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10 deacon candidates prepare for Aug. 10 ordination at Cathedral

Bishop Earl Fernandes will ordain 10 men as permanent deacons for the Diocese of Columbus during a Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The candidates are Michael Berger, Dave Collingsworth, Dave Fesenmeyer, Louis Griffith, Bryan Inderhees, Robert Lancia, Matthew Paulus, Fidel Pitones, Matthew Shaw and Christopher Spiese.

Deacons are ordained ministers of the Catholic Church. The Order of the Diaconate is one of three orders of ordained ministry in the Church, the others being the Order of Presbyter (priests) and the Order of Episcopate (bishops).

During the Mass, which will be celebrated on the feast of St. Lawrence, an early Church deacon and martyr, the 10 candidates will be ordained ministers of the Word, Sacrament and Charity.

As ministers of the Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach and teach in the

name of the Church. Deacons also baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages and conduct funeral services as ministers of Sacrament. As ministers of Charity, deacons are to identify the needs of others and use the Church's resources to meet them.

Most active deacons have jobs in the secular world in addition to serving the Church in parishes, hospitals, schools and prisons.

Berger is a specialty practice pharmacist at The James Cancer Hospital at the Ohio State University and a member of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. He is married to Megan and has three children.

Collingsworth is a management consultant for local governments in Ohio and the Midwest. He formerly served as city manager for the City of Westerville and is a member of Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church. He is married to Jane and has three children.

Fesenmeyer is a welder at S&G Manufacturing Group, LLC and a member of New Albany Church of the Resurrection. He is married to Tina and has three children.

Griffith is a project manager at 2K General Company and a member of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church. He is married to Karen and has two children.

Inderhees is a senior engineer at Honda and a member of Columbus St. Peter Church. He is married to Emelie and has three children.

Lancia is a project manager at software firm CAS and a member of Columbus St. Cecilia Church. He is married to Tonya and has six children.

Paulus is a palliative care nurse practitioner with Mount Carmel Medical Group and a member of Delaware St. Mary Church. He spent eight years in cardiology and four in vascular surgery. He is married to Mary and has six children.

Pitones is a senior project manager at The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company and a member of Worthington St. Michael the Archangel Church. He is married to Andrea and has four children.

Shaw is the owner of Hocking Hills Tiny Houses and a member of Logan St. John the Evangelist Church. He spent nearly three decades working in engineering at Battelle before retiring. He is married to Christine and has five children.

Spiese is a professor of chemistry at Ohio Northern University and a member of Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church. He is married to Jessica and has four children.

The permanent diaconate was restored in the United States after the Second Vatican Council. Men studying for the priesthood are ordained as deacons before their ordination as priests, but there is no difference in sacramental sign between the transitional and permanent diaconate.

Social media users cautioned to be aware of scammers

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

An increasing number of social media accounts posing as Bishop Earl Fernandes are targeting individuals online and requesting money.

"We were made aware of several social media accounts that were impersonating him, asking people directly for money, or to do personal favors, directly through messages," said Andrew Zuk, associate director for the Office of Communications.

"We've reported it. We've asked anybody who sees these accounts to report them and to not click any links that they might have."

The fake social media accounts appear to be targeting older adults or retirees, he said. Actors also often prey on individuals with perceived less technology experience.

Zuk said social media accounts impersonating Bishop Fernandes have posted "general, positive Christian messages." Sometimes, accounts will send such messages directly to an individual.

Accounts posing as the bishop might also send individuals online a "friend request," Zuk said.

"They will hook people in by sending a general, positive message, and then, after

that, saying, 'I need money now, personally; here's this link to gift cards. Could you send me a wire transfer?'"

"Typically, it's in the thousands-of-dollars range, and it's a message of urgency, which is typical among fraudulent accounts. They'll make a sense of urgency – a false sense of urgency – to whomever they're trying to scam so that person acts quickly and doesn't have enough time to think about it."

Individuals who encounter such accounts online are encouraged to flag and report them. Facebook offers a reporting function, Zuk said, that enables a social media user to report another user's account profile.

Facebook offers several reporting options. These include reporting an account for being fake, spam, presenting false information or inciting harm to other people.

Bishop Fernandes' official accounts online are Facebook.com/Bishop.Earl.Fernandes and Instagram.com/BishopEarlKFernandes.

The Diocese of Columbus announced the bishop's official accounts on the "Columbus Catholic" Facebook and Instagram pages – Facebook.com/cbuscatholic and Instagram.com/columbuscatholics – so individuals can verify them. The official Diocese of Columbus social media

accounts will post messages from the bishop's official accounts on their pages.

Zuk offered tips to help recognize fake social media accounts online. He encouraged social media users to check for incorrect spelling and grammar, and check if a person's name on a social media account is spelled correctly.

"I want to emphasize that fraudulent accounts that are impersonating somebody like Bishop Fernandes will typically pressure somebody to take action, whether it's giving personal information, asking for money or meeting in person," he said.

Official accounts will not directly ask an individual online to click a link, request thousands of dollars or a wire transfer from them, or ask to meet publicly in a short amount of time. He said official accounts will also not make unusual requests.

He encouraged individuals to report such accounts and contact the Diocese of Columbus in the event of receiving an odd request online from an individual who appears to be a diocesan employee.

In the event that threats are made online, individuals should dial 911.

Registration open for Jubilee of Anniversaries

The annual Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass honoring long-married couples will be celebrated this year on Saturday, Sept. 7. Bishop Earl Fernandes will honor couples during a 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

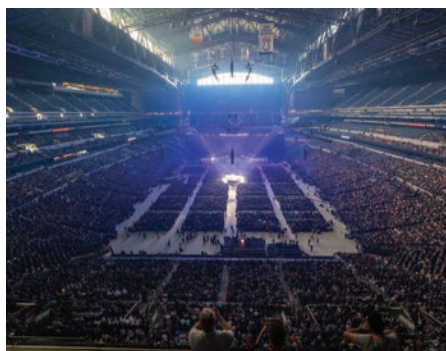
Couples celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and any five-year anniversary thereafter, as well as couples celebrating 60 years of marriage or more, are invited to attend. Couples will have a photo opportunity with the bishop after Mass.

For couples and family members who prefer to attend virtually, the Mass is scheduled to be livestreamed from St.

Joseph Cathedral on the Columbus Catholic YouTube page, www.youtube.com/@ColumbusCatholic. The live recording can be found at the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JeqsmwyT8s.

All couples celebrating a landmark anniversary in 2024, whether attending the Mass or not, are encouraged to register for the event. Registered couples will receive a personalized certificate in the mail recognizing their anniversary.

The deadline to register online is Aug. 31 at www.columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee.



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More than 60,000 Catholics from the Diocese of Columbus and throughout the world came together for five days to participate in the first National Eucharistic Congress since World War II on July 17-21 in Indianapolis.

Photo courtesy Andy Long

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National Eucharistic Congress unites Catholics

By Hannah Heil
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INDIANAPOLIS – Unity was a key theme of the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress.

The Congress brought together thousands of individuals from 17 countries and 43 languages. All 50 U.S. states were represented.

More than 60,000 individuals attended the event, which was held July 17-21.

The gathering of Catholics from various backgrounds and walks of life in a national congress centered on the Eucharist was no accident. Uniting Catholics together as one body was the plan from the beginning.

“The Church needs a national moment of unity,” Bishop Andrew Cozzens, the chair of the National Eucharistic Congress, said in a press conference on July 19.

“That was the heaviest lift of this whole project: to convince the bishops that we should do this. It was so strong in our listening and our prayer together.”

Bishop Cozzens, who serves as the bishop of Crookston, Minnesota, said leaders from dioceses and parishes gathered in the summer of 2021. They formed an executive team, which headed the Church’s National Eucharistic Revival.

Three years later, the National Eucharistic Congress delivered.

For pilgrims from Columbus such as Joe Scarpitti, a parishioner at Columbus St. Peter-Powell St. Joan of Arc parish, the congress brought a sense of unity. Being surrounded and enriched by thousands of Catholics differed from a sense of isolation in the faith, which, he said, can be experienced back home.

“I’ve sat with people from California, from local here in Indiana, people from Illinois – Chicago – people from back home, people from far out east,” he said.

“The willingness to just talk and share with people you sat down next to randomly – it’s amazing. It’s just all the Church. That’s what it means to me: It’s just all the Church.”

Scarpitti said he enjoyed having Catholics who he listens to on the radio or whose books he has read present at the congress. He also appreciated getting to hear “rock stars” such as Father Mike Schmitz, a priest of the diocese of Duluth, Minnesota and host of the Bible in a Year podcast, speak live.

Worshipping God alongside tens of thousands of Catholics was a highlight for Scarpitti.

“Praise and worship and the liturgical music in general has been the most moving for me because music moves me, and so, when it’s done well, you’ve got a whole arena singing along, that’s just amazing,” he said.

The gathering of Catholics present to



The final Mass on Sunday, July 21 of the five-day National Eucharistic Congress was held at Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis. Photos courtesy Andy Long



Bishop Earl Fernandes waves to the mass of people capturing the moment with their phones at the concluding Mass of the National Eucharistic Congress on Sunday, July 21 in Indianapolis. More than 200 bishops and cardinals attended the five-day event.

worship and adore the Lord Jesus Christ alive in the Eucharist also brought hope.

“Here we are, 2,000 years later, packing a stadium of 50,000 people, and the Church has been kicked around a lot,” Archbishop Nelson Perez, the archbishop of Philadelphia, said in a July 19 press conference. “This is a sign of hope and a moment of healing for the Church in the United States.”

Thousands of clergy and consecrated religious were present for the congress – the first to take place in 83 years. More than 200 bishops and cardinals attended, as well as approximately 1,200 priests.

“A lot of priests, but only a thousand, and a lot of bishops, but only 200. Lay

people outnumber us by far, and there lies the fruit and the hope,” Archbishop Perez said in the press conference.

The number of consecrated religious averaged 1,300. More than 700 seminarians and 600 deacons also attended.

Archbishop Perez noted that the vitality of Christ and His bride, the Church, is palpable in the thousands of faithful who were present at the congress.

“What this says to me is that Christ in the Church – the mystical body – is alive,” he said.

The congress was also a sign of hope for seminarian Anthony Whalen, who is studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Columbus.

More than 20 seminarians from Co-

lumbus traveled to Indiana’s capital city for the congress. Several offered a daily Holy Hour at St. John the Evangelist Church. The church, located across the street from the Indiana Convention Center, served as a chapel with 24-hour Adoration for the duration of the congress.

“It was wonderful to see a church packed with so many people. The number of young religious sisters in habit was refreshing and gives hope for the future,” Whalen said.

“Since I transferred from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, I was able to reconnect with many of the seminarians I studied with and some of the priests as well. It has also been a good time of getting to know my Columbus seminarian brothers better since coming back to Ohio.”

For Whalen, the National Eucharistic Congress was his first time attending “this large of a gathering of the faithful.” He was “overwhelmed” by the 40,000+ people who gathered in the stadium for the opening night and said it was a “great experience” for him.

Adoration was offered each evening during the congress in Lucas Oil Stadium. Benediction after exposition of the Blessed Sacrament also took place daily.

“It was great hearing 50,000 people singing ‘O Salutaris’ and ‘Tantum Ergo’ together in a chorus to Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity,” Whalen said.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was also offered in Lucas Oil Stadium each day of the congress. Masses, celebrated by various bishops and cardinals, were offered daily in several languages, including Spanish, Vietnamese, as well as in the Eastern Rite.

Deacon Kevin Girardi, a seminarian for the Diocese of Columbus who is anticipated to be ordained to the priesthood next spring, served in the Mass on July 18 with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the archbishop of New York.

All congress attendees were invited to participate in a Eucharistic procession held in downtown Indianapolis on Saturday, July 20. Tens of thousands of clergy, consecrated religious, seminarians and laity processed through the city streets.

Thousands more faithful packed the sidewalks to watch and welcome the Eucharistic Lord during the procession. The mile-long route began at the Indiana Convention Center and concluded at the Indiana War Memorial and American Legion Mall.

Debbie Crecelius, a parishioner at Delaware St. Mary Church, was struck by the number of clergy in the procession.

“It was just so wonderful – we were calling them our warriors,” she said of the clergy. “We’re just so grateful for their leadership, and it was so wonderful

Legion of Mary members engage in prayer, outreach, evangelization

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

The Legion of Mary praesidium at Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle Church is heeding Christ's command to "Behold your mother" (John 19:27), love their neighbor and pray unceasingly.

The legion follows the Lord's commands to serve Christ through honoring the Blessed Mother in their prayers and through their outreach.

The local praesidium meets weekly on Mondays to pray the rosary and to offer additional Marian prayers prayed by all legion members, known as the Tessura. Members also pray for the cause for sainthood for Frank Duff, who founded the Legion of Mary in 1921.

There are several branches of the legion, each known as a praesidium. Every praesidium is named after a title of Our Lady or in honor of an event from her life.

At St. Matthew, the praesidium is known as the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Manuel Xavier received permission from the church's pastor, Father Ted Sill, to organize the group several years ago.

"I have always had a devotion to Our Lady, as well as wanting to get involved in my parish as a parishioner," member Dawn Shininger said. "The legion has been a great way to pray together with others."

The Immaculate Heart of Mary praesidium is one of several praesidia in the Diocese of Columbus. The curia, which consists of all the praesidia in the diocese, meets once a month. Father Edward Shikina, pastor of Cardington Sacred Hearts and Marion St. Mary churches, serves as the spiritual director.

The Legion of Mary also focuses on outreach and evangelization. The Im-

maculate Heart of Mary praesidium visits individuals in nursing homes, usually weekly, in the Gahanna area.

Members pray the rosary with nursing home residents and read books on Catholic subjects, such as the lives of the saints, with them. Nursing home visits are identified by the parish's homebound ministry, Shininger said.

Active members seek to do good works and recognize Jesus in each individual they encounter. They do so with support from auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary, who commit to praying the rosary and a few additional prayers daily.

"Sometimes it's very difficult, especially when you go to a place where (it) is not comfortable ... but you do it because you are trying to save souls, and with their prayers, it encourages us," Xavier said of the legion's auxiliary members. "It gives us the fortitude that we need to do our job well, and that's the beauty of the Legion of Mary."

The legion attends to business items. This includes attendance, meeting minutes, treasurer reports and a teaching or explanation on a topic of a relevant aspect of the Catholic faith from the praesidium's president.

"We are very structured; we are very business-like," Xavier said. "A lot of people, they prefer to be in a social setting. When they find that this is not a social setting, then they fail to show up, but that's the way we are."

The Immaculate Heart of Mary praesidium currently consists of Xavier, who serves as its president, and three members: Shininger, Cynthia Walden and Marie Antoinette Potts.

Members also offer individual reports during meetings, Shininger said.

"We hear from other members on visiting nursing home parishioners, as well as brainstorming ideas on upcoming proj-



Legion of Mary Praesidium members (from left) Dawn Shininger, Cynthia Walden and Marie Antoinette Potts visited the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama last month when the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage's St. Juan Diego Route arrived there on its way to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. The Legion of Mary Praesidium meets at Gahanna St. Matthew Church.

Photo courtesy Legion of Mary Praesidium

ects, like evangelizing fallen-away members of the parish or welcoming new residents to the area and our parish," she said.

This summer, the Immaculate Heart of Mary praesidium took a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. The shrine, located in the Diocese of Birmingham, is also home to Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, founded by Mother Mary Angelica of the Annunciation.

"The idea of our pilgrimage came about as a result of this year of Eucharistic revival," Shininger said. "The National Pilgrimage stop there on June 20th of the Juan Diego Route made our trip a two-for-one opportunity."

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage took place from May 17 to July 16 in the United

States. The southern route, the St. Juan Diego Route, passed through dioceses in the southern part of the country, while three additional routes covered the north, east and west.

The pilgrimage led up to the National Eucharistic Congress, which took place in Indianapolis on July 17-21.

On their pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Immaculate Heart of Mary praesidium members traveled through Louisville and then made a stop at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Trappist, Kentucky. There, they prayed the rosary outdoors together and spent time at the abbey before continuing on through Nashville.

The praesidium attended daily Mass in each city on their journey to the shrine. The members also prayed the rosary each day, either after Mass or in the car, Shininger said.

Upon arriving at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Legion of Mary members participated in the Adoration Sodality Day of Recollection along with the Perpetual Pilgrims, a group of young adults traveling with the St. Juan Diego Route.

The Adoration Sodality is a group for laity, priests and religious who spiritually join in the mission of adoring the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Sodality Days of Recollection are held the third Thursday of every month at the shrine.

Once a year, Legion of Mary members from the various praesidia in the diocese gather for a Mass on or near a Marian feast day and to re-consecrate themselves to the Blessed Mother. In the Diocese of Columbus, the curia typically gather on March 25, the feast of the Annunciation, Xavier said.

"I've been inspired by these events, to see other legion members of our diocese, which includes a significant presence of Korean Catholics, whose history in their country has a strong influence and involvement in the legion," Shininger said.

"It is a great reminder of the universality of our faith, as love of Mary always brings us closer to her Son."

The Legion of Mary is the largest apos-

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A one-of-a-kind, original, Our Lady of Victory icon will be up for auction from our website, ourladyofvictory.cc, starting this weekend, July 7th and will conclude during the Festival. The icon depicts the same image that appears above the altar at Our Lady of Victory, 1559 Roxbury Rd, Marble Cliff, Ohio. Bidding is only available through the website. The proceeds from the highest bidder will support Our Lady of Victory. Please consider gracing your home with this lovely, original, icon.

Anointing for Colonoscopy?

Dear Father,
I asked my newly ordained parish priest for the sacrament of the sick. I thought he was a bit intrusive by asking what my sickness was, but I told him anyway. When I said that I was going for a colonoscopy, he answered that he couldn't anoint me for that. He offered to pray with me and gave me a blessing. I don't understand because when I had this test 10 years ago, my former pastor anointed me. Should I call the bishop about this young priest?

-Dewayne

Dear Dewayne,
No, don't call your bishop about this priest because the young man seems to have been quite correct and exercised very good pastoral concern by praying with you and blessing you.

The sacrament of anointing of the sick (and not simply the "sacrament of the sick") is, as its name implies, the special sacrament for those who are seriously sick or dying. Checking to see what's inside one's colon, via a colonoscopy, is not a sickness. It's a medical test. Unless someone is experiencing serious sickness in this regard, anointing of the sick is not celebrated.

The same is true of any medical test, say a cardio stress test or chest x-ray or an eye exam. The list is endless. The sacrament is not given merely for medical tests. However, if a test is ordered because the doctor already knows that a serious illness exists and needs further information, one should be anointed for the illness, not the medical test.

Moreover, if your doctor tells you that the colonoscopy results show that you have cancer, you should ask the priest for the sacrament of confession and then anointing. Perhaps not everyone will need the sacrament of confession prior to anointing of the sick, but it's a good practice, especially if it has been awhile since your last

SACRAMENTS 101

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

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confession or if there are serious sins to confess. Then your soul will be healed and disposed to receive the graces of anointing in full measure.

We must be clear that the sacrament of anointing of the sick is for the seriously ill. At times, it can be difficult to judge the difference between an illness that is serious and one that is not. When in doubt, it's a good idea to ask a physician whether a particular illness is life-threatening.

Notice the difference between "life-threatening" and "health-threatening." There are untold threats to our health every day, such as being in the sun too long or catching a cold or throwing my back out. Just because something threatens my health does not mean that I should call the priest immediately.

Some medical procedures may be, in themselves, life-threatening. But they are not performed unless there is already some underlying medical affliction, such as a brain tumor.

Some illnesses are not life-threatening for most people but may become so for a certain population. Someone whose health is already compromised by a serious disease or someone enfeebled by old age may need to be anointed when hit with the flu, for instance, because some infections can further compromise one's health seriously.

Also, not everything that is life-threatening warrants the sacrament of anointing of the sick. For instance, sol-

diers going into battle or people on a sinking ship or firefighters and police officers facing life-threatening situations are not anointed with this sacrament. Even if death seems inescapable, anointing is not the proper sacrament because we are not dealing with illnesses here. The most important sacrament for soldiers, people on failed transportation, firefighters, police and even the person on death row is the sacrament of confession or penance.

There has been a great deal of confusion about the sacrament of anointing in recent decades. Out of fear, it used to be the case that no one called the priest unless death was imminent. Then the pendulum swung in the opposite direction such that, even today, some priests anoint healthy people.

A priest should be called as soon as serious illness inflicts itself on a Catholic who has reached the age of reason. Family members have an obligation of justice toward their loved ones when it comes to serious illness. It is a grave injustice to be an obstacle to the graces of the sacraments by failing to call a priest.

I have experienced too many times to be counted arriving at the deathbed of someone who should have received anointing long before the illness reached that point. The reason for anointing is for the sick person to be able to conform oneself to the suffering Christ for one's own salvation and for the salvation of the world.

The effects of anointing of the sick include: a gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen and give peace and courage in the midst of grave illness or old age; to unite oneself to the passion of Christ; to contribute to the building up of the Body of Christ, the Church; to prepare, as the case may be, for the final journey home to heaven.

Pray for that young priest who blessed you. He did the right thing for you. And pray for all priests who get up in the middle of the night to go to hospitals and homes to anoint the seriously ill and dying.

Donating blood and our time helps those in need

It has been eight years of writing this column and I'm still amazed how the Holy Spirit gives me something to write about each month. While the topics are constantly changing, the desire for this Holy and Healthy column has been the same — to share how God is working through ordinary life, through our daily endeavors, body, mind and soul, to bring us closer to Him.

Recently, I began to donate blood again. I haven't done that since I was in my 20s. My husband, Al, has given for years, and recently a good friend, who was a regular blood donor, was diagnosed with cancer and had a lung removed, so she can't donate blood currently. She is doing great and is almost four months cancer free, praise God. She inspired me to try to give blood again and to make this offering a prayer.

It was easy to donate, and in fact my husband and I had a friendly competition to see who could give a pint the fastest. He won, and he will probably always win as he is super-fast. It was a good experience, though, and I would encourage you to consider doing it if you are in good health and feel called to do so. The Red Cross states that one pint can save three babies. As it turns out, I am a rare blood type, AB+ (less than 4% of the population has this type), and I am a universal donor, so I feel even more responsibility to give if I am able to do so.

The American Red Cross asked me to give platelets due to this rare blood type — which go to cancer, trauma and burn unit patients. I cleared my schedule to give

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it a try.

It took about an hour for the check-in process and for the physical — I passed and I was ready to go! I knew both arms were involved, but I thought I could hold a book. No go. You can't move your arms at all. I popped in my earbuds to listen to praise and worship music as I was told it would be nearly two hours to donate the full amount -- too long for a podcast.

I was ready. The nurse positioned my arms in an outstretched and upward facing position. It was an amazing posture to settle into for hours of prayer! My heart and my arms were facing upward toward heaven with nothing but Jesus to think about for two hours. Blood was drawn out of my left arm and it entered a machine that separated and reserved the platelets. The other blood material returned into my body through the right arm.

Everything started out great. Then about 20 minutes in, the machine alarms started going off. My right arm vein could not expand enough to keep up with the return blood flow. My elbow began to ache and my arm was swelling. We had to stop. I was disappointed that I

was not able to give the entire amount, but I was happy that I tried — knowing that I can easily go back to being a regular blood donor every couple of months.

A few lessons for me in this experience ... I used to be afraid of hospitals, needles and all things medical — and I would pass out whenever blood was drawn. Thank you, Jesus, for helping me to move beyond that fear and to be open to trying new things even in this sixth decade of life.

In regard to hospitals — many years ago, I began taking communion to patients at Riverside Methodist Hospital at the urging of a friend, and I overcome my fear of that and I actually enjoy the hospital environment. When Dublin Methodist Hospital opened, I was able to take communion to patients there. Now I am blessed to take communion to a retirement center in my parish. The Lord has really shown me the beauty of bringing Jesus to the sick and elderly and in spending time with them. Thank you to all of you who serve in care and consolation ministry and in a medical environment.

Finally, I reflected on how everything we do is prayer, whether a helpful and holy action, going inward to spend time in conversation with Jesus, and uniting our illness or infirmity with the heart of Jesus. St. Francis de Sales said, "The prayer of the sick person is his patience and his acceptance of his sickness for the love of Jesus Christ. Make sickness itself a prayer, for there is none more powerful, save martyrdom!"

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toloc organization of lay people in the Catholic Church. There are approximately three million active members in countries throughout the world.

The legion seeks to give God glory through the holiness of its members. Each Legion of Mary praesidium is an extension of the heart and hands of its parish's pastor.

Legionaries cooperate in Mary's and the Church's work of crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.

'Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord'

In the second article found in the Catechetical Instructions of St. Thomas Aquinas, he speaks about Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

Here is where we have a complete separation from our Jewish and Muslim brethren.

St. Thomas writes, "It is not only necessary for Christians to believe in one God who is Creator of heaven and earth and of all things, but also they must believe that God is Father and Christ is true Son of God.

"This, as St. Peter says, is not mere fable, but is certain and proved by the word of God on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Quoting 2 Peter 1:16-19) 'For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,' we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.'"

This is the second theophany (a sensible manifestation of the Trinity) and occurs at what was traditionally known as Mt. Tabor. The first theophany (voice from heaven, dove, Jesus) was the Baptism of our Lord by John the Baptist.

A couple of things to note. Witness testimony. When Peter refers to "we," the others are James and John (sons of Zebedee). When you read the Gospel of John, you should notice the number of times he refers to a person's testimony about their experience of God. Your testimony is crucial because as St. Paul says in Romans 10:17, "... faith comes from what is heard ..." and St. Pe-

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ter says in 1 Peter 3:15, "... Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you ..."

The second is a bit trickier. Talk to any Christian and they would say or believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior. End of story.

The issues/problems begin to manifest when people begin talking about who Jesus is and his relation to God. It is important that we not only believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior but that we have the truth about who Jesus and God is as revealed by God. One may assert that the Gospel writer John wrote what he did when he did (90s A.D.) because he wanted no confusion on that point after doubts may have arisen as to the nature of Jesus.

What are some of the errors that St. Thomas cites? These errors (which occurred before Protestantism) are still held today by some who call themselves Christian and who would say that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior.

Photinus (fourth century bishop) believed that Christ is not the Son of God but lived such a good life that he merited adoption and to be called son of God.

Sabellius (third century priest/theologian) believed that the Father Himself became incarnate and, there-

fore, the Father and the Son is the same Person.

Arius (third/fourth century priest). He is the reason the Nicene Creed is read because his is a persistent (still held) error. Arius, although he would say that Christ was before (temporally) the Blessed Virgin and that the Person of the Father is other than the Person of the Son, nevertheless made a three-fold attribution to Christ: (1) that the Son of God was a creature; (2) that He is not from eternity but was formed the noblest of all creatures in time by God; (3) that God the Son is not of one nature with God the Father, and therefore that He was not true God.

St. Paul uses the word "mystery" when trying to explain something. God was not so mysterious that He didn't reveal certain truths.

One could give many reasons why it is important to believe what the Church teaches about Jesus. I believe no. 143 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church encapsulates it. "By faith, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God. With his whole being man gives his assent to God the revealer. Sacred Scripture calls this human response to God, the author of revelation, "the obedience of faith."

We must admit and be humble that our knowledge, understanding and language is limited when it comes to God. St. Paul writes in 1 Tim 3:15, "if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth."

The Church has us recite the Nicene Creed at every Sunday Mass so we don't forget the truth. Trust THE Catholic Church, the pillar and bulwark of the truth.

Why just war theory always matters

Last month, I had the honor of addressing the *Civitas Dei Fellowship*, which is sponsored by the Dominicans' Thomistic Institute in partnership with Catholic University's Institute for Human Ecology. By the time I spoke at the closing banquet, several dozen students had spent an intense three days wrestling with the just war tradition, debating texts by just war classicists like Augustine and Thomas Aquinas and contemporary just war theorists like Gregory Reichberg of the Oslo Peace Research Institute. After that heavy dose of seriousness, a little light relief might have been in order.

But given our perilous times, I hoped the students wouldn't mind that, instead of the usual post-dinner jokes and anecdotes, I tried to bring their intense reading and discussion into play with some very real 21st-century issues. I'll summarize them telegraphically here, because these issues are most certainly Not For Scholars Only.

The just war way of thinking has been displaced by a "functional pacifism" in most Christian churches today, at least among church leaders.

This is not the result of a moral commitment to classic pacifism (which holds that war is intrinsically evil and that refusal to participate in lethal violence is a Gospel imperative) but to various forms of ecclesiastical wokery. The net result of the churches' concessions to the political left has been to take religious leaders out of serious conversation with policymakers on matters of war and peace, leaving them to lob minatory rhetorical grenades from the bleachers.

The claim that "there is no just thing as a just war" is dangerous nonsense.

The claim is dangerous theologically, because the

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just war way of thinking is based on the natural moral law, the truths built into the world and into us that we can know by reason. The truths of the natural moral law are true perennially and are not changed by political or technological circumstances, although the implications of those truths will evolve over time.

The claim is dangerous pastorally because to argue that there can be no "just war" today is another way of saying that contemporary warfare is intrinsically evil. And to say that is to place an unwarranted burden of conscience on serious Catholics in the armed forces – which, in the American case, means a far higher percentage of Catholics than are found in the general population.

The claim also makes religious leaders look incoherent (at best) when, on the one hand, they praise men and women in the military for their patriotism and self-sacrifice and, on the other hand, declare a "just war" impossible.

The obvious example of a just war today is Ukraine's war for national survival against Russian aggression; Russia's war, by contrast, is unjust in both its intention and its conduct.

The just war way of thinking does not begin with a "presumption against war."

Aquinas didn't think so and neither should we. The "presumption against war" starting point smuggles a pacifist premise into just war theory, which then turns just war thinking into a series of hoops for political leaders to jump through. Rather, the just war way of thinking begins with rightly constituted political authority's responsibility to provide for the security of those for whom public officials have assumed responsibility. That is why a just war is the use of military force in defense or promotion of the common good, which is one of the ends or purposes of politics. Clausewitz may have been wrong about some things, but he was right when he said that war is an extension of politics by other means. If war isn't that, it's mindless slaughter.

So if the just war way of thinking isn't a serious of tests that ethicists and religious leaders pose for political leaders, what is it?

Just war theory provides a framework for collaborative reflection by ethicists, religious leaders, diplomats, and public officials in thinking through the hard problems of securing the peace of order – the peace composed of justice, security, and freedom – in a disordered world: which is this world, this side of the Kingdom come in glory. That reflection addresses how the proportionate and discriminate use of armed force can be directed to the peace of order. So in addition to the classic just war criteria – the *ius ad bellum* or "war-decision law," and the *ius in bello* or "war-conduct law" – a developed just war way of thinking contains a *ius ad pacem*: reflection on the restoration or creation of peace.

And that *ius ad pacem* ought not be confused with contemporary "just peace" theory, which is another form of functional pacifism, its name parasitical on the just war principles it eviscerates.

The spiritual journey to finding God's love

At Confirmation, we receive the Holy Spirit and are strengthened to follow Christ and to spread and defend the faith in word and deed. For most of us (even adult converts), we have a lot of zeal but only basic knowledge of our faith. We have learned about the saints and want to be like them.

Thus was the case of St. Ignatius of Loyola. He was known to be a competitive person. He recounts in his autobiography that he not only wanted to follow the examples of the saints, he wanted to outdo them. (The Autobiography of St. Ignatius)

Ignatius made a pilgrimage to Montserrat after he had been severely wounded by a cannonball during a war. Ignatius suffered the hardship of injury and the long trip. During that time in Montserrat, his focus was on his sins, and he saw himself as so worthless that he was even tempted to commit suicide.

Then, one day, everything changed:

Near the road is a stream, on the bank of which he sat, and he gazed at the deep waters flowing by. While seated there, the eyes of his soul were opened. He did not have any special vision, but his mind was enlightened on many subjects, spiritual and intellectual. So clear was this knowledge that from that day everything appeared to him in a new light. Such was the abundance of this light in his mind that all the divine helps received, and all the knowledge acquired up to his sixty-second year, were not equal to it. From that day he seemed to be quite another man, and possessed of a

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new intellect.

(The Autobiography of St. Ignatius)

It was a pivotal point in Ignatius' spiritual journey, and it's a distinction that sets his spirituality apart to this day: We are sinners, but we are loved sinners.

Ignatius had made the decision to follow Christ. The result? A life of gratitude. Eyes that saw God in all things. A life surrendered in trust to a God who has good in store for us even when those cannonball moments hit.

After I became a Catholic, I also had a pivotal point in my spiritual journey on an Easter morning at Mass in Sunbury. (When I'm at the family farm, I usually attend Mass in Sunbury.) I actually was sitting next to the mother of Father David Sizemore, who was then pastor at St. John Neumann Church.

Father Sizemore talked about sin. My Methodist upbringing said that all sinners are evil; therefore, I took exception to being called a sinner. Father Sizemore said, "We all are sinners! It is only when we choose to continue our sinning ways knowing that we are sinning that we become evil."

Talk about a conversion moment! What insight and

what relief knowing sinning does not make me evil, it makes me human. Seeking forgiveness and knowing God's love and forgiveness is waiting for me filled my heart with more understanding on my faith journey. From that day, I also seemed to be quite another woman, and possessed of a new intellect.

My quest has become one of surrender. I found a novena that is amazing (Novena of Surrender to the Will of God. catholicdoors.com). Taking time to reflect on God's plan is helping me be more open and aware of what God is asking of me. I am aware of a new joy in my life.

I realize joy is not something we can create by ourselves. It's not something we earn. Things don't give us real joy, only God's love can give us lasting joy.

Amanda Zurface (an amazing woman, former diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development intern, Canon lawyer and spiritual director) said,

"Joy is a gift; it is a fruit of the Holy Spirit that comes from surrendering ourselves to God and his will for our lives. Joy is given when we say yes to the Father and no to everything else that gets in the way of having a relationship with him. Joy comes when we live for him — and, therefore, place all our trust in him ... Joy comes from having a true relationship with Him. It's like God rubs off on us and the effect is joy."

Most of you know me as a happy, fun-loving person. My current faith path is leading me toward the true joy of God's love. I pray you find the same path.

A mother's mite: Give and do not ask for reward

It's another late night or perhaps an early morning, I'm not sure. My eyes are too blurry to see the time and yet I continue my vigil.

There must be something more I can do to ease the suffering for those in my home and those on my heart. There are so many who are hurting, including myself.

At this point, we just shuffle who comes first like a ladder, he or she who is in most need, goes to the top and is pushed down a wrung when the crisis is at bay. The need is just so great.

Reinforcements are not in sight. My humanity longs for a social media glimpse of rest: a day at the beach, soft new towels, a hike in the mountains, a cold refreshing drink on a hot day. Heck, what I wouldn't give for a nap right now? What I truly desire, what I truly need is an authentic glimpse of promised healing.

I am rooted here; here in this home, here with this big heart swollen with prayer, here with all these beautiful extended people in my life. I walk the path back to my bedroom after tending to another call for help. These are the souls given to me to shepherd, and though at times I cry out for wisdom and energy, there is comfort in knowing the immense trust the Lord has for me. He has equipped me and not left me alone. He has given me an incredible husband and family to share the joy and shoulder the suffering of this path to Heaven. What have I done to deserve this abundance of graciousness?

And yet I realize in this moment, at whatever God-fearing time it is in the morning, I have nothing left to give and so I offer my breath. Truly it is all I have as I fall upon the couch in the living room, not even making it to my room. My breath can be a prayer for the ones whose hearts and bodies are racked with pain and worry. I ask that each breath be intentional in its inhale and in its exhale. Praying like this grounds me deeper in my identity as a Christian where everything I have been given, down to my last breath, is an offering and an invitation for Christ to use for His purpose.

ALL THAT WE HAVE

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Sometimes as Christians we give and wait for the expected reply; a call and response of sorts. I say thank you. You reply You're welcome. I say I'm sorry. You say you forgive me, or you are sorry too. We live in a world where an offering is almost anticipated and expected to be reciprocated. I love you. You love me too.

I'm coming to understand how this negates the gift. There is no selfless giving if we give from this human expectation. Rather, I am finding God to be closest in my recognition of my own desire for this affirmation, my weakness and my total surrender.

I am reminded of the story in the book of Luke Chapter 21: 1-4 of the widow's mite.

"He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury; and he saw a poor widow put in two copper coins. And he said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for they all contributed out of their abundance, but

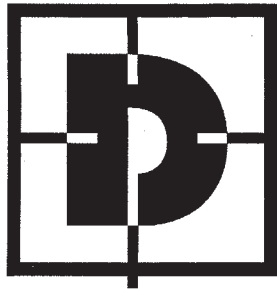
she out of her poverty put in all the living that she had."

All the living she had, this is the woman I seek to emulate. My children might see the extra stop at the ice cream store on the way home or the special pair of sandals and feel loved, but I think the truly selfless giving is the widow's mite. Perhaps we call it a mother's mite, the gift no one sees but we parents give, of the very last of our effort, the last bit of our patience, and even the last thought at night laid out in a prayer for those we hold so close.

Lord, help us to give selflessly, to pour out like you, for you, in all we do.

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OpenDoor event to feature Olympic gold medalist's sister

The fight against substance use disorder is ongoing and OpenDoor Women's Recovery Alliance is stepping up to make a difference for women who are suffering. With its upcoming fundraiser, Morning of Hope, focused on supporting women struggling with addiction, the community is gearing up for an event that promises to be informative and inspiring.

Attendees will gain valuable insights and learn about how they can get involved in this important work.

Scheduled for Saturday morning, Sept. 14 in the Ministry Center at New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, the fundraiser will feature Hilary Phelps (sister to Olympic swimming gold medalist Michael Phelps), who is not only a

survivor from substance use disorder but a source of inspiration. Hilary is an addiction recovery advocate, writer and holistic wellness coach dedicated to helping other women find their voices and heal from challenges holding them back.

In addition to Phelps sharing her journey, the event will also include a panel discussion featuring Rachel Muha, co-founder of OpenDoor; Aimee Shadwick, director for RecoveryOhio, an initiative designated within the office of Gov. Mike DeWine; Judge Jodi Thomas of the Franklin County Municipal Court, which offers treatment options rather than jail; Oyauma Garrison, CEO of Maryhaven, Columbus' oldest treatment facility; and Stephanie, one of the participants of the OpenDoor program.

The Morning of Hope committee has been diligently striving to raise awareness about the distinct challenges women encounter as they strive for sobriety and seek to fulfill their true potential as envisioned by God. By providing support, resources, and a sense of community, OpenDoor aims to empower women to break free from the cycle of addiction. In doing so, countless lives are also changed and the butterfly effect is created.

Tickets for Morning of Hope are now available for purchase, with all proceeds going toward funding programs and services for women in recovery. Whether it is providing access to treatment, paying for counseling and support services or creating safe spaces for women to heal and grow, every dollar raised will make

a meaningful impact.

As the date of Morning of Hope approaches, the community is rallying behind this cause. With support of sponsors, volunteers, and attendees, OpenDoor is confident that the event will be a resounding success, raising both funds and awareness for women suffering from substance use disorder.

All are invited to join OpenDoor on Sept. 14 for a morning of education, inspiration and empowerment. Together, everyone can make a difference in the lives of women in need and work toward a future where all individuals have the support and resources needed to overcome this debilitating disease of addiction and live healthy, fulfilling lives.

Three diocesan schools join new Catholic football conference

Eight Ohio high schools with storied football reputations that span decades will come together two years from now to begin play in the Ohio Catholic Athletic Conference.

The formation of the new conference, which at the outset will include football only, was announced earlier this month by the member schools from central and northeast Ohio.

Columbus St. Francis DeSales, Bishop Watterson and Bishop Hartley comprise three of the eight high schools. The others are Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, Youngstown Ursuline and Youngstown Cardinal Mooney.

"This unique partnership allows these eight Catholic schools the great opportunity to showcase not only their prowess in the athletic realm but their acumen in the classroom as well as their leadership in service to their respective communities," the member schools said in a release.

The long-standing Central Catholic League will simultaneously continue to exist with Watterson, DeSales, Hartley and Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, which opted at this time not to join the new conference. The three Columbus schools in the OCAC will continue to schedule St. Charles in football once the new conference kicks off in the fall of 2026.

Columbus Bishop Ready High School, a longtime member of the CCL, joined the Central Buckeye League in 2023. Cristo Rey Columbus High School does not field a football team.

While CCL competition will continue in all other sports between Watterson, DeSales, Hartley and St. Charles, school administrators hope to expand the OCAC to include the other Ohio High School Athletic Association-sanctioned sports in the future.

In the meantime, anticipation is brew-

ing for the new league despite its launch still being two years away.

"We're really excited about this conference," Hartley football coach Brad Burchfield said. "We're going to be able to create new rivalries and experiences for our students with like-minded Catholic schools with historic traditions. This is going to be incredible."

Competition will be fierce among the historically successful OCAC teams. The eight schools have combined for 29 state titles, 50 championship-game appearances and 200 playoff berths over the past 50 years, led by Cardinal Mooney with eight titles and St. Vincent-St. Mary with six. Cardinal Mooney has qualified for the postseason 32 times and DeSales is right behind at 30.

In 2023, all eight teams made the playoffs in Divisions II, III or IV. Watterson advanced to the Division III state final. Walsh Jesuit and Ursuline were regional finalists in Division II and III, respectively.

Hartley has experienced as much success as any of the schools in the past two decades under Burchfield. The Hawks boast an active streak of 14 consecutive playoff appearances and have won three state titles during his tenure.

Meanwhile, CCL rivals Watterson and DeSales have each played in a state championship game within the past four years.

Though the conference schedule will be daunting, games against high-caliber schools should be beneficial in the computer rankings that determine playoff qualifiers. A team could potentially finish in the middle or lower half of the conference standings and still make the postseason based on strength of schedule.

"When you look at the teams on the list from top to bottom and think of the history and the traditions and success of those programs over time, it's pretty

impressive," DeSales coach Ryan Wiggins said. "It going to be a really good challenge. Each and every week you'll be looking at either a great local game or a great statewide matchup. It'll make for some exciting football."

The main driving force behind the new alliance of Catholic schools was to alleviate some of the challenges of scheduling games year after year.

A four-team CCL with only three league games left the schools with seven non-conference football games to schedule during the regular season. Finding opponents willing to play CCL teams, particularly later in the year when other schools were in the midst of their conference schedules, proved difficult.

That forced Hartley, DeSales or Watterson to regularly travel to various parts of the state and even out of state to play games. And some of those matchups have come against schools with enrollment two or three times larger.

"Now we've got schools that are very similar in size to us and very similar in numbers in their program," DeSales athletic director Tom Neubert said. "I just feel better about sending my kids up to play these schools rather than a big Division I public high school."

Five years ago, the CCL teams formed an alliance with Catholic schools from the Dayton area to play each other in football, but the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020 and the schools discontinued the series after that.

"To be honest, we've had discussions with about every diocese (about scheduling)," Neubert said.

Earlier this year, conversations began with administrators from the schools interested in joining the OCAC and the talks progressed rapidly.

"We had one Zoom meeting and one in person and worked it all out," Neubert said. "We were done, and now we're moving forward."

One of the questions raised about the new conference is the amount of travel for students and families. Teams will likely be making at least one football trip to Youngstown and one to the Cleveland-Akron area each season.

But the athletic directors and coaches are quick to point out that their teams have traveled long distances for games in the past. Also, parents and athletes are accustomed making road trips to participate in club sports and camps.

"It's nice to have a normal football schedule even though we're traveling a little bit," Watterson athletic director Doug Etgen said. "The problem was finding a week seven or nine game where you can't find anybody. And now we're good weeks four through 10."

Having other Catholic schools with the same mission and values factored prominently into the discussions to create the new conference.

"We look forward to the rivalries on the football field," Etgen said. "But then there's the opportunity to share how we do things in our school buildings, how we do things with regard to our faith."

Integrating other sports into the new conference may take some time, the ADs said. Scheduling midweek competition won't be feasible because of the extended travel on school days.

"Where we'd like it to go is to become a full league with all sports," said Neubert, who mentioned the possibility of creating other opportunities for students such as leadership conferences. "Logistically, that's going to be tougher for us to iron out. Some sports are easier than others."

"I would like to think by 2027 we could have some things in place. Having a wrestling tournament or a golf tournament on a weekend is really easy. Individual sports are much easier than team

Women's Care Center meets increasing demand for services

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

A place of peace.

That is how Columbus' Women's Care Center could be described. From the wall colors to the music playing to pictures of mothers holding their babies, the center offers beauty and respite for the woman facing a decision to choose life for her child to the woman navigating motherhood.

"There's a lot of thought put into the Care Center," said Madeline Pesavento, the senior outreach director for the Columbus Women's Care Center. "I think it's because we want her to feel like it's a place of peace away from the chaos of her life."

"The people she's taking care of, the influences that she's having in this decision – that all stops the moment that she walks through our door."

Inside the doors of the Women's Care Center, which has two locations in Columbus – one on East Broad Street and another on East Main Street – women can find parenting classes, childcare, individual counseling and ultrasound. The Women's Care Center offers a range of tangible support, Pesavento said, from baby essentials to strollers and car seats.

Staff members are working to serve an increasing number of mothers in need.

Visits have increased by 42 percent, she said, and pregnancy tests at the center are

up 18 percent. As of the beginning of July, women made 5,418 visits to the Columbus Women's Care Center so far this year.

Each service offered by the center is geared toward helping a woman choose life for her child and beyond that decision, providing wraparound care for her.

More than 50 percent of women who visit the Women's Care Center come seeking an abortion. However, 91 percent choose life.

The center's mission is to help women recognize their dignity and ability to mother, and then to help them through their pregnancy. Pesavento said staff members help a woman to be self-sufficient but also walk with her throughout her parenting journey.

She said the Women's Care Center recognizes that, as much as they want a mother to say 'Yes' to her baby, the individual has to be able to say 'Yes.' And so, they are there to help her each step of the way.

Pesavento credited the center's counselors who dedicate their time to serving women in need. Between the two locations in Columbus, roughly 22 counselors are on staff either part time or full time.

Several counselors have been with the Women's Care Center for 10 or 15 years. Their work in counseling vulnerable women has notably changed.

"The job has become so much harder, truly. When the counselors talk about the early days, it's a pretty quiet center. Maybe a couple times a week you'd have a wom-



The Women's Care Center recently painted the exterior of its East Main Street location an eye-catching pink to offer an inviting presence. Photo courtesy Women's Care Center

an that was set on abortion – we're having more than five a day at each center," Pesavento said.

If the job has increased in difficulty, the Women's Care Center has risen to the occasion.

The center offers an array of services, including classes for mothers expecting their first baby. In recent years, the center has expanded to offer more subjects for parents, such as technology in the home,

what to expect in the next season of parenting and parenting a strong-willed child.

The center also offers a "Strong Fathers" series for men who come to the center, Pesavento said, that is taught by Catholic men.

"They tell us the topics that they want incorporated," she said of the clients. "I think there's so much discussion in the

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to see them all together.

“And then, at Mass, to see all those priests and deacons and seminarians and then all those bishops – usually we see only one at a time – it’s such a joy to see them all together and the paternity of them. I think they must be enjoying that time together.”

Crecelius, who serves as a core team member for the Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference, traveled to the congress with others on the core team. She was impressed by what she experienced.

“It’s totally awesome,” Crecelius said of the congress. “It’s actually far exceeded what I expected.”

Although many miles from home, she said the National Eucharistic Congress was a great way to meet people from the Diocese of Columbus. Crecelius enjoyed sitting with many Columbus pilgrims, who often congregated for the various sessions offered at the congress. Approximately 450 individuals from Columbus were present.

The Eucharistic procession downtown was a highlight for Amanda Mahle, who serves as the administrative assistant at Johnstown Church of the Ascension. Her son, Sam, will begin seminary for the Diocese of Columbus this fall.

It was comforting, she said, as a Catholic, to know the faith is “alive” and “growing.”

“It’s all the things we know to be true,” she said. “It just solidified and confirmed it.”

Mahle, who traveled with a group from her home parish, Sunbury St. John Neumann, spoke with attendees from across the United States. She said the congress showed that “we are one body in Christ.”

A group of parishioners from St. John Neumann traveled by bus with pilgrims from other diocesan parishes. They were accompanied by Father Jonathan Wilson, the pastor of Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church, as Father Daniel Dury, pastor of St. John Neumann, is currently away on sabbatical.

Mahle appreciated Father Wilson’s presence on the bus. She said he helped prepare the pilgrims for the Eucharistic congress.

“You do have to wrap your brain around the fact that it’s going to be a firehose of information all at once and just take it in and take it home,” she said.

“I really feel like they did an amazing job of helping us understand that we need to take this back, that we’re responsible as a Church to take this back and spread the joy.

“I thought it was so well done. I was surprised at how easy it’s been to find my way around.”

The congress was also a noteworthy experience for Mahle as a convert to Ca-

tholicism. She was baptized and initiated into the Catholic Church a couple of decades ago.

“My husband chose this for us 20 years ago, and I have not regretted a minute of it,” she said.

The National Eucharistic Congress included a lineup of well-known speakers during evening “revival sessions.” Speakers represented clergy, consecrated religious and laity.

The lineup included actor Jonathan Roumie, who plays the role of Jesus in the television series *The Chosen*, which portrays the life of Christ.

Bishop Robert Barron, the bishop of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota and founder of *Word on Fire* Catholic Ministries, was also a featured speaker.

“The energy in this room could change this country,” the bishop said addressing the audience of more than 60,000 individuals.

Matt Maher, a critically acclaimed Catholic musician, performed live during a revival session and time of Adoration in Lucas Oil Stadium on July 20.

The congress also included a Shroud of Turin exhibit, as well as an exhibit on

Eucharistic miracles compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis.

A relic chapel was open for prayer and veneration during the congress. The chapel contained relics of the patron saints of the National Eucharistic Revival – Blessed Carlo Acutis, Ss. Manuel Gonzalez and Paschal Baylon – and patrons of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: Ss. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Juan Diego, Junipero Serra and the Veil of Our Lady.

During the closing of the congress on Sunday, July 21, in his final remarks, Bishop Cozzens announced a national pilgrimage will take place again in 2025. The single route will take pilgrims from Indianapolis to Los Angeles.

A national gathering for the feast of Corpus Christi, which celebrates the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, is set for June 2025 in Los Angeles.

The 11th National Eucharistic Congress was announced for 2033 – the Year of Redemption – marking the 2,000th year since Christ’s death and resurrection. Bishop Cozzens said the possibility of a national Eucharistic congress before that date will be discerned.



National Eucharistic Congress attendees enjoy some of the inspiration music in Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Stadium. Photo courtesy Andy Long

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Local broadcaster-author draws large crowd to Congress presentation

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

INDIANAPOLIS—Patrick Madrid, host of The Patrick Madrid Show on Relevant Radio and parishioner at Columbus St. Patrick Church, spoke during a breakout session at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

The radio host answered questions live as part of the session titled “Relevant Radio Presents ...” The session, held in the Indianapolis Convention Center on Friday, July 19, was attended by approximately 5,000 individuals.

Madrid, an acclaimed public speaker and author or editor of 26 books, answered questions ranging from prayers for adult children who have left the faith to prefiguration of the Eucharist in the Old Testament.

An individual from Pittsburgh asked Madrid how “regular, normal Catholics show or explain their love for the Eucharist as the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus to help inspire others?”

Madrid, who has a degree in philosophy and master’s in theology from the Pontifical College Josephinum, answered that attending the National Eucharistic Congress is a way to bear witness.

“What we’re doing right now,” he said, “by gathering together in the National Eucharistic Congress to show Jesus our love and to show each other, ‘Hey, it’s not just you.’ There’s a lot of us here, and we think about all the other people who are back at home.”

More than 60,000 individuals total attended the five-day congress in Indianapolis from July 17 to July 21.

The congress is part of a three-year Eucharistic revival taking place in the Catholic Church.

Madrid suggested other ways to demonstrate love for the Eucharist: wear a lapel pin of a monstrance with a white host in the center; personally invite an individual to Mass who has never attended or fallen away; or display a picture of the Holy Eucharist in a work office or cubicle.

An individual from Green Bay, Wisconsin asked Madrid for examples of prefiguration of the Eucharist in the Old Testament.

Madrid offered the tree of knowledge of good and evil mentioned in the Book of Genesis as an example. He said the fruit on the tree was the poison that destroyed the human race through sin.

“Now, let’s compare that tree and that fruit and the tree of Calvary, the cross, and on the tree of Calvary, the cross, hung the fruit of our redemption – Jesus Christ – and He comes to us in the Holy Eucharist in the form of bread and wine,” he said.

“When we eat the fruit of the cross, it heals the wound that was caused by the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden.”

An attendee from Louisiana asked Madrid for suggestions of prayers to pray for adult children who are not practicing the Catholic faith.

He recommended praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for them. Parents can also suggest the chaplet to their children as an option to pray during a difficult time, which, in turn, he said, could lead to their conversion or reversion.

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An opening Mass for pilgrims from the Diocese of Columbus attending the National Eucharistic Congress was offered on Wednesday, July 17 at Holy Rosary Church in downtown Indianapolis by Bishop Earl Fernandes. *Photos courtesy Andy Long*



Participating in a Mass for Columbus attendees at the National Eucharistic Congress on Wednesday, July 17 at Holy Rosary Church in downtown Indianapolis are (from left) Fathers Jonathan Wilson, Michael Haemmerle, David Arroyo, Robert Penhallurick and Adam Streitenberger.

Bishop Fernandes offers Mass for diocesan Congress attendees

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

INDIANAPOLIS — More than 400 individuals traveling from the Diocese of Columbus arrived in Indianapolis on Wednesday, July 17 for the opening of 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

Approximately 50,000 people are attending the congress, which is the first to take place in the United States in 83 years. The congress is part of a three-year Eucharistic revival in the United States, intended to renew the Church by enkindling a relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Pilgrims traveling from Columbus for the congress met at Holy Rosary Church in downtown Indianapolis for a Mass with Bishop Earl Fernandes. He was joined by several priests from the Diocese of Columbus who concelebrated the Mass.

The Mass was an opportunity for the faithful from Columbus to unite and receive the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist before the opening of the congress. About 300 Catholics from the diocese attended the Mass before gathering with 50,000 of their brothers and sisters.

“I feel like, by our country having this Eucharistic Congress, it’s not only going to honor our Lord, which is really what our country needs and the whole world needs, the Lord’s going to bless our country, and we’re going to be a beacon of light again for the world,” said Suzanne Haines, a parishioner at Columbus St. Patrick Church.

She had hopes of bringing some of her family to the congress. They experienced difficulties with making arrangements, but Haines was pleasantly surprised when a last-minute opening for the congress became available to her.

“I really wanted to bring my young adult son and daughter-in-law – they’re

in Nashville – and my husband, and I tried to work it out. It wasn’t working, and I thought, ‘OK, I’m not supposed to go,’ and then we were trying every which way,” she said.

“My girlfriend texted and said somebody backed out and that they’d pay, and I went, ‘I’ll take it.’ ... Things that are of God, you don’t fret; you don’t get anxious about; you don’t worry. You just go.”

Haines enjoyed the Mass with Bishop Fernandes at Holy Rosary.

In his homily, the bishop told those gathered that is good to be together. He reminded the congregation that the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a Eucharistic heart, and Jesus bids them to come to Him.

Bishop Fernandes also reflected on Christ’s humility. He described the Eucharistic Lord as meek and humble and recalled His great humility: being born of a lowly virgin in a stable, stooping down to wash his disciples’ feet before the Last Supper, and ultimately, dying on a cross.

“Such is the humility of our God,” the bishop said.

He told the congregation that Jesus became poor so that they might become rich. He encouraged the faithful to strive for the greatness that is theirs.

Bishop Fernandes also noted that every Mass is a celebration of Christ’s sacrifice at Calvary. God the Father gave the greatest gift – His only Son – and Christ gave His people the greatest gift: Himself in the Holy Eucharist.

“Every time you go to Mass with the bishop – it’s a lifting of the heart anyway because it’s Jesus – but he just gives such great homilies,” Haines said. “He gives a spirit of joy.”

Sister Margaret Therese, CSJ (Congregation of St. John), a member of the Apostolic Sisters of St. John, arrived in Columbus before making the trip to Indianapolis for the congress.

She lives at St. John Priory in East Orange, New Jersey and met up with Sister Marie, CSJ, an Apostolic Sister of St. John in Columbus who serves as the director of religious education at Columbus St. Christopher Church. The two traveled with other pilgrims from Columbus.

Sister Margaret Therese had good impressions of the Mass with Bishop Fernandes and pilgrims from the Columbus diocese.

“I thought it was very beautiful for the bishop and the faithful to be able to have the opportunity to open the congress in an intimate way in a beautiful church,” she said. “It was a very good start to the congress. So, I appreciate that very much.”

The opening of the congress later that evening began with an entrance procession by the four routes of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Pilgrims arrived in Indianapolis the previous day after traveling across the United States from the north, east, south and west. Young adults serving as perpetual pilgrims had accompanied the Eucharistic Lord on a 60-day journey from city to city.

Bishop Andrew Cozzens led the tens of thousands of individuals gathered in Indianapolis’ Lucas Oil Stadium in Adoration and prayer. The bishop of the diocese of Crookston, Minnesota, who also serves as chairman of the board of the National Eucharistic Congress, entered the stadium holding a monstrance with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Kneeling before the Eucharistic Lord in a silent stadium, Bishop Cozzens told God that His people are gathered to give Him thanks and praise. He said they are there because they want to be changed.

The bishop acknowledged that, while all gathered there are sinners, they are His. Bishop Cozzens also expressed to God a desire for unity and a need for

peace.

The evening included a live praise-and-worship music performance. Music was provided by Catholic musicians who serve in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States.

“It was a very enthusiastic start to the congress,” Sister Margaret Therese said. “It was also a call to recognize God’s love. ... It’s an important message that we need for our time, and I think it was a beautiful way to start the congress, to put everyone in the mindset to be able to receive all of the graces that we need.”

Cardinal Christophe Pierre, who serves as the apostolic nuncio to the United States, was one of the opening speakers at the congress.

The apostolic nuncio, who was appointed by Pope Francis in 2016, told those gathered that he was happy to be with them and that being at the National Eucharistic Congress is a “gift.”

Cardinal Pierre noted that the Eucharist is an immense gift for unity. He recalled the prayer that Christ prayed the night that He instituted the Eucharist: “that they all may be one” (John 17:21).

He said Eucharistic revival consists of sacrament and devotion, but it also opens up God’s people to an encounter with Him for the rest of their lives. This encounter takes place in interactions with people, he said, particularly with individuals who people might consider being divided from or who have different thoughts or beliefs.

Sister Margaret Therese echoed the cardinal’s words, hoping the congress will bring unity.

“There was a large number of people in the stadium last night, but I think those other efforts – the (National Eucharistic) Pilgrimage and the online coverage – helps even more people than that to participate,” she said.



The Blessed Sacrament is carried through Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis during the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. *Photos courtesy Andy Long*



Thousands of priests, religious and seminarians participated in the National Eucharistic Congress, including the clergy assembled for the final Mass on Sunday, July 21 in Lucas Oil Stadium.



A thurible with incense swings during an outdoor procession on Saturday in Indianapolis.



Bishop Earl Fernandes (center) joins other bishops in the downtown procession.



Fathers Michael Haemmerle (center) and William Hahn (wearing hat) walk in the procession.



Bishop Earl Fernandes listens to one of the presentations.



A spotlight shines on the Blessed Sacrament as the faithful pray during Eucharistic Adoration in Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Stadium.



Thousands of bishops, priests, deacons, religious, seminarians and laity fill the street during a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through downtown Indianapolis on Saturday, July 20, the fourth day of the National Eucharistic Congress.



National Eucharistic Congress attendees enter the Indianapolis Convention Center, the site for presentations and exhibits.



Appalachian Project volunteers depart for Scioto County from Columbus Christ the King Church in June.

Photos courtesy Anne Jupinko



Chuck Schafhausen explains roofing to Appalachian Project volunteers (from left) Emilee Zoog, Keegan McKnight, Evie Campbell and Grace Eisenstein.



Taking a break from work at Betty's farm are (from left) Scott Treadway, Jerry Manley, Elle Hauser, Bryanna Treadway, Peter Krajnak, Cathleen Collins and Gus Davis



The roofing team at the Anawim house includes (from row from left) Rita Frye, Ingrid Bedell, Thai Trinh; (back row from left) Kaitlyn Acquah, Eva Padilla Barroso and Lisa Horn.

Appalachian Project completes 30 years of service

By Anne Jupinko

Since 1994, youth and adult volunteers, mostly from east-side Columbus parishes, have spent the last week in June as part of the Appalachian Project providing service to families in Scioto County.

The program began at Columbus Christ the King Church, and for the past 15 years has also been sponsored by Columbus St. Catharine of Siena Church. Youth have participated from Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, Columbus St.

Charles Preparatory School and nearby parishes and schools, while parishioners and others have enthusiastically supported the work for 30 years.

This year, seven worksites and approximately 50 team members were part of the Project.

Each year, the group has learned (under adult supervision) to use tools needed for the projects, delved into Appalachian culture, which is experienced in Scioto County; and formed Christian community through a formation period and the work week that includes service,

faith-building, and prayer and fun-filled evening activities.

More than 500 youth have participated through the years, and many have said it was the best week of their summer. They have declared that helping others in distress is life-changing and challenging.

Youth who participate have met and helped more than 200 families, some with repeat visits, to make life better and homes more secure. Most of the people assisted are elderly, unemployed or under-employed, disabled or whose income simply cannot be stretched to provide repairs.

Ramps for wheelchairs, roofs, home additions, plumbing and electrical assistance, painting, replacing flooring and more have been provided during the work weeks.

This year's projects included Anawim House, which began as a small Christian community and received the final portion of a new metal roof begun last year; a new metal roof for Connie, who lives near Shawnee Forest; and repairs to a front porch for Suzanne.

Also, Elmer was given a new shed to store his lawn mowers, which he uses to

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help others. Elmer, who is elderly, and his sister have previously been assisted with new kitchen cabinets, flooring and a tub to shower conversion. Jackie needed some interior repairs and painting, and new gravel for her driveway. Donna owns and rents an old gas station used for storage for added income but in need of repairs and paint.

Betty lives high on a hill with a beautiful view and runs a wild horse mustang rescue. At one time, Art Koenig owned the property and grew hundreds of tulips there, visited each spring by many people. The tulips are gone, the view is still spectacular, and Betty has a way with the mustangs she provides with sanctuary. Her tiny, cramped shower was replaced with a new, larger shower.

Besides helping families in distress, the Project gives the youth a sense of self-worth and accomplishment. There is a

sense of God present among the teams, in the service donated to families, and for the families themselves who are recipients of the work. An abundance of grace is felt by all.

Khloe Lovell, participating for the second year, said, "I experienced God in the lady we helped this week. You could see how happy and grateful she was for us helping her. I feel I helped someone in need. It made me realize how grateful I am for things I have."

Maggie Fouts, a second-year participant, said she enjoyed talking to Miss Jackie on her worksite while recognizing that everyone longs to be loved and helped. She believes everyone did a good job, and everyone uplifted each other.

Joseph Beckett, a recent graduate of the University of Dayton, has lived his entire life in Scioto County. His family has been involved every year with the Project. "I will

share about the joy this Project brings," he said. "This work truly embodies the paradox that in giving we receive. I continue to learn how important youth formation is as one of the fruits of the project."

Lisa Horn, a parishioner at St. Catharine, came for the first time as an adult leader with her two teenage sons. She enjoyed spending time with her boys while their phones were turned off. She enjoyed helping others and felt the presence of the Lord.

The Project Mission Statement implies that cell phones should be turned off. It states: The purpose of our Project is to spend time apart from our ordinary life, to develop a better understanding of our relationship

to God and to our neighbors, and to express our care in concrete actions according to the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

An important adult team member who always came to share prayer and wisdom passed away in April. Deacon Peter Labita of Christ the King Church was a co-founder of the Project in 1994. He is missed, but what he began continues to flourish.

For more information about joining the Appalachian Project, especially youth in grades 9 and up, contact theappalachianproject94@gmail.com.

Anne Jupinko of Columbus Christ the King Church is the project coordinator.



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By Sister Zephрина Mary, FIH

Director, Diocesan Missions Office

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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites everyone to help their brothers and sisters in the Catholic Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. This yearly collection helps to strengthen connections between the Church in the United States and the Church in the Latin America.

In Latin America, thousands of people live in poverty and have spiritual needs. Are you aware of the seriousness of our Christian duty to help mankind in less fortunate lands than us? Our missionary endeavors should be one of our primary interests. Let us give our time and talents to help the urgent needs of the missions.

There are many good-hearted people who spend their free time or their vacation time working voluntarily to serve others and on mission service projects. They make their lives fruitful and valuable for the sake of Christ.

People battle with hunger, diseases, illiteracy and unemployment everywhere in the world, especially in mission lands. In the Bible, God advises the faithful that "You shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be" (Deuteronomy 15:8).

Jesus Christ, our Savior, for the sake of mankind became man and suffered for us. St. Paul describes Christ's mission: "Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
In the Diocese of Columbus, the annual Latin American Collection will take up on the weekend of August 3 and 4. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands.

The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. Though the Gospel is unchanging, we have many ways to make it relevant to people of all cultural, ethnic and linguistic backgrounds.

The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous,

African, European and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. Such encounters and engagement with the peoples of South America are made possible when Catholics in our diocese are generous to the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

I invite you to give generously to this collection and your participation in the collection truly becomes a way to share your faith and support evangelization efforts among all peoples.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus

form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:5-8). Jesus Christ, throughout His earthly life, always focused on His mission by Father's will through total self-emptying love expressed in all His ministries.

Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to support the missionary work of the Church. In a 2018 visit to Peru, he said, "Many missionaries, men and women, have devoted themselves to your peo-

ples and defended your cultures," adding, "They did so inspired by the Gospel." And he appealed to them, "Do not yield to those attempts to uproot the Catholic faith from your peoples." (Vatican Dispatch, 2018). The pope continued, "I wanted to come to visit you and listen to you, so that we can stand together, in the heart of the Church."

The Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a concrete countenance of unity and solidarity between Catholics in the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through these contributions, Catholics from across the United States have

supported the formation of priests and religious, the training of catechists and other pastoral ministers, the education of children and young people, and relief efforts in the wake of natural disasters. The funds help to accomplish the spiritual programs such as evangelization among non-Christians, among the urban poor, among minorities, and raise mission awareness and to promote vocations and work towards justice and peace.

The Church in Latin America provides a solid expression of solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the hemisphere. Such an expression is a visible sign of faith and hope on our path to communion with God.

For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain and a shortage of ministers make it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations help take care of the evangelization programs of these regions. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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classes it becomes an opportunity to hear what other people are going through."

The Women's Care Center offers a weekly Spanish-speaking class, and it recently began offering a monthly class for the Haitian-Creole and French-speaking.

Classes are offered five days during the week, and class attendance has increased by 70 percent, Pesavento said. Some class subjects are offered multiple times per week.

"Toddler Story Time" and "Mommy and Me" classes are also offered weekly.

Both Columbus locations include an ultrasound machine. And while the center might be widely renowned for its supply of diapers, Pack 'n Plays and newborn onesies, the resources offered extend beyond a woman's pregnancy or her baby's first year.

"Women have eight-year-olds that come to the Care Center. There's no moment in time that we're no longer a resource. We're always a resource. She can come here for as long as she wants," Pesavento said.

The Women's Care Center is also assisting women in unforeseen situations

they might encounter in daily life outside of the center.

"We've been able to help a lot more often in those challenging situations of, like, your car breaks down. Now, we have a fund at Miracle Motor Mart to help fix her car, or she's having a hard time paying rent, we're able to help in those situations, or she's put a deposit down for her abortion, she makes that choice for life, we'll pay that out for her. Those sorts of things have grown here in Columbus," Pesavento said.

Hospitality is a central focus for Care Center staff. All of the center's counselors read "Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love" by Lonni Collins Pratt and Father Daniel Homan, OSB (Order of St. Benedict), which offers Benedictine wisdom on welcoming a stranger into the heart and home.

The staff recognizes that their interaction with a woman they serve influences her choosing life for her child.

"There's such an important decision in front of her. A lot of that is just through the way in which we interact with the woman," Pesavento said.

She pointed out an example of a client who recently visited the center and said to a counselor, "I know that I am truly blessed to have met you, and not because of the material things but just helping me find the strength I needed to be able to do this."

As the staff members work to serve mothers in need inside their doors, the Women's Care Center spruced up their exterior, too.

The center recently painted its Main Street house pink. The house, located on one of the city's busiest streets and along the central bus line, is perhaps where women need it most.

Beyond accessibility, however, the house needs to be a place that women want to come, Pesavento said.

With its warm, blush pink exterior and bright pink front door, the Main Street location is an inviting presence that could draw women in for years to come.

"As she's traveling down that road, she'll see Women's Care Center first," Pesavento said, "so she can see that big sign for free pregnancy test, free ultrasound, and then, come in for that second opinion."

Donations raised last year by the Wom-

en's Care Center's annual Luxury Bingo event will fund an interior expansion of the center's Broad Street location. The expansion, which is set to begin in August, will include a maternity boutique, dedicated space for childcare at the center and a second ultrasound machine.

"Ultrasound is such an incredible tool and very often the moment a woman first falls in love with her baby," Pesavento said. "Because of the generosity from this community, the project will ensure every woman receives a same-day ultrasound."

The center's Luxury Bingo event will be held this year on Thursday, Aug. 1.

The Columbus Women's Care Center is currently hiring. Individuals interested in applying should email Alanna Wills, client care director, at awills.wcc@gmail.com. Available positions currently include: nurse/sonographer, parenting program coordinator, office assistant and counselor.

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"The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

The Lord intends something for us that is beyond our understanding. He knows us. We do not really know ourselves and what we need unless we learn to desire the kingdom of God. This desire leads us to a deeper approach to life, inspiring us to reach for something beyond what we are experiencing at any given moment. Wants give way then to the longing for the reality that is in us, and from that perspective, we see better what we need. Awareness of God's providential love for us gives us a perspective that will not be given any other way. God loves us. God loves us immensely. God loves me. That love is divine love. We are fed and nourished by the hand of the Lord. He gives us all that we truly need.

As human beings, we have needs that are physical, pertaining to life as creatures who are part of all that exists materially. We also have emotional needs, feelings and desires that are more personal, pertaining to our interactions with other persons and all creatures that live with us. Finally, we have spiritual needs pertaining to a more elusive part of ourselves, our capacities to know, to remember, and to choose, faculties that are proper to us as spiritual beings in the material world.

Our basic drives as human beings move our whole persons, body, mind and spirit. They impel us to seek delight, to express our personal identity and to esteem ourselves in our own uniqueness as spiritual

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35

"I can't complain." This response is often given without much thought by someone who has been asked "How are you doing?" In most cases, it is meant as a superficial response that closes the interaction of those who are speaking. It is a rote dialogue, a discussion that does not engage the participants. Sometimes, just for fun, I do continue the conversation when someone has said it to me. I respond, "Don't sell yourself short! I have heard you complain, and you do it very well. You really can complain!"

Of course, I do this for the humor. The other person may cut this off, however, by saying, "I can't complain; who would listen to me anyway?!" The Scriptures today give us an indication that there is indeed someone who is listening. God hears our cry. He responds to our com-

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

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



beings. These are touched by the divine love of the Shepherd, whose hand feeds us. The feeding that God offers goes to the heart of these needs. Growth in relationship with God, both in this world and in eternity, is what makes us truly human. We live, by the grace of God, God's own life. When our needs are met by God, we learn what it means to live divine life humanly.

Cooperation with the grace of God requires us to give human nature its due. Grace builds on nature. Attention to our real needs requires an acceptance of every part of ourselves and a realization that the unity of body, mind and spirit is evident in every desire, want and need. Often, the overflow of an experience of deficiency in one aspect of ourselves can lead us to a misunderstanding about our own true needs. God is often blamed for not supplying a need that we perceive that is not a need but a want, a desire or a wound that must be healed.

The Letter to the Ephesians expresses an approach that can help us to move forward in the face of a perceived need that is not met. We must look to the ultimate goal of life. The author of Ephesians urges each person *"to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith,*

plaints by giving us what we truly need and – because He is God – by offering new and greater gifts that touch us right where it hurts, where we hunger for something more.

Moses and Aaron receive the complaints of the people. They turn to God for the answer. God responds: *"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the Lord, am your God."* Manna and quail become the food for the journey for the rest of their time in the wilderness. The gift is meant to convey that God hears us and that He covers what we need. He is our God.

The gift of manna and quail is food that addresses the hunger of the body, but it also speaks to the relationship God has with His people. They are to know that He is their God. The Gospel picks up these themes. After the feeding of the multitude, Jesus is questioned by those who had their fill of the loaves regarding

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

7/29-8/3 MONDAY	THURSDAY	8/5-8/10 MONDAY	THURSDAY
Jeremiah 13:1-11 Deuteronomy 32:18-19,20,21 John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42	Jeremiah 18:1-6 Psalm 146:1-6 Matthew 13:47-53	Jeremiah 28:1-17 Matthew 14:13-21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:2-15,18-19 Matthew 16:13-23
TUESDAY	FRIDAY	TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Jeremiah 14:17-22 Psalm 79:8-9,11,13 Matthew 13:36-43	Jeremiah 26:1-9 Psalm 69:5,8-10,14 Matthew 13:54-58	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Peter 1:16-19 Mark 9:2-10	Nathan 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7 Deuteronomy 32:35c-36b,39abcd,41 Matthew 16:24-28
WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
Jeremiah 15:10,16-21 Psalm 59:2-4,10-11,17-18 Matthew 13:44-46	Jeremiah 26:11-16,24 Psalm 69:15-16,30-31,33-34 Matthew 14:1-12	Jeremiah 31:1-7 Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Ps) Matthew 15:21-28	2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Psalm 112:1-2,5-9 John 12:24-26

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION Mass Schedule: Weeks of July 28 and August 4, 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.

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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.

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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 I AND II OF THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Last week, we heard Jesus' invitation to His disciples to come away for rest (a real, physical need, shared by Jesus Himself), which was interrupted by the presence of the vast crowd. We see how Jesus meets the hungers that arise in human beings, both physical and spiritual. This week, we step out of Mark's Gospel and into John's. We encounter the heart of Jesus, moved

with compassion for the people and for the disciples called to learn from Him how to feed their hungers. What He supplies is enough and more than enough.

After the feeding of the multitude, Jesus invites the disciples: *"Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."* In the weeks ahead, may we be open to a greater understanding of the Bread of Life and how the hand of the Lord feeds us.

God listens to His people and sustains them

the work that He does. They have learned that they must respond. *"What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"*

Jesus responds with a call to faith. *"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."* What follows is an "unpacking" of the Scriptures. The crowd acknowledges that something more is asked of them. They seek guidance, first asking for another action that will lead them to faith. *"What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat."*

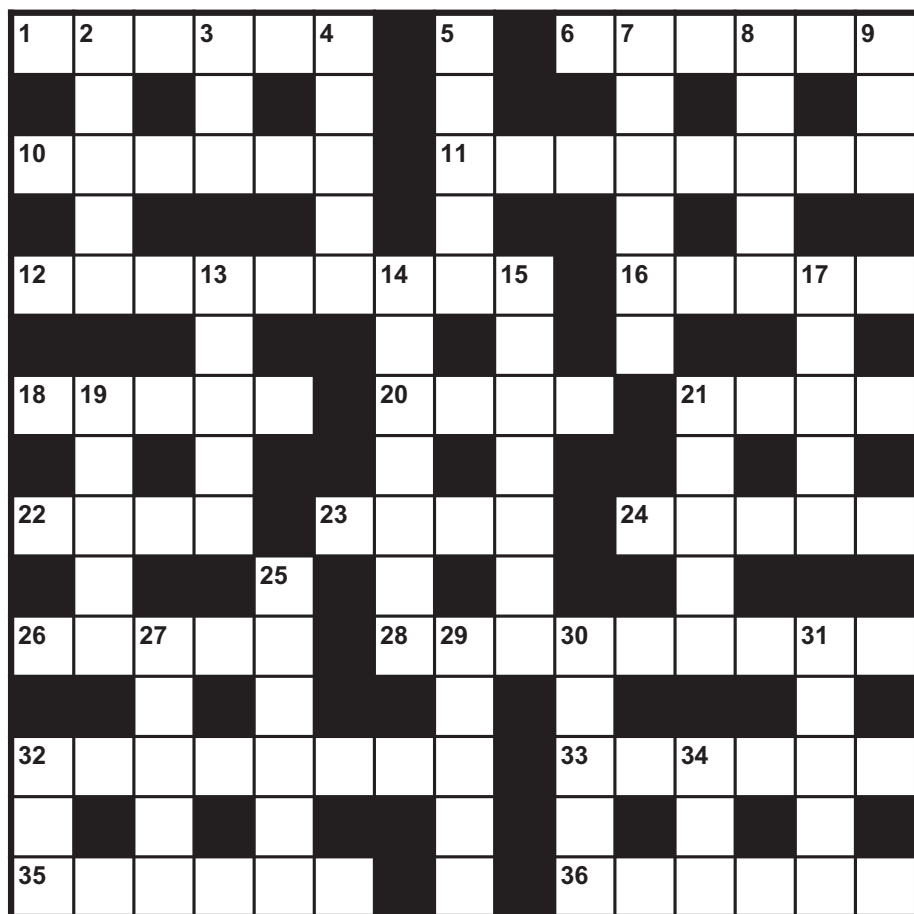
Jesus accepts this as an opening to a further revelation, both concerning His own identity and what He is offering. He speaks solemnly, as He often does in the Gospel of John: "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." When

Jesus says "Amen, amen," He is calling for an act of faith, and opening to and understanding and a grace that will make all the difference. The hearers reply, expressing their openness to this offer: *"Sir, give us this bread always."*

Jesus then expresses a clear teaching about His identity as God's gift. *"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."* Jesus is the Bread of Life. He is food for us, the manna from heaven, given to us by the Father, which communicates life to us. We are invited to open our minds and hearts to a new understanding.

The grumbling of the people in the wilderness led to God's gift of manna, food for the journey to the promised land. The hunger of the people who followed Jesus and His disciples gave the sign of the loaves and fishes and prepared the way for the Eucharist. Jesus, the Bread of Life, will continue to offer us a deeper understanding of this gift in the weeks to come.

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ACROSS

- 1 Florida town near Ave Maria University
- 6 Jesus healed his daughter
- 10 The Lord appeared to Isaiah on this
- 11 Religious order following the Franciscan rule
- 12 Serving at Mass
- 16 Brother of Rebekah
- 18 "...where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and ___" (Mt 6:19)
- 20 Number of the commandment that instructs us to honor our parents
- 21 Eastern Catholic who played Klinger on M.A.S.H.
- 22 "...the rich he has sent ___ empty" (Lk 1:53)
- 23 The one ___ faith
- 24 Aquinas' opus, for short
- 26 Color of a Franciscan's habit
- 28 Poverty and chastity follower
- 32 Savior
- 33 Type of sin
- 35 Catholic author and Monk
- 36 Moses, for one

DOWN

- 2 Lent markers
- 3 One of two popes who is a Doctor of the Church
- 4 What the apostles did while Jesus prayed

- 5 Doctor Mirabilis
- 7 He shared an occupation with Paul
- 8 She tied a scarlet cord in her window
- 9 ___ of God
- 13 Country that has produced the most saints
- 14 Hell
- 15 Certain Sunday
- 17 Abraham, in the beginning
- 19 Symbol of St. Barbara, because of her imprisonment
- 21 Biblical instrument
- 25 First name of John XXIII
- 27 Dominican or Franciscan
- 29 He and Deborah defeated the army of Sisera
- 30 Satan
- 31 Gregorian music
- 32 Order founded by Catherine McAuley (abbr.)
- 34 Mon. of the Feast of All Saints (abbr.)
- 25 Like Michael or Raphael
- 26 Wife of Jacob
- 28 Be present at Mass
- 29 Condition of the tomb on Easter morning
- 31 A mark of the Church
- 32 "...the Lord is with ___"
- 33 The Diocese of Youngstown is found here

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sports to put something together. We'll have to get creative with team sports."

"I think it's all going to work out," Etgen said. "It's all very exciting to think about."

One opponent for Watterson, DeSales and Hartley that will require minimal travel for athletic events is St. Charles, which expressed its desire to keep the CCL intact after discussing whether to join the new conference.

"After consideration, we decided not to move in that direction at this time," St. Charles principal Jim Lower wrote in a letter to the school community. "The other schools have assured us that the

CCL will continue to exist. We will continue to compete against the other CCL member schools, and any changes to this format will come only after further discussions."

CCL schools are scheduled to meet on Aug. 11.

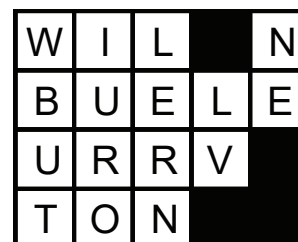
"Any changes to this model will be shared with our St. Charles community," Lower said. "We will continue to compete against high-level teams, and we remain committed to supporting our student-athletes, coaches and families of all sports."

Words of Wisdom

by Pat Battaglia, aka Dr. Fun

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Father Stephen Fitzhenry, OP

Funeral Mass for Father Stephen Fitzhenry, OP, 93, who died Friday, July 5 at the Mohun Health Care Center, was celebrated Friday, July 9 at Columbus St. Patrick Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Somerset.

He had lived in Columbus since 2005, when he became chaplain to the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace). He became chaplain to the adjacent Mohun center in 2009 and a resident there in 2014.

He was born John Thomas Fitzhenry in Cleveland on Oct. 21, 1930 to Patrick and Sara (Coyne) Fitzhenry. He graduated from Cleveland Holy Name High School in 1948, followed the pre-ecclesiastical course at Providence (Rhode Island) College from 1949 to 1951 and entered the Dominican novitiate at St. Stephen Priory in Dover, Massachusetts, receiving the religious name Stephen.

He professed his first vows on Aug. 26, 1952, then studied philosophy at St. Rose Priory in Springfield, Kentucky and St. Joseph

Priory in Somerset. He professed his solemn vows in 1955, studied theology at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. from 1955 to 1959 and was ordained a priest at St. Dominic Church in Washington on June 5, 1958 by Cardinal Amleto Cicognani, apostolic delegate to the United States.

After a year in parish and high school ministry at St. Dominic Priory in Youngstown, he was assigned to the Dominican mission in Pakistan, where he spent the next 20 years.

From 1980 to 1988, he helped with the formation of priests in Massachusetts; Washington, D.C. and Cincinnati. He served as pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish in Charlottesville, Virginia from 1988 to 1996, then returned to St. Stephen Priory to participate in preaching ministries and serve as continuing education director for the Dominicans' St. Joseph Province until coming to Columbus.

Andrew J. Therrien

Funeral Mass for Andrew J. Therrien, 84, who died Friday, July 12, was celebrated Friday, July 19 at Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, followed by burial at the parish cemetery.

He was born on Oct. 4, 1939, in Chicopee, Massachusetts to Douphus and Pauline Therrien.

He served as parish custodian for many years and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps, worked in the construction industry and was a Habitat for Humanity volunteer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda (Woolums). Survivors include sons, Andrew (Pam), Joshua (Jamie), Terrence (Cassidy), Michael and Chance; daughters, Donna (Michael) Kazee and Misty (William) Bishop; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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ALBERT, Cornelia Veronica, 96, July 3
Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption,
Lancaster

BALTIMORE, Judith C. (Wellnitz), 86, formerly of Columbus, July 1

St. Mary, Queen of the Isle Church, Nantucket, Mass.

BROWNING, Mary Louise (Wrasman), 90, June 14

St. Joseph Church, Circleville

CANNON, Dennis A., 77, of Columbus, July 2

St. Peter Church, Mansfield

DICKERSON, Barbara R. (Redfern), 86, June 24

St. Rose of Lima, New Lexington

DeMATTEIS, Donna L. (Shuter), 87, June 19

St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

GRIGSBY, Gary W., 75, July 9

St. Leonard Church, Heath

HANWELL, Luisa M., 67, July 9

St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

HART MOELLERING, Elizabeth A. (Green), June 27

Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

HASBROOK, Anthony G., 37, July 10

St. Mary Church, Groveport

JOHNSON, Barbara L., 73, July 13

St. Paul Church, Westerville

KAPPA, Thomas S., 74, July 7

St. Agatha Church, Columbus

KASBERG, Carol A., 95, July 4

Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

LASSOW, Janan, 61, July 8

St. Mary Church, Delaware

LISLE, Larry D., 80, formerly of Columbus, June 20

St. Joan of Arc Church, Spring Hill, Fla.

MILLER, Julia R., 70, July 4

Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Glenmont

MOORE, Michael Thomas, 52, June 25

St. Joseph Church, Circleville

MORRISON, Rodney E., 64, June 21
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

MUIR, James P. "Red," 77, July 11

Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

MULROY, Eugene (Gene), 92, June 7

Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption,
Lancaster

MURPHY, Donna L., 84, July 1

Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

NAPOLI, John, 86, June 30

Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

PAXTON, Robert C. II, 77, July 12

St. Agatha Church, Columbus

PERRY, Patricia Louise (Fabian), 80, July 5

St. Joseph Church, Circleville

PIAZZA-ELY, Lisa D., 68, July 8

St. Patrick Church, Columbus

PICCININI, Daniel A., 85, June 30

Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

PONTONES, Maria Consuelo "Connie," 93, June 29

St. Philip the Apostle Church, Columbus

PROND, Victoria, 89, July 9

Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

SCHAEFER, Kenneth C., 58, July 3

St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville

SHIRES, Mary Joan (Kern), 90, July 6

St. Joseph Church, Circleville

TAGG, Wilma M. (Hoppes), 77, June 24

Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

TAYLOR, Carol J. (Entz), 84, July 4

St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

TIMLIN, Gayle M., 69, June 26

St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

WHITE, Judy A., 60, July 3

Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption,
Lancaster

YANUZZI, Dolores M., 86, June 27

Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption,
Lancaster

Lucy Hickey

Funeral Mass for Lucy Hickey, 88, who died Monday, July 1, was celebrated Friday, July 19 at Columbus St. Timothy Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She was born on Nov. 20, 1935 to James and Lucille (Leonard) Vogel and was a graduate of Columbus Holy Rosary High School.

She was parish secretary at St. Timothy

Church for 48 years and volunteered in the cafeteria, for the parish festival and participated in many other activities at the church and school.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill; and brother, James.

Survivors include her sons, Jim (Lindsay) and Steve (Paula); daughter, Carol (Lee) Price; sister, Ann Standley; and eight grandchildren.



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St. Mary students' art exhibited at Ohio History Center

By Elizabeth Pardi

Summer camp students at Columbus St. Mary School in the German Village area created artwork that is currently being displayed in the museum at the Ohio History Center as a service to the community.

The pieces from students from ages three to 11 represent the children's favorite places or things in Ohio.

The idea for the exhibit came when Hannah Lewis, St. Mary's director of marketing and communications, was planning service projects for the summer camp students.

"Katie Gibboney, who's our summer camp director, has themes for each week (of summer)," Lewis said. "They were going to Ohio History Center for one of the weeks, so I thought, 'I wonder if there's a service project we could do (there).'"

Lewis collaborated with Katie Nowack, the Ohio History Center's program manager, who suggested displaying art created by the children.

"Isn't that a service?" Lewis said. "Showing beautiful art."

Gibboney said a field trip to the Ohio History Center the day before creating the artwork gave the students ideas for their pieces.

"As we were walking through some of the exhibits," Gibboney said, "I (told



Summer camp students from Columbus St. Mary School in the German Village area visit the museum at the Ohio History Center where their artwork is on display through Aug. 17.

Photo courtesy Sarah Irvin Public Relations

the kids), 'Be thinking about what you like about this museum, what you like about our school, what you like about our state,' you know really trying to get them to think.

"Sometimes we have a very narrow opinion of artwork, so I was trying to show them different pieces and different exhibits. ... The kids were really engaged in that field trip."

The pieces are arranged in an area of the museum called Creative Ohio, where artwork from members of the community is debuted. In addition to having their

work displayed, the students learned about how art makes its way to a museum.

"We wanted to teach them a little bit about the museum process," Nowack said. "They filled out a loan agreement, information about an exhibit label, (and) they did a scavenger hunt while they were here to learn a little bit more about Ohio history."

Myron Gordon, an eight-year-old who attends St. Mary during the school year as well as for summer camp, drew and decorated a car for his piece after learn-

ing about old models of cars in Ohio's history.

"I like the way the cars (looked) back then," he said. "I did the gems on the wheels and a red dot for the headlights."

Another eight-year-old, Rylea Porter, was inspired by the sandy areas she has seen throughout Ohio.

"Me and my cousins went (to a sandy spot) and there was red and pink," she said. "I didn't draw water, (but) some of the yellow is the sun in the sky."

In the center of the St. Mary display is a large wood cutout in the shape of Ohio, with feathers, colored popsicles sticks and other craft pieces glued on.

"The big Ohio piece was (created by) our preschool and preK camp students working together," Gibboney said. "They don't come on field trips with us, but they follow our weekly themes."

The fact that the artwork service project did not require a donation made it appealing to many campers' parents.

"We have some low-income families, so sometimes when we talk about service, it doesn't feel appropriate for them because they're struggling," Gibboney said. "So when ... artwork and being creative can be a way we're serving our community and they don't have to give anything, that can be a really great way

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Priest celebrates first Mass at home parish



Father Brian Vetter, C.S.C., celebrated his first Mass at his home parish after his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, July 7 at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church. He is assisted at the altar by Deacons Paul Zemanek (left) and Stephen Petrill. Father Vetter, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, was ordained on Saturday, April 6 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the university's campus in South Bend, Indiana, for the Congregation of the Holy Cross. He serves as a teacher at a Catholic school in South Bend.

Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare Church

Mother superior visits sisters



Mother Rexia Mary, FIH (center) visited the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary convent at Columbus Our Lady of Peace this summer. Joining Mother Rexia Mary and the sisters in their chapel are Father David Johnstone, a newly ordained priest in the diocese, and Father Sean Dooley, the former pastor at Our Lady of Peace who is now the pastor at Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church. Mother Rexia Mary made her annual visit from India to the order's convents in the United States this summer.

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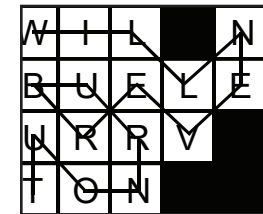
for them to see that they can make an impact in the world and in our community.”

The Ohio History Center, which was

chartered in 1885, is located at 800 E. 17th Ave. in Columbus and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sun-

The St. Mary students' artwork will be displayed through Saturday, Aug. 17.

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