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The Editor's Notebook

# The Quest for Knowledge

By David Garick, Editor

*"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." Proverbs 18:15*

This week, *Catholic Times* turns its attention to our schools. In particular, we take an in-depth look at Newark Catholic High School. I'm pretty familiar with Newark Catholic, having grown up in Newark. No, I didn't go to school there, I didn't convert to the Catholic faith until long after high school. But I knew a lot of kids who went there. It was a much smaller school than the public high school I attended, but I was always impressed with how well those students did in school and how many of them went on to success in college and the working world.

Also in this issue, we have our annual Catholic Schools Week supplement. Catholic Schools Week will be going on across the diocese next week, and I want to encourage all of our readers to take some time to find out more about the exciting things going on in our wonderful schools.

Education, if it is to be of any value, needs to prepare the whole student with the knowledge and wisdom required to live the life God intends for him or her. Knowledge divorced from God's divine revelation is like a ship without a compass. It may make progress, but there is no telling where it will end up. There is a real difference between a Catholic education and a generic secular education. Sadly, our public schools have lost the ability to bring real spiritual values into the education process. Students are presented with factual knowledge, but not with the spiritual direction to apply that knowledge. Too many young people come out of schools without a moral dimension to their education, and that leads them into lives disconnected from the love of God. We now have scientists who blindly follow any new technology simply because they have the ability to

do it without regard to the moral implications of their actions. We have doctors and nurses who confuse the thwarting of natural human functions such as reproduction with normal health care, and who have no qualms about ending inconvenient lives in the form of unwanted babies and burdensome, unproductive elderly. We have civic leaders who use their knowledge to create structures and laws where everyone decides their own right and wrong and society devolves into chaos. We have business leaders who lack an understanding of the moral responsibilities of their actions as they affect their customers, their employees, the environment, and the broader community.

But that is not the case in our Catholic schools. As you will read in this issue, the new school year will bring wonderful opportunities for our young people to receive a rich blend of academic and spiritual nourishment. Students come out of our schools not only with knowledge, but with wisdom and spirituality that will enable them to build lives full of meaning and purpose. This comes from a curriculum that includes the highest level of academic excellence, paired with the spiritual context that allows them to apply that knowledge in a meaningful way. Equally important is the careful tending these students receive from our caring teachers, pastors, parishes, and, most importantly, actively involved parents.

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do." You will never hear that in a public school. But students learn to live it in our Catholic schools.



## Steubenville bishop 'delighted' to serve as new shepherd of diocese

By Pat DeFrancis  
*Catholic News Service*

Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, a Detroit native who is the new bishop of Steubenville, has a message for all in the diocese: "I am yours."

"I am delighted to be your bishop," he said at the conclusion of his episcopal ordination and installation Mass on Monday, Sept. 10, in Finnegan Field House on the Franciscan University of Steubenville campus.

Hundreds of people gathered as the former seminary rector-president became the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Steubenville, succeeding Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, who was chosen to be bishop of Joliet, Ill., in May 2011.

Then-Msgr. Monforton was appointed as bishop of Steubenville on July 3. The 49-year-old priest led Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit for six years. His most recent assignment was as pastor of St. Andrew Church in Rochester, Mich., the largest parish in the Detroit Archdiocese.

Ordained a priest for the archdiocese in 1994, he also served from 1998 to 2005 as priest-secretary to Cardinal Adam J. Maida, who at the time was archbishop of Detroit.

The cardinal, now retired, and his successor in Detroit, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, were co-consecrators at the ordination/installation Mass. Cardinal Edmond C. Szoka, former archbishop of Detroit, also participated. Cardinal Szoka, who also is a former Vatican official, ordained then-seminarian Monforton as a deacon at St. Peter's Basilica in December 1992.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, read the letter from Pope Benedict



XVI calling the new bishop to his office and said he knew that Bishop Monforton would try his best to teach, govern, and sanctify.

Archbishop John C. Nienstedt of St. Paul-Minneapolis delivered the homily.

After he walked through the field house, blessing family and friends from the Archdiocese of Detroit, parishioners from the Diocese of Steubenville, and staff and students from Franciscan University, among others, Bishop Monforton delivered concluding remarks.

He pointed to his episcopal motto, "Faith Comes From Hearing," saying it "celebrates the approaching Year of Faith, and should be a striking reminder that contrary to some pervading sentiments in our post-modernist culture, faith does not grow in a void. 'Faith comes from hearing.'"

"It has been said," he continued, "that there are three types of people: those who make things happen; those who watch things happen; and those who have no idea what is happening."

"It is counterintuitive to believe that our faith is private. Today, we heard from Jesus Christ himself that our faith is meant to be proclaimed, to be shared, even at the expense of being persecuted by those who have no idea what is happening," he said. "We are a family of faith and I am grateful to be your shepherd. In the words of St. Augustine: 'For you I am a bishop and with you I am a Christian.'"

Shortly after the Mass, Bishop Monforton left Steubenville for Rome to participate in a seminar for bishops organized by the Vatican Congregation for Bishops and the Congregation for Eastern Churches.



BY TIM PUET  
*Reporter, Catholic Times*

Bishop Frederick Campbell will dedicate and bless the new organ at Columbus Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 23.

The instrument was installed in 1971 by the Roderer Organ Co. of Chicago at a former Lutheran church building in Fort Wayne, Ind., and its pipes were built by the Laukhuff Organ Co. of Weikersheim, Germany. Additional restoration work was done at Holy Cross by Paul Fritts and Co. of Tacoma, Wash., which built the organ installed at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral in 2006.

Holy Cross purchased its new organ in April for \$12,500 after Tim McEwen, an independent organ contractor in Indiana, contacted Paul Thornock, director of sacred music for the diocese. The instrument was evaluated in Fort Wayne by Thornock, former Holy Cross organist Ron Barrett, and project coordinator Don Manley.

"Holy Cross contacted me about obtaining an organ after determining a new one would not fit their budget," Thornock said. "Tim sent an email saying he thought he might have one that would meet our needs. We looked at it and agreed that with a little work, it would be suitable. We were very fortunate to be able to obtain this organ for pennies on the dollar. What we paid for it

## NEW ORGAN AT COLUMBUS HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Father Jerome Stluka (center), pastor of Columbus Holy Cross Church, is pictured with organ project coordinator Don Manley and parish music director Kelly Doma in front of the parish's new organ (photos by Jack Kustron)



is about 10 percent of what a new organ might have cost.

"The real cost of acquiring an organ from elsewhere comes in the expense of moving and reinstalling it, but Holy Cross was very fortunate in receiving volunteer assistance from members of the Knights of Columbus and people such as Father Kevin Lutz and Shawn Kinney of Columbus Holy Family Church and Mike Wolf, who restored the organ in the old Columbus St. Leo Church. Once the organ arrived, it was revoiced by two people from the Fritts company who came here for two weeks and gave it a much warmer sound."

The instrument replaces an organ which has served Holy Cross since 1981 and originally was built in 1928 for the Fayette Theater in Washington Court House. It was relocated to Columbus Holy Family Church in 1947 and has been preserved for future use by many of the same people who installed the new organ at Holy Cross.

"The Roderer organ is a more substantial instrument and boasts significantly more tonal capacity than the previous instrument, ranging from delicate flutes to a brilliant mixture, to a rich principal," said Kelly Doman, Holy Cross music director. "The style is consistent with the German heritage of our parish founders and adds an aesthetic beauty to our sanctuary space as well.

"The mechanical (tracker)

action of the instrument allows the organist to have a direct connection with each note rather than to rely on electromagnetic relay. Tracker organs are often preferred for this superior direct action, natural 'chiff' sounds as well as an extremely long life expectancy – likely 200 years or more."

Installation of the organ took place from April 23 to May 19 at Holy Cross, Columbus' oldest church, which was built in 1848. The instrument is free-standing and not housed in a pipe chamber, so installing it also involved changes to the choir loft, including structural modification of the floor; removal of the old organ chamber and repainting of the ceiling and a part of the tower wall that was exposed; plaster repair; and electrical modifications and upgrades.

The organ has 29 ranks, with the case that houses its exposed pipes measuring approximately 20 feet tall and more than 14 feet wide. "It's a good example of many organs that were built in the 1970s as part of what was known as the organ reform movement," Thornock said.

"The idea of the movement was to go back to the principles of classical organ building that existed around 1700, capturing the voicing technique, mechanical key actions, and wind pressures the organs of that era had and enclosing the pipes in a case, in what is known as the neo-Baroque style."

Thornock said Holy Cross is one of several churches in the Diocese of Columbus where organs have been installed, renovated, or relocated in the past seven or eight years. He said the newest organ in the diocese is the one at the cathedral. Columbus St. Agatha Church has an organ that was installed in 2005. Installation of a new organ at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church took place about a year before that.

"Whether a new organ is built or an existing one is renovated depends to a great deal on the church, its acoustics and other factors stemming from the church's design," Thornock said. "Some places can easily accommodate a used organ, or the one they have is sound enough that it doesn't need much work."

"The cathedral and St. Agnes were places where an existing organ just wouldn't have fit the bill, but Holy Cross was a perfect place for a replacement organ. Newark St. Francis de Sales Church has a fine organ that was in a very bad state of repair, but it was recently renovated. Now it sounds like new again and should be in good

shape for the next 50 years."

Other recent organ renovations have taken place at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi and Worthington St. Michael. Churches in the diocese where organs have been relocated from elsewhere include Columbus St. Aloysius, Columbus St. Christopher, Granville St. Edward, and West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude.

Thornock said new organs are to be installed in 2013 at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart and 2014 at Westerville St. Paul. Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes is obtaining an organ from a closed Protestant church in downtown Columbus and expects to have it installed in 2013.

"As churches close, organs become available," Thornock said. "It's hard to say an organ is likely to cost a set price because each one is so different. For some new organs, a single stop can cost \$40,000. In the end, an instrument is worth what someone is willing to pay for it, and so for many churches, obtaining an organ from elsewhere, as Holy Cross did, is a very reasonable option."



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Students at Newark Catholic High School in a keyboarding class, taught by Bob Smith, in which they learn techniques and basic programs which will help them use computers in a more efficient manner.

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Interesting

Did you pray and then act this past week? We all pray, and, hopefully, we pray earnestly and on a very regular and daily basis. Of course, this makes our unexpected and urgent prayer of petition more sincere. God hears us no matter what, but I have always thought that God may “hear my prayer” more clearly if my recent history of regular prayer is a solid one. I really should not apply human rationale to that of our God, but if it motivates us to pray more, I am all for it. Our prayer last week was to be for a real change in our action and example. We also prayed for the same in our political leaders. Again, if we lead the way by example, we impact the future. The present is affected, too, but immediate change is very difficult in our world. But there is no time like the present to pray, act, and effect some real, positive, and loving change. We have the grace and the power to set the tone. It requires patience and a strong desire. Our prayer and example are based and rooted in our Catholic Christian ideals, so how can we possibly fail?

He is the most interesting man in the world. We have all seen the television commercials. He is “tall, dark, and handsome,” he excels at everything, he never fails, and he is just about perfect. I must admit that those commercials have become my personal favorites. The rest of my family likes them, too. Now I have the most interesting man in the world at home in my kitchen. He is a lifesize cardboard cutout, standing in a tuxedo, looking very cool, with a particular brand of beer in his hand. Of course, it is the beer that does it for him. He had been standing in our local grocery store for many weeks, and when his contract was up and he was destined to be recycled, my family grabbed him and he became one of my birthday gifts. Now he watches over us, making sure that we are cool, interesting, and thirsty.

He is the most loved man in the world. We have all heard his story, over and over again. He is “tall, dark, and handsome,” he immediately goes above and beyond expectations, he could never fail, and he is absolutely perfect. I must admit that his miraculous works, parables, and the story of his life are definite personal favorites. The rest of my family likes them, too. I have the most loved man in the world at home, and I take him with me wherever I go. He is lifesize, and can be found in me and in everyone else I encounter. Of course, he is cool, he is the best, and he is all love. He is always there, and his contract never runs out. He is never destined to be recycled. The gift of his Body and Blood is always fresh, grace-filled, energizing, motivational, transforming, and loving. As good and faithful stewards, we embrace him as a weekly and even a daily gift. He watches over us, making sure that we are loved and hungry.

Our practical challenge this week is to follow the most interesting and loving man in the world, Jesus Christ. What does “follow” mean? He loves, unconditionally. He forgives, unquestionably. He heals, without prejudice. He teaches, with authority. He challenges, assertively. He preaches, truthfully. He serves, humbly. He sacrifices, personally. He blesses, infinitely. He is life, eternally. He feeds us, with his own Body and Blood. Yes, we follow him with great interest and love. Stay hungry, my friends.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese



## Journey to Redemption

A website has been established to assist people who wish to register for the upcoming discussion by Bishop Frederick Campbell and the Rev. Walter Everett on capital punishment.

The event will take place at Ohio Dominican University from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Matesich Theater in Erskine Hall at Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. The program will be titled “*A Journey Through Pain, to Forgiveness, to Redemption.*”

To register, go online to <http://www.dominicanstudies.org/capital-punishment>.

Everett is a retired United Methodist pastor from Hartford, Conn.,

whose son, Scott, was shot and killed in 1987. He has forgiven his son’s killer, Mike Carlucci, and spoke on Carlucci’s behalf during a parole hearing, helping him obtain early release.

Everett is an advocate of the anti-death penalty movement and is active in many restorative justice organizations.

He has appeared on national radio programs and in publications such as *Rolling Stone* magazine. He also has spoken at universities, churches, and community groups about the healing power of forgiveness.

Following his talk, Bishop Campbell will reflect on Everett’s remarks.

## Shepherd’s Corner Anniversary

The Dominican Sisters of Peace will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Shepherd’s Corner farm and ecological center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick, on Saturday, Sept. 29.

The sisters’ ministry of caring for land, life, and spirit at Shepherd’s Corner began on Nov. 2, 1992. Anniversary events will begin with a labyrinth walk by Sister Jane Belanger, OP, at 10 a.m. Families will visit the animals

and walk the trails from 1 to 3 p.m., and there will be a reception for adults with Sisters Camilla Smith, Loretta Forquer, and Jane Belanger, OP, from 7 to 9 p.m.

An all-day raffle and silent auction also will be part of the activities. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Shepherd’s Corner by Friday, Sept. 21, at (614) 866-4302 or [www.shepherds-corner.org](http://www.shepherds-corner.org).

## Masculine Spirituality

The Wilderness Outreach organization is sponsoring an evening of masculine spirituality from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at Schmelzer’s Grove, 9960 Sacred Heart Road, Bremen.

The evening will begin with evening prayer, a blessing, and supper from 6 to 7:30 p.m., followed by a presentation on masculine spirituality from 8 to 10, night prayer and a final blessing, and

unstructured discussion for those who want to stay past 10.

Those attending are asked to bring their own food, beverages, plates, and utensils. Light consumption of alcoholic beverages will be permitted. A campfire and grill with charcoal will be provided.

For more information, contact John Bradford at (614) 679-6761 or [john@wildernessoutreach.net](mailto:john@wildernessoutreach.net).

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## FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY DEFENDS SOCIAL WORK COURSE AGAINST CRITICS

By Kevin J. Jones, Catholic News Agency

A Franciscan University of Steubenville course description that lists homosexuality as deviant behavior has drawn critical attention from the only social work accreditation council in the U.S.

Franciscan University said its “Deviant Behavior” social work class – which takes its description from a standard public university textbook – is intended to “help students learn how to better serve and assist future clients.”

The course has drawn hostile media attention after members of an unofficial Facebook group of gay and lesbian alumni asked the school to change the course description.

Currently, the class description reads: “The behaviors that are primarily examined are murder, rape, robbery, prostitution, homosexuality, mental illness and drug use.”

Gregory Gronbacher, a 1990 graduate of Franciscan who is a member of the group, told National Public Radio he thinks that the course description puts gay students “in the same category as murderers.”

He told NBC News he thinks the school’s administrators “mean well” but “live within a bubble.”

“If you live in that sort of intellectual isolation where gay people are hidden, it’s easy to wander down that path where gay people are rapists and murderers – that scary ‘other,’” he said.

Gronbacher said he was a serious Catholic in college and went on to become a philosophy and theology professor. He said he left the Catholic Church in part because of its stance on homosexuality, NBC News says.

In response, the university on Sept. 4 issued a statement affirming its adherence to Catholic teaching that homosexual persons are to be treated with “respect, compassion, and sensitivity” and that homosexual acts are “intrinsically disordered.”

Franciscan’s social work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, but the course description has prompted comment from Steven Holloway, director of the council’s office of accreditation.

“The fact that homosexuality was identified in the course description as a deviant behavior raises a flag,” he told National Public Radio. He said understanding “diversity and difference” is “critical for social workers to be effective in working with diverse populations.”

He also noted that the accreditation standards have a diversity requirement that includes sexual orientation.

The council’s 2008 accreditation standards

say an accredited program must have a “commitment to diversity,” including sexual orientation and “gender identity and expression” that is “reflected in its learning environment.” This includes “the demographic makeup of its faculty, staff and student body.”

The council is the only accreditation agency for social work education in the U.S.

The council’s Commission for Diversity and Social and Economic Justice includes a council on sexual orientation and gender identity. This council says on its website that it works for “the full participation of individuals who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or two-spirit in social work education.” It identifies and advocates changes in “any policies, procedures, or activities” that impede these persons’ “full and affirming participation.”

Franciscan spokesman Tom Sofio told CNA on Sept. 11 that the university has not received communication from the accreditation council.

The university’s Sept. 4 statement said the criticized course’s description is “little more than abbreviated chapter headings from the primary course textbook” that is used in more than a dozen public universities.

The university said the textbook uses the term “deviant” in the sociological sense “simply meaning different from the norm.”

“We understand that some, not understanding the term or its context, might take offense at the description,” it continued. “Nevertheless, changing standard sociological definitions is beyond the scope of our work.”

The social work class treats other topics including crime, alcoholism, and heterosexual deviance. The university said the course uses secular sources with “timely research findings, current data, and solid sociological analysis.”

Franciscan University said it expects that faculty present “authentic Catholic teaching,” saying this benefits its graduates and their future clients because they have considered both sides of an argument.

“(T)hey leave here better prepared to assist clients than their counterparts from schools that teach only one perspective,” the university said.

The university’s statement also addressed its graduates.

“Our prayers and our love go out to all our alumni,” it said. “All men and women, regardless of their sexual orientation, are deserving of respect, compassion, and love, and as a Catholic university we not only believe that, but also strive to live out that belief each day in our relations with students and alumni alike.”



## Phillip Scott, winner of Ad Altare Dei Award

Phillip Scott, a member of Boy Scout Troop 403, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 994 in Coshocton, received his Ad Altare Dei Catholic religious medal from Father Bill Hritsko, pastor of Coshocton Sacred Heart Church, during the annual parish Mass and picnic on Sunday, Aug. 26, at Forest Hill Lake. He is the parish’s first Scout to receive the award in several years. To earn it, Scott made a yearlong commitment of service to the elderly and service to the church, attended an orientation meeting, participated in the diocesan Catholic Scout Camporee in the spring at Somerset St. Joseph Church, visited the Pontifical College Josephinum, and attended a weekend in December at Camp Lazarus in Delaware County to study the Sacraments. Adult leaders signed a workbook attesting he had completed those activities, and he then had to go before a board of review and discuss what he had learned before being granted the award. The Ad Altare Dei medal’s history goes back to 1926, making it the oldest of all honors awarded to Scouts of various faiths for spiritual development. Scott (third from left) is pictured with (from left), Dan Scott, his father, and Ed Snyder and Charles Lamb of the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Photo courtesy Scott family

## Jonathan MacLean, Eagle Scout



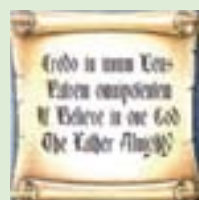
Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School senior Jonathan MacLean built and painted shelters over home and visitor benches at the Riverside Park soccer fields in Zanesville for his Eagle Scout project. “There was nothing here except benches, and nothing over them,” said MacLean, a starting forward for the Rosecrans soccer team. “This will definitely help with the sun around high noon, and it’s good for the weather and rain.” The shelters also feature roofs with “Riverside” painted on the tops. He said the project took about a month, mostly in July.

Photo courtesy Rosecrans High School

A quick note from:

## THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

### OUR SUNDAY LITURGY: THE CREED



Some of the most significant changes to the assembly's responses in the Order of Mass are found in the Profession of Faith (the Nicene Creed). Changes to this text fall into two categories: a more faithful translation of the original Latin text and the preservation of expressions of faith which contain Catholic doctrine. The first change is the translation of *Credo* as "I" instead of "We" in the opening phrase, to maintain the person and number indicated in the original Latin text. The second change concerns the translation of particular theological terminologies used to express our faith.

The Nicene Creed was formulated at the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea (AD 325) to combat the heresy of Arianism, and it was expanded at the Second Ecumenical Council at Constantinople (AD 381) to balance its coverage of the Trinity by including the Holy Spirit. Arianism was the teaching of Arius, a priest in the Alexandrian church, that denied the divinity of Christ, saying Jesus was not the eternal Son of God and was not equal to the Father. This heresy caused the council fathers to formulate a creed that identified the basic truths that are to be held by all members of the Church.

This creed is an expression for each member to state these truths. Each individual declares "I believe ..."; together, all who profess their beliefs in the same truths constitute the Church. It is one Church, "holy, catholic, and apostolic," that celebrates together, joined in the same profession of truths. This change from "We believe ..." to "I believe ..." asks each of us to restate our personal beliefs before we join with one another to celebrate the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*.

The second category of change concerns the choice of translation for a few of the Latin terms. This is in keeping with *Liturgiam Authenticam*, which states: "Certain expressions that belong to the heritage of the ancient Church, as well as others that have become part of the general

human patrimony, are to be respected by a translation that is as literal as possible" (no. 56). This change effects the translation of the Latin theological terms *unigenitus*, *consubstantialis*, and *incarnatus*. The preservation of the historical understanding of these theological terms is best preserved, in the translation to English, with the following: *Only Begotten*, *consubstantial*, and *incarnate*.

The word *begotten* was not in the previous version that we used for almost half a century. It's not new to the Creed, it was not included in the original translation, and it needs to be expressed as part of our belief. *Consubstantial* replaces *one in being*, which is a better theological expression and a term used by the Church to express that Jesus is truly God and that there is no difference - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are eternally one and the same. The word *incarnate* expresses the fact that Jesus took on human flesh at conception and not at his birth, again a more correct theological statement. There is another change that makes our statement of faith more precise; *seen and unseen* becomes *visible and invisible*. There are many physical things that may remain unseen to us, but they physically exist. By faith, we believe in angels, pure spirits that we cannot physically see, but they do exist.

By reciting the Creed, we make a personal statement of our core beliefs. We cannot speak for those around us, but only for ourselves. When we are sure that each of us share the same beliefs, we know that we are one - the body of Christ. This is the faith of the Church, the faith we declared at our baptism. It is the faith that has been handed on from father to son, from mother to daughter, from generation to generation. These few new words will encourage each of us take a new look at what we individually declare to be our faith. These changes to our Creed should cause us to seek a new understanding of the faith we declare.

## The length of time it takes to join the church depends on the person



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
Catholic News Service

**Q.** I would like to know the appropriate duration for receiving instructions in the RCIA program. Some have told me that it is three years, other say less. (Ibadan, Nigeria)

**A.** The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of education, faith-sharing, and rituals for welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. The answer to the question "How long does it take?" is "It depends."

Adults interested in becoming practicing Catholics are at varying stages in their understanding of the Catholic faith and in their spiritual readiness, and so, as much as possible, the program of preparation must be tailored to suit the individual.

The RCIA process embraces three major groups: first, those who have never been baptized, called "catechumens." Next, those who have been baptized in another Christian church, referred to as "candidates," and, finally, those who have been baptized as Catholics as infants but

who have never received any instruction in Catholicism (also called "candidates").

The RCIA process is normally offered in a group setting; this opportunity for faith-sharing develops bonds among the catechumens and candidates and often results in small Christian communities, which continue to meet long after reception into the church.

Though the RCIA is structured for the three distinct groups mentioned above, limitation in parish staffing and in the number of catechetical volunteers often results in a "one-size-fits-all" program of instruction and formation. Typically, that program runs for about nine months, usually with weekly meetings. Some begin in September and end at Pentecost in the late spring.

The first few months focus on learning the Gospels and are considered as simply a period of inquiry. Catholic beliefs and practices are the subject of the next several months, with a view toward making a firm commitment to Christ and to the church.

The next period coincides with Lent and is devoted to prayer, fasting, and reflection, culminating in the Easter Vigil with the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and first Communion. Finally, over a seven-week period, deeper reflection is given to the sacraments and the Catholic life.

Though the nine-month program may be the "core program," parishes can and do adapt its length to suit individual needs. A woman who is married to a Catholic, for example, and who has been attending Mass with her husband for many years may need only a few individual sessions with a priest or adult education director before being ready to receive the sacraments.

On the other hand, a catechumen with practically no familiarity with Catholic faith and practice may require an extended inquiry phase of two or three years before feeling ready to commit to the sacraments. People have different starting points and have their own journey to make, and parishes do well to be flexible in sponsoring and guiding that journey.

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## Ben McGinnis, new DeSales director of technology

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School has hired Ben McGinnis as its new director of technology instruction.

McGinnis, a recent graduate of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, "will be connecting our students with technology to increase and enhance their 21st-century learning skills," said Jim Jones, DeSales assistant principal. "Ben will be combining his lessons with real-world applications in ways which should be practical and exciting for students."

McGinnis will be in charge of a new organization known as SFDS Productions, for students interested in broadcasting and Web design. It will produce in-school news programs and work on the DeSales website.

"Ben's activities will include working with young people and showing them how to use the Internet properly," Jones said. "Because the Net affects people in so many areas, he will be involved with English, math, science, and social studies classes."

## CARDINAL DOLAN TRACES HISTORIC ROLE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN U.S.

By Patricia Zapor  
Catholic News Service

To the enthusiastic reception of an audience of John Carroll Society members on Sept. 10, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan traced the historic origins of U.S. religious freedom, in light of a current battle with the government over those rights.

Saying that he wanted to "restore the luster" on "this first and most cherished freedom," Cardinal Dolan, who also is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said he was afraid "that the promotion and protection of religious liberty is becoming caricatured as some narrow, hyper-defensive, far-right, self-serving cause."

Rather, he said, "freedom of religion has been the driving force of almost every enlightened, unshackling, noble cause in American history."

This year, the U.S. bishops have waged a campaign to draw attention to what they describe as "religious liberty under attack" by a variety of governmental policies and societal trends.

Chief among the issues they have cited is a mandate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that employers provide insurance coverage for contraceptives, including some that can induce an abortion, and sterilization. The USCCB and other religious organizations say an exemption to the mandate for religious employers that consider such services morally objectionable is too narrow.

Other concerns highlighted by the USCCB's summer "Fortnight for Freedom" events included court rulings and policies -- such as allowing adoption by same-sex couples -- that have pushed Catholic institutions out of adoption, foster care, and refugee services. They also cited threats abroad,

including attacks on churches in Iraq, Nigeria, and Kenya.

Cardinal Dolan, who holds a doctorate in American church history, said a historical perspective can help explain that the defense of religious freedom "is not some evangelical Christian polemic or wily strategy of discredited Catholic bishops, but the quintessential American cause, the first line in the defense of and protection of human rights."

Speaking in Washington to a standing-room-only audience at a 450-seat theater in the Newseum, Cardinal Dolan noted that religious freedom has always been understood in the United States as one of the fundamental freedoms, "spheres of free thought and action essential to individual liberty and a civil society." A 74-foot marble display outside the entrance of the Newseum, a museum of news, enshrines the five freedoms of the First Amendment: religion, press, speech, assembly, and petition.

In pressing for religious rights, Cardinal Dolan said: "We citizens of any and all faiths, or none at all, are not just paranoid and self-serving in defending what we hoard as 'ours,' but we are, in fact, protecting America. We act not as sectarians, but as responsible citizens. We act on behalf of the truth about the human person."

His audience, members of the John



Carroll Society, a Catholic lay organization composed largely of legal professionals, applauded enthusiastically, giving standing ovations before and after Cardinal Dolan spoke.

He ran through a list of historic events, from the American Revolution through the abolition, temperance, civil rights, and peace movements, citing them as campaigns whose leaders were acting out of religious convictions.

Among secular leaders who recognized the importance of religious freedom, Cardinal Dolan quoted Thomas Jefferson: "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God?" and Alexis de Tocqueville: "Despotism may govern without faith, but liberty cannot. Religion ... is more needed in democratic republics than in any others."

In nearby Maryland, Cardinal Dolan said, Catholic leaders were an important part of the founding of the nation,

including John Carroll, the first bishop of Baltimore and founder of Georgetown University, and his cousin, Charles, the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence.

Maryland was itself established as a place of religious diversity and freedom and was the only colony with "a notable Catholic population," and one which "provided the laboratory" for religious freedom, he said.

"Your ancestors here were shrewd," he said. "They did not want any favored status for either their beloved Catholic faith or any other religion. Nor did they want their faith, however normative in their own life, to have any institutional input in the colonial government. Mainly, they just wanted to be left alone. Left alone ... to practice their faith, and follow their properly formed consciences in the public square."

The cardinal spent little time describing the current specific concerns, making note only of a trend toward secularism overwhelming religious voices in the public square and the "direct intrusion of the government into the very definition of a church's minister, ministries, message, and meaning."

He said the "wide ecumenical and interreligious outrage over the HHS mandate is not about its coverage of chemical contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs -- in spite of the well-oiled mantra from our opponents -- but upon the raw presumption of a bureau of the federal government to define a church's minister, ministry, message, and meaning."

**Photo: New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan speaks to an audience of John Carroll Society members on Sept. 10 in Washington at the Newseum, a museum of news. Cardinal Dolan traced the historic origins of U.S. religious freedom in light of a current battle with the government over those rights.**

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## I DIDN'T WANT TO RETIRE AND DO NOTHING!

By Susan Cordell

At the time of my retiring, my life was very involved with family health situations. My mother was going through a very traumatic health crisis at 84. She had a rare disease, and found herself blind within a two-week period. What a shock to her and her family of seven children. Her days, which used to be full of excitement and volunteering, all of a sudden were filled with quiet and darkness, sitting in a nursing home. A lady of great faith, she prayed the rosary daily and had many occasions in her life when the Blessed Mother had intervened and answered many of her prayers.

I visited with my mother every day at the nursing home and saw her frustration when she couldn't find her rosary. Either her rosary went to the laundry along with her sheets, or it had fallen on the floor and ended up in the waste basket. Being blind had many challenges for her and the family. When bringing her another rosary and trying to console her about her rosary situation, I promised her that I would say her rosary for her every day, so if she misplaced her rosary, not to worry, because her rosary would already have been said for her.

My mother died a year later on Oct. 4, 2006, in the month of the rosary. Her funeral mass was on Oct. 7, the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. It wasn't just a coincidence, as the Blessed Mother did bless her final days.

To this day, I am still saying her rosary every day. I have found great pleasure in saying the rosary daily, and many of

my prayers have been answered.

After dealing with all of the family situations in 2006 and 2007, I finally was able to sit back and retire. My husband of 46 years, Barry, and I decided we should spend our winters in Florida and get out of the Ohio snow and ice.

Our first winter in Florida was 2008. The first Sunday, we attended St. Paul's Catholic Church in Leesburg, Fla. I noticed in the church bulletin that they offered a weekly rosary maker class. I was excited about learning how to make these beautiful rosaries. St. Paul's rosary makers class was made up of 10 to 12 men and women. I was taught the rosary making technique by another member and successfully made my first rosary. The rosaries are made with white cord, with knots being tied between decades and plastic beads and a plastic cross being used. It takes 59 beads to make one rosary.

I was sent home that day with a kit to make nine more rosaries. I worked very patiently that week completing all of my rosaries and felt that "every rosary is a blessing!" I was making rosaries that were going to be sent all over the world, and with each bead threaded, I would wonder and pray about the person who would get that rosary. Each week, I would take home more kits of 10 rosaries, then 20 rosaries a week, 30 a week, etc. My love for making these rosaries grew, and I was setting goals for how many rosaries I could make in one week. My goal ended up as 100 rosaries per week.

For the three months we were in Flor-

ida, I would make at least 1,200 rosaries. In my Florida neighborhood, I am known as "the rosary lady." All of my neighbors, some of whom are Catholic, see me sitting on my porch, enjoying the Florida sunshine and making my rosaries each day. It takes me 10 minutes to make a rosary, and if I do 15 rosaries a day, I make my 100 rosaries a week very easily.

The rosaries are sent all over the world: India, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, Kenya, Pakistan, Philippines, Missionaries of Charity, New York City, U.S. soldiers, and the prison ministries throughout the United States. In 2010, we sent 1,000 rosaries to Haiti right after the earthquake.

These rosaries are a source of COMFORT to the people of Haiti, PEACE to the people of Mexico, COURAGE to the pregnant women in New York City not to seek abortion, and JOY to those who make these rosaries.

During the nine months we spend in Ohio each year, I still make rosaries for Florida, for our soldiers, and for my parish, Our Lady of Lourdes in Marysville. I make black and brown rosaries for our deacon, Gordon Kunkler, who uses them in his prison ministry, and rosaries for our Parish School of Religion. Knights of Columbus Marysville Council 5534 pays for my supplies for the rosaries for our parish. I do teach rosary making to anyone wanting to learn.

Rosaries can come in different colors for different purposes.

Mission rosaries are made of five colors (which represent the five continents): yellow, Asia; blue, Oceania; white, Europe; red, the Americas; and green, Africa.

Pro-life rosaries have seven colors:



aqua, red, black, orchid, white, blue, and green. Each color represents a different intention.

Liberty rosaries are red, white, and blue for continued defense of religious liberty.

Unemployment rosaries are lavender, yellow, and green. Each color represents a different intention. A prayer card is enclosed to St. Cayetano, who is the patron saint for the unemployed.

The most common rosaries are made all the same color. There are 24 colors to choose from, with plain colored or pearlized colored beads. I have been a member of Our Lady Rosary Makers International for many years and receive its bimonthly newsletter, which lists the addresses and names of missions requesting rosaries.

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction knowing that I am doing something that means so much to the people that receive these rosaries, and knowing that it educates them about the life of Christ. Since "every rosary is a blessing," I have made 6,750 rosaries and have given them all away FREE! "I didn't want to retire and do nothing," but I find myself doing the work of the Blessed Mother by helping to spread prayer throughout the world. The rosary is a combination of prayers and meditations which draws us into the love of God.

*Susan Cordell is a parishioner of Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church.*



## Husbands, Love Your Wives - And Speak Well of Them

By Jake Tawney

I am madly in love with my wife. I am not my own man, and I haven't been since the first time I laid eyes on her. With each passing hour, I surrender more of myself to her, sometimes imperceptibly, and at other times with a great decisiveness. I felt it most strongly when we professed our vows before God and the Church, and again with the birth of each of our children. Yet I feel it too every morning that I wake up, utterly aware that my life would have no meaning apart from her. You should know all of this as you consider the rest of this essay, which is in no way unbiassed prose. It is utterly and inescapably blinded by my love for her.

I am also crazy about the Roman Catholic Church's teaching on matrimony. The idea that our marriage, not just marriage in general, but the specific relationship between my wife and I, images the love of God in the

world, is a solemn idea that I think about often. Moreover, we are each other's path to heaven. My sole (soul) purpose in life is to see her someday engulfed in the beatific vision. I love her in order to lose her - I long for the day that I can give her over to her Father just as her father gave her to me 11 years ago.

I tell you this because it will help explain the frustration I have with the way that husbands and wives often talk about each other and about marriage in public. Whether it be a wife who bemoans the imperfections in her husband's personality or a husband who jokes about being "stuck" with his wife, such conversations sadden me.

If marriage is supposed to image God's love, what does it say when spouses speak ill of one another? They become a counter-sign. Moreover, words have power, and the language that we use will inevitably form us. The wife who bemoans her husband's flaws will continue to see her husband

as flawed. The man who makes jokes about his marriage will eventually come to see his marriage as a joke.

And yet on a more personal level, I simply cannot understand why any man would want to present his wife as anything short of spotless. I adore my wife - unabashedly. I see in her a perfection that transcends insignificant flaws. I have completely and voluntarily given myself over to her. Whether in jest or in frustration, how dare I violate that heart that has so generously received me?

I would be unable to live without my bride, for she is simply magnificent. She glows from morning until evening with the light of Christ, and her beauty is thus ineffable. Fighting is futile, and arguments are absurd, so we do neither. Our time together is too short to waste on anger and frustration. And besides, we have more important things to work on, such as our salvation and holiness which will only be found through our

vocation to marriage. I assume every evening that her day was harder than mine, and I treat her that way. She in turn does the same. (This was, as with most good ideas, her advice.)

My wife is both a model of virtue and a work of art, and why wouldn't I want to show this to the world? I am profoundly proud of who she is. I am deeply devoted to her and the image of God that she bears within. I am, in short, madly in love. Woe to me if my language in public ever suggests otherwise.

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the Church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind - yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish."

*Jake Tawney is a parishioner at St. Mary Church in Delaware.*

## Living in Apocalyptic Times

Desert Storm, Saddam Hussein filled the bill. They are part of a long list of figures who remind us that evil is active in the world. Everyone will have his or her favorite candidate for the job. Satan certainly has a lot of willing helpers in the army of evil.

The Book of Revelation was written to give us hope. The story of Pandora's box was recently part of an episode of "Warehouse 13," a Science Fiction Channel program. In the story, every evil was released into the world before the lid was put back on the box. The only thing that remained in the box was hope. The "Warehouse 13" episode reflects what would happen to the world if hope was lost. The answer is easy -- then evil would win.

By Father Patrick Toner

TV evangelists quote the Book of Revelation to tell us we live in "the end times." The Book of Revelation speaks to every generation about the struggle between good and evil. It was written to give us hope and encouragement to persevere.

Look at what's happening. There is the recent shooting in Colorado. There are floods in China and North Korea. In the United States, we are experiencing severe weather patterns and drought. There are hostilities in the Middle East and Africa. The list of disasters reads like the Book of Revelation.

In the past, Hitler would have been a candidate for the "Antichrist." During

The virtue of hope is the confident expectation of divine blessing and the beatific vision of God. As the Book of Revelation shows us, God wins in the end. We must persevere in the struggle against evil. Islam speaks of a greater and a lesser jihad. The great jihad is the struggle against evil with a person. If you don't attend to the protection of your soul, saving your body does you no good. The lesser jihad is against persecution from without. Protecting the faith from the attacks of Satan is an obligation of every believer.

I frequently hear people ask "What is wrong with the world today?" As society becomes more secular and tries to live without God, the consequences are becoming clearer. Evil will grow,

even in small towns where you would not expect a neighbor to walk in with a gun and start killing people.

Here is a prayer Catholics are familiar with: "St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen." When I was a chaplain, I used to give St. Michael medals to deploying troops as a reminder that God has provided for our victory and defense in the day of evil.

*Father Patrick Toner is pastor of St. Joseph Church in Plain City.*

## Dyslexia seminar

The diocesan Catholic Schools Office is sponsoring a seminar on dyslexia with Susan Barton, founder of the Bright Solutions for Dyslexia organization, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in Erskine Hall at Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

When bright children struggle first with spelling, then with written expression, and eventually hit a wall in reading development by third grade, if not sooner, dyslexia often is the reason.

Barton will share the causes and warning signs of dyslexia and the classroom accommodations and effective tutoring methods needed to succeed. A question-and-answer session will follow

her presentation.

Barton founded Bright Solutions, based in San Jose, Calif., in 1998 to educate parents and teachers on dyslexia and assist them with finding appropriate resources and support.

She is trained in seven different Orton-Gillingham-based programs related to dyslexia and teaches graduate-level courses through the University of San Diego. In 2009, she was inducted into the International Dyslexia Association's hall of honor.

The seminar is free, but those wishing to attend must register at ODU.EventBrite.com. For more information, contact Maria Phillips at (614) 221-5829 or maphilli@cdeducation.org.



# NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ~ TEACHING PRUDENCE, JUSTICE, TEMPERANCE AND FORTITUDE

Newark Catholic High School principal Beth Hill says everything her institution offers is dedicated to fulfilling a threefold mission.

“Newark Catholic is committed to offering students an environment for growing in their Catholic faith, expanding their knowledge, and extending their talents in service to others,” she said. “If we meet those goals, in that order, we will be living up to the expectations of the diocesan priests and Dominican sisters whose dedication made this school possible. They would expect no less than us.”

The school opened in the fall of 1958 because the parochial high school at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church had grown too small for the “baby boom” era. Today, it has about 250 students, mostly from the seven parishes in Licking County and the two in Knox County. Students from Reynoldsburg St. Pius X and Gahanna St. Matthew churches also may attend Newark Catholic if they live in Licking County.

Tuition for a year is \$4,500 for participating members of parishes and \$5,300 for non-participating members and non-Catholics, with the latter group making up about 10 percent of the student population. Additional students from one family pay less. “About 15 percent of our students receive some type of tuition assistance, and that’s not enough,” Hill said.

“We wish we could do more and are

extremely grateful for the sacrifices so many parents make to give their students a Catholic education. Funding’s always an issue here. We feel we do a very effective job of pinching pennies as much as we can – for instance, there’s no air conditioning in the building – but never at the cost of a child’s education.”

Hill said about 90 percent of the school’s students attended either St. Francis or Blessed Sacrament elementary school in Newark. “When they come here as freshmen, they have a new building to get used to, but the faces are familiar,” she said. “That results in a sense of family where everybody knows everybody else, with all the good and bad that results from a small-school atmosphere.”

“I think we’re more united here than in other schools,” said Elizabeth Painter, a member of the school’s current senior class. “When you walk through the halls, you see everybody as a name, and not a number.”

“There’s a closeness you can fall that extends to both students and teachers,” said senior class president Zach Smith. “Because there aren’t so many in your classes, I think you have a chance to know everyone better. This makes it easier for



Zach Smith

you to grow and become a better person.”

“We want students to feel they’re always a part of this school,” Hill said. “That’s true for me and much of the faculty, with six of the 20 members of our teaching staff being Newark Catholic graduates.”

Hill graduated from the school in 1979 and returned in 1984 as an English teacher and volleyball coach, with additional duties as athletic director for two years. She stayed until 1994, spent three years at Marion Catholic High School, and returned to Newark as principal in 1997.

“We really feel we’re an extension of the students’ own families,” Hill said. “Like all families, we’re not perfect, but we try to work things out. In these critical, formative years of high school, all of us realize our need to be good role models in forming students’ consciences. This is more critical than ever because of the negative influences you find in the secular world and the ever-expanding social network.”

This year, the school is emphasizing the cardinal virtues – prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude – integrating them into classroom discussions whenever possible. A symbol called “waves of virtue,” which lists those virtues within the

school’s Green Wave sports logo, was created by Father Jonathan Wilson, pastor at Blessed Sacrament, and is seen throughout the school and on the uniforms of its athletic teams.

“St. Thomas Aquinas wrote extensively about the cardinal virtues 800 years ago, yet it’s amazing how what he had to say then has relevance today,” Hill said. “Aquinas had no clue what a cell phone would look like, and yet we can use the example of the cardinal virtues to teach how to use a cell phone properly. We can apply those same virtues on the athletic field, in the classroom, and in students’ lives in general. If we stick with the cardinal virtues, they’ll guide us to heaven.”

Hill said about 95 percent of the students participate in after-school activities. The largest of these is the Key Club, which last year had 98 members, nearly half of the school, and this year is on track for the same amount of participation.

“Not every member comes to our meetings every other Thursday after school, but quite a few do,” said club adviser and life science teacher Amy Vohsing, who has taught at the school for 22 years. “We try to emphasize a particular theme each month, as well as having some ongoing projects.”

The club’s recent projects have included involvement with Bead for Life, which works with women in Uganda who turn colorful recycled paper into beads. They

also gather shea nuts, pressing them into shea butter for cosmetics and soaps.

“These items make good Christmas gifts and aren’t expensive, so a lot of students bought them, especially after seeing a 10-minute video on the poverty in Uganda,” Vohsing said. “We don’t make any money from this, but are grateful we can affect people’s lives well beyond our own community.”

The club also recently took part in a Pennies for Patients drive for childhood leukemia research, collecting spare change at lunchtime in a competition pitting freshmen and juniors against sophomores and seniors, with the winners receiving a food treat. Other club activities have included a coat drive for the Salvation Army, a breakfast for faculty members, work with local Adopt-A-Grandparent, Habitat for Humanity, and Relay for Life organizations, and the creation of care packages for the military.

Key Clubs are the youth affiliate of Kiwanis International, which sends a representative to every club meeting. This year, Vohsing anticipates her club will take part in the worldwide Kiwanis program to eliminate neonatal tetanus.

Campus ministry activities are led by Susie Gribble, a 1967 Newark Catholic graduate. Students recently conducted service activities leading to the homecoming football game against Heath this past Friday, Sept. 14. The annual all-school

retreat day is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 25, with each class gathering at a different site for spiritual activities which take the place of the day’s regular classes.

All-school Masses are celebrated approximately once a month, with prayer services during Advent and Lent. Other ministry activities include six food drives, mostly for St. Vincent Haven in Newark, attendance at the March for Life in Washington, a Red Cross blood drive, and support for Operation Feed.

Seniors will go on their annual Kairos retreat for four days in March at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark. “It’s

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**Pictured (clockwise from left):** The entranceway to Newark Catholic High School includes a peace pole (at right) with the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in several languages.

**Beth Hill, principal at Newark Catholic since 1997.**

**Russ Nelson teaches a pre-calculus class.**

**Members of the Newark Catholic concert choir practice liturgical music.**

**Advancement director Thom McManus points to the area where the school’s first expansion since 1964 is taking place.**



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a student-led retreat that's always a significant event for them," Gribble said. "Kairos" is Greek for 'go forth.' This gives them a chance to look at themselves, prepare for life in college and beyond, and say 'Here's what I've built and am going to be taking forward.'"

The retreat will take place three weeks after the annual all-school mission in February, which will be led by Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches, whose talks at last year's mission were so popular that he was invited back. The ministry's final major program of the year is St. Joseph the Worker Day in May, when students perform a variety of community service activities in the morning, then return to school for a cookout and May crowning.

Newark Catholic is known statewide for its success in athletics, with 24 state championships in five sports. This includes a record 32 playoff appearances and eight state titles, second only to Cleveland St. Ignatius' 11, in football; a record-tying eight state volleyball championships; six baseball titles (also second-ranked statewide); and one championship each in girls basketball and girls track and field.

Bill Franks, in his 11th year as football coach and athletic director, played for the Green Wave in the 1980s under legendary coach J.D. Graham, whose football teams won seven state championships.

"We've always had very com-

petitive teams that played well against tough competition," Franks said. "Especially in football, being a small school that's been successful against large opponents is one reason we've consistently been in the playoffs.

"Another thing that's helped is our participation rate. About 85 percent of our students are involved in one of our eight boys and eight girls sports. That's a remarkably high rate. We also have a multisport culture in which we try to constantly get our best athletes involved in whatever sport is in season, whether on the field, the floor, the court, or the track. You have to do that to be successful in a school this size."

All teams pray in the school chapel before an event. "That's something that means a lot to me and makes you feel you're really part of one big family here," said junior class president Mark Willis, a member of the track and cross country teams. "It also reminds you that although sports is important, it's just one part of serving God and living the type of life he wants you to."

The school has facilities for all sports, but plays its football games a half-mile away at municipally owned White Field, one of central Ohio's landmark athletic venues, built in 1938 as a federal public works project and used by both Newark High School and Newark Catholic.

"It makes sense to use White Field because of the logistics," said school advancement director Thom McManus, a 1976 graduate. "We don't have

the parking space, the locker rooms, or the seating it has.

"It's also great to play there because we've developed a tradition in which the players attend Mass, then we load up their gear in the team trailer and they walk two-by-two from the school to the field before the game. Afterward, we do it in reverse, but then their friends can join them in the walk. That's another neat way of making this school a family."

For the last two years, McManus has been in charge of a capital campaign for an expansion which will add four classrooms and a new area for visual arts and performing arts, enlarge the chapel, add new boys, girls, and faculty restrooms, and make other structural changes. All of the \$1.8 million needed for the work has been pledged, and about half has been collected.

"It's the first expansion to the building since 1964, and the students and faculty are really excited about it," he said. "In the last few years, all the other high schools in Licking County except ours and Johnstown's have been renovated, and the community has been incredibly patient and supportive with us in making the best of what we had," Hill added.

"We've been using rooms for classrooms that weren't designed for that purpose, so we felt it was time to grow," she said. "We also recognize that students and parents shop around for schools and that we needed to keep pace with the public schools. Not only that, but our kids deserve it. We are blessed with a wonderful community that truly embraces Catholic education, and these improvements will allow us to extend its benefits to future generations."

**A Theology II class at Newark Catholic, taught by Susie Gribble. The words on the screen, illustrated with a depiction of an infant in the womb, are from Psalm 139, celebrating human life.**



**Top: A Newark Catholic High School Biology I class, taught by Amy Vohsing. In the foreground is Taylor Ceneviva. Behind her are Logan Phillips (left) and David Fosco. Bottom: Students listen to teacher Linda Blanchard during a Spanish class. Newark Catholic has about 250 students in ninth through 12th grades from Licking and Knox counties.**

CT photos by Jack Kustron



## BOYS OF THE DIOCESE... There Is a Call Waiting for You!

**By Ellyn Dekker**

A phone rings... someone picks it up and says "It's for you!"

Feelings of curiosity, anticipation, and even anxiety can stir in you while approaching the phone or pulling out your cell.

Right now, there is a call waiting for you: the most important one you will ever receive. The Caller waits patiently and persistently for you to hear what He, God our Father, the Almighty Caller, has to say.

He has called you from the moment you were born to tell you the plan He has had for you from eternity.

Sometimes, He will leave a message for you. The good priest in your parish might bring a message by example. Your parents may live His message in their faithful and loving marriage.

Friends and neighbors give you His message by their courageous or charitable lives. He might even send a text message in a book on the life of a saint, or tweet you in the beauty of His creation of nature.

You may hear your call in a silent church while visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and may grapple with the answer, not knowing what to do.

Most of those who have lived for 25 to 30 years are conscious of their call and have either begun to respond or answered it in some way. But most young people are not yet aware of or undecided about answering this



vital call to a vocation of and for a lifetime.

Father Paul A. Noble, vocations director for the diocese (pictured), will talk to eighth-grade and high school boys on Tuesday, Oct. 16, about how God may be calling them.

His talk and video, titled "Fishers of Men," will be featured at the annual Serra Club of North Columbus life awareness youth luncheon.

The free program will be from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Jessing Center at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus.

A tour of the Josephinum will follow the talk for those interested.

Before becoming vocations director, Father Noble was principal and spiritual director of Sts. Peter and Paul PIME High School Seminary in Newark; principal of Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School; diocesan superintendent of schools; and pastor of Gahanna St. Matthew Church.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made through Catholic high school and elementary school principals or campus ministers by Friday, Oct. 5.

Home-schooled and public school students are welcome, with parents' permission.

For more information, call Rosemary Finneran at (614) 738-4233.

*Ellyn Dekker represents the Serra Club of North Columbus.*

**A Mass of healing and hope, including the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Columbus St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave. It will be preceded by the rosary at 7 p.m.**



## AUTHOR VISITS VIA SKYPE

**Seventh-grade language arts students at Columbus Trinity Elementary School were visited by an author in class, courtesy of Skype. Ron Jones, the author of "The Acorn People," spoke to the students about the book and his life as a writer.**

Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School

## 'NO LIMITATIONS!' TALK

Chris Stefanick, a nationally known speaker at events for young people, will be in Columbus on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 7 and 8, to present a talk titled "No Limitations!"

He will speak on Oct. 7 at Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, to students in seventh through 12th grade and their parents, and the following day at Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, to high school teens and their adult leaders. Both talks will begin at 7 p.m. The Monday talk also will include the XLT (Exalt) program of worship, prayer, and adoration.

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia said Stefanick is "one of the most engaging young defenders of the Christian faith on the scene today." He speaks to more than 50,000 young people and parents every year and is a syndicated columnist and a regular guest on in Catholic radio and television. He has authored or co-authored the books "Do I Have to Go?" (about the Mass), "Raising Pure Teens," and "Absolute Relativism."

The 14-year youth ministry veteran has served at a parish in east Los Angeles and as

director of youth and young adult ministry for the Diocese of La Crosse, Wis., and the Archdiocese of Denver, and is on the board of directors for the Dead Theologians Society. He currently works for the Augustine Institute in Denver as director of youth outreach for YDisciple. Most of all, he is proud to be a husband and the father of six children.

Stefanick, while giving credence to the dangers of premarital sex, goes beyond fear and "just say 'No'" tactics in the "No Limitations!" talk. Instead, he offers teens something to say "Yes" to: health, happiness, authentic relationships, and the love they were made for.

Upbeat, passionate, humorous, and sensitive enough for a mixed crowd, "No Limitations!" has changed lives and impacted the culture at hundreds of Catholic and public high schools across the nation and beyond.

**Both talks are free. RSVP to youth@ourladyofvictory.cc for the Oct. 7 talk and bsimmonds@columbus.rr.com for the Oct. 8 presentation.**

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

## Those considered great are those without power



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

James 3:16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

The Book of Wisdom was written as late as 50 BC, according to some scholars. This would make it the last of the Old Testament books. Because it was written in Greek, it was not included in the Jewish canon of Sacred Scriptures.

The passage from Sunday's first reading is a reflection on the experience of Isaiah, especially the Servant of the Lord in the Servant Songs of Second Isaiah (Isaiah 42:1-4; 49:1-7; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12) and also in Psalm 22:8.

St. Augustine read these words as a prophecy of the death of Jesus, but such was case in the fourth century AD, when exegesis amounted to finding proof texts. It seems clear that Wisdom's author was looking backward into his Jewish past rather than to an unknown future figure like Jesus.

It is also worth recalling that Wisdom came before the New Testament, which meant the evangelists could draw on Wisdom and on the Psalms thematically as they so chose.

Clearly, Matthew 27:43 did this very thing as Jesus hung on the cross and the chief priests, scribes, and elders called out "He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said 'I am the Son of God.'"

Sunday's Gospel presents the second prediction by Jesus of his death and resurrection. The disciples continue to misunderstand, and rather than ask him about it, they remain silent. The following incident emphasizes how far removed they were from understanding what he has been saying.

Jesus' question does not necessarily arise from some superhuman awareness of all things. It is quite natural for a teacher to overhear things that students (or disciples) discuss, and his question to them need not mean anything more than that he had overheard them discussing the question of who was the greatest among them.

Many commentators would even suggest that the scene was created by Mark to make use of this saying of Jesus about greatness: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

To see how this is possible, we do well to compare this scene in Mark with that in Matthew and with Luke.

In Matthew 18:1-5, the disciples actually come to Jesus and ask him who is greatest among them. Jesus uses the example of the child and says "unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Luke 9:46-48 says that an argument had broken out among the disciples about who was greatest. Jesus is aware of what is in their hearts and uses the example of a child again, saying "the one who is least among all of you is the one who is greatest."

When we compare these two accounts with what we find here in Mark, we see how widely different each scene is. Even the wording is different. Indeed, Mark is the only one who actually has Jesus remark on the need to be servant of all in order to achieve greatness.

The image of the child is used because children had no power or rights. They belonged to their parents. Therefore, those considered great in the kingdom are precisely those without power.

What we see in the Church is often quite different from this picture. Greatness has come to be measured by how much power one exerts, not by how much service one renders. However, the kingdom and the power and the glory belong to God.

*Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary, can be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.*

## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Proverbs 3:27-34  
Psalm 15:2-5  
Luke 8:16-18

TUESDAY  
Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13  
Psalm 119:1,27,30,34-35,44  
Luke 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY  
Proverbs 30:5-9  
Psalm 119:29,72,89,101,104,163  
Luke 9:1-6

THURSDAY  
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11  
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17  
Luke 9:7-9

FRIDAY  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Psalm 144:1b,2abc,3-4  
Luke 9:18-22

SATURDAY  
Deuteronomy 7:9-10,13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a  
Psalm 138:1-5  
John 1:47-51

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

SUNDAY MASS  
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable system for WHIZ's and WWHO's cable channel listings.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).  
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

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

We pray Week I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

## Religious Freedom vs. Aggressive Secularism



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE  
George Weigel

Some years ago, the Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor coined the term "exclusivist secularism" to describe a disturbing phenomenon in western societies: the determination of some intellectuals, activists, and politicians to scour public life of transcendent religious and moral reference points in the name of "tolerance" and "inclusion." Taylor's "exclusivist secularism" is not the benign "secularity"—the separation of religious and political institutions in a modern society—that Pope Benedict XVI has praised for helping Catholicism develop its understanding of the right relationship between Church and state. No, by referring to "exclusivist secularism," Charles Taylor was raising a warning flag about an aggressive and hegemonic cast of mind that seeks to drive out of the public square any consideration of what God or the moral law might require of a just society.

Aggressive secularism was once thought to be a primarily European malady. Then it migrated to Canada. Now it has become a serious problem in American public life. Catholics can do something about that if they understand what the Church asks of "the world."

The Catholic Church asks—and, if circumstances require, the Church demands—two things of any political community and any society.

The Church asks for free space to be itself: to evangelize, to celebrate the sacraments, and to do the works of education, charity, mercy, and justice without undue interference from government. The Church freely concedes that the state can tell the Church to do some things: to obey the local sanitary laws in church kitchens hosting pancake breakfasts, for example. But

the Church refuses to concede to the state the authority to tell the Church what to think and preach, or how to order its ministerial life and serve the needy. Moreover, the Church asks, and, if necessary, demands that the state respect the sanctuary of conscience, so that the Church's people are not required by law by do things the Church teaches are immoral.

The Church also asks any society to consider the possibility of its need for redemption. The "world" sometimes doesn't take kindly to this suggestion, as the history of the martyrs reminds us. But overt persecution isn't the only way the "world" resists the Church's proposal. Societies can affect a bland indifference to the truths taught by biblical religion. Cultures can mock the moral truths taught by God's revelation to the people of Israel and God's self-revelation in his Son, Jesus Christ. Educational systems can inculcate an ethos of nihilism and hedonism, teaching that the only moral absolute is that there are no moral absolutes.

On both of these fronts—the political-legal front and the social-cultural front—the Catholic Church is under assault in the United States today. Over the past

four years, the federal government has made unprecedented efforts to erode religious freedom. The gravest assault this year by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: an offense to conscientious Catholic employers who believe what the Church believes about the morality of human love and the ethics of the right to life, and a frontal attack on the institutional integrity of the Church. For with the HHS mandate, the federal government seeks nothing less than to turn the Catholic Church's charitable and medical facilities into state agencies that facilitate practices the Catholic Church believes are gravely evil.

Rather than truckle to such coercion, Catholic bishops across the country have made clear that they will, if necessary, close the Catholic medical facilities for which they are responsible—a drastic action that would seriously imperil health services to the poor. But it doesn't have to come to that. Aggressive, hegemonic secularism need not have the last word in the United States.

In this election cycle, Americans can issue a ringing call for religious freedom in full. U.S. Catholics can, and must, demand of all candidates an unambiguous commitment to the Church's institutional freedom, and to the freedom of the Church's people to follow the dictates of conscience as shaped by the moral truths the Church guards and teaches. Self-respect requires nothing less.

*George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.*

## Blessing of a new flagpole at Villas of St. Therese



A new flagpole at the Villas at St. Therese independent and assisted living facilities in Columbus recently was blessed, with Villas resident and World War II veteran Charles Mechling raising the flag. Mechling was trained in Fort Bliss, Texas, served with Gen. George Patton's Third Army in France and Germany during the war, and concluded his service at Camp Polk, La., and Fort Hood, Texas. He met and married his wife, Frieda, in Offington, Germany. Two of their children, Betty and Carol, were born in Germany, and two more, Jim and Karen, were born in Texas and Louisiana respectively.

Photo courtesy Villas at St. Therese

## Charismatic Renewal Healing Mass

The diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring a healing Mass at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Columbus Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered during Mass for those with serious illnesses.

The Mass, celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson, will be preceded by the rosary at 2:30 and praise and worship from 3 to 4. Trained prayer teams will be available during that time for those desiring personal prayer for healing of spiritual, emotional, or physical needs.

Christ the King Church also will be the site for a Life in the Spirit seminar from 5 to 7 p.m. each Sunday from Sept. 30 to Oct. 21. This seminar provides a way to learn more about living in the Holy Spirit and taking steps which will allow Jesus Christ to establish, restore, or deepen a relationship with participants.

For more information on either the Mass or the seminar, contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal office at (614) 237-7080 or email [jackietemple63@yahoo.com](mailto:jackietemple63@yahoo.com).

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## Pray for our dead

**ARMBRUST, Frank** "Francis," 78, Sept. 7  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

**BALLARD, Joan**, 84, Aug. 17  
St. Mary Church, Columbus

**BRICK, John R.**, 75, Sept. 11  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**BURKE, Lada M.**, 101, Sept. 13  
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

**DEVEREAUX, James T.**, 70, Sept. 11  
Holy Family Church, Columbus

**DURBIN, David L.**, 67, Aug. 31  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

**FORSYTHE, Dale E.**, 83, Sept. 15  
OurLadyofMountCarmelChurch,BuckeyeLake

**GALLAGHER, Dr. Janice M.**, 58, Sept. 10  
St. Michael Church, Worthington

**GARNER, Anna**, 90, Sept. 12  
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

**HAMMOND, Steven G.**, 50, Sept. 9  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**HOWDYSHHELL, Mari J.**, 85, Sept. 4  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**HUNDLEY, Dale**, 84, Sept. 13  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**HYSELL, (KNAUER), Barbara**, 88, Sept. 13  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

## Freda M. Noll

Funeral Mass for Freda M. Noll, 104, who died Wednesday, Sept. 12, was held Monday, Sept. 17, at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church. Burial was in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Zanesville.

She was born Dec. 28, 1907, in Noble County to John and Johannah (Miller) Brahrer.

She served as organist for many years at St. Mary Church in Fulda, which was next to the home where she grew up. She belonged to the Zanesville Senior Citizens Group and was an avid

**LAWSON-POWELL, Corrinne L.**, 56, Sept. 16  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**LUCZAJ, Sharon A.**, 71, formerly of Columbus, Aug. 28  
St. Jerome Church, Seminole, Fla.

**MARKS, Joseph R.**, 63, Sept. 1  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

**MIETZNER, Virginia M.**, 91, Sept. 12  
St. Philip Church, Columbus

**NICHOL, Robert L.** "Kim," 75, Sept. 14  
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

**PANNELL, Maxine A.** "Mickey," 76, Sept. 13  
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

**RANDLE, George W.**, 89, Sept. 15  
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

**ROEMBKE, Harry S.** "Scott," 51, of Hilliard, Sept. 9  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Indianapolis

**SIRIJ, Marie C.**, 96, Sept. 11  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

**STEELE, Pauline F.**, 88, Sept. 13  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

**WILLIAMS, Mary L.**, 96, Sept. 5  
Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton

bridge player, earning Master rank with the American Contract Bridge League, and was the first woman to enter the Abbot Home in Zanesville when it opened its doors to women in 2001.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Walter; six brothers; and five sisters. Survivors include sons, Fred (Carole) and Thomas (Kathy); daughters, Joan (Fritz) Weidig and Jane (Dave) Pfeifer; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

## Church of the Nativity Celebrates 100 Years

The Church of the Nativity, 126 N. Main St., Utica, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 30.

A community open house between 12:30 and 2 p.m. will include guided tours and a gourmet dessert buffet. A community choir fest and a wine and cheese reception will follow at 2 p.m. The day of celebration will conclude

with Vespers at 4 p.m.

Friends and former parishioners are invited to join the celebration, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first Mass in the parish's first building, the Chapel of the Nativity, so named because of its humble beginnings. For more information, call Pamela Hager at (740) 892-2198.

## Chant Workshop

A Gregorian chant workshop featuring composer, organist, and conductor David J. Hughes will take place Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29, at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

The workshop will include six sessions over the two days, starting at 3 p.m. Friday. There is a fee of \$20 for Friday only, \$40 for Saturday only, or \$50 for both days, with \$8 added for those wishing to purchase lunch on Saturday. Dinner Friday is on your own, and you may bring your own lunch Saturday.

It will include the chanting of the Office of Compline at 8 p.m. Friday, followed by a short organ recital on chant themes, and conclude with Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday. Both of those activities will be in the church and are open to the public.

Session topics will include structure of the Mass and the Divine Office;

neumatic notation; matters of Gregorian style in singing the Mass and Office; modes; chironomy (conducting chant); and rehearsal of the repertoire. There also will be time for discussion and questions.

Hughes is organist and choirmaster at St. Mary Church in Norwalk, Conn., where he directs a professional choir for a weekly Solemn Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, a volunteer choir for the Latin Mass according to the 2002 *Roman Missal*, and several children's choirs. He led the St. Mary's Student Schola to sing chant and Renaissance polyphony for the primary English-speaking Masses at the 2011 World Youth Day in Madrid.

For information, contact St. Patrick's music director Kathleen Tully at (614) 224-9522, extension 152, or call the parish office at (614) 240-5910.

If paying for lunch, include whether vegetarian or non-vegetarian.

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## SEPTEMBER

20, THURSDAY  
Vatican II Series at Ohio Dominican  
3:30 to 5 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Do-

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call Deacon Steve DeMers at 614-224-6530 or 800-511-0584.

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## H A P P E N I N G S

minican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Part 3 of eight-part series of talks on "The Big Ideas of the Second Vatican Council." Topic: "The Church: Sacrament in the World," with Ron Carstens, PhD. Sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies and Martin de Porres Center. 614-251-4722

**20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. 614-406-9516

**Poetry Talk With Bishop Campbell at Josephinum**  
7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell speaks on "The Importance of Poetry in Reference to T.S. Eliot" as part of "Priests, Poets, and Philosophers" lecture series. 614-885-5585

**Vatican II Anniversary Talk at de Porres Center**  
7 to 9 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "Fifty Years Later: The Promise of Vatican II" talk with Sister Diana Culbertson, OP, professor emerita at Kent State University. 614-416-1910

21, FRIDAY  
**Day of Recollection at St. Therese's**  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Day of recollection with Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, an authority on the Fatima apparitions and vice postulator for the canonization cause of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Theme: "Inspirations for Our Soul." Includes Mass, lunch, Holy Hour. 614-436-6884

**Bishop Blesses St. Albert Hall at Ohio Dominican**  
Noon, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell blesses renovated St. Albert Hall science building.

**Wilderness Outreach Masculine Spirituality Evening**  
6 to 10 p.m., Schmelzer's Grove. 9960 Sacred Heart Road, Bremen. Evening of masculine spirituality, sponsored by Wilderness Outreach. 6 to 7:30, evening prayer, blessing, and supper; 8 to 10, presentation; 10, night prayer and final blessing. Bring food, beverages, plates, utensils. Campfire and charcoal will be provided. Light consumption of alcoholic beverages permitted. 614-679-6761

21-22, FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
**Rosary Grade and High School Reunion at Swan Club**  
Swan Club, 2121 Noe Bixby Road, Columbus. Reunion of Columbus Rosary High School classes of 1962 to 1967 and eighth-grade classes of 1958 to 1963. For alumni Friday and alumni, spouses, and friends Saturday. 614-237-8432

22, SATURDAY  
**Tuscarawas County Walk for Life in New Philadelphia**  
Tuscarawas County Walk for Life, featuring national pro-life speaker Jenn Giroux. 9 a.m. rally, Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia; 9:30, half-mile walk to county courthouse; 10, courthouse speech by Giroux, and rosary at church for those not walking; 10:15, walkers return to church; 11 to noon, talk at church with Giroux. 330-365-1028

**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**  
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654

**Morning of Reflection at Sts. Peter and Paul Center**  
9 a.m. to noon, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Autumn morning of reflection with Sister Janice Bachman, OP. Begins with continental breakfast. 740-928-4246

23, SUNDAY  
**Organ Dedication at Holy Cross**  
10 a.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass and dedicates parish's new organ, a 1971 instrument from a former Lutheran parish in Fort Wayne, Ind. 614-224-3416

**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Talk by author John Fink on "Columbus' Saints," the saints after whom nearby parishes are named. 614-488-9971

**'Catholicism' Series at St. Peter**  
1 to 2:30 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Part 1 of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series. 614-889-2221

**40 Days for Life Kickoff Party**  
2 p.m., Korean United Methodist Church lawn, 5899 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Kickoff party for 40 Days for Life campaign. 614-445-8508

**Catholic Record Society Meeting**  
2 p.m., Lower Level, parish hall, Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Catholic Record Society quarterly meeting, with Mike Finn speaking on "The Chaplain Who Went Over the Top: Father George Raphael Carpenter, OP." 614-241-2571

**St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans**  
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. Elizabeth Bowen, OFS 614-276-1953

**Cathedral Music Series**  
3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Program featuring music directors from five parishes: organists Sharon Silleck (Columbus St. Cecilia), Carol Ann Bradley (Columbus Our Lady of Victory), John Bryan (Westerville St. Paul) and Dale Beaver (Columbus Immaculate Conception), and trumpeter Larry Griffin (Columbus St. Timothy). 614-224-1295

**Healing Mass at Christ the King**  
4 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Healing Mass sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson. Includes Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Preceded by rosary at 2:30 and praise and worship at 3. 614-237-7080

**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**  
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

24, MONDAY  
**Job Fair at Westerville St. Paul**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Activities center, St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Job fair sponsored by Stewardship Employment Ministry. 614-306-4487

**Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry**  
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, (Christ the King Church campus), Columbus. 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

**Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study**  
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. 614-459-2766

25, TUESDAY  
**'Catholicism' Series at St. Peter**  
9 to 10:30 a.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Part 2 of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" video series. 614-889-2221

**Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark**  
7 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. 740-653-4919

**'Landings Ministry at Newman Center**  
7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Opening session of eight-week Landings program, welcoming returning and inactive Catholics. 614-313-7801

**Elizabeth Ficocelli Talk at St. Andrew**  
7 p.m., Bryce Eck Center, St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. School's parent speaker series presents talk by author, speaker, and radio host Elizabeth Ficocelli on "Building Strong, Healthy Families Through the Sacraments." 614-205-9430

26, WEDNESDAY  
**Maturing Spirituality Series at de Porres Center**  
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "Open Mind, Open Heart: Pilgrimage Through the Later Years," with Catholic Times columnist Mary van Balen, part of center's Maturing Spirituality series. Begins with 30-minute webcast, followed by small-group discussion. 614-416-1920

26-NOV. 4, WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY  
**40 Days for Life**  
Continuous, sidewalk in front of Complete Healthcare for Women, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at clinic. Individuals may sign up for one- or two-hour shifts. Churches, schools, and other organizations may select one day in which their representatives will cover all shifts. 614-445-8508

27, THURSDAY  
**Bishop Campbell Celebrates Mass at Fisher Catholic**  
9:30 a.m., Fisher Catholic High School, 1803 Granville Pike, Lancaster. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass for all Catholic schools in Lancaster Deanery. 740-654-1231

**Vatican II Series at Ohio Dominican**  
3:30 to 5 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Part 4 of eight-part series of talks on "The Big Ideas of the Second Vatican Council." Topic: "Did Anything Happen at Vatican II?" with Father Edmund Hussey. Sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies and Martin de Porres Center. 614-251-4722

**Catholic Foundation Conversation on Parish Life**  
6 to 8 p.m., The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. "A Conversation on Parish Life: A Call to Conversation" with Msgr. Frank Lane. Part of Foundation's continuing "Conversations" series. 614-443-8893

**20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. 614-406-9516

**Josephinum Talk on the Vatican in World War II**  
7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Professor Ronald Rychlak of the University of Mississippi speaks on "Hitler, the War, and the Pope: The Holy See and Its Efforts to Undermine the Third Reich." 614-885-5585

**'Courage' Support Group Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., A Catholic organization providing support for individuals with same-sex attractions. Mary Louise 614-436-8676

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BOOK REVIEW

**SEVEN FROM HEAVEN**

**Reviewed By David Garick**

Life presents us with many challenges. God recognizes the difficulty humans face in living a life in accord with his love and his will for us. That is why he came into this world in human form to teach us how to live. Christ died and rose again to give us a path to salvation. Through his earthly ministry, he taught us how we are to live. But he also gave us tools to aid us in living a godly life. Those tools are the sacraments of the Church.

In her new book "Seven from Heaven," Elizabeth Ficocelli has provided a wonderful resource for modern families to use to unlock the power of the sacraments. In simple, practical steps, she focuses on each of the sacraments with ideas that all of us can use to take the mysteries of the sacraments and make them come alive in the everyday lives of our families.

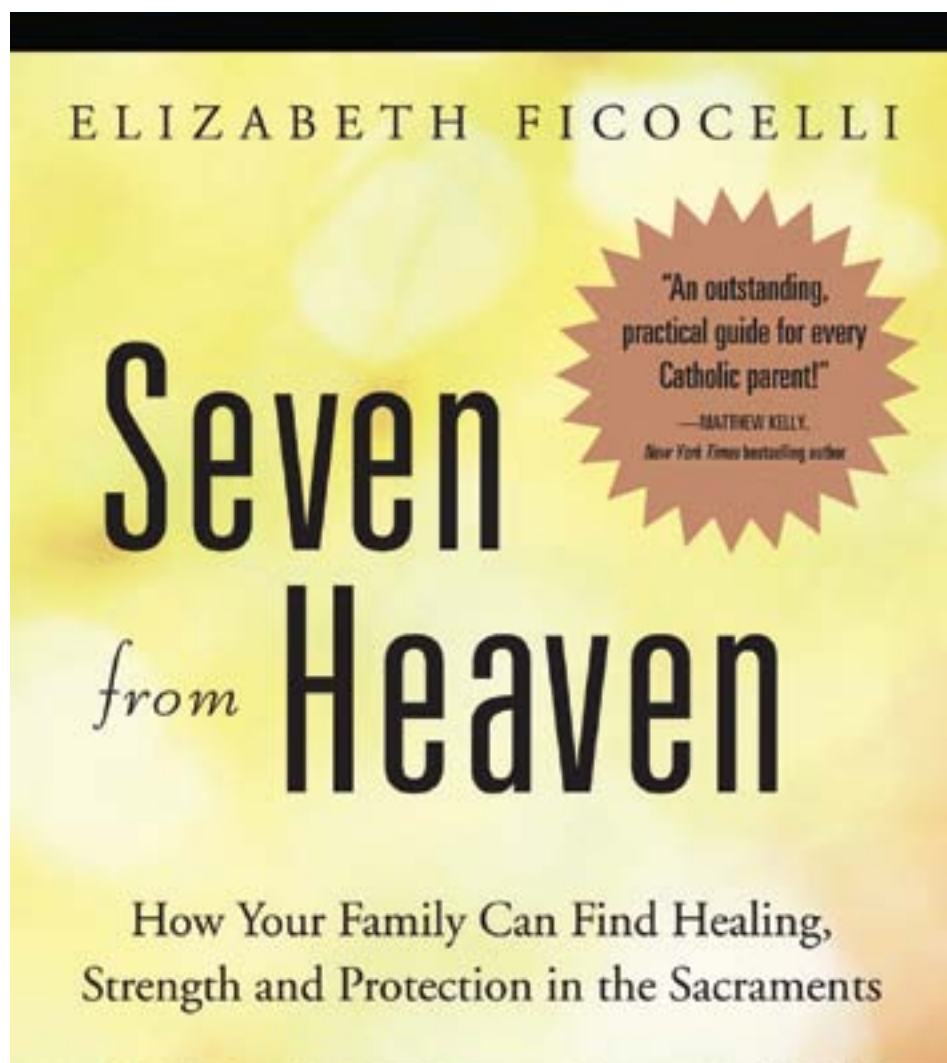
In the case of Baptism, she points out

that this wonderful rite of initiation is not a one-time celebration marked with just a notation in the family Bible; rather, the Church provides many opportunities for us to use the power of baptism to prepare our children for a life committed to faith and for all of us to regularly renew our baptismal vows to strengthen our commitments to Christ in everything we do.

Ficocelli provides many great approaches to understanding the sacrament we have most frequent access to, Holy Communion.

Through her examples, we find great ideas on how we all can draw strength from this holy act by which we become unified with Christ our Savior, the eternal creator of the universe, and at the same time become unified with all of our Catholic brothers and sisters around the world.

We have been taught that concept all of our lives. "Seven from Heaven"



contains wonderful tips for making the power work for us through preparation and reception of Communion and through time spent in the presence of Christ in Eucharistic Adoration.

Similarly, Ficocelli's book address the powers of reconciliation, confirmation, marriage, religious vocation, and healing in ways that everyone can identify with and apply to all aspects of daily life.

The beauty of this basic how-to book is that it takes difficult theological concepts that many people shy away from and explains them in straight-forward, practical language that is accessible to anyone. Every home could benefit

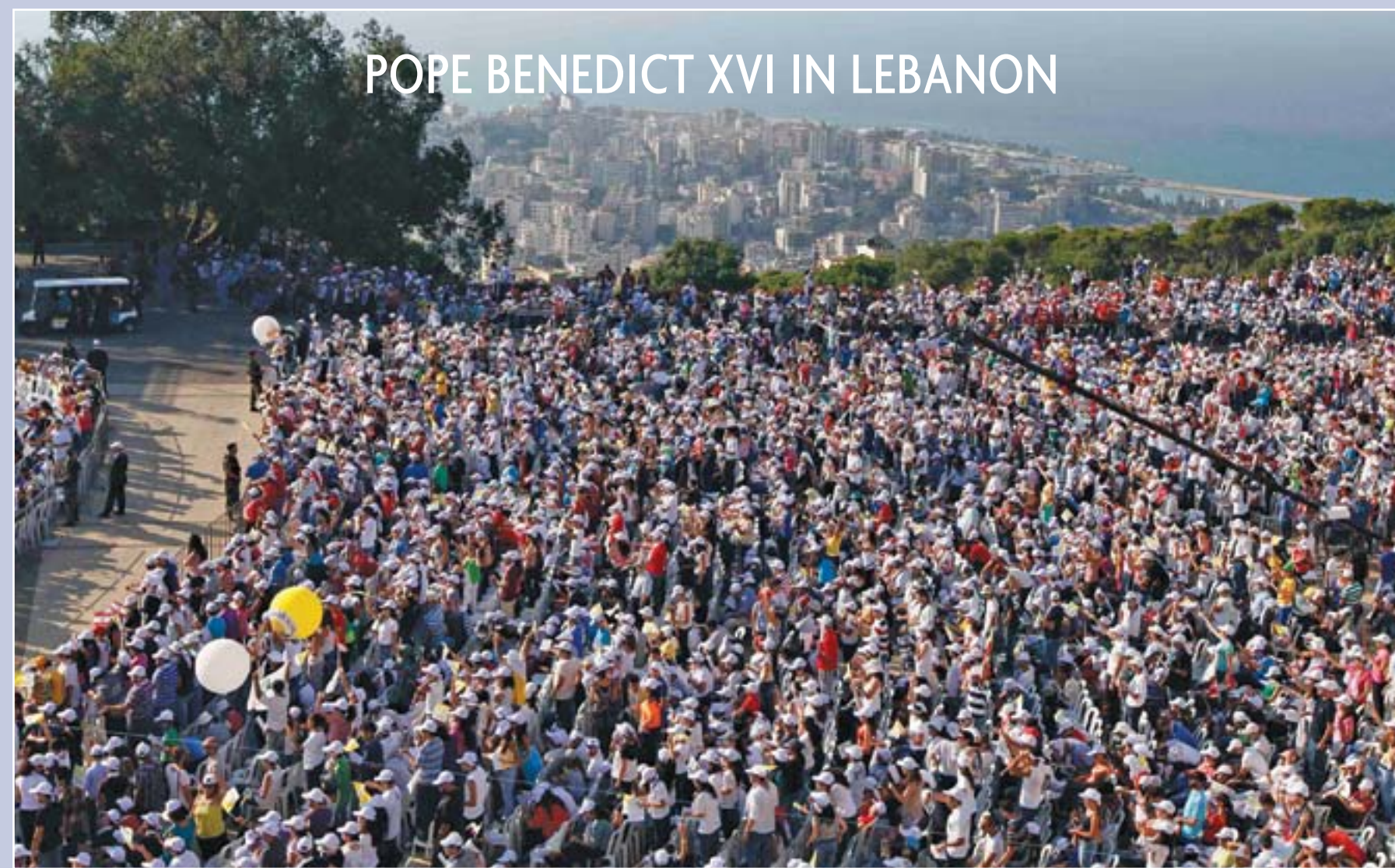
from the lessons contained in "Seven from Heaven."

Ficocelli is no stranger to Columbus-area Catholics. She is a local resident, a best-selling, award-winning Catholic author of 14 books, a national speaker, and host of "Answering the Call" on St. Gabriel Radio AM 820, as well as a frequent guest on the Eternal Word Television Network.

**On Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m., she will talk about "Seven from Heaven" and sign copies of the book at Columbus St. Andrew Church's Bryce Eck Center, 3880 Reed Road.**

**For more information, visit [www.elizabethficocelli.com](http://www.elizabethficocelli.com).**

**POPE BENEDICT XVI IN LEBANON**



A crowd is gathered for a youth encounter with Pope Benedict XVI outside the patriarchal headquarters of the Maronite Catholic Church in Bkerke, Lebanon, on Sept. 15. CNS photo/Stefano Rellandini, Reuters



Pope Benedict XVI visits St. Paul's Basilica in Harissa, Lebanon, on Sept. 14. During his visit, the pope presented an apostolic exhortation addressing the church's concerns in the Middle East. CNS photo/Paul Haring



Dancers carry a globe as they perform during Pope Benedict XVI's meeting with young people in the square outside the Maronite patriarch's residence in Bkerke, Lebanon, on Sept. 15. CNS photo/Paul Haring



## TEN NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS NAMED

Ten Columbus Bishop Watterson High School seniors have been named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists for their exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Approximately 16,000 semifinalists were announced, based upon their scores on the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. These academically talented seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 8,300 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$34 million, that will be offered next spring. Watterson semifinalists pictured are (from left): first row, Caroline Nickerson, Adam Forshey, Michael Schwartz, Edward Passen, and Caroline Lieser; second row, Barry Bryant, Maggie Valachovic, Mark Widerschein, Rachel Riendeau, and Nicky DiCarlo.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School



## National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

Shelby Baker, a senior at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, has been selected as a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist. His score on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, taken in the fall of his junior year, qualified him for the honor. He will now compete to be one of about 8,300 recipients of the scholarships, whose names will be announced next spring.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

## Women's conference

The Dominican Friars of Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church will host a Catholic women's conference with the theme "The Beauty of the Feminine" on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Speakers will include Emily Stimpson, Sister Mary Diana, OP, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Parker, and Father Jonathan Wilson, pastor of Newark Blessed Sacrament Church.

For more information, contact (740) 453-3301 or go to [www.thebeautyofthefeminine.weebly.com](http://www.thebeautyofthefeminine.weebly.com).

Registration is \$20 by Monday, Oct. 1, or \$25 at the door. Send checks with "Beauty of the Feminine Conference" in the memo line to St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St., Zanesville OH 43701.

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