of the Assumption," she said. "I have two daughters and a granddaughter born that day also, so he looked on me with favor. I

know he did."

One of Brown's daughters, DeeDee Perez, will succeed her mother in coordinating the feast day celebration next year. Perez recalled memories of feast day festivities throughout the years, including meals of homemade spaghetti sauce and meatballs, prepared by her grandmother, mother and aunts, and pizzelles, an Italian cookie.

While the annual celebration continues, the dynamic has changed over the years.

"The crowd is dwindling, as expected. It gets a little smaller each year, I think, but we're going to keep it going because it's just what our family does," Perez said.

She described St. Anthony as the patron saint of the family. The saint, who her son, Anthony, shares a name with, evokes fond memories.

"I think of my grandmother, and since she's no longer here with us – she died at 100 years old – every time I hear 'St. Anthony' it goes straight to my grandmother, always, so it's just a smile on my face, and it's just a good feeling," she said.

Each year during the feast day Mass, the St. Anthony Circle No. 1 presents a statue of the saint to an individual who is recognized for their involvement. The award honors someone dedicated and generous with their time and commit-

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ment to the annual celebration, Perez said.

This year's award was presented to Christopher Smith.

Smith's mother, Freda, is Brown's sister. He has been active in the celebration since he was a boy. He recalled dressing as St. Anthony for the feast day Mass and noted the importance of the feast.

"It's always been a great tradition to come here. No matter what, June 13th, no matter if I had a baseball game or whatever it was – in college or anything – I always came," said Smith, who is now 44 years old. "It's always great to see family and friends."

Smith said he was honored to receive the St. Anthony statue this year.

"To be that person, it means a lot. It's special, and God works in mysterious ways," he said. "It will be forever memorable."

Members of St. Anthony Circle No. 1 were part of the entrance procession during Mass. They processed with red and white flowers, which they placed before a statue of St. Anthony near the altar.

As part of an annual tradition, bread was blessed during Mass and distributed afterward. St. Anthony is often associated with loaves of bread as an allusion to the saint's charity to the poor.

In his homily, Father Metzger reflected on the life of St. Anthony. He described the saint, who, he said, was Italian by adoption, as being holy, well known and respected.

He noted that St. Anthony, who died at age 35, was known for preaching with zeal and boldness in Italy.

Father Metzger marveled how – not only in Lisbon, Portugal and Italy – people in Columbus are "singing his praises" hundreds of years after the saint's death. He said it is because St. Anthony was a great person.

He also noted that St. Anthony is remembered for saying, "Let your words teach and your actions speak."

Father Metzger encouraged the congregation to emulate St. Anthony by bearing witness through their actions.

The St. Anthony Circle No. 1 awarded \$500 scholarships to two members of the Trinity School eighth-grade graduating class who will continue their Catholic education in high school.

This year's recipients were Juan Porcayo, who will attend Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, and Lincoln Wolfe, who will attend Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. Father Koźmiński presented the scholarships during Mass.

About 10 minutes away in the Italian Village neighborhood, parishioners at St. John the Baptist Church celebrated the saint's feast day on Sunday, June 9. The celebration is organized by the Solazzo family.

"The feast day celebration has become an annual event that we look forward to every year," lifelong parishioner Tina Solazzo said.

Members of the Solazzo family – Joe, Tony and many cousins – carried a St. Anthony statue and processed around the church. The tradition resembles processions that take place in various towns in Italy on the feast day.

"The planning and reception are a gift from the Solazzo family, and we are grateful to them for helping us celebrate the feast of St. Anthony," said Msgr. Frank Lane, the parish's administrator.

The church's clergy, staff, choir and parishioners gathered at St. John the Baptist to take part in the celebration. The Knights of Columbus were also present for the event.

After Mass, there was the blessing and distribution of "St. Anthony bread," Solazzo said. A cookie reception was also held in the church's Sala Hall.

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Lydia Gilchrist, a member of Columbus St. Catharine of Siena Church entering her junior year of high school, has attended the summer camp for six years and offered a heartfelt testimony on the transformative experience.

"This week at camp has helped me decide that the only thing I want for my life is Jesus, to give my life to Jesus," she said.

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Diocesan pilgrims travel to France for Sacred Heart anniversary

By Elizabeth Pardi

A group of more than 50 pilgrims, most of whom were from the diocese, that included Bishop Earl Fernandes returned home earlier this month from a 10-day pilgrimage to France.

The pilgrimage was taken in honor of the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, which began on December 27, 1673.

The trip was organized by Emily Jaminet, executive director of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network based in the diocese, and included eight stops at holy sites throughout France.

"It was a time of great renewal," Jaminet said.

Two priests from the diocese, Father Jonathan Wilson, pastor of Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church, and Father Nic Ventura, former pastor of Columbus St. Cecilia Church who is currently studying in Rome for a licentiate in sacred liturgy, were among the travelers. Father Ventura described the trip as an amazing experience.

"Essentially, we walked in the footsteps of St. John Paul II with our visits – praying and visiting all the sites of the great saints: St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Vincent de Paul and St. John Vianney, to name a few," he said. "It was a blessing to be able to see and pray with so many from the diocese and to spend time with the bishop and my brother priest Father Wilson."

On May 31, the group departed from Columbus and flew to Paris. Upon arrival, they took a bus to Lisieux, the hometown of St. Thérèse.



Father Nic Ventura (left), Bishop Earl Fernandes and Father Jonathan Wilson pray during Mass in the crypt of the Basilica of Sainte-Therese in Lisieux, France.

Photos courtesy Emily Jaminet

"We ... saw the cathedral there and went to the holy places," Bishop Fernandes said in an interview on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820). "We saw where (St. Therese) would often go to daily Mass and confession."

In addition to attending Mass at the basilica in Lisieux, travelers had the opportunity to pray in front of St. Thérèse's relics, which are kept in a chapel known as the Chapelle de la Chasse (Chapel of the Tomb).

Maria Moore, youth minister at Columbus St. Andrew Church, said she enjoyed seeing many roses after having completed a novena to St. Thérèse. The novena instructed those who pray it to keep watch for roses.

"I saw (roses) everywhere we went and in every color," she said.

The group also visited St. Thérèse's family home, celebrated Mass at the Basilica of Notre Dame de Bayeux and traveled to Omaha Beach in Normandy, where American troops landed for the



Father Jonathan Wilson (left), Bishop Earl Fernandes and Father Nic Ventura celebrate Mass for pilgrims in the Basilica of Notre Dame de Bayeux in France.

D-Day invasions during World War II. They had an opportunity to pay their respects at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial.

"It was a very powerful and prayerful moment," Bishop Fernandes said in the radio interview. "I'm not sure we all expected to be as overwhelmed as we were to think about the sacrifices so many made for us and for our country and for freedom ... and to really experience the gratitude of the French people."

The 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings was celebrated four days after the group's visit.

On the seventh day of the trip, the group visited Paray-le-Monial, France, the city of the Sacred Heart apparitions.

"That was a very prayerful time for us," Bishop Fernandes said of the experience at the Basilica of Sacré Coeur, which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Eucharist has been exposed continuously for 130 years at Sacré Coeur.

"Sacré Coeur is reserved almost exclu-

sively for prayer. While tourists can walk around the sides, the main naïve is reserved for Perpetual Adoration, and since the basilica's founding, Perpetual Adoration has been ongoing, even during the war and during Covid," the bishop said in the interview.

Being present at the site "really ordered our way of thinking about a pilgrimage versus a vacation," he said.

On June 7 – the feast of the Sacred Heart on the Church calendar this year – travelers attended Mass at the chapel where the apparitions took place in Paray-le-Monial. Jaminet was selected to read from the Letter to the Ephesians, the second reading during Mass.

"It was amazing to do a reading in the Sacred Heart chapel on the actual feast day," she said.

Other sites on the pilgrimage included the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, the church where St. Vincent de Paul's tomb is located above the main altar, and the home of St. Joan of Arc.

"This is what we are called to do: to follow in footsteps of saints," Father Ventura said. "More than likely, our journey will have different turns or events, but we all have the same destination: home in the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

For Jaminet, the primary takeaway of the trip was "that we need to build up a civilization of love. We all have this core responsibility to share the love of Christ with others."

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Pilgrims view a reliquary at the Basilica of Saint-Therese in Lisieux, France



Crosses mark the graves of U.S. soldiers who died at Normandy, France, during World War II. Photos courtesy Bishop Earl Fernandes

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Bishop gives thanks at Mass on his 90th birthday

Bishop Emeritus James Griffin was the principal celebrant for a Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Thursday, June 13, his 90th birthday.

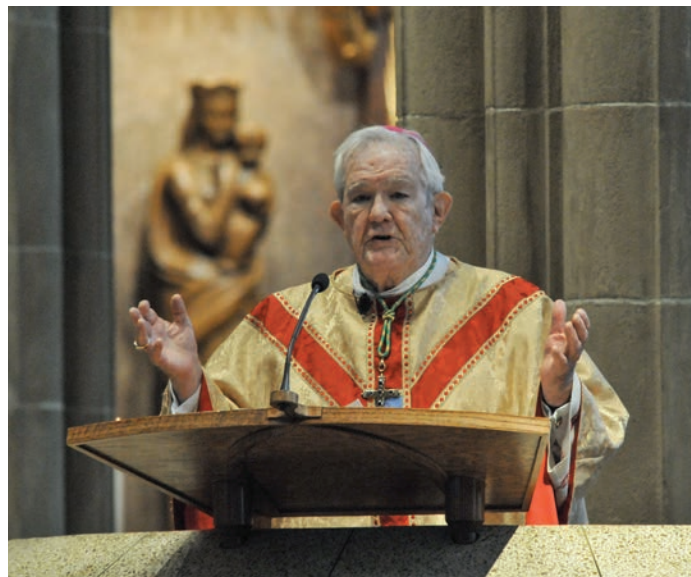
He was joined on the altar for the Mass on the feast of St. Anthony of Padua by Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell, his successor; priests from the diocese and deacons.

Among the attendees in the congregation were Bishop Griffin's only living sibling, Mary Lou Kistner, and nephew Thomas Kistner from the Cleveland area.

A Cleveland native, Bishop Griffin served as a priest, an administrator and an auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Cleveland before he was named to lead the Diocese of Columbus in 1983. He spent 21 years as bishop of Columbus until 2004, when a health issue forced him to retire at age 70.

He has remained active in the diocese since his retirement, living in a condominium in Powell while participating in various liturgies and events.

"My brothers and sisters, as I celebrate today, my heart is filled with thanksgiving," Bishop Griffin said in his homily. "I thank God for the 90 years of life he's given me and for the rivers of grace that



Bishop Emeritus James Griffin delivers his homily at a Mass on his 90th birthday at St. Joseph Cathedral. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Bishop Emeritus James Griffin was joined after Mass by his sister, Mary Lou Kistner (left), and nephew Thomas Kistner.

he's poured into those 90 years."

He went on to thank his family, brother priests, friends and "anyone who has had an impact on my life."

"You know, they say it takes a village

to raise a child," he said. "Well, I can't imagine how many folks it took to form a bishop, but I think each one of them.

"And I thank Bishop (Earl) Fernandes for inviting me to celebrate this liturgy

and I think each one of you for being here with me to give thanks to God."

A reception was held afterward in the Cathedral undercroft.



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Three ethnic choirs provide music for a Saturday Vigil Mass on June 15 at the recently formed Columbus St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at St. Elizabeth Church.

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St. Josephine Bakhita Parish celebrates inaugural Mass

Bishop Earl Fernandes celebrated a Saturday Vigil Mass for the newly formed St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church on June 15.

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., was recently established from a merger of St. Anthony, St. Matthias and St. Elizabeth churches on the north end of Columbus as part of the diocese's Real Presence Real Future initiative.

Concelebrating the Mass with the bishop for a large congregation were Father Tony Davis, the parish's pastor; Father Hillary Ike, the parish's associate pastor; Father Thomas Petry, former pastor at St. Anthony Church; Father Charles Cotton, former pastor at St. Elizabeth; Father Ramon Oweru, former administrator at St. Elizabeth; and visiting priests. Assisting were Deacons Dean Racine and Jason Nguyen.

St. Anthony closed last October. While St. Matthias Parish has closed, the school will continue to remain open, and the worship space will be used for Masses and events associated with various ethnic communities as well as the school.

Bishop Fernandes mentioned the eth-

nic diversity of the new parish in his homily.

Among the nationalities represented in the congregation were Filipinos, Vietnamese, Africans and Indians.

"You can see in the clergy here present the great diversity in the Church," he said. "Our Church is a Catholic Church, a universal church, and God calls people of every race, nation and people to belong to Him, to be His own, to be truly children of God."

"You see it in the clergy and you see it in the people God gathered here today. From all walks of life, from all nations, God has called us here to worship and adore Him. We can be grateful for the sacrifices that people made to give us faith, to hand on the faith, so that we might grow, as St. Paul says, 'to full stature in Christ.'"

The parish's new patroness, St. Josephine Bakhita, was selected in part because she represents its ethnic diversity and because she is also the patron saint for victims of human trafficking.

She was born in Africa, kidnapped and enslaved in Sudan, enduring terrible beatings for years from slave owners, before she was taken to Italy. She eventually joined the Catholic Church

after living with the Canossian Sisters. She professed to the orders and took her final vows in 1896, humbly serving the Lord until her death in 1947. Pope St. John Paul II canonized her in 2000.

"Someone once asked her [about the scars on her back], 'What would you do if you met the man who did that to you?'" Bishop Fernandes said. "She said, 'I would kiss his hands and his feet, for without that I would have never known my Heavenly Father.' ..."

"St. Josephine is a patron of our time. Rather than attack, she rejoices that she has God as Father. She bears her cross, but she is also a person of hope in the Resurrection. How beautiful it would be if we could understand through her what it means to truly be a child of God — to not live bound in slavery, by sin, but to live in the freedom of the sons and daughters of God."



A statue of St. Josephine Bakhita is displayed in the new Columbus parish named after her.

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13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Remain firm in faith, trust in God's plan

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Ps. 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43

"God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him."

Human beings have a destiny that is beyond this world. Death is real. But, as our faith tells us, even more real than death is life. We live in this world in a partial way, but we will live beyond the limits of this world. Faith answers the question that every human culture has wrestled with. It gives an answer, but it does not offer a full explanation.

The kind of faith that accomplishes what it promises is an active, involved, participatory faith. We learn the power of faith and we learn to ask for what it offers. The Gospel presents us with two situations of persons seeking healing from illness. Jairus asks the Lord for the healing of his daughter and Jesus accompanies him to his home. The woman afflicted with hemorrhages reaches out to touch the clothing of the Lord while He is on the way, and her need is instantly met.

There is a tendency in our time to reduce faith to a mere acceptance of a list of ideas. In fact, it is a trusting relationship with a God who keeps His promises. There is a temptation often at work even among people who have faith to reduce it to a request for something that is for us alone. We pray and ask God for what we want. If we do not get the answer we desire, we fall prey to the notion that God does not hear our prayer. Two people of faith in the Gospel today offer us another

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Persevere in faith, always be witnesses to the truth

Ezekiel 2:2-5
Ps. 123:1-2, 2, 3-4
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

"Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord God! And whether they heed or resist — for they are a rebellious house — they shall know that a prophet has been among them."

One who speaks God's word, a messenger of truth, must be ready for stiff opposition. We live in a world that certainly has this characteristic. When the culture embraces the narrow idea that every person can establish his or her own shaping of reality as "truth," it is hard to find common ground. Our faith tells us that God is beyond this world and that He has shared a truth that holds everything together.

Jesus Himself experienced rejection, even from those who knew Him in Naz-

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

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



approach.

Jairus asks for the healing of his daughter. This is a request for someone other than himself. In those days, women and children had no public standing. Jairus himself had standing as a synagogue official, but he was requesting healing for his daughter. Jairus saw Jesus. "Seeing him, he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, 'My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live.'"

Jairus forgot himself. He gave himself fully to the plea, body and soul. He was even forgetful of the "danger" for Jesus of touching death, which would make Him ritually impure, unfit for worship, according to the understanding of the law. As a synagogue official, this "should have been" unthinkable. Along the way, the news of the child's death is given: "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Jesus responds by encouraging Jairus to maintain his active faith.

The woman with the hemorrhages had an active faith, expressed without words but seen clearly in her desire to touch Jesus' garment and her acting on that desire in the pressing crowd. Her willingness to identify herself and to tell Jesus exactly what she had done show the sincerity of her faith. Jesus completes the circle of relationship with her: "*Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.*"

areth. His own relatives and neighbors took offense at Him for the wisdom He was sharing. Mark indicates that Jesus was deeply affected by this response and that He spoke clearly in the face of it. "*Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.' So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.*"

The difficulty seems to be that each one of us tends to shape our understanding of reality by our reactions rather than by a considered response. Human emotions are good in themselves, but they can get in the way of real understanding. Our sight, our hearing and our very experience of what happens around us is flavored by what we feel. We fail to grasp what the emotions offer and thus to get at what is really happening around us.

Jesus' response to His village is reveal-

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

7/1-7/6 MONDAY	THURSDAY	7-8/7-13 MONDAY	THURSDAY
Amos 2:6-10,13-16 Psalm 50:16b-23 Matthew 8:18-22	Amos 7:10-17 Psalm 19:8-11 Matthew 9:1-8	Hosea 2:16,17b-18,21-22b Psalm 145:2-9 Matthew 9:18-26	Hosea 11:1-4,8c-9 Psalm 80:2-3,15-16 Matthew 10:7-15
TUESDAY	FRIDAY	TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Amos 3:1-8;4:11-12 Psalm 5:4b-8 Matthew 8:23-27	Amos 8:4-6,9-12 Psalm 119:2,10,20,30,40,131 Matthew 9:9-13	Hosea 8:4-7,11-13 Psalm 115:3-10 Matthew 9:32-38	Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17 Matthew 10:16-23
WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
Ephesians 2:19-22 Psalm 117:1-2 John 20:24-29	Amos 9:11-15 Psalm 85:9ab,10-14 Matthew 9:14-17	Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12b Psalm 105:2-7 Matthew 10:1-7	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 93:1-2,5 Matthew 10:24-33

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION Mass Schedule: Weeks of June 30 and July 7, 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

The flow of blood had stopped. The usual Jewish perspective was that the woman's touch would have made Jesus unclean. Instead, she experiences healing, and Jesus continues his journey to Jairus' home. The "mourners" at the door, persons who are no doubt hoping to be paid for their "public services," are not sincere in their wailing, as is made clear by the way they change to ridicule of the notion that the girl has not died. Their reaction is a counterexample to the witness

of faith shown by Jairus. The disciples see the whole series of events and are called to be witnesses of the proper response of faith.

We are invited to be firm in faith, even facing all the deadly evils of the world. God has a plan that is just beyond our sight. The promise of healing and new life remains. One day, we will all cry out together: "You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks."

ing. First, He directly addresses the fact of the rejection and expresses that it has always been present in salvation history. Second, He pushes beyond it and performs healing that flows from His own touch. The good news is that eventually His own town did embrace the truth of who He is. Now, pilgrims can visit and pray in Nazareth at various sites associated with Jesus: The Basilica of the Annunciation, Joseph's carpentry shop, Mary's Well and other traditional locations. The "hometown boy" has made good. His own family members were among the first followers of the Risen Lord.

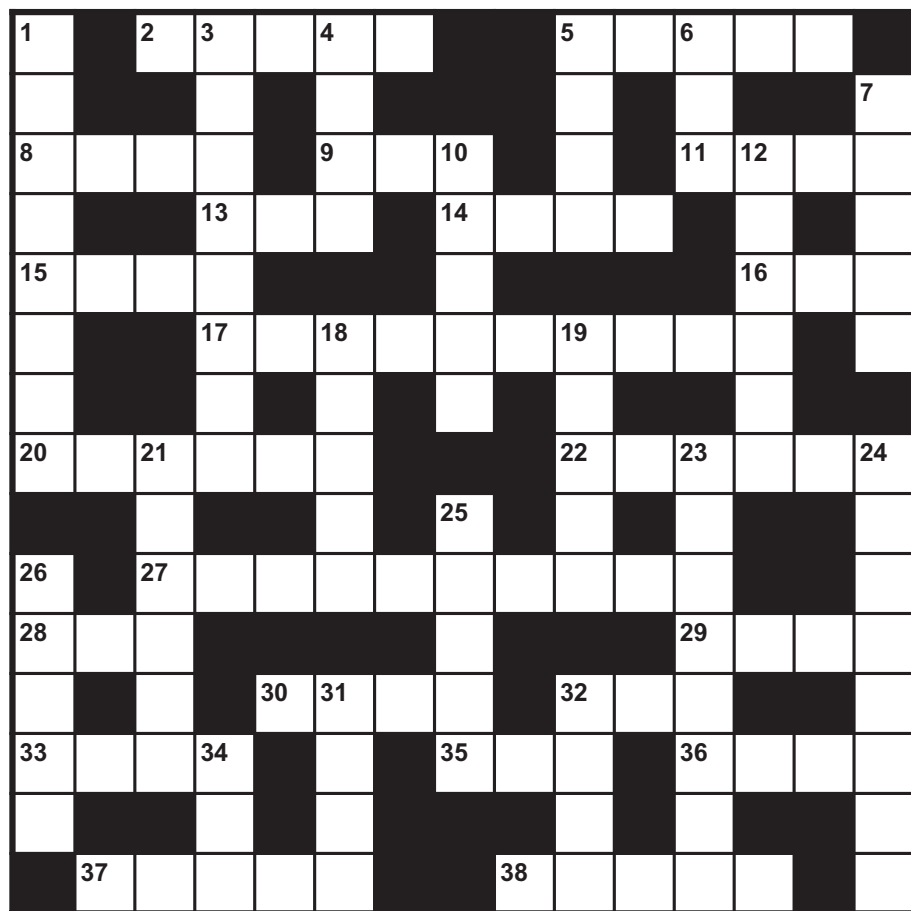
Our call is to persevere in faith and to stand true even when the world moves in the wrong direction. As the Responsorial Psalm suggests, we turn to the Lord with confidence: "*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.*" With Paul, we learn from the Lord: "*My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.*" We acknowledge and accept

our weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may operate in us. Paul expresses this: "*Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.*"

Persevering in faith and in the witness to the truth, we give God a place in our world. Cooperating with His grace as we experience weakness, we discover a strength at work in us that can be found no other way.

St. Thomas Aquinas says that human beings are "connatural to the truth." That is, we "fit" the truth, and when we acknowledge truth, we give it a place in our own being. The right answer to the world's opposition is not to cast away truth or to call it into doubt. Or is it to reject the "rebellious house" among whom we live. Rather, we are to be prophets, speaking and living the truth, standing firm in faith. In this way, we let the world know that a prophet has been among us.

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- 2 "O Holy ___"
- 5 Third of IHS
- 8 Easter is observed on the Sunday following the first full ___ of the vernal equinox
- 9 ___, papal license plate
- 11 Captain for 40 days and nights
- 13 Catholic actor Carney
- 14 Typically, altars are oriented in this direction
- 15 Gospel with the most chapters (abbr.)
- 16 One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 17 The ___ of hands in a sacrament
- 20 St. Therese of Lisieux is a patron of this country
- 22 "___, and believe in the gospel" (Mk 1:15)
- 27 Opening pair?
- 28 It comes after Zech
- 29 Biblically-related symbol of the city of Venice
- 30 "...this life was the light of the human ___" (Jn 1:4)
- 32 Title of address for a friar or monk
- 33 ___ to Damascus
- 35 Diocese
- 36 "...and a ___ for every affair under the heavens" (Eccl 3:1)
- 37 Time of preparation for a feast
- 38 Mary was at the foot of this when Jesus died

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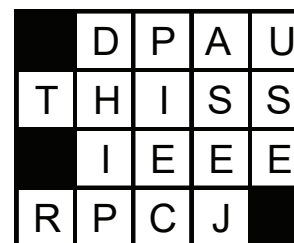
- 1 "___ O Most Gracious Virgin Mary"
- 3 Saint of Loyola
- 4 Sacramental bread
- 5 "One ___ another reaps" (Jn 4:37)
- 6 The flood is found here (abbr.)
- 7 One of two names in a Catholic book publishing company
- 10 Esther 8:9 is the longest one in the Bible
- 12 Early Christian art that symbolizes the Church at prayer
- 18 King David composition
- 19 Number of days Jonah spent in the belly of a large fish
- 21 A Catholic United States Supreme Court justice
- 23 Those who exercise the public power of the Church
- 24 This separates the nave from the sanctuary
- 25 "When I fall on my ___ with my face to the rising sun..."
- 26 Niche for storing consecrated oils
- 31 First shepherd
- 32 "I ___ no evil, for you are with me" (Ps 23:4)
- 34 Heroic St. Bernard animal

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ALESIANO, Josephine (Contini), 95, June 9
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BEADER, Linda M., 83, June 5
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

COSGRAVE, Thomas Sr., 93, May 20
St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington

FEDOR, Marianne F., 95, March 9
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville

GARCIA-VELEZ, Juan Carlos "Kaki," 60, June 7
St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington

HALL, Elsie Imogene, 85, May 26
St. Mary Church, Marion

HOOKER, Donald Howard Sr., 63, June 3
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

HORD, Robert Dale "Bob," 70, June 11
St. Mary Church, Marion

LONG, Monica L. (Hodgson), 91, June 4
St. Michael Church, Worthington

LOPRESTI, Dolores M. (DeLuca), 81, June 7
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville

McNICHOLS, Irene, 84, June 14
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

METZGER, Joseph Anthony, 86, June 15
St. Mary Church, Marion

O'DANIEL, Joseph, 92, June 4
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville

PITTROFF, John R. "Jay," 82, June 8
St. Joseph Church, Plain City

PYLES, Charles H., 85, June 5
Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

RIDENOUR, Harold E., 92, June 5
St. Catharine Church, Gahanna

ROBIE, Patrick, 67, May 26
St. Joseph Church, Dover

RODICH, Teresa A., 74, June 7
Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster

ROHRKEMPER, Donald L., 97, June 8
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

SKROBOT, Paula, 78, June 8
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

WHISSEL, Marlene, A., 83, June 30
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

WOLLENBERG, James, 87, June 2
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

WOLSHIRE, Michael, 74, June 2
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

Jerrald "Jerry" Freewalt

Funeral Mass for Jerrald "Jerry" Freewalt, 51, director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, who died Thursday, June 11, was celebrated Wednesday, June 19 by Bishop Earl Fernandes at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Burial was at Sunset Cemetery, Galloway.

Freewalt was employed by the office for 24 1/2 years, serving as its director from 2018 to Aug. 1, 2021 and from November 2022 until his death. From late 2021 until his return to the diocesan position, he was director of the Catholic Conference of Ohio, a public policy organization representing the bishops of all of Ohio's Catholic dioceses and eparchies.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1972 in Van Wert to Larry and Cheryl Freewalt. As a young man, he was chief squire for Ohio of the Columbian Squires, a Knights of Columbus youth organization, and a member of the Boy Scouts. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Xavier University in Cincinnati and a Master's degree in public policy and management from Ohio State University.

He was involved with many agencies promoting Catholic social teaching on human life, anti-poverty, global solidarity and environmental causes, serving as board chair of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, a co-founder

of ARCH (Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope) and a member of the boards of JOIN (the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education), the Governor's Faith-Based Initiatives program, the Immigrant Worker Project and the Ohio Food Policy Council, the Ohio Department of Education's nonpublic superintendent's advisory committee, and a trustee of the Providence Fund of the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara, New York.

In 2019, he received the Champion of Children award from the Ohio Family and Children's First Coordinators Association for his efforts on behalf of young people with complex behavioral health needs. He was one of the lead advocates for Ohio's RISE (Resilience Through Integrated Systems and Excellence) program and served on its advisory council.

He led the Notre Dame Urban Plunge, in which University of Notre Dame students work with Columbus service agencies, for 20 years and the annual Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross in downtown Columbus since 1996.

He was a member of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, coached baseball, flag football and girls basketball for his children's teams and was a Boy Scout troop committee member.

He is survived by his parents; his wife, Karen; daughter, Hannah; sons, Alexander and Charles; brother, Jason; and sister, Rachel Reed.

Sister Maureen Cannon, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Maureen Cannon, OP, 91, who died Tuesday, June 11 at the Mohun Health Care Center, will be celebrated Friday, June 29 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial will be at a later date in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Philadelphia.

She was born on Feb. 7, 1933 in Philadelphia to Bernard and Florence (Droughman) Cannon.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Albuquerque (New Mexico) in 1967, and Master of Arts degrees in psychology from the Catholic University of America in 1971 and theology from the University of Dayton in 1978.

She entered the congregation of the

Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine de' Ricci (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1952 and professed her vows on Feb. 13, 1955, taking the name Sister Marie Bernard.

She served in Dayton, Florida, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin in retreat houses, in various roles at parishes and diocesan offices, as a campus minister and in prayer ministry. She also was a congregational director of formation and novice director.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Bernard and Joseph. Survivors include a brother, Paul; sisters, Florence Delaney and Toni Taylor, and nieces and nephews.

Sister Maxine Shonk, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Maxine Shonk, OP, 80, who died Thursday, June 13, will be celebrated Tuesday, July 2 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on Oct. 4, 1943 in Lancaster to Earl and Bernardine (Tooill) Shonk.

She was a graduate of Lancaster St. Mary elementary and high schools and earned a Bachelor's degree in education from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1968, a Master's degree in religious studies from Providence (Rhode Island) College in 1980, a Master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University of Chicago in 1991 and certification in spiritual direction from the Institute for Spiritual Lead-

ership in Chicago.

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1962 and professed her vows on Aug. 15, 1965, taking the name Sister Theodore.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Columbus Christ the King (1965-1966 and 1975-79), Columbus St. Thomas (1967-1969), Columbus St. Philip (1969-70), Newark Blessed Sacrament (1970-1972) and Columbus St. James the Less (1972-1975) schools, an administrator with the Spirituality Network (1991-1997), pastoral associate at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (1997-1999), an adjunct professor of theology (2003-2010) and a spiritual director (2003-2013) at Ohio Dominican, and Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults director (2014-2021) and pastoral minister (2021-2024) at St. Pius X Church. She also taught at schools in Connecticut and the Diocese of Steubenville and was a spiritual director in Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Bernard, Philip, Theodore and Lawrence. Survivors include brothers James, David, Mark, John (Kathy), Thomas (Debbie), Dr. Richard (Susan), Christopher and Kevin (Karen) and a sister, Jane (Leo) Thimmes.

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CARROLL-BLEVINS

In the marriage case styled SCOTT BLAINE CARROLL and HAZEL MARIE BLEVINS CARROLL, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio is currently unaware of the present address of HAZEL MARIE BLEVINS CARROLL. The Tribunal herewith informs her of the case and invites her to contact REV. ROBERT KITSMILLER, M DIV, JCL, JUDICIAL VICAR, no later than - 16 JULY 2024, or call phone (614)241-2500 Extension 1. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of HAZEL MARIE BLEVINS CARROLL, is herewith asked to make this Citation known to her or to inform the Tribunal of her current address.

Given this 30 JUNE 2024;
REV. ROBERT KITSMILLER, M.DIV, JCL, Judicial Vicar
KAREN KITCHELL, Notary

LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

Mother Teresa Award nomination date extended to July 7

The deadline for nominations for the diocese's annual St. Mother Teresa awards has been extended to Sunday, July 7.

The awards are presented to Catholic women of the diocese for their examples of charity, compassion and service. There is no set number of recipients.

Nomination forms are available at columbuscatholic.org/teresanom. Nominations may be made online or by mail and must include biographical information on the nominee and a short description of her spirituality and how she lives the life of Mother Teresa in the home, the parish and the community.

The awards program will take place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18 in the parish hall of Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road. The program is sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW), the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference and the Daughters of Isabella. If you have questions, email dccw@columbuscatholic.org.

Registration for family and friends is \$32, includes a catered luncheon and is due by Wednesday, July 31. Nominees receive complimentary registration. Space is limited and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have questions, email dccw@columbuscatholic.org.

Bottoms Up collects more than a million diapers

The Bottoms Up Diaper Bank, based in Lancaster, set an ambitious goal of collecting one million diapers in May and surpassed it, saying it still was counting diapers at the end of the month.

Bottoms Up co-founder Jo Welsh said the diapers came in slowly at first, but by the end of the month, the contributions were "more like an avalanche."

"The experience served to prove to me once again something that I already knew: charity is alive and well and when good people are given the chance to help their neighbor, they will rise up and do exactly that," she said.

Sister Francis Clare Perry, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Francis Clare Perry, OSF, 94, who died Tuesday, June 11, was celebrated Thursday, June 20 at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York, followed by burial in the sisters' cemetery.

She was born on March 11, 1930 in Buffalo, New York to the late Edward and Anna (McMahon) Perry.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1960 from Rosary College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York.

She entered the Stella Niagara Franciscan congregation on Sept. 2, 1947 and made her first procession of vows on Aug. 18, 1950, taking the name Sister Majella, and her final profession on Aug. 15, 1953.

Welsh said the diapers were contributed by 77 churches, schools or businesses and many individuals, some from as far away as Defiance in northwest Ohio.

Bottoms Up is a nonprofit organization founded in 2018 by Welsh and her husband, Tim, to provide clean, dry diapers to families in need. Since its inception, it has delivered more than four million diapers to more than 70 food pantries and child care facilities in 21 counties, ensuring that families have access to diapers they need to keep their children clean, dry and healthy.

Design competition for Indian Lake statue is open

A statewide design competition to design a new statue for the Our Lady of Fatima statue at Indian Lake has opened, with a deadline of Thursday, Aug. 15.

The winning design will replace a 20-foot statue, built in 1964, that was destroyed when an EF3 tornado hit the Indian Lake region on Thursday, March 14.

The American Society of Epheusus (ASE), which owns the statue, and ArtSpace/Lima are conducting the contest, which will award prizes at six age levels: 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, 18 and under, and over 18.

Artists must be Ohio residents. Prizes will be \$1,000 at each of the first five levels and a maximum of \$5,000 for the adult-level winner. Entries may be submitted by a design team as long as all members of the team meet age and residency requirements.

A five-person jury will review and judge the designs. There will be one winner in each of the younger age categories and three finalists in the older group. Those three will have a chance to refine their designs and resubmit them for a final ranking by the jury.

ASE will acquire the rights to all winning designs in all categories and can use ideas from any of them for the ultimate design

for the new shrine. The winning design entries will be displayed at ArtSpace/Lima and posted to the websites for both sponsors of the competition.

The rebuilding project's \$1.2 million budget includes up-front costs such as architectural and engineering fees, surveys and soil borings. It will also cover the final statue, landscaping, foundation, lighting, construction and installation costs with a goal of completing the project by Aug. 15, 2026.

Entry forms and rules for the competition are available at www.ase-gbqfoundation.org or www.artspacelima.com.

Christ the King class plans 65th anniversary reunion

The Columbus Christ the King School Class of 1959 will have a 65th anniversary reunion on Tuesday, Aug. 6 in Blacklick. The

deadline for responses is Tuesday, July 23.

To respond or request more information, contact Nancy Neel Boesch at nabo215@gmail.com or call or text her at (614) 595-9083.

St. Michael to host 40 Hours of adoration devotion in July

Worthington St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., will have 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration from 9 a.m. Saturday, July 20 to 6 a.m. Monday, July 22.

Everyone unable to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis is invited to visit the parish to unite with those at the congress in prayer for an increased awareness of the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

To sign up for an hour of Adoration, go to <https://stmichaelchurchwor.flocknote.com/signup/170632>.

Father Vincent McKiernan, CSP

Funeral Mass for Father Vincent "Father Vinny" McKiernan, CSP, 93, who died Monday, June 10 at the Mohun Health Care Center, was celebrated Friday, June 14 at Columbus St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at St. Elizabeth Church. A second funeral Mass will be celebrated later at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City, followed by inurnment at St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery, Oak Ridge, New Jersey.

Father McKiernan lived in Columbus from 1990 until his death. He was an associate director at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center until July 2022.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1931 to Patrick and Elizabeth (Coogan) McKiernan. His priestly formation took place at St. Charles College in Baltimore, St. Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey and St. Paul's College in Washington, where he earned his undergraduate degree.

He entered the novitiate of the Paulist

Fathers on Aug. 24, 1950, made his first promises on Sept. 8, 1951 and his final promises on the same date in 1954 and was ordained a priest on May 11, 1957.

Before coming to Columbus, he served as associate pastor of Good Shepherd Church in New York City; a faculty member at St. Peter's College; the Paulists' assistant director and director of novices at Oak Ridge; and on the staff of the Paulist Center in Boston.

He conducted many prayer workshops and retreats and was known for the short sayings he called "Vin-a-mins," which were combined into spiral-bound volumes in the style of a daily desk calendar.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings Patrick, Robert, John and N. Anne McKiernan, Mary (May) Teates and Sister Kathleen McKiernan, SC. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Peggy McKiernan, and many nieces and nephews.

Sister Sharon Paul, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Sharon Paul, OSF, 80, who died Sunday, June 16, was celebrated Saturday, June 22 at Cambridge Christ Our Light Church. Burial will be at a later date at the Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

She was born on May 3, 1944 in Zanesville to Norbert and Virginia (Coyle) Paul.

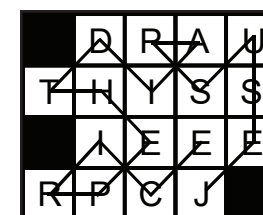
She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Holy Family College in Manitowoc, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Dayton and a degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University of New Orleans.

She entered the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in Manitowoc in 1962 and professed her vows in 1964.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Zanesville St. Nicholas School while also caring for her parents. In the Diocese of Steubenville, she taught at

schools in Mingo Junction and Steubenville and was a principal at Cambridge, where she later served as a religious educator and pastoral minister. She also was a teacher and religious educator in several Wisconsin parishes and a pastoral care minister in Nebraska.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Marilyn. Survivors include a brother, Wayne (Cassie); sisters, Pamela Freihofer, Diane Bruckner and Cynthia (John) Hatfield; and nieces and nephews.



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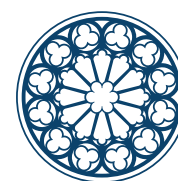


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Diocesan Knights participate in Memorial Day Mass in Steubenville

By **Dino Orsatti**

Editor, *The Steubenville Register*

STEUBENVILLE — Bishop Paul J. Bradley celebrated a Mass for the preservation of peace and justice in the Coronation Mausoleum Chapel at Mount Calvary cemetery on Memorial Day, May 27.

Representatives from the Knights of Columbus from the Steubenville diocese came from Athens, Beverly, St. Clairsville and Colerain. They also came from many parts of the Columbus diocese. The knights presented the colors before the Mass and participated in the memorial service after the Mass.

During his homily, Bishop Bradley called this day one of our most beloved holidays, saying, “our country has always found special ways of memorializing those of our countrymen who gave their lives and paid the ultimate price in the defense of our country in times of war.”

The bishop pointed out the significant historical connection that Ohio has with this holiday. “It was at the end of the Civil War, which resulted in such an enormous loss of life -- more than any other war in our country’s history -- that Ohio Congressman James Garfield, who would later become the President of the United States, offered the first official



Representatives from the Knights of Columbus take part in a flag-folding ceremony on Memorial Day at Coronation Mausoleum Chapel at Mount Calvary cemetery in Steubenville.

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prayer in the National Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day in 1868,” said Bishop Bradley.

The bishop went on to say, “It is because of that depth of love for our country that we have in our human hearts that we will do whatever it takes to protect and defend what/who we love.” He said

that is the natural instinct in the hearts of all parents who, without even thinking, would give their own lives to protect their children; spouses for one another; and those who serve in the military to protect our beloved country.

Bishop Bradley said, “We also hold in such esteem and respect those who are

ready and willing to give their lives, if necessary, in times of peace: those who defend and protect as our public safety/police officers; firefighters, E.M.T. first responders. The motivation remains the same: love and concern for their fellow human beings.”

The bishop concluded his homily with a prayer for our departed loved ones and for those who are committed to working for peace, and “to work to develop all those ‘attitudes of being’ that Jesus teaches us, and that, when lived out, will help to make all things new. That is the eternal happiness that we long for, the happiness that our departed loved ones know and are living eternally.”

After the Mass, representatives from the Knights of Columbus conducted a memorial service, which included the lowering of the American flag to half-staff and a flag folding presentation. The flag, which represented those who lost their lives for our country, was handed over to Bishop Bradley by Chris Bush, the district master of the fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus. The district represents the Steubenville and Columbus dioceses. Bush said the ceremony marks a return of the Knights’ annual Memorial Day observances, which were cancelled during the pandemic years.

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