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# BISHOP CAMPBELL AMONG CLERGY OBSERVING MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

**By Tim Puet** 

Catholic Times Reporter

Like many people dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell is looking forward to the time when activities get somewhat back to normal and he can see people face to face rather than through technology.

"I just finished sending my last assignment to the homiletics class I'm teaching at the Pontifical College Josephinum for its spring semester," Bishop Campbell said during a phone conversation from his residence in northeast Columbus. "But online classes are no replacement for actual classroom dynamics.

"By nature, human beings are social, and the current situation reminds us of how people need to relate to each other and how God intended us to be that way. The internet is no substitute. What we're doing now is called 'virtual communication' for a reason. It's just not the same," he said. He noted that the last time he had shared a meal with other priests was on March 9 during a visit to Perry County

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Bishop Campbell's ordination as a priest. He was ordained by Archbishop John Roach of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis on May 31, 1980 and served the archdiocese as an associate pastor, pastor and seminary rector before Pope John Paul II appointed him as the 11th bishop of Columbus on Oct. 14, 2004, succeeding Bishop James



Bishop Frederick Campbell is one of 11 men in the diocese celebrating significant ordination anniversaries to the priesthood in 2020.

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Griffin, who had retired for health reasons.

Bishop Campbell was installed as spiritual shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus on Jan, 13, 2005, serving in that role for more than 14 years. He reached the mandatory retirement age of 75 for bishops in August 2018, and his successor, Auxiliary Bishop Robert Brennan of Rockville Centre, New York, was installed as the diocese's 12th bishop on March 29, 2019.

"Bishop Campbell handed on to me the leadership of a Church rich in faith, hope and love," Bishop Brennan said. "While this is the fruit of the constant work of so many of the faithful of the diocese, it is also a testament to his personal holiness. "From the first time I spoke with him, Bishop Campbell's love of God, his prayerful attitude and his love of learning were so clearly evident. As I came to know him better and learn from him so much about the Diocese of Columbus, I could see how those impressions were so evident. Bishop Campbell loves the Church and the people of central Ohio. I learned and continue to learn so much from him."

Bishop Campbell said what gave him the greatest satisfaction in 14 years as bishop of Columbus was being with the people of the diocese. "I thoroughly enjoyed that, especially my visits to parishes for confirma-

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#### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

The Catholic Times recognizes each May the clergy members in the Diocese of Columbus who are celebrating milestone anniversaries of their ordination to the priesthood. Turn to Pages 6 and 7 to read about their years of service.

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## Memorial Day services cancelled at Columbus Catholic cemeteries

Memorial Day services at the Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus will not take place this year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

St. Joseph, Resurrection, Holy Cross and Mt. Calvary cemeteries will be open for visitation on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, from 8 a.m. to sunset (4:30 p.m. at Mt. Calvary), but offices will be closed and the cemetery staff will not be receiving visitors.

"Due to the Ohio Governor's orders and Department of Health guidelines for social distancing and prohibition of large gatherings, we feel it is necessary to take these measures to ensure the safety of employees and visitors," director Rich Finn said.

Burial maps and locations can be provided through email or by calling one of the cemetery offices from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store reopens in Columbus

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store reopened Tuesday, May 12 after closing in March when Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine issued a statewide "stay-athome" order in an attempt to combat the coronavirus outbreak.

The store, which celebrated its grand opening in January, is located at 5969 E. Main St., Columbus, in a former TJ Maxx store at the Carnaby Center just off I-270. It features donated items that include apparel, shoes, jewelry, mattresses, furniture, toys, bikes, sporting goods, kitchenware, home décor, televisions and other home goods.

Visit sydpthriftstore.nationbuilder. com for information on store hours and guidelines for shopping. The store also can be reached at 614-377-1065 or colssydpthriftstores@gmail.com.

## Development department sets up new program for parishes

As part of its continuing commitment to support the missions of parish

communities, the diocesan Office of Development and Planning is launching SECURE for Parishes.

SECURE is a program to support parishes in their efforts to build and strengthen digital/virtual ministries and communities while also providing focused support on parish offertory collection recovery. Through a process of support, evaluation, connection, utilizing resources, and engagement, the program is designed to help parish communities advance their mission and meet people where they are.

Working in partnership with the department's parish support coordinators and consultants from CCS Fundraising, each parish in the diocese will be supported in developing a strategy on connecting with parishioners during and beyond COVID-19, as well as opening channels for virtual and alternative offertory giving.

This program is not a fundraising campaign. It is an opportunity to work with parish communities to give them the tools and training needed to launch digital platforms that will prepare them for better sustainability moving forward.

Many parishes are facing financial difficulty because of the suspension of public Masses. The new program offers elective, targeted support to help parishes create messaging and actions to strengthen their communities and online offertory collections.

## ODU commencement rescheduled for October

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) will celebrate and recognize its spring 2020 graduates at a special commencement ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, during its homecoming weekend. The commencement and a baccalaureate program scheduled for 1 p.m. will take place in Alumni Hall, located on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

ODU's 112th commencement was scheduled to take place on Saturday,

May 9, but was postponed to ensure compliance with social distancing directives issued by Gov. Mike DeWine in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

The decision to reschedule the ceremony was based on overwhelmingly positive feedback from this year's graduating class when its members were asked if they would be interested in returning to campus in the fall to attend an in-person celebration.

The rescheduled ceremony also is subject to any future directives announced by state and public health officials. Steps will be taken to ensure safe social distancing, and the commencement and baccalaureate will be available to watch via streaming video.

Although the more than 200 graduates who make up ODU's Class of 2020 already have received their diplomas, they are invited to return to campus so that faculty, staff, alumni, friends and family may formally recognize them for their accomplishments and contributions.

#### **ODU receives CARES Act funds**

Ohio Dominican University has been awarded an additional \$58,000 in relief funds through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The money comes from the portion of the act that supports institutions that serve low-income students. It is part of \$1.4 billion in additional funding nationwide to help ensure that learning continues during the coronavirus pandemic.

The U.S. Department of Education says ODU may use this funding to cover the cost of technology associated with its transition to distance education, grants to cover the costs of attendance for eligible students, and faculty and staff training. It also may be used to cover operational costs such as lost revenue, reimbursements for prior expenses, and payroll.

Approximately 47 percent of ODU's 984 undergraduate students

are classified as being non-white, with 26 percent of students classified as being African American. Approximately 40 percent of ODU undergraduate students are eligible for Federal Pell Grants, which are awarded based on financial need.

This funding is in addition to \$1.18 million ODU had been awarded through the higher education emergency relief fund authorized by the CARES Act.

## Men of St. Joseph complete consecration at Sugar Grove

The Men of St. Joseph organization at Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church completed a 33-day program of consecration to St. Joseph on Friday, May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

Using the book Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father by Father Donald Calloway, MIC, the group of eight men, led by the parish's pastor, Father James Walter, explored the history of beliefs of saints, bishops, popes and doctors of the Church about St. Joseph.

Starting March 30, daily readings were supplemented by weekly group web discussions using Google Hangouts. The men examined how St. Joseph modeled various virtues and learned different forms of regular consecration of their lives to God through St. Joseph – for example, "All for Jesus, all through Mary, all in the model of St. Joseph."

## Shepherd's Corner announces programs planned for June

The Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, an outreach of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, has tentatively scheduled several programs for June.

"Gardening 101" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 5 will cover the basics of planting and transplanting, wa-

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#### PAY TRIBUTE TO A CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATE

SAMANTHA
ANDERSON

Class of 2020

Congratulations
on all your
accomplishments!
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Love, Mom, Dad,
Jason & Nana

Congratulate a 2020 eighth-grade, high school or college graduate in a special commemorative section to be included with the May 24 issue of *The Catholic Times*. Several options are available. For more information and to submit an order by Friday, May 15, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/catholictimes, or contact Editor Doug Bean at dbean@columbuscatholic.org or 614-224-5195.

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## Diocesan churches start to reopen for prayer, confession

The "soft" opening of churches that the Ohio bishops announced late Friday, May 8 began this week in the Diocese of Columbus.

In addition to the Sacrament of Reconciliation being made available in the diocese, which was announced the previous week, churches began to open their doors for prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament according to strict adherence of guidelines and safety procedures put in place in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak.

Public celebration of Mass is scheduled to begin in late May, more than two months after the Ohio bishops ordered the suspension of Masses to comply with a directive from Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine restricting large gatherings to combat the spread of the virus. The bishops previously announced that they hoped to restart weekend Masses on May 30-31, the Solemnity of the Pentecost.

Columbus St. Patrick Church was one of the first to open for prayer. Earlier this week, the parish began offering daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday. The Dominican friars who serve the parish also hear confessions by appointment each day of the week. Participants are asked to wear masks, bring hand sanitizer and observe social distancing at all times.

All pastors, with their parish staffs, have been asked to follow rigorous guidelines for the gradual reopening of churches. Those directives will include maintaining social distancing, recommendations to provide a safe environment, and instructions for distribution of Holy Communion.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which the bishops issued to the state's Catholics on March 12, remains in effect. The faithful are advised to use discretion. Those who are ill or in vulnerable categories should consider continuing to watch or listen to Masses via technology.

Visit the diocesan website, www. columbuscatholic.org, to read the bishops' letter and for updates on the resumption of Masses. Also check parish websites or social media for a specific church's schedule information. Many parishes keep parishioners informed through email and text messages

## Warm Line links stressed families to therapists

**By Tim Puet** 

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The coronavirus pandemic has made the past two months a time of unprecedented challenge and stress for families.

All schools and many businesses have closed, and Ohio's stay-at-home order has prevented people from enjoying everyday activities such as visiting friends or eating at a restaurant. Students and many employees are working from home, and business closings have resulted in levels of unemployment unseen since the Great Depression. Uncertainty over when normal life may resume adds to the stress.

St. Vincent Family Center in Columbus, which has been serving children and families for 145 years, knows that families are struggling to hold things together at this time and has set up a telephone service it calls a Warm Line to provide emotional support from caring health professionals and links to community resources.

The Warm Line number is (614) 358-6400, and it is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We decided to call it a 'Warm Line' rather than a 'hotline' because that is the best way to describe its purpose," said Rejeana Haynes, a licensed independent social worker who has been at St. Vincent for 30 years. "There are several crisis hotlines available in the Columbus area. This isn't as much of a crisis line as it is a first stop where you can just talk or learn where you can get more help.

"We know that in a crisis situation such as this, we don't function at the highest level. When the crisis first hit, we at St. Vincent recognized that because of our experience with children and families, we were in a unique position where we would be able to help not only families dealing with behavioral issues, but all families in general. So we set up the Warm Line and have made other changes to better serve the community during this time," she said.

The center on Columbus' east side, whose motto is "we make good kids better," began as an orphanage in 1875 and has evolved into an agency that annually provides pediatric behavioral health care for more than 5,500 young people ages 3 to 18. It offers a continuum of care that starts with efforts to prevent behavioral problems before they occur and extends to a full-time residential program for children ages 5 to 13.

For the past four years, it has offered a program that trains and supports foster parents of children from birth to age 21. Most of the families it serves are from Franklin and surrounding counties, but it collaborates with county children services agencies throughout Ohio on the residential program, foster care and other areas.

Haynes said the center is closed because of the pandemic, except for its residential school program. "Ninety percent of our services are being offered as telehealth to our community-based clients, outpatient counseling clients, psychiatry clients and families in our learning academy," she said.

The center also has expanded its outpatient counseling and psychiatry programs to serve adults in need.

"When people think of us, they think of kids," Haynes said. "But with the changes caused by the pandemic, we recognized that many adults had questions and concerns our 15 therapists and one psychiatrist would be able to handle, so we reallocated some

of our staff and now are serving children and adults.

"Some of our therapists are very comfortable working with adults. In the last month or so, we've had about 15 adults using their services. They have learned about us through word of mouth and social media, or by going to our website and filling out an inquiry.

"We offer adults standard psychiatric services such as cognitive behavioral therapy and motivational interviewing. We typically do not become involved with adult case management or alcohol and drug services. These are not what our strong points are, although we'd like to expand into those fields."

The St. Vincent residential program has 20 students from across Ohio who have been required to remain at the center because of the state's stay-athome order.

"Their situation is very difficult for them because they can have no visitors," Haynes said. "Their teachers have learning packets for them, and they see their therapists via videoconferencing.

"Like any child, they want to see their families in person, rather than through Zoom or Skype or other means. Most wonder if they will get home, and we can't give them an end date for the stay-at-home order. That uncertainty is the most difficult thing. The routine that's important to them is gone, and they're emotionally dysregulated.

"We have 24 treatment specialists working with them – eight per shift – plus support staff such as dietitians and housekeepers, so the children always have an adult to turn to. The specialists are real heroes because they're providing as much reassurance as they can, talking to the children about what's happening and why, reminding them that it's a scary time and it's all



Jaztavia Allen of the St. Vincent Family Center takes a call on its Warm Line. Photo courtesy St. Vincent Family Center

right to be scared," Haynes said.

"The children are encouraged to express their concern, and we're teaching them more than any of us could have imagined a short time ago. It's hard, but what they learn in getting through this will make them stronger for the rest of their lives, thanks to the efforts of the specialists working with them."

Haynes said the Warm Line is getting only a few calls a day, partly because people still are learning about it.

She encourages people to take advantage of its availability and to go to the St. Vincent website, www.svfc. org, which includes a page dedicated to providing support and resources to families during the pandemic.

"We are here when individuals and families feel like they need just a little help to get through the day, the week and even the next few minutes or hours," she said. "Together, we can navigate through these unprecedented times." Catholic Times 4 May 17, 2020

## Five things to do in the new normal

Everybody is talking about the "new normal" as stay-at-home orders and other restrictions are gradually lifted in the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. I think you will agree the past few months has been anything but normal. There is a glimmer of hope that we have flattened the curve and prevented what could have been much worse.

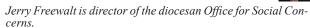
Nevertheless, the coronavirus has taken its toll. Confirmed cases of infection, hospitalizations, and deaths, sadly, continue to impact families and those involved with their care. Many sectors of the economy are picking up the pieces. As record unemployment hits home, businesses face mounting uncertainty. The reality of long lines at food pantries and the rapid spread at nursing homes and correctional institutions fuel our concern. The intense impact of the virus on the poor and vulnerable as well as the African American population brings to light the stark inequalities in our communities.

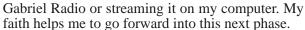
People of all walks of life, whether they are our next door neighbors or our public officials, have had to make very difficult decisions to ensure the well-being of families and the common good. Mixed messages still abound as a chorus of community members urge for continued caution while others engage in protests calling for the lockdown to be lifted.

Yet in the midst of it all, I've been inspired by the stories of everyday heroes offering help and hope. Personally, I've grown deeper in my faith even as I have had to worship listening to the Mass on St.

#### FAITH IN ACTION

Jerry Freewalt





So going forward, here are five things I suggest you can do to take on the new normal.

- 1. Love God. Stay connected to God and grow deeper in the faith. Keeping this connection gives us the wisdom, strength, and courage to bear all things, to endure all things. Keep praying. Continue to support your parish community and diocesan ministries as you are able.
- 2. Love your neighbor as yourself. Take good care of yourself. You are a temple of the Holy Spirit. If you are sick, stay home. Put on a mask when needed to prevent the spread to others. Continue to check in on your neighbors with proper social distancing to see if they are OK.
- 3. Care for the poor and vulnerable. Lend a hand. More people in our community need help who have never needed help before. In addition, those who were considered most vulnerable in the old normal now experience the added burdens brought upon by the pandemic. Catholic charities and parish-based ministries are working hard to address needs. If you are able, please give generously

to support this crucial work. This can be your opportunity to make a significant difference in your community. There are many different ways you can help. Visit www.columbuscatholic.org/coronavirus-response for a listing. Also, be an advocate for needed resources or policy changes during the recovery.

- 4. Care for God's creation. Recreate. If one thing is for sure, people are getting outside for recreation if they can. More people are taking walks in neighborhoods and enjoying parks. We are getting back to the basics due to our limited options, recreation as you will. Let's continue to take good care of the gifts God has given us. Make the world better than you found it.
- 5. **Be prepared. Live with hope.** The old adage, "Hope for the best, prepare for the worst" rings true for the new normal, somewhat. As Christians, we prepare for the best as well. There's hope for everlasting life with our loving God. God is with us along the way. Living with hope will help us persevere. But let's take an honest look at ourselves and our communities to address the failures of the past and the brokenness that lingers. Let's prepare for what lies before us, together, without leaving anyone behind. That's the aim of building the kingdom of God. Let's do this with charity and justice.

The "new normal" will be mostly what we make it. Let's make things new with God.

## On Pope St. John Paul II's centenary

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As the world and the Church mark the centenary of the birth of Pope St. John Paul II on May 18, a kaleidoscope of memories will shape my prayer and reflection that day. John Paul II at his dinner table, insatiably curious and full of humor; John Paul II groaning in prayer before the altar in the chapel of the papal apartment; John Paul II laughing at me from the Popemobile as I trudged along a dusty road outside Camagüey, Cuba, looking for the friends who had left me behind a papal Mass in January 1998; John Paul II, his face frozen by Parkinson's disease, speaking silently through his eyes in October 2003, "See what's become of me ... "; John Paul II, back in good form two months later, asking about my daughter's recent wedding and chaffing me about whether I was ready to be a nonno (grandfather); John Paul II lying in state in the Sala Clementina of the Apostolic Palace, his features natural and in repose, wearing the battered cordovan loafers that used to drive the traditional managers of popes crazy.

Each of these vignettes (and the others in my memoir of the saint, *Lessons in Hope*), has a particular personal resonance. Two, I suggest, capture the essence of the man for everyone on this centenary.

It was March 2000 and I was in Jerusalem with NBC to cover the papal pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For weeks, a global controversy about the Pope's impending visit to Yad Vashem, Jerusalem's Holocaust memorial, had raged. What would he say? What should he say?

I found out two days before the event, when, on

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a drizzly Tuesday evening, I walked past the Old City's New Gate to the Notre Dame Center, where the papal party was staying. There, a friendly curial official slipped me a diskette with the texts of the Pope's speeches and homilies during his visit. Back in my hotel room, I went immediately to the remarks prepared for Yad Vashem. As I read them, I felt a chill run down my spine.

At Yad Vashem itself, on March 23, the sight of the octogenarian pope bowed in silent prayer over the memorial hall's eternal flame quickly muted the world's pre-visit argument and speculation. And then came those unforgettable — and stunningly appropriate — words: "In this place of memories, the mind and heart and soul feel an extreme need for silence. Silence in which to remember. Silence in which to make some sense of the memories that come flooding back. Silence because there are no words strong enough to deplore the terrible tragedy of the Shoah (the Holocaust)."

Some days later, I got a phone call from an Israeli friend, Menahem Milson, a former soldier and distinguished scholar who had seen a lot on his life. "I just had to tell you," he said, "that Arnona (his wife) and I cried throughout the Pope's visit to Yad Vash-

em. This was wisdom, humaneness, and integrity personified. Nothing was missing. Nothing more needed to be said."

The second emblematic memory from that papal pilgrimage came on March 26 when John Paul walked slowly down the great esplanade before the Western Wall of Herod's Temple, stopped at the Wall, bowed his head in prayer, and then — like millions of pilgrims before him — left a petition in one of the Wall's crevices: God of our fathers, you chose Abraham and his descendants to bring your Name to the nations; we are deeply saddened by the behavior of those who in the course of history have caused these children of yours to suffer, and asking your forgiveness we commit ourselves to genuine brotherhood with the people of the Covenant. Amen. Joannes Paulus PP. II.

These two episodes give us the key to understanding Pope St. John Paul II. He could preach solidarity, embody solidarity, and call people to a deeper solidarity because he was a radically converted Christian disciple: one who believed in the depth of his being that salvation history — the story of God's self-revelation to the People of Israel and ultimately in Jesus Christ — is the deepest truth, the inner truth, of world history. John Paul II, who was likely seen in person by more people than any human being in history, could move millions because the grace of God shone through him, ennobling all whom its brightness and warmth touched.

That was the key to the John Paul II effect: radiant, Christ-centered faith.

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## Perils of accelerating COVID-19 vaccine development

Creating a new vaccine and bringing it to market typically requires more than a decade of research and clinical testing. Many companies and research groups are working overtime to shorten this timeline dramatically in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some have suggested it may be possible to develop a vaccine within a year or two, but such a feat would be a first, especially considering that no vaccine for any type of coronavirus has ever been successfully developed.

The former director at the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Biotechnology put it this way: "Scientists have tried unsuccessfully for decades to develop a vaccine to prevent HIV/AIDS and a 'universal' flu vaccine that wouldn't need to be reformulated and re-administered every year. All have been duds."

Another specialist in the field of infectious diseases, when asked about the prospects of a quick COVID-19 vaccine, demurred, saying it would require a "home run" and "nearly everything to go right."

Some vaccines end up taking so long to develop that the original threat disappears by the time they become available, as happened, for example, with the Ebola vaccine after the original viral outbreak in Africa.

Nevertheless, scores of laboratories are now urgently working to develop a COVID-19 vaccine. Their haste in trying not only to save lives, but also to beat their competitors, raises the concern that biomedical researchers may succumb to temptations to cut corners ethically in the research and development phases of their work.

One concern involves safety testing. The bar for safety has always been very high for vaccines that are to be administered to healthy people, and typically tens of thousands of people need to be systematically tested before a new vaccine receives approval and becomes widely available. The first

## MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS



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rotavirus vaccine (RotaTeq) was tested on 72,000 healthy infants, while the newest shingles vaccine (Shingrix) underwent safety testing on about 29,000 people. And those tests were done only after extensive testing on animals had been completed.

Such large-scale testing is a formidable and meticulous task requiring a good deal of time and expense so that the purported treatment doesn't unintentionally harm those it intends to help. In terms of COVID-19, the concerns about safety are even greater, since some developers are looking at novel and largely unproven technologies, like mRNA vaccines and DNA vaccines, raising further safety questions that may require additional time to sort through during the phase of clinical trials.

Another concern involves the proposal to shorten the timeline by soliciting young, uninfected volunteers who would be intentionally infected with the virus after having been given either the potential vaccine or a placebo. This "challenge trial" approach would enable researchers to assess the effectiveness of a proposed vaccine more rapidly than a traditional clinical trial, which would require waiting for some of the participants to become infected in the course of ordinary life.

Experts who favor this approach say that they have already heard from many people willing to volunteer. Carrying out a challenge trial for a virus

with no known cure clearly involves risk. There is no way to predict what kind of reaction a volunteer may have from either the virus or the proposed vaccine; even the young and healthy could end up hospitalized or dying.

While it is not intrinsically unethical to take actions with a degree of risk for the good of the community, provided that it comes with the patients' full and informed consent, questions about whether it would be prudent to do so need to be carefully addressed. Given the significant competitive pressures arising from many dozens of companies and research teams trying to get to the finish line first, big pharma needs to remain vigilant about overstepping the boundaries of reasonable risk.

A final concern in attempting to speed up vaccine development involves the use of human cell lines derived from abortions. A variety of cell lines are available for COVID-19 research and vaccine development, some originating from hamsters, mice or other mammals, some from insects, and some from humans. The cell lines from humans may come from acceptable sources, like human skin, or from problematic sources, like direct abortions. Regrettably, several of the COVID-19 vaccine candidates that are being developed today have relied on cell lines that were harvested from aborted fetuses. Scientists have a duty to avoid the use of such unethically derived cell lines and should instead select available alternatives as they ramp up their research programs.

Vaccines, of course, are real "game changers" in public health. As a society, we must continue to insist that vaccine development and production be held to the highest ethical standards. This is especially true during the accelerated push arising from the current pandemic, lest we foster practices meant to save lives by risking the lives of other vulnerable human beings.

## Dream big and wait for the Lord to show you the way

FOR RENT.

The words beckoned to me from the yard of a simple stone house with dark shutters and a bright red door. In a time in my life of transition and unknowns, I clung to the daydreams of living life in this little cottage.

Some of the wisest spiritual advice I have ever received was, "Do not plan ahead of the Lord." I try to be attentive to what the Lord is doing in my life and to resist the urge to grow impatient or doubtful. Through prayer, I began to trust that there was something fun and distracting about thinking about life after transition. To set my sights on a goal for the future, to think about the person I wanted to be and the life I wanted after a time of waiting.

It is hard to explain the solace I felt in waiting for the right moment to call the number on the FOR RENT sign and move forward with this lovely desire that had been placed on my heart. Nothing in my life was outrageously difficult, but there was enough to lure my brain into anxiety and restlessness. I'll never forget how I felt finally signing the lease. I could not believe the little dream the Lord placed in my heart months earlier was becoming reality!

I find myself longing for daydreams now. As the

## STEWARDSHIP, LIVING OUR FAITH

Jenna Zins

Jenna Zins is events coordinator for the diocesan Office of Development and Planning.

months of staying at home pass by, I am opening my heart to the dreams the Lord has for me in the coming months. What service do I eagerly await returning to? What projects can I picture for the fall? What reconnections can I plan with long lost friends and family?

I propose that we as Church start dreaming big. We do not want to be consumed or obsessed with thoughts of the future or start demanding things of the Lord. But we do want to trust that he is building a future for us full of joy, and hope, and new ways to love and serve. All we need to do is walk the path the Lord sets before us, and ask him to reveal as much or as little of that path as He desires.

I dream of more people longing for the Eucharist. I dream of a Church renewed and families convert-

ed by the sacrifices of love they have made over the last few months. I dream of a greater attentiveness to all of the vulnerable in our communities and a neighborly response to each of them. I dream of the heart being formed in me, one of greater compassion and trust in the Lord.

Dream with me as we await the many gifts the Lord is preparing for us!

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tering and harvesting, as well as general soil and plant health. The suggested donation is \$5.

Gail Maraman will lead a class in "Eco Printing: Watercolor Paper" from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, which has a suggested donation of \$15. This class will show how to print fresh leaves on paper.

Staff members are wearing masks and practicing social distancing and asking that participants in its programs join in this healthy practice.

Shepherd's Corner is located at 987 N. Waggoner Road in Blacklick. For more information, go to www.shepherdscorner.org. Register for programs by calling (614) 866-4302 or at www.shepherdscorner.org/calendar.

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## Two bishops, nine priests in the diocese





#### **BISHOP** JAMES A. GRIFFIN

Bishop James A. Griffin, 85, is celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. He grew up in the Cleveland suburb of Fairview Park. He was ordained a priest on May 28, 1960 at St. John Cathedral in Cleveland by Cleveland Auxiliary Bishop John Krol.

He was associate pastor of Cleveland St. Jerome Church for one year, then spent two years in Rome, where he received his licentiate in canon law. He served the Diocese of Cleveland as a member of its marriage court, associate chancellor, vice chancellor and chancellor. He

also received a civil law degree from

Cleveland State University.
In January 1978, he became vicar general of the Cleveland diocese and administrator pro tem of St. John Cathedral in Cleveland. In April of that year, he was appointed pastor of Euclid St. William Church. He became auxiliary bishop of Cleveland in June 1979. Pope John Paul II appointed him as the 10th bishop of Columbus on Feb.7, 1983 and he was installed

as bishop at St. Joseph Cathedral on April 25 of that year.
As bishop, he established The Catholic Foundation of the diocese, inaugurated far-reaching diocesan planning processes and initiated the Legacy of Catholic Learning and Challenge In Changing Times cam-paigns to help meet the diocese's educational and future needs. He also served on several committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and was president of Catholic Relief Services for four years.

He announced his retirement for health

reasons on Oct. 14, 2004. He lives in Powell, where he serves as weekend assistant at St. Joan of Arc Church.





#### **FATHER** STEPHEN A. METZGER

Father Stephen A. Metzger, 75, a native of Junction City, was ordained at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Clarence Elwell on May 16,

He served as pastor of Milford Center Sacred Heart Church, Plain City St. Joseph Church, Zaleski St. Sylvester Church and the Church of the Nativity in Utica and associate pastor of Lancaster St. Mary Church, Lancaster St. Mark Church, Coshocton Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church, West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows Church and Pond Creek Holy Trinity Church.

He retired in July 2014 and lives in

Junction City.





#### **BISHOP FREDERICK F. CAMPBELL**

Bishop Frederick F. Campbell, 76, grew up in Elmira, New York. Before entering the seminary, he was a history professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum and at California State College in San Bernardino.

He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis by Bishop John Roach at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on May 31, 1980 and was an associate pastor and pastor in the archdiocese until becoming its auxiliary bishop in 1999. He became rector and vice president of the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, in 2002. He also served as chairman of the Bishops' Committee on the Diaconate from 2004 to 2006.

Pope John Paul II appointed him as the 11th bishop of Columbus on Oct. 14, 2004 and he was installed as bishop at St. Joseph Cathedral on Jan. 13, 2005.

As bishop, he attempted to maximize diocesan resources by creating clusters of parishes served by one or several priests at a central location, with each parish retaining its traditional identity. During his tenure, five orders of sisters came to the diocese, and the 2007 National Catholic Youth Conference attracted 20,000 young people to the city. Columbus Cristo Rey High School opened in 2013 as the diocese's first new high school in 40 years. In 2017, Catholic Social

Services expanded its Our Lady of Guadalupe Center on Columbus' west side. The Catholic Foundation grew steadily, increasing the amount of grants it awards to \$14 million annually at the time of his retirement.

Bishop Campbell reached age 75, the mandatory retirement age for bishops, in August 2018. Pope Francis selected Bishop Robert Brennan, auxiliary bishop of Rockville Centre, New York, to succeed him on Jan. 31, 2019 and Bishop Brennan was installed as his successor on March 29 of that year.

Bishop Campbell now lives in retirement in northeast Columbus.





#### MSGR. FRANK J. MEAGHER

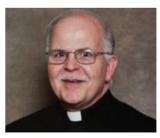
Msgr. Frank J. Meagher, 85, grew up in Columbus. He was ordained by Bishop Clarence Issenmann at Columbus Christ the King Church on Aug. 6, 1960.

He served as pastor of Corning St. Bernard Church, Circleville St. Joseph Church, Columbus St. Agatha Church and Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount

Carmel Church and associate pastor of Zanesville St. Nicholas Church and Columbus St. Peter Church.

He also was a teacher at Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans and Chillicothe Bishop Flaget high schools, spiritual director at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Catholic chaplain for the Muskingum Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, chaplain of Salve Regina Circle 584 of the Daughters of Isabella in Chillicothe, chaplain of Knights of Columbus Council 5297 in Circleville, and chairman of the diocesan personnel board.

Pope John Paul II appointed him as a monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, on Sept. 24, 1992. He retired in July 2008 and lives in the independent living section of the Villas of St. Therese in Columbus.





#### **FATHER** WILLIAM L. ARNOLD

Father William L. Arnold, 67, pastor of Columbus St. Philip Church and Columbus Holy Spirit Church, was born in Meriden, Connecticut. Bishop

Edward Herrmann ordained him at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church on May 17, 1980.

He also was pastor of Dover St. Joseph Church and has served as associate pastor of Columbus Christ the King Church, Columbus St. Anthony Church and New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church and has been a teacher, vice principal and dean of students at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, a teacher at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School, principal at Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School and Catholic chaplain at Muskingum College.

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## celebrate significant milestones in 2020





**FATHER** STEVEN P. BESEAU

Father Steven P. Beseau, 53, president/rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum, is from Shawnee,





**FATHER** MATTHEW N. HOOVER

Father Matthew N. Hoover, 51, was born in Warsaw, Indiana, and his family later moved to Lancaster. He was ordained by Bishop James Griffin





**FATHER** DWAYNE A. MCNEW





**FATHER** DAVID A. POLIAFICO

Kansas. He was ordained in 1995 as a priest of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, by Archbishop James P. Keleher at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Kansas City.

He was a parish pastor and high school chaplain in the archdiocese and director of the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at the University of Kansa's. He became a theology professor at the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati in 2016 and was appointed on July 1, 2019 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's apostolic nuncio to the United States, to his current position.

at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on June 24, 1995.

He has served as pastor of Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains Church and New Boston St. Monica Church and Dover St. Joseph Church and currently is pastor of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. He was associate pastor of the New Albany Church of the Resurrection and Columbus St. Peter Church and administrator of Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales Church, served as diocesan vocations director with residence at Gahanna St. Matthew Church and was a member of the diocesan college of consultors.

Father Dwayne A. McNew, 55, pastor of West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church, is a native of Big Spring, Texas. Bishop James Griffin ordained him at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on June 24, 1995.

He also has been pastor of Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church and Marion St. Mary Church, associate pastor of Zanesville St. Nicholas Church and Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and administrator of Columbus Holy Cross Church.

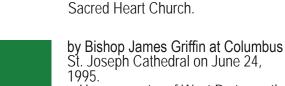
Father David A. Poliafico, 56, was born in the Cleveland suburb of Parma. He was ordained at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop James Griffin on June 24, 1995. He is pastor of Columbus St.

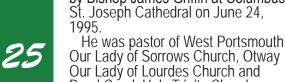
Christopher Church and has served as pastor of Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church, associate pastor of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and Westerville St. Paul Church and associate pastor and administrator pro tem at the cathedral.





**FATHER WOJCIECH STACHURA** 





Pond Creek Holy Trinity Church, associate pastor and administrator pro tem of Portsmouth St. Mary Church, associate pastor at Cólumbus St. Peter Church and emergency relief chaplain at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Father Wojciech Stachura, SAC, 57, is from Poland and is a member of the

Society of the Catholic Apostolate, familiarly known as the Pallottine Order.

He was ordained at the Pallottine seminary in Oltarzew, Poland, by Cardinal Jozef Glemp of Warsaw, Poland.

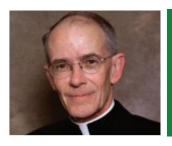
After service in Poland, he moved

sota, Florida, which is staffed by the Pallottines, before coming to Colum-

bus. He is in residence at Columbus

to the United States in 2013 and served at St. Martha Church in Sara-

He retired in July 2017 and is living at Zaleski St. Sylvéster Church.



**FATHER** DAVID E. YOUNG

Father David E. Young, 73, was born in Pataskala and was ordained

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tions and other events. I really loved talking to young people and encouraging vocations.

"It also was wonderful getting to know the diversity of the large geographic area the Diocese of Columbus covers, compared to the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis," where the bishop served before coming to Columbus, he said. The Columbus Diocese consists of 23 counties covering more than 29,000 square miles, a territory that is nearly five times larger than the Minnesota archdiocese.

"St. Paul-Minneapolis has some rural areas, but it never took me more than an hour to get to a parish when I was there," Bishop Campbell said. "From Columbus, it's a two-hour drive to the parishes at the edge of the diocese in places like Dennison and Portsmouth.

"I had gotten to know central Ohio somewhat when I was earning my master's and doctoral degrees at Ohio State and teaching history at the Josephinum in the 1970s, but when I returned. I was really surprised to see how much it had grown in 30 years and to realize not only how big a geographical area the diocese covers, but also the wide spectrum of people it has – farming and mining areas, small and midsize cities and one large city. Thankfully, Columbus is in the middle of the diocese, unlike the see cities of some other Ohio dioceses such as

"I got to enjoy my travels through the diocese. Some of the trips may have been a little tiring, but once I reached my destination, there was always great joy," the bishop said.

"I also was grateful to be able to speak weekly on St. Gabriel Radio for 11 years," he said. "It was an enjoyable and effective way of reaching the diocese." Bishop Campbell's From the Chair program usually consisted of a 15-minute talk on the Scriptures or events in the Church and the diocese. Once a month, it was expanded to a one-hour format featuring the bishop responding to calls from listeners or speaking to groups such as seminarians or high school students.

One of the challenges Bishop Campbell faced throughout his tenure was responding to the spiritual needs

Cincinnati.

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of a growing number of Catholics while dealing with a decline in the number of priests.

When he was installed as bishop of Columbus, the diocese had about 250,000 Catholics who were served by 179 diocesan priests, including 122 in active service. At the time of his retirement, the diocese had 147 priests, including 97 in active service and many at or near retirement age, serving 280,000 Catholics. Many other dioceses in the United States have similar challenges.

Bishop Campbell responded to this situation by creating clusters of parishes served by one or several priests at a central location, with each parish retaining its traditional identity.

"There were a couple of significant reasons for parish clustering," he said. "One was a change in demographics in the diocese. For instance, I remember as a graduate student visiting Portsmouth, and it was a city of 50,000 people with large steel and shoe factories. Now the major industries are gone, and it's about half that size. And, of course, another reason was the aging of the priesthood.

"I didn't want to close churches because I was concerned that, in some cases, it would make it too difficult for people to get to a parish. You can't do that in some rural areas," the bishop said. "I wanted to create a situation where priests were living together in clusters and preserving the identity of individual parishes. I appreciated the profound loyalty people have to their parishes, and, in addition, we were getting a number of vocations to the priesthood from some of the small parishes that became part of clusters.

"I shall always be grateful for the generous work of our priests here in Columbus and appreciate the assistance of our deacons."

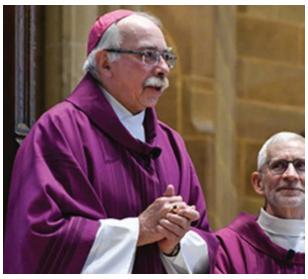
Because the pandemic has closed all Catholic churches in Ohio, Bishop Campbell is celebrating Mass at what he describes as "a makeshift chapel" in his residence. Since his retirement, he has celebrated Sunday Masses at several diocesan parishes.

During July and August 2019, he traveled each weekend to the parishes of the Perry County Consortium in New Lexington, Corning, Crooksville and Junction City to celebrate Masses there because the consortium was without a parochial vicar for that period. Father Daniel Swartz, who had been serving as vicar for three years, had left to become a chaplain with the U.S. Navy. His successor at the consortium, Father Christopher Yakkel, was in summer training with the Air Force, where he eventually will be loaned out to serve as a chaplain and then return to Columbus on completion of his military service.

Other parishes where Bishop Campbell has celebrated Mass since his retirement include St. Aloysius, St. Mary Magdalene and St. Andrew in Columbus.

"I didn't want to have a regular assignment anywhere as a weekend associate because I know sometimes pastors get into a situation where they are stretched unexpectedly, and I wanted to help out wherever I was needed," he said. "Sometimes, too, I may ask if I can just visit a particular parish."

Bishop Campbell was a history professor at the Josephinum and at California State University in San Bernardino before realizing God was calling him to the priesthood. More than four decades after



Bishop Frederick Campbell before the final blessing at his last Mass as the diocese's bishop in St. Joseph Cathedral in March 2019.

CT file photo by Ken Snow

his first experience there, he again is teaching at the Josephinum – for now, through the internet.

This time, his subject is homiletics, the art of preaching homilies. He teaches three 75-minute courses on the subject, two during the fall semester and one during the just-ended spring semester, which began at the college and ended with students having to learn from home because of the pandemic.

Bishop Griffin said his successor's students are learning homiletics from a master. "Bishop Campbell is an excellent presider at liturgies and an outstanding preacher," he said. "I've often listened to, and been captivated by, his homilies. I also appreciate how he made it a point to visit all the parishes of the diocese and be present in as many of the 23 counties as he possibly could.

"Now that both of us are former bishops, we have seen each other at diocesan liturgies, events like the Holy Thursday Chrism Mass when all priests and bishops renew their commitment to the Church, and, sadly, at priests' funerals," Bishop Griffin said. "Then the pandemic changed things."

Bishop Campbell said that in the fall, he also will be teaching a graduate class in Church history at Ohio Dominican University.

He said that in retirement, he is "honing skills I had first learned 40 years ago. I do my own cooking, clean and keep house, am doing laundry again – the kinds of things I used to do when I had my own apartment in California. I rather enjoy cooking, but it seems like most recipes are for at least two people. It's always good to make soup just to have around, or I freeze something.

"Retirement also gives you the opportunity to do things you haven't had time to do, like going through old files and books," he said. "The other day, I discovered a bookmark that was an airplane boarding pass dating all the way back to 1987, from a time I was flying from Minnesota to visit my family in New York."

Bishop Campbell is the second child in a family of five boys and one girl and is one of two priests in the family. A brother, Father Theodore Campbell, is a retired priest of the St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocese.

During talks around the diocese, the bishop often would mention the distinctive name of the town where his family lived – Horseheads, New York, near Elmira – and would note that being the son of a Scottish Protestant father and a Polish Catholic mother gave him a unique outlook on life.

Bishop Campbell said he chose to remain in Ohio after retirement because he had come to love the Diocese of Columbus and its people and because "I don't particularly care for moving. I moved across the United States three times when I was younger, and that was sufficient. In addition, I didn't want to leave all the excellent physicians and medical people I'd been with for years here. The ones I had in the Twin Cities are all retired.

"The one thing I do miss about Minnesota is the lakes," he said. "I have yet to find a natural lake of any size in Ohio. The ones here are man-made, like Buckeye Lake or Grand Lake St. Marys. Otherwise, though, I've traveled throughout the state of Ohio and find it very comfortable here."

Bishop Campbell did not become a priest until he was in his late 30s. He often told his audiences in the diocese that he never had thought seriously about the priesthood until encountering a group of religious sisters while he was teaching in California.

"They were from Mexico and had come to teach at a Hispanic parish in San Bernardino and needed to obtain teacher certification, so they had to take some college courses, one of which was my class," he said. "I worked with them for at least two years and would help them out with their studies and would have wonderful, joyful meals with them.

"They were the first people who told me I should become a priest. I had never considered that possibility until they brought it up. I thought I might be too old, but when I said this to a wonderful priest who was an associate at a parish I attended and chaplain at a local Catholic high school, he told me that he was ordained at age 60. I eventually helped him celebrate his 25th anniversary as a priest. Once I made the decision to enter the seminary, it didn't take long to realize it was the right choice," Bishop Campbell said.

Most bishops tell of their surprise when receiving the phone call from the papal nuncio to the United States announcing the pope has appointed them to lead a diocese. For Bishop Campbell, who already was an auxiliary bishop when the call came for him to serve the Diocese of Columbus, it was no different.

"I was teaching at the seminary one day when I came to my office and found my private phone line beeping, with a message to 'Call Paloma at this number,'" he said. "I didn't know anyone named Paloma, so I called and said, 'This is Bishop Campbell.' A woman's voice said, 'Just a moment.' Then came another voice, saying, 'Bishop Campbell, how are you doing? This is the nuncio (who at the time was Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo). The Holy Father has named you bishop of Columbus.'

"Columbus, Ohio?' I responded. Then I told him I had lived there before. The appointment was quite a surprise because I knew Bishop Griffin hadn't reached retirement age and didn't realize he had health issues. I've been here ever since, and it's been a very satisfying 15 years."

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### No matter how small, everything matters

These days of pandemic are challenging in myriad ways. One is the dilemma of finding a way to respond. What can I do in the face of this? How can I help? Answers to these questions may be difficult to find. I offer this example.

Sometime in the past couple of weeks, a load of stress burst from wherever I had hidden it and overwhelmed me. When friends asked how I was doing, I usually had answered "fine." After the initial shock of the pandemic and fear of contracting COVID-19 (I'm in a vulnerable demographic), I thought I was dealing with the situation pretty well.

I was, and then suddenly I wasn't. Just like that. Working from home, I couldn't focus. Talking with my daughters and friends flooded me with desire to see them, hug them, or share a meal. Of course, I couldn't. Tears surprised me at odd times, like while I was folding towels or making dinner.

Instead of taking life one day at a time, I spent time wondering about the future. When will I feel safe going outside, visiting family and friends, or sitting in a favorite restaurant? There's no going back to "normal." Will we emerge with a heightened sense of interdependence with one another and our planet? Will we be willing to make changes required for a more just and sustainable future? No

I ended up washing the floors in my apartment. People who know me well will surmise the level of

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stress. House cleaning is near the bottom of my priority list. If I'm cleaning, either company is coming or I'm dealing with something.

In this case, it was my sinking spirit.

So, last night, I listened to my heart instead of my head, which was telling me to get to work on my column or clean off the table. My heart, on the other hand, pleaded with me to stay put on the sofa, smartphone in hand, where I was singing along with videos of Peter Seeger and the Weavers from their 1980 reunion at Carnegie Hall.

The concert was pure joy. When Pete threw his head back and belted out the song "Wimoweh," (If you're don't remember the older versions, you'll remember it from The Lion King), his energy surged right out of the phone. Moving from song to song, I ended with the one that closed the concert: Good Night Irene. Slower. Softer. It was perfect.

Cheers and applause exploded in the packed hall, washing over the performers who returned the sentiment by standing and clapping for the audience. Love wrapped everyone in a long embrace. Me included. It didn't matter that I was listening decades later, and hundreds of miles removed. Time and space can't keep love contained. Once it's loose in the universe, it doesn't end. It expands. It heals. It gives hope.

The Weavers and those who had traveled from around the country to attend that concert felt the power of love that evening. But they couldn't possibly have known that 40 years later, in the midst of a pandemic, their talents and effort, their appreciation of and presence to that moment, would buoy the sinking spirit of a woman self-isolating alone, sitting on her living room couch, singing along.

We never know what healing and hope our acts of love will unleash into the world. In these days, when most of us are sheltering in place, our contributions may seem small, but every one counts. Every one.

While front-line workers release love into the world, so do those with more hidden work to do. It all counts, whether we're cooking for elderly neighbors, making grocery store runs, staying home, wearing face masks when outside or in a building, reading to children, contributing to the public discussion, or even writing a column.

Being faithful to what we have been given to do, large or small, does indeed matter - now and always - because every act of love is an outpouring of the Love that creates and sustains all.



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## PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

BICHARD, Virginia K., 98, May 7 St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

CARTER, Hilton, 91, May 6 St. Dominic Church, Columbus

COLLOPY, Lillian G. (Pyatt), 96, May 4 St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

CONWAY, Rita A. (Zuccaro), 89, May 9 St. Vincent De Paul Church, Mount Vernon

DANZA, Gilda (DiPenta), 90, April 29 St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

DeBOIS, Toni (Davis), 68, May 5 St. Joseph Church, Dover

EMNETT, Joanne (Wetta), 98, May 6 St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

FERRIS, Richard L., 75, formerly of Columbus, April 25

Christ Our King and Savior Church, Greensboro, Ga.

KELLY, Kathryn M. (Duddleson), 98, April 28

St. James the Less Church, Columbus

KOPALA, Stanley E., 87, April 30 Holy Spirit Church, Columbus MACULAITIS, Alma (Chini), 101. April 29 Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

MANGIA, Lillian (Beltram), 88, May 4 St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

McCABE, Rosemary A., 88, May 4 St. Rose Church, New Lexington

MICELI, Doris (Marburger), 96, May 5 St. Joseph Church, Dover

MYER, James F., 77, April 30 St. Rose Church, New Lexington

NAEDER, Mary C. (Bainter), 79, May 6 St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

SCHIRTZINGER, Robert, 81, May 4 St. Agatha Church, Columbus

SHANNON, Anthony, 88, May 5 St. Catharine Church, Columbus

SUVER, Doris M. (Camden), 94, May 6 St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

TOMKO, Rosemary E., 68, May 4 St. Catharine Church, Columbus

WIRTHMAN, Leo A. "Bud" Jr., 88, May 5 Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

### Harry L. Turner

Funeral Mass for Harry L. Turner, 101, who died Saturday, May 2, will be celebrated at Gahanna St. Matthew Church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was a longtime resident of Columbus' German Village neighborhood before moving to Gahanna in 1998. He served in the U.S, Navy in World War II and retired from the Central Ohio Tran-

sit Authority in 1983.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Agnes, and son, Michael. Survivors include sons, retired Deacon Harry (Melody) Turner, Bob (Colleen), Jim (Patty) and Pat (Judi); daughter, Mary Jo (Bob) Yates; 18 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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### Sister Jean Herman Dykstra, OSF

A funeral Mass for Sister Jean Herman Dykstra, OSF, 77, who died Tuesday, May 5, will take place later at Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

She was born Connie Jean Dykstra on Aug. 31, 1942 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Herman and Dorothy (Gaines) Dykstra. She entered the convent in 1964 and professed her vows as a member of the Franciscan sisters of Christian Charity in 1966. She earned a licensed practical nursing degree at the

A funeral Mass for Sister Jean Mercy School of Practical Nursing in erman Dykstra, OSF, 77, who died Cadillac, Michigan.

She ministered as a chaplain in pastoral care at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Zanesville from 1994 to 1997 and also served as a chaplain or a nurse at hospitals in Wisconsin and Nebraska.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister. Survivors include two brothers, Michael (Sharon) and Harry; and a sister, Mary (Henry) Fortuna.

### Sister Monica Mary DeQuardo, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Monica Mary DeQuardo, OSF, 79, who died Saturday, May 2, will take place at Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

She was born Kathleen DeQuardo on Aug.14, 1940 in Waukesha, Wisconsin to John and Elsie (Ossman) DeQuardo.

She entered the convent in 1964 and professed her vows as a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in 1966. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a Master of Arts degree

from Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey.

She was a teacher at Zanesville Rosecrans High School from 1968 to 1974, served in a variety of teaching and administrative positions in Wisconsin, Nebraska, Illinois and Mississippi and was coordinator of the International Center for Franciscan Studies and Research in Rome.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers John and Donald. Survivors include nieces and nephews.

## Joseph M. McAndrews

A funeral Mass will be celebrated later for Joseph M. McAndrews, 72, who died May 5.

He was born on July 7, 1947 to Jack and Gladys McAndrews.

He was a 1965 graduate of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and attended Ohio State University.

He was an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, teacher, and director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and Parish School of Religion programs at Groveport St. Mary and Canal Winchester St. John XXIII churches for 30 years. He also was a design engineer at N. Wasserstrom & Sons for 48 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James; and sister, Julie.

Survivors include his wife, Susan (King); daughters, Molli (Dave) Glowacki, Mitzi (Matthew) Neighbor, Marri and Marci (John) Tevis; brother, Jack; sisters, Judy (Ed) Alten, Joanne (Don) Ireland and Janet (Joe) King; and 15 grandchildren.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

## Reasons for our hope

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps. 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

In the old days, students used to have certain sentences to practice what are now called "keyboarding skills" on an old-fashioned machine called a "typewriter": "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." This one uses every letter of the alphabet. Another was: "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party." These sentences come to mind as we observe all that is going on in our parishes and in the world around us.

Families are creatively finding ways to "gather" to celebrate times of transition: graduations, weddings, etc. Life moves on at a fast pace, even in times of lockdown. There are quick foxes of all colors and, we have to admit, there are some lazy dogs. However, when things are working as they should – when we are all working together to aid our party – we find that every individual has a contribution to make. Every "letter" – every gift or talent unique to each of us – is put to use.

Jesus promises: "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." God promises to reveal Himself to those who are open to Him through love. The Holy Spirit completes our joy, transforming it into love.

Our love for Jesus is made real by extending it to those around us. By loving, we open a "door" through which God can enter. If you have ever been in love, you have a sense of what this means, but its true meaning can be discovered only if we allow it to transform our love into the kind of love that comes from God: covenant love, sacrificial love, a love that is willing to lay down one's life for the other. We become conscious of our own capacity to set aside ourselves for the sake of others. The Spirit of the Living God is at work among us. Our efforts in time will yield a great harvest in eternity.

St. Peter calls us to realize our responsibility "Always to be ready to give an explanation to anyone who

## **FATHER TIMOTHY**



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asks the reason for our hope." We have many reasons for hope – our confidence and trust that God is in charge of His world and that all will work out in the end. Faith allows us to believe in God and to know the truth. Love allows us to put into practice what we believe, choosing to be for God. Hope bridges any "gap" between what is and what love makes possible – both in this world and in

Hope reaches back into our memory of God's action in our lives. He is always there. What we have experienced in the past tells us that God supplies our needs, our true needs, not just our perceived needs. We may pray now for something and it may seem that our prayer is not answered. As the little girl once said, God always answers our prayers: Sometimes He says "Yes" and sometimes He says "No." I would add, sometimes He says, "Not yet" or "Wait for it." He gives what is truly best for us at the proper time. We can trust in providence.

Here are a couple of my reasons for

- -- I have been a priest for 35 years and have experienced many different parishes and responsibilities along the way. Now, I am being called by the Church of Columbus to prepare to begin a new adventure in three parishes in the southern region of the Diocese of Columbus. In the midst of the current chaos and anticipating a move, I am still happy in the priest-
- -- The call of the Church today for evangelization and the voice of the Good Shepherd, unfolding a practical way of sharing the faith with our children, are reminders to me that we do have the means to accomplish what God asks of us. I have hope because there are people of faith who have paved the way.

There is always reason to hope. How has God been there for you? What are the reasons for your hope?

#### THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

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

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

WEDNESDAY Acts 17:15.22—18:1 Psalm 148:1-2,11-14 John 16:12-15

> **THURSDAY** Acts 18:1-8 Psalm 98:1-4 John 16:16-20

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

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

#### DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

**Sunday Mass** 10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820) Columbus, and at www. stgabrielradio.com.

10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.

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

Mass from Our Lady of the

Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

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

Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WILB radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties.

Daily Mass 8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifety (Channel 113

, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City, Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville).

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www. stgabrielradio.com.

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www. stannstmary,org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus. org); Delaware St. Mary (www. delawarestmary,org); and Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org).

We pray Week II, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.



#### **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL DAY** SERVICES CANCELLED

DUE TO THE OHIO GOVERNOR'S ORDERS AND DEPT. OF HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PROHIBITION OF GATHERINGS. WE FEEL IT NECESSARY TO TAKE THESE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND VISITORS.

CEMETERIES WILL BE OPEN FOR VISITATION 8AM-SUNSET (4:30 at Mt. Calvary). BUT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED AND WILL NOT BE RECEIVING VISITORS. BURIAL LOCATIONS AND MAPS CAN BE PROVIDED & EMAILED. PLEASE CALL OFFICES FOR INFORMATION 8-4:30 M-F (Noon on Sat).

TO HONOR THOSE VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN BURIED IN OUR CEMETERIES SINCE MEMORIAL DAY 2019. WE RESPECTFULLY LIST THEIR NAMES AS A TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICE THEY GAVE TO THEIR COUNTRY

ABBRUZZESE, RALPH T ADAMS, CARL AGRIESTI, JOSEPH C ALTHAUSER, AUGUST ANTOLINO, RALPH BEARDSLEY, THEODORE BENEDETTI, CARL BENTEDELTH, VARIE
BILACKROBERT L
BILACKROBERT L
BOHLEY, PETER
BRANCH, RICHARD N
BENNEN, JOHN
BUDINGER, DANIEL
BURKE, HOMALD
BURKE, HOMALD
BURKE, HOMAS A
BUTTS, JERRY J
BUTTS, RICHARD
CANTWELL, EDWARD P
CAPPENTER, JAMES
CARROLL, JOHN E
CARTER, STANLEY F
CARWILE, JAMES E
CAUDILL, RONALD D
CENCI, MICHOLAS
CLARK, CHARLES H JR.
COOPER, JOSEPH A
CRABTREE, CEGIL C
CUINNINGHAM, JAMES
DATTILO, ANTHONY V BETTS, DONALD R DATTILO, ANTHONY V DATTILO, JOSEPH DAVIS. WILLIAM F

DEANS, ROBERT H DESANTIS , JOSEPH DEVILLERS, JAMES DIFHL WILLIAM DOLDER, WILLIAM DORINSKY, ALBERT F DUNHAM, BILL D EIFERT, RONALD W FALLER, JAMES M
FANCELLI, JOSEPH
FAVRET, JOSEPH
FELNRER, GEORGE J
FILIPPI, WILLIAM E
FISHER, HOBERT H
FITZSIMMONS, ROBERT
FOELLER, GEORGE R
FORD, PAUL J JR
FORD, RALPH
FOWLER, ROBERT D
FOWLER, WILLIAM
FOWLER, WILLIAM C
FOX, JOHN B
GIBBONEY, JAMES J
GILLIAN, JAMES
GIAZE, LLOYD J
GROOMS, WILLIAM J FALLER, JAMES M GROOMS, WILLIAM J

GUARASCI, FRANK I GUILD. LEONARD E HALDEMAN, LAWRENCE W HALLA, JOSEPH W HANNING, JAMES P HARNETT, JERRY J PHANIUNG, JAMES P
HARNETT, JERRY J
HENRY, RALPH D
HOFERME, WILLIAM P JR
MBER, CHARLES A
JONES, RICHARD F
KARABINOS, FRANCIS
KASSON, MICHAEL
KAWANAGH, BRENDAN
KAYE, WILLIAM D
KELLEHER, GEORGE F
KERN, FRANCIS E
KOBERMANN, KENNETH C
KOHLI, RAYMOND R
KORAL, JOHN JR
KRAJNAK, EUGENE L
KRIER, VERRON C
LAMBERT, NORMAN H
LAPPERT, PAUL C
LATZ, RONALD
LOMBARDI, PHILI J
MALONE, WILLIAM M
MATHAS, DONALD E
MAY, THOMAS, J SR MAY THOMAS I SE MCBRIDE SAMUEL MELVIN. JOHN I

MILLER, DREW N MILLS, NEIL MOCKLER, ROBERT MOGAN, TIMOTHY P MORO, GENO J MOSIC, NEAL SR MURPHY, ROBERT M NESTOR, F. PAUL NEUTZLING, JAMES W NEUTZLING, JAMES W
NOTTURIANO, THOMAS
NYE, BENJAMINI H
OGDEN, MARK J SR
ORT, JAMES E
PAOUIN, JOSEPH J
PARKER, JAMES W
PETERS, EVERETT
PETERS, JERRY
PHILLIPS, GARY
PIRIK, FRANK S
PISHITELLI, JOSEPH
POLISENO, ROBERT
POWER, PATRICK H
OUARANTO, BRUNO
RAMIREZ, MIRIAM R
RANKIN, DANIEL LIII
BEICHERT, RICHARD J
RIGGS, RONALD
RIGGS, RONALD
RIGGS, RONALD
RING, CHARLES
ROWE, LANDON J

RUSSELL, RICHARD J

SCHAEFER, PAUL D SCHAUB, ROBERT SCHOLL, ROBERT E SCHUBECK, JAMES SEDLOCK, WILLIAM T SR SELEGUE, LAWRENCE J SHOVER, LYLE SHOVER, LYLE
SKYBO, LEON
SLANE, FRANK D
SMITH, LAWRENCE T
SORRELL, JERRY L
SPELLACY, ROBERT S
STEINBUGL, RAYMOND C
STRATMAN, ANTHONY F
SINCED SHANE W STRATMAN, ANTHONY F SUVER, SHANE W TARTAL, FRANCIS A TAVENNER, ROBERT H THOMAS, WILLIAM G TIPPETT, RONALD A TRAPP, VIRGINIA M TUMEO, CHARLES V WAGNER, HAROLD J WALRAVEN, GEORGE A WALTER, JOHN W WATER/FIELD, THEODORE WEAVER, JAMES E WESNER, JOSEPH B WHITIMCYER, JOHN WIEST, RICHARD YEZZI, ERRIEST YE77I ERNEST ZORICH, GEORGE

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## Diocese supports Walking With Moms in Need initiative

#### By Erin Cordle

Many people may not be aware that one in nine babies born in Franklin County get their start with Women's Care Center. The center is humbled every day by the fact that thousands of mothers and fathers a year rely on its free services to turn their tough, unexpected situations into an opportunity to build strong families.

The center is especially grateful this year that the Diocese of Columbus has called all Catholics to an increased focus on serving moms in difficult situations through a diocesan-led initiative "A Year of Service – Walking with Moms in Need." The wide array of support that Women's Care Center offers allows it to be a unique and powerful service at the center of the diocese's initiative.

The program will allow parishioners to help mothers in their community and will allow the center to serve thousands of women and families each day.

Here is one testimonial that highlights the intersection of God's grace and the need for this initiative:

"Our whole family wouldn't be here without you," says Matt. "We panicked. DeAnn had just graduated with her doctorate in pharmacy. It felt like the worst timing ever. We googled the address of the abortion clinic and it took us here. Looking back, it was a miracle."

The Women's Care Center's mission is to help pregnant women choose life for their babies and have healthier pregnancies, and to help them become better parents and take steps to self-sufficiency.

Matt says, "You took the pressure off. Right away, you made us feel like we were in the right place. We love coming here. It's like therapy. We talk about everything. And we leave every time feeling a million times better."

DeAnn and Matt began coming to parenting classes multiple days a week, learning basics like nutrition and safe sleep and attending intensive programs such as "Raising Kids with Character" and "Strong Fathers," which encourage dads to fulfill their role as leaders in the family.

DeAnn and Matt's baby, Aksel, was

born in January. Matt says "Without you, we would have made an irreversible decision. I now look at DeAnn in awe and think, 'You are the most amazing mother!' Our lives are because of you. His life is because of you!"

Through the Diocese of Columbus, many pastors, committee members and parishioners will be developing educational, pastoral and action-oriented resources for parish use to make a difference and help moms in need. It is readers like you who will make miracles like this happen. It is you who will save babies and build families.

Thank you for your love and support of babies like Aksel.

Erin Cordle is associate director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

## Cristo Rey High School appoints co-principals Van Pettit Hickman joined the school in 2017 from American Public University. "Ryan"

Patrick Hickman and Ryan Pettit have been appointed as co-principals of Columbus Cristo Rey High School for the 2020-21 academic year.

Hickman and Shelby Fischer had served as interim principals during the current academic year because the school's principal, Dr. Cathy Thomas, had to leave Columbus to deal with a family emergency.

as assistant principal. Before coming to Cristo Rey Columbus, he was principal at a high school with a hybrid model of in-person and remote education.

He is a graduate of Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and completed two graduate programs, including English education from OSU and school administration

"Patrick's experience allowed us to seamlessly transition to a remote learning program this spring when school buildings in Ohio were closed due to COVID-19," said Jim Foley, president of the school. "His insights as we prepare for all possibilities during the next school year have been invaluable."

Pettit, a Columbus native, taught various levels of mathematics for 10 years before she joined Cristo Rey to teach mathematics in 2017.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics education from Asbury University and her Master of Arts degree in curriculum and instruction from Baker University. She is participating in the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame.

"Ryan has demonstrated extraordinary ability both as a classroom teacher and as a leader among our faculty," Foley said.

Hickman and Pettit were selected after a search process that included several dozen candidates.

Cristo Rey is a Catholic college-preparatory school with a work-study program that empowers students who need a high quality, affordable education to graduate from college and achieve a lifetime of success.

For the fourth year in a row, the senior class achieved 100 percent college acceptance, with each student admitted into at least one four-year college or university. As of the beginning of May, the class of 2020 has earned \$9.56 million in scholarships.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION AVAILABLE

TITLE: Administrative Assistant WAGES: \$15/hour **HOURS:** Mon, Tues, and Thurs, 9 am — 4 pm (21 hrs/week) with some flexibility PLACE: SVDP Diocesan Office, 197 E. Gay Street with some telecommuting possible

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Diocesan Council of Columbus is searching for a new administrative assistant to replace the incumbent, who is retiring May 29, 2020. The new employee will manage the SVDP Diocesan Council office at 197 E Gay Street. Work responsibilities include the following:

- Respond to requests for assistance received on office phone/answering machine by referring persons to SVDP Conferences covering the zip code area of the person requesting assistance
- Respond to requests from SVDP Conferences for SVDP governance information, assistance with annual report preparation, and assistance in maintaining of conference rosters in National SVDP member database
- Work with Diocese of Columbus Finance Office to deposit donation checks and pay Diocesan Council and Special Works (St Lawrence Haven, SVDP Clothing Center, Microloan, and Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting'-By World) invoices; prepare Thank You letters and send to all donors
- Assist with depositing donation checks and paying invoices of Vincentian Ohio Action Network, an independent 501c3 organization formed by the Diocesan Council
- Assist with annual SVDP Diocesan Wide events (Top Hat Celebration (April/May), Day of Recollection (August), Friends of the Poor Walk (September), and Bishops Mass and Volunteer Recognition (December), including making necessary logistical arrangements, collecting RSVPs as needed, preparing printed materials, and attending each event to collect on-site payments
- Assist with logistics of Ozanam Orientations and other SVDP trainings, including collecting RSVPs and preparing training materials
- Maintain Diocesan Council files in accordance with current structure
- Attend and record minutes of Diocesan Council meetings on the 4th Thursdays of January, March, May and September and the 3rd Thursday of November each year; send minutes of previous meeting to Diocesan Council members with reminder for the next meeting.
- Perform other duties as assigned
- DESIRED: Assist with SVDP fundraising efforts and website maintenance

Candidate for this position must be comfortable with technology and learning new online platforms and programs. Candidate will work independently with direction from the Diocesan Council President. Candidate payroll will be through the Diocese of Columbus with reimbursement from SVDP Diocesan Council funds.

Candidates should submit, by no later than June 3, 2020, a letter of interest and a resume to wwright@columbuscatholic.org

