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DAMASCUS BRINGS YOUTH AND FAMILY EVANGELIZATION TO THE DIGITAL WORLD

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

In mid-March, 50 young adult lay missionaries based at the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus were anticipating a busy spring. Parishes and school groups had scheduled 17 retreats through mid-May that were to bring about 2,500 young people to the 500-acre site in the Knox County community of Centerburg.

Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Churches, schools and businesses were closed, Ohioans were told to stay home and all 17 retreats were canceled.

"We had to ask ourselves, 'What can we do to continue living on mission and serving the Church when our doors are closed and we can't go into the community?'" said Aaron Richards, Damascus co-executive director.

"The Lord had an answer for us. In partnership with St. Gabriel Radio, we had been building a media studio equipped with everything we needed for production of professional quality streaming videos and radio programming. In fact, as if God had it planned all along, construction was finished the day before Gov. DeWine issued his first stay-at-home order.

"We have a community of some of the most innovative and creative young missionaries I've ever met who call this place home, eager to share the faith and to lead others to an encounter with Jesus. We realized having the studio gave us a powerful opportunity to witness to families who were stuck at home," Richards



Youth missionary Michaela Morelli takes part in a Damascus Night LIVE streaming presentation at the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus. Photo courtesy Damascus

said.

"The result was a decision to put together a series of weekday programs, which we have titled Damascus LIVE, that are designed to bring families together and give them an opportunity to experience Christ in their homes.

"We know that after his resurrection, Jesus passed through locked doors to greet his disciples. The pandemic may have locked church doors, but we are passing through those doors to give God's people joy, hope, encouragement, laughter and, most importantly, powerful moments of prayer and worship."

Richards said the programs have resulted in success beyond his anticipation, with more than 100,000

views on Facebook and YouTube. "We're disappointed at not having the opportunity to share the Gospel message with 2,500 young people this spring on retreat, but, at the same time, we've had an impact on at least 100,000 lives and probably many more, since our programs are designed for the whole family, and we imagine most of our viewership consists of families," he said.

The programs are Prayer Lab, at 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, that focuses on hearing God in the Scriptures; Worship and Intercession, at 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, featuring Damascus' daily Holy

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St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store to reopen

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, located at 5969 E. Main St. on the east side of Columbus, is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, May 12 in accordance with the procedures mandated by the state of Ohio. For hours and more information, visit https://www.svdpcolumbus.org/svdp_columbus_thrift_store

Ordination of three priesthood candidates postponed until June 13

The ordination of three men to the priesthood for the Diocese of Columbus by Bishop Robert Brennan has been postponed for three weeks.

Deacons Frank Brown, Michael Fulton and Seth Keller, all of whom are theology students at the Pontifical College Josephinum, were to have been ordained at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, May 23. The

new tentative date for the ordination is Saturday, June 13 at 10 a.m. in the cathedral, said Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director.

Josephinum seminarian Jacob Stinnett will be ordained as a deacon on the evening of Friday, June 12 by Bishop Brennan in the cathedral. His ordination had been scheduled for Friday, May 2, but was postponed because of the im-

pact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Josephinum students were on spring break when the impact of the coronavirus pandemic hit Ohio in mid-March, resulting in the shutdown of much of public life, including a decision by the state's Catholic bishops to suspend the celebration of all public Masses and other church activities. That suspension is in effect through Friday, May 29.

The students, who come from all over the United States to attend the nation's only pontifical seminary, were asked to return to their home dioceses by March 19 and have been continuing their education at home through online or other delivery methods since March 23. Their semester ends Friday, May 15.

Confession available at more than 50 churches

Although churches in the Diocese of Columbus and throughout Ohio remain closed for public Masses through Friday, May 29, more than 50 parishes have set up a coordinated schedule for confessions.

In all cases, appointments must be made in advance. Please be considerate of these guidelines and call the location to learn the times when confessions will be available and additional information. Do not arrive without making an appointment. A list of parishes hearing confessions, contact information and instructions can be found on the diocesan website at columbuscatholic.org.

Here are some "dos and don'ts" for receiving the sacrament under the current circumstances:

1. **DO** make an appointment to have your confession heard, as confessions are scheduled in advance.
2. **DO NOT** show up without an appointment in fairness to everyone who schedules a confession appointment in advance.
3. **DO** stay at home if you are ill with anything contagious, especially if you are showing symptoms of the COVID-19 coronavirus. There will be other opportunities to have your confession heard when you are well.
4. **DO** take your temperature before leaving home for confession. If

you have a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (the threshold "symptomatic" temperature for potential coronavirus), please do not come to confession. Wait until you are healthy.

5. **DO** stay at home if you are of an age or have other factors that put you in the "high risk" category for getting the COVID-19 coronavirus. There will be opportunities to have your confession heard in the future.
6. **DO** use your own hand sanitizer and wear a mask when you arrive for confession.
7. **DO** arrive no more than five minutes before your confession appointment to avoid starting a line.
8. **DO** prepare for your confession at home. You will have only five minutes to have your confession heard, given these extraordinary times.
9. **DO** keep your confession brief. Succinctly confess your sins.
10. **DO NOT** use this opportunity for confession to seek counseling. If you need to speak with a priest about counseling on a particular issue, please make an appointment to discuss this with him outside of the confession setting.

Catholic Social Services raising money to meet urgent needs

Almost two months ago, the world changed. Because of COVID-19, businesses closed and jobs disappeared overnight. The number of unemployment filings tripled, and people from all financial and social backgrounds now need help.

The hardest-hit are the working poor and vulnerable senior citizens.

Even before the pandemic broke, an estimated 140 million Americans said they were stretching dollars and living from paycheck to paycheck.

Now these families can't afford basic needs. Many of them are afraid and losing hope. Together, we can make sure that doesn't happen.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) needs to raise \$25,000 now to meet the urgent needs of the people it serves. Every dollar raised will go directly to provide life-saving services to families and seniors.

The agency's food pantries, transportation services for critical dialysis and cancer treatments, case management services and 14 other essential programs serving 35,000 people have adjusted to meet the new safety measures of distancing while still providing the hope and help people need. But CSS needs your help to make sure it can keep going for them.

"The level of need that vulnerable families are facing is like nothing we have seen since the Great Depression," said Rachel Lustig, CSS president and chief executive officer. "Now more than ever, our clients need us."

The agency's mission, vision and values have always focused on serving the vulnerable with dignity and compassion. And nothing, including a pandemic, is going to keep CSS from doing its work.

"We won't stop helping the mom of four who told us with tears in her eyes that if it was not for the food from our St. Francis Center pantry in Portsmouth (the city's only remaining pantry), her family would not be eating that week," Lustig said. "Or one of our Stay the Course working-poor students who is also a single parent, just lost her job and told us she has to finish her degree (at Columbus State Community College) so that her daughter does not experience standing in line at a homeless shelter. Or the immigrant families at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center on Columbus' west side who have lost their jobs in this new land they call home.

"It is together that we do it for them, the fabric of our communities. Just when things look the most hopeless for them, together we're keeping their hope alive," she said.

"People ask what they can do to help. Here is what we suggest: Pray. Stay home. Give. Together, we can make sure all of us come out of this stronger."

To donate to Catholic Social Services, send a check to the agency at 197 E. Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215, go to www.colscss.org/give or call (614) 221-5891

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SAMANTHA ANDERSON

Class of 2020

Congratulations on all your accomplishments! Good luck at OSU!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jason & Nana

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Faith guides nurse as he tends to COVID-19 patients

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Tom Chizmar is always happy to greet his family when returning to his New Albany home after a 12-hour nursing shift caring for COVID-19 patients and others at an undisclosed area hospital.

But because of the virus, he can't touch anyone when he gets home, and he can't stay there. To protect his family from the possibility of contracting the virus, Chizmar has self-quarantined, visiting his wife, Sara, and their five children ages 7 to 19 every other day and keeping 6 feet from them. He is staying in the Bexley home of his sister, Colleen Wesley, a nurse practitioner at a local medical office.

"It's very hard but feels very necessary," said Chizmar, 41, who has been a nurse for 15 years and whose family attends New Albany Church of the Resurrection. "At least seeing them every couple of days makes it easier. I feel I'm protecting the family, not abandoning them by doing things in this way. We're also fortunate that my wife is a school nurse, so it's just about an ideal situation, considering everything. We have no child-care issues, the family supports me, and I'm grateful for that."

His living arrangements are among many things that have changed for Chizmar since he began caring for COVID patients. "Among all the patients I serve, probably 80 percent are non-COVID, and 20 percent have the virus. But I spend probably half my time with the COVID patients, both because of the care they need and because of the extra precautions you

have to take with them," he said.

"When I see most patients, I'm just wearing standard medical scrubs. With COVID patients, I put on an N95 mask, special protective goggles, another mask on top of the N95, and gloves. There's also special equipment that has to be used for disinfecting each time I enter and leave a room. The time it takes to put on and take off everything adds at least a half-hour to each visit with a COVID patient.

"Seeing COVID patients can take 10 to 15 minutes, or it can take an hour, depending on what you're doing. The shorter visits involve placement of an IV (intravenous) tube to deliver medications and fluid replacements. It takes much longer to place a PICC (peripherally inserted central catheter) line, which is used for antibiotics and chemotherapy."

The hospital where Chizmar works is a large facility with two units, totaling 56 beds, for COVID patients.

"Patients with the virus began coming in around March 27, and there was a noticeable increase beginning in mid-April," Chizmar said. "The hospital had enough time to prepare for this, so it has maintained a normal number of patients overall. We prepared for the worst, but it hasn't been that way, and there hasn't been the need to use the Greater Columbus Convention Center as a possible alternative care center. Because of the way people have been following the state's guidelines on physical distancing and wearing masks, we seemed to have escaped the worst-case scenario."

Asked how his fellow nurses feel about tending to COVID patients, Chizmar said, "It's part of the job. All the preparation we have done as nurs-

es is for a situation like this. You have no choice but to deal with it, but, at the same time, no one has said they didn't want to do it.

"Whatever is presented to us, we will do. That goes for every nurse I work with. It's the core of our personalities as nurses that we help people whenever we are called.

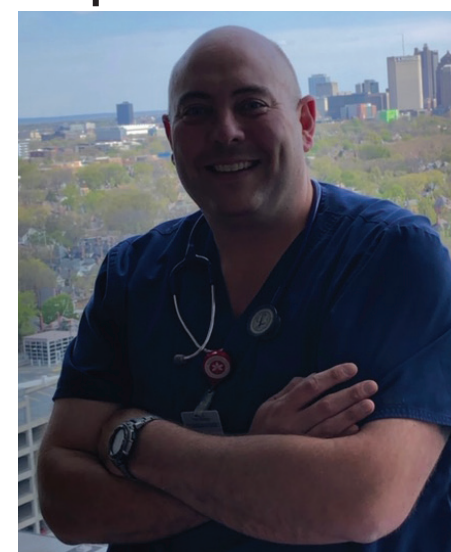
"Because we've seen the number of cases grow every day and know how COVID spreads, there is a greater level of concern about working with COVID patients for all of us nurses because of the people who might be infected if we don't do everything properly. But that also means we're more deliberate in following every single protocol," he said.

"Morale among the nurses I work with is very high. Our senior leadership prepared us well for the situation; in fact, we were overprepared, and we were not bombarded with cases. So we've been ready to handle everything so far.

"At a time like this, you really appreciate knowing that people appreciate your work. We've gotten lots of that kind of support. A number of people have given us equipment they made that makes things easier for us. For example, a prayer group recently gave us a couple dozen knitted pieces of equipment that holds our masks up better and is a real help. Little things like that are more meaningful than you could imagine."

Chizmar's Catholic faith is an essential part of his nursing background. His mother was an oncology nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown. Chizmar, his wife and sister all are graduates of the Mount Carmel College of Nursing in Columbus.

"I've always felt that my faith al-



Tom Chizmar, a nurse and Catholic father of five, works with coronavirus patients at a local hospital.

lows me to be the best nurse for my patients that I can possibly be," he said. "That's especially important in helping my coronavirus patients right now. Their feeling of isolation is extreme. There's no priest in the hospital, they can't see family or friends, and they don't know what's going to happen to them.

"Nurses and other staff are their only connections to the world, and we're well aware of that. I try to support them as much as possible by being patient and a good listener because I'm the closest thing they have to family.

"I'm now putting into practice all the lessons I've learned while growing up Catholic about compassionate care for others," Chizmar said. "My faith allows me to be a better nurse and to give the best care I can to my patients."

Columbus council of Catholic nurses group organized

The newly formed Columbus council of the National Association of Catholic Nurses (NACN) is joining its counterparts nationwide to mark National Nurses Week, which began Wednesday, May 6 and continues through Tuesday, May 12.

The council also sponsored a Mass for nurses that was celebrated Wednesday, April 29 at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church by Father Mark Hammond, the parish's pastor, who is Bishop Robert Brennan's liaison to the chapter.

It may be found at www.facebook.com/svdpmv or <https://www.twitch.tv/stvincentmountvernon>, said chap-

ter president Teresa Sipos, who teaches mental health nursing at Columbus State Community College and is a mental health chaplain at Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare in Athens.

She said the council met for the first time in late February, with Kate Whitman, lead registered nurse of Mount Carmel Health Church Partnerships, as a guest speaker.

Regular monthly meetings and other activities had been planned for the council when the impact of the coronavirus led to the state's stay-at-home

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A Prayer for Nurses - By Teresa Sipos, RN

In the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask you Abba, Father God to bless, protect, provide for, love and heal us. Guide and guard all nurses. Fill us with your love. Free and protect us from all hindrances, temptations and deceptions. Forgive and correct our mistakes. Protect us under your wings, giving us your truth and abundant life.

As Mother Mary cared for the broken body of Jesus, holy innocent victim and Savior, help us to care for other innocent victims. Give us Eucharistic strength to care for every broken body, mind and soul. Help us to see the face of Jesus in everyone we meet, all nations, all people and all languages.

Fill us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to do your will and call us to holiness daily. Redeem our time. Bless the work of our hands, heart, and mind so that we may be a blessing and instrument of healing to others. May we pray and not grumble, praising God in all circumstances. Amen, Alleluia, Amen.

Sipos is president of the Columbus council of the National Association of Catholic Nurses.

Running away

The other day, I ran away from home.

Call it a wild impulse. Call it “had enough.” Call it pandemic-induced.

I just ... walked out. In tears.

Because we live in the middle of hundreds of acres of farm land, I started walking down the fence row separating the field behind our house from the one next to the house.

I made it about halfway down before I came to the second large rock (boulder might describe it better) and decided it was a good place to sit down and really give in to the tears and frustration.

I don't know how long I sat there. Five minutes? Five hours? Eventually, I stood up and started walking. There's a grouping of trees that I've always wondered about. By this point, I was past the tears and the fresh air was working the wonders it usually holds for me. If I was 12, I would have walked this long ago, I thought to myself, remembering my childhood ramblings and explorations. What's been keeping me in?

I mean, the laundry isn't going anywhere. The dishes will still be in the dishwasher. And the yard work ... yeah. No worries on that disappearing.

So what had been keeping me in? We don't have our typical packed schedule, full of end-of-the-school-year stuff, sports tournaments, and who-knows-what-else. I've been on furlough (entering week two as I write this), and on stay-at-home for just as long as the rest of Ohio.

And we have the advantage of land — ours and the neighboring fields.

There was no good reason to stay in.

As I was making my way down the fence row, I was pulling a David-a-la-Psalms and just raving in my mind at God, and I realized something. In the lack of schedule — furlough means I'm essentially on staycation while the kids are doing schoolwork — I hadn't been praying my morning rosary.

Oh, I'd been doing my morning spiritual reading. And that was great. St. Thérèse of Lisieux walked

FINDING FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE

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with me and then St. John Paul II picked up. Great wisdom. Great insight. Great food for thought.

But ... not so much a prayer life, if I was being honest.

At this point, I had reached the interesting trio of trees. I positioned myself behind one of them and peeked back at the house. It was amazing how much smaller it was. And how much calmer I was.

At that point, my phone dinged again. (Hey, I might have taken off, but I was texting my best friend as I did so, like any mom-gone-teen would.)

“The kids are coming to rescue you.”

I found I was no longer enraged at him, at the kids, at my life. In fact, I laughed. Out loud.

“They think it's an adventure.”

I could see them. Running toward me. The distance was closing faster than it had for me.

“They have the dog too?!?”

“For protection,” he replied.

I could see his smile.

“Mom, were you trying to find some quiet?” my five-year-old asked as soon as he was within touching distance, hugging me fiercely.

He then proceeded to talk for the next 45 minutes, filling the walk around the field with observations, questions and things that only five-year-olds say.

“I love you, Mom,” he said every so often, punctuating it with a hug.

By the time we made it back to our yard, I had a bouquet of some of the finest dandelions and field flowers of anyone in my county. And I was reminded, in a way that was both tangible and slightly hi-

larious, that God loves me.

But He also respects my free will. That's why there was no smack across the head with a set of rosary beads, though, in fact, what I need is to start my day with that not-so-small bit of self-care. He's always a gentleman, inviting me — even when I can't — literally, cannot — visit Him except virtually. He still wants to spend time with me.

I was reflecting on my (failed?) attempt at running away a day or two later when I snuck over to the barn to feed the animals and do evening chores.

The barn was LOUD.

And I realized, once again, the gift that this time has been.

Though they're one of my favorite parts of my life, I have never before noted the exact day the barn swallows came back, chittering and swooping through the barn in displays of aerial acrobatics. Usually, this time of year, the crazy I'm facing is how to be in at least two places at once as I juggle schedules and meals and demands.

Amid the anxiety and stress of our pandemic-induced stillness, though, I was able to note exactly when — what day — the barn swallows came back. And I got to walk around that field out back, with my kids to enjoy it with me.

Running away is generally frowned upon. Giving up is generally dismissed. And yet, sometimes, what we need most is to admit our defeat. We can't accept the help we need until we acknowledge that there's a problem.

And, sometimes, we don't know there's a problem until we run away from it.

There's a humility and a beauty in giving of ourselves. But let's not be blinded to the beautiful humility of receiving the gifts God offers us, so gently, so insistently, so often. Let's not forget to say no to say yes.

And, of course, let's not forget to pray that morning rosary (or whatever that morning prayer is for you).

Mommies Matter uses technology to stay connected with clients

By MaryBeth Eberhard

The COVID-19 pandemic has slowed the servant-hearted staff and volunteers at Mommies Matter.

The central Ohio organization, whose mission is to empower pregnant single mothers by removing obstacles that might prevent them from choosing life for their babies, continues its support well into the child's second year.

The group provides participating mothers with an “ally” to accompany them to doctor's appointments, help them find housing and support them through school and job interviews. Mommies Matter, which was formed in 2018, combines the one-one-one assistance with group support and spiritual guidance.

Group meetings that used to occur

biweekly are now happening once a week via Zoom. Monica Flynn, executive director of Mommies Matter, said the technology, rather than inhibiting the bonding process, has allowed more conversation to flow among the 31 moms participating. The chatbox allows for questions to be asked and members to answer freely. Guest speakers who might have seemed out of reach due to distance are now feasible.

The technology has also allowed mothers who have sick babies or are not well themselves to still participate. Group texting also has allowed for sharing of babies' milestones and offering daily encouragement.

Jazmyn Heath is a graduate of the Mommies Matter program and now has a full-time job in human resources. Her daughter just turned 2. Heath first met Flynn when Heath was two months' pregnant. Flynn encouraged

her to choose life, saying they had met for a reason. Heath was given two allies who supported her. She attended biweekly meetings where she felt encouraged and empowered.

“They (allies) have been amazing to me and my baby. They even invite us to their home for holidays when they know we do not have anyone to share it with,” Heath said. She continues to attend weekly meetings and said that the past three sessions, all virtual, were particularly meaningful.

The first meeting focused on the social and emotional learning styles of children where, Heath said, she learned about positive reinforcement and received useful parenting tips. For the next session, a pastor talked about Christ and led a scripture study. The third meeting was led by a counselor who discussed anxiety, depression and healthy coping skills.

Heath said her allies still check in with her. “It's hard for us to ask for help,” she said.

The organization has supported participating mothers during this time through Corona Care Packages. Each week's packages have a different theme with recent ones including books, crafts and activities for the children as well as diapers, wipes and toilet paper.

The organization also sends gift cards for groceries and other basic necessities to participating mothers. Many of the moms lack money to pay for transportation, housing and food while struggling with mental health issues, abuse, trauma and a lack of positive support. Mommies Matter seeks donations to continue assisting these mothers.

To receive Mommies Matter newsletters, or to donate, visit mommies-matter.org.

More new moms for Mother's Day

We live in increasingly challenging and difficult times. Even in the midst of some recovery from the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, so many people have continued to have a variety of medical and counseling needs, especially mothers to be. This Mother's Day, the Diocese of Columbus and central Ohio will have thousands of new moms and babies, thanks to the saintly work of so many staff and volunteers at organizations and pregnancy centers like Women's Care Center. This also includes PDHC, Birthright, Ohio Right to Life, Greater Columbus Right to Life, Bethesda Healing Ministry, Bottoms Up, Mommies Matter, Heartbeat International, Christ Child Society, the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life, the Diocesan Office of Social Concerns, the Knights of Columbus, The Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Social Services. There are so many, and I hope I did not miss anyone. All of the wonderful people with these organizations simply focus on loving, serving and saving moms and babies in our diocese and in central Ohio. In many cases, even beyond Ohio. I have been honored and blessed to be associated with Women's Care Center in Columbus for the past 12 years. I want to share some real stories of new moms and babies here in our community.

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Matt and DeAnn say that their new family would not be here without the love and care they received at Women's Care Center. "We panicked. DeAnn had just graduated with her doctorate in pharmacy. It just felt like the worst timing ever. We googled the address of the abortion clinic, but somehow we ended up at Women's Care Center, which was right next door. Looking back, it was a miracle. The nurses and counselors took the pressure off. Right away, they made us feel like we were in the right place. We love coming back often. It's like therapy, and we can talk about everything. We leave every time feeling a million times better. Without them, we would have made an irreversible decision. Our lives, family and new son are thanks to them." Matt sums it up by adding, "I now look at DeAnn in awe and think, 'You are the most amazing mother!'" Another story begins with new mom Kyra saying, "The ultrasound was the moment it became real for us. My fiancé and I are going to work hard to create a family." This is so often the case. The ultrasound with a clear picture and a beating heart motivates

more than 90 percent of the young women to keep their baby. Kyra began to faithfully attend classes at the center. And she did not stop with learning to be a good mom. She says of her new baby girl, "She definitely makes me work harder. I was determined to be more prepared and more stable for her. I had one year left of college. I always wanted to do something in the medical field to help other people. I graduated the same month I had her." One more story of a new mom for Mother's Day. When Sierra found herself pregnant, she had nowhere to turn. She had no money, no family support, and just wanted an abortion. She says, "At the time, I had nothing to give. But Women's Care Center just kept giving, giving, giving!" Today, Sierra is a new mom to a beautiful baby girl. She has a good job, recently got a promotion, and then took the initiative to apply for a grant through her employer to benefit Women's Care Center. She came back to the center, proudly presenting a check. "I told my company how much you did for me, and how much you supported me. I can now give back." This Mother's Day, pray for and thank God for your mother. And pray for all the new moms, babies, and families we have -- thanks to their courage, and the work and prayers of so many.

Joseph Ratzinger, theological reformer

As he turned 94 on April 16, Joseph Ratzinger remained one of the most misunderstood and misrepresented men of consequence in recent Catholic history. I doubt the Pope Emeritus minds; he's probably impervious to calumny, having had it visited upon him for over a half-century. This kindly man may feel a measure of compassion for the small minds that continually tell untruths about him and his theology. But he has better things to do than fret about his detractors: dwarves ineffectually tossing pebbles at a serene giant.

His friends and admirers find it hard to take a benign view of the situation, however, because the ongoing trashing of Joseph Ratzinger is agenda-driven and aimed at shoring up the crumbling foundations of the Catholic Lite project. That salvage operation requires his detractors to claim that Ratzinger/Benedict XVI betrayed Vatican II, or never understood Vatican II, or was (and is) deeply opposed to Vatican II. Or all of the above. This is nonsense. And while often perpetrated by those who claim competence as scholars of contemporary Catholic affairs, such misrepresentations of Ratzinger's thinking betray a sorry indifference to what actually happened in Rome during the last two years of the Second Vatican Council.

As I wrote in *The Irony of Modern Catholic History*, a fissure in the ranks of the reformist theologians at Vatican II began to open up during the Council's third session, held in the fall of 1964. A new theological journal, *Concilium*, was being planned by some of the Council's influential theological advisers (many of whom had been heavily censored in the pre-Vatican II years). A towering figure among

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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them, the French Jesuit Henri de Lubac, began to worry that *Concilium* would take the reformist project in a deconstructive direction: one that would do serious damage to what John XXIII, in his opening address to the Council, called "the sacred deposit of Christian doctrine," which Pope John urged "be more effectively defended and presented."

The first several issues of the new journal intensified de Lubac's concerns. So in May 1965 the most venerable member of its editorial committee quietly withdrew from the *Concilium* project while continuing his work at the Council itself. As Vatican II drew to a close, others would join him in expressing serious reservations about the tack being taken by their onetime theological allies. And those concerns did not lessen over time.

The result was what I call in my book "The War of the Conciliar Succession:" the war to define what Vatican II was and what Vatican II intended for the Catholic future. This war was not a struggle between "traditionalists" and "progressives." It was a bitterly fought contest within the camp of Vatican II theological reformers. It continues to this day. And the question that so concerned Henri de Lubac remains entirely pertinent, 56 years later: Would an interpretation of the Council that effectively set the Catholic Church against "the sacred deposit of Christian doctrine" end up betraying the Gospel and

emptying it of its power?

Joseph Ratzinger joined de Lubac and other dissident conciliar reformers in launching another theological journal, *Communio*, which he and his colleagues hoped would advance an interpretation of Vatican II that was in continuity with the Church's settled doctrine even as it developed the Church's understanding of that doctrine. *Communio*, now published in 14 language editions, has been a creative force in Catholic intellectual life for decades. Like Ratzinger, *Communio* is not against Vatican II; it has challenged what its authors contend is a wrong-headed interpretation of Vatican II.

As recent events in the Church have illustrated, the bottom line in the War of the Conciliar Succession is the reality of divine revelation: Does God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition include truths that are binding over the centuries, irrespective of cultural circumstances? Or do history and culture judge revelation, which the Church is then authorized to improve, so to speak, in light of "the signs of the times"? Those who stand with the reality of revelation (which was robustly affirmed by Vatican II) are by no means "fundamentalists," despite what their opponents charge. They are creative theologians who believe in the development of doctrine, but who also understand, with Chesterton, that "an open mind, like an open mouth, should close on something."

In the War of the Conciliar Succession, there are true reformers, and then there are the forces of deconstruction. Joseph Ratzinger is emphatically a true Catholic reformer. To argue otherwise suggests ignorance, malice, or both.

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Hour of Eucharistic Adoration; and Damascus Night LIVE, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with skits, music and teaching that are “appropriate for families, full of humor and that display a powerful commitment to the Gospel,” Richards said.

A recent Damascus Night LIVE program, introduced as being “live from beautiful Centerburg, Ohio,” included worship music led by Damascus missionaries; a game inviting participants to draw a doodle on a paper held on top of their heads; a “Kids’ Jeopardy” skit; an ongoing comedy segment featuring “The QuaranTeens”; a visit from the saint of the day (a missionary portraying St. Francis of Assisi); and a talk on the Beatitudes.

One nightly highlight, titled “Glory News,” asks viewers to submit “a good moment from your day, a place where you saw the Lord working, a victory you’ve had or any good news.” One “Glory News” segment featured a story on a Walking Stations of the Cross set up in a neighborhood; a video from New Zealand of a 4-year-old “lawn surfing” with the help of his father, a rope and a pull-type wagon; and a video showing a father and daughter dancing together.

The program ended with family discussion questions. It included invitations for viewers to call a prayer line and have missionaries pray for them.

“Damascus Night LIVE captures the atmosphere of our retreats and annual Catholic Youth Summer Camp,” Richards said. “We’re used to having hundreds of kids on-site daily, and our virtual programming involves the type of things we do every day. This opportunity to communicate the Gospel in a new way is exciting, demanding and, ultimately, very energizing. We’ll keep going with it as long as we need to.”

Damascus has added facilities since it opened in 2016. It now has more than 30 buildings, with bed space for 600; a 25,000-square-foot lodge with full commercial kitchen; a 1,100-seat auditorium space; a Eucharistic Adoration chapel; and all of the amenities needed for a complete camp, conference or retreat experience.

It was built to provide year-round options for parishes, schools and other organizations wishing to gather at a site dedicated to Catholic beliefs and values. During fall, winter and spring, it hosts retreats, conferences, leadership events and seminars on faith and science, as well as winter camping weekends that allow young people to dive deeper into their faith.

In summer, Damascus hosts its flagship program, Catholic Youth Sum-



Youth missionary Cameron Clutter is at the controls for a Damascus Night LIVE streaming presentation at the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus. Photos courtesy Damascus



Youth missionaries Erica Beaty and Dominic Rivera conduct a “Glory News” segment of a Damascus Night LIVE streaming presentation at the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus.

mer Camp (CYSC), a series of week-long retreats, starting on a Sunday and ending on a Friday, and combining activities with faith. Separate weekly sessions are scheduled for sixth- to eighth-grade students from June 7 to Aug. 7 and for ninth- to 12th-graders from June 7 to July 31.

More than 4,000 young people have registered for this summer’s CYSC programs. While the status of these activities is uncertain because of the pandemic, Richards said, “Given the lessons we’ve learned in the last two months, we can confidently say that Catholic Youth Summer Camp will be happening this summer, even if local regulations require that to be different than what we’re used to.”

Richards said communicable disease plans are in place for CYSC that will be revised in cooperation with public health authorities as COVID-19 guidance is provided.

“We’re working hard on possible options to continue our mission to families, regardless of what the situation ends up looking like in Ohio,”

he said.

Since 2015, the Damascus mission campus has been training young adults to serve as lay missionaries, devoting two years to the teachings of the Catholic Church through daily prayer, sacrificial service, communal living and personal formation.

Those desiring to become missionaries must raise funds in the spring to support their experience. They then serve at CYSC, take a break, and return in the fall to take part in on-site programming, conduct retreats and perform community outreach through youth ministries and after-school Bible studies at parishes and schools throughout Ohio, mostly in the Diocese of Columbus.

Because no priest is assigned to Damascus, the missionaries living there have been like almost all other Catholics in being unable to attend Mass since mid-March. Many of them listen each Sunday on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio to the Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan, an enthusiastic

supporter of Damascus.

“It is heartening to see young people excited about their faith,” the bishop said. “There are so many dimensions to the Damascus experience. In the talks, the plays and skits, the music, the meals, the games and adventures, young people experience the gift of friendship with Jesus and see how Jesus offers us life that is full and real. The young people bring that to their worship of the Lord and bring it home to their families. It really is great to see.”

Damascus LIVE and the Damascus campus are the latest chapters in a story that began with Richards and Dan DeMatte, Damascus’ other executive director. The two met in 2001 at the first Catholic Youth Summer Camp, sponsored by Columbus St. Andrew Church at YMCA Camp Kern northeast of Cincinnati.

For the next 15 years, CYSC kept growing and moved to several sites, with Richards and DeMatte remaining involved in it as they went through high school and college and served as parish youth ministers. For several years beginning about 2006, the two also organized Jesus Jams – monthly youth conferences in the diocese that featured contemporary praise and worship and speakers while being centered on the celebration of Mass.

CYSC eventually outgrew every site available for lease in central Ohio and needed more space. Thanks to the leadership and generosity of a visionary team of benefactors, a large tract of land about an hour northeast of Columbus was found that provided ample room for the type of year-round retreat center envisioned by Richards and DeMatte, and Damascus began taking shape.

As the two put it on the Damascus website, “We dreamed big. God dreamed bigger.”

The pandemic has put plans for the future on hold, but Richards said he anticipates continued expansion that will enable Damascus to serve 20,000 participants annually on-site. Additionally, at the invitation of bishops and ministries throughout the United States, Damascus is moving toward ministry partnerships and the creation of campuses outside central Ohio.

“In our prayer, we are discovering a ‘new normal,’” he said. “Our new normal is that we will always be innovative, we will begin using technology and media to reach hundreds of thousands of people, and yet, at the same time, we will remain faithful to the call for deeply personal, relational and incarnational ministry.”

Studies in solitude

Students and educators across the country and around the world are now concluding what is arguably the most unusual and unsettling semester in history. The coronavirus pandemic – and the personal isolation it caused – forced most colleges and universities, including Ohio Dominican, to move all instruction online in March. Most unfortunately, the cancellation of campus events required the postponement of what would have been ODU's May Commencement ceremony – the celebratory climax of the year.

Despite these challenges, I could not be more proud of how caring, creative and resilient ODU's faculty, staff and students have been in their response to this crisis. Our faculty happened to be well prepared for the transition to online learning long before March. Shortly after the first virus infections in the U.S. were reported in late January in Seattle, our academic leaders launched a program to help prepare our faculty to learn best practices in online education in the event such a transition might become necessary. Many faculty already had expertise in this process because of their involvement in existing online graduate and undergraduate programs. Professors with more experience in online instruction helped others with less experience, and all were prepared to help students when the call from Governor DeWine came to do so.

Similarly, our faculty advisers and student support staff were well prepared to offer academic advising remotely. Our Wellness Center adopted heightened health and safety protocols and prepared to offer telehealth to address students' physical and mental wellness needs. Our Admissions and Student Development offices created personalized online campus tours and orientation programs to give future students a sense of ODU's warm and caring cam-

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order and a temporary end to most group activities in Ohio. The Mass for nurses originally had been scheduled to take place on April 29 at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, adjacent to Ohio State University.

The National Council of Catholic Nurses was organized in 1938 in response to a letter from Pope Pius XI that asked that an association of nurses be formed in every diocese, where feasible, and placed under the guidance of the diocesan bishop.

The NACN's mission is to give nurses of different backgrounds, but with the same Catholic values, the opportunity to promote moral principles within the Catholic context in nursing and to stimulate desire for professional development.

This approach to Catholic doctrine focuses on educational programs, spiritual nourishment, patient advocacy and integration of faith and health. As chapter members share their faith and values with each other and with other health care providers, they also reach out to the larger Church and to the

community, offering support to people in need.

The Columbus council's Mass for nurses honored Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, a nurse who was unafraid to display her religious beliefs during the period when Poland was ruled by a communist government. She died in 1973 at age 70 and was a friend of then-Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, who later became Pope St. John Paul II. Cardinal Wojtyla celebrated and gave the homily at her funeral Mass. She was beatified on April 28, 2018.

For more information about the Columbus council of the NACN, send an email to catholicnursesohio@gmail.com.

Sipos will be presenting two webinars on nursing spirituality through the Ohio Nurses Association during Nursing Week. The topics are "Spiritual Health Care in Clinical Practice" at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 7 and "Forgiveness and Gratitude" at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 8. They are free to ONA members and \$10 for non-members. More information is at <https://ce.ohnurses.org/nursesweek2020>.

DOMINICAN REFLECTIONS

Robert A. Gervasi, Ph.D.



Dr. Robert A. Gervasi is the president of Ohio Dominican University in Columbus.

pus culture, though remotely. And the university is planning a special celebration for spring graduates during its Homecoming Weekend in October.

Indeed, we all hope and pray for a lessening of the health crisis soon as we look forward to welcoming students in the fall.

At the same time, despite our best efforts to sustain connections, and the virtual social contact (and escape) that technology offers, the fact is that most of us are spending more time alone than we have been used to. While self-isolation may have been an initial relief from the often hectic lives we lead, being alone can, for many of us – not only students – eventually bring intense feelings of loneliness and even depression.

In contrast to the distress of loneliness, our Catholic tradition offers a potent antidote – the richness of solitude. Throughout the centuries, Christian mystics have modeled the transforming power of solitude as an invitation to experience divine love. One of the most famous such mystics in the Dominican tradition — and a special patron saint of Ohio Dominican University — is St. Catherine of Siena, whose feast day we recently celebrated on April 29.

St. Catherine would have understood our troubled response to the current health crisis because she experienced the effects of a devastating pandemic herself. Catherine was born in the mid-14th

century, when a great plague, often called the Black Death, was ravaging not only Italy but the entire continent of Europe. Historians have suggested that as many as one-third of Europeans lost their lives. Catherine survived, and even though she lost several family members, she managed through her intense faith to live a life of joy. In fact, the Greek word for joy, Euphrosyne, was her childhood nickname. Catherine also cultivated a love of solitude in childhood, during which time she experienced an intense awareness of God's presence.

Catherine eventually felt called to balance her contemplative life with a commitment to active service. She devoted herself to the care of the poor and especially the sick, insofar as there were intermittent recurrences of the plague. All of us today rightly applaud the commitment of health care workers, and we might well pray that Catherine's spirit of both service and contemplation might inspire not only first responders but everyone to hope for healing of souls as well as bodies during this challenging and uncertain time.

As we look forward to the fall semester at Ohio Dominican, we continue to be inspired by St. Catherine's exhortation, "Be who God created you to be, and you will set the world on fire." We are preparing for all eventualities, whether they include on-campus learning, online instruction, or some other creative solution, but the one constant is our Catholic, Dominican mission, encouraging each student to discern and embrace the call to make a difference and bring light to the world, even amid a cloud of uncertainty.

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Bishop Brennan calls state prison staff members

Bishop Robert Brennan called administrators and staff members of the state's prison system on Friday, April 24 to lead a call to prayer and offer his support during this challenging time of the coronavirus pandemic.

Because they are closed communities where it is easy for a virus to spread, prisons have been affected perhaps more than any institutions in Ohio by the pandemic. More than half the inmates of the Pickaway Correctional Institution and the Marion Correctional Institution tested positive for the virus at one point in April, making Pickaway and Marion counties nationwide COVID-19 hotspots. Some prisoners and staff members have lost their lives as a result of the virus.

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) is working to maintain a sense of community at the prisons during this difficult time.

Mike Davis, the department's religious services administrator, invited the bishop to talk to prison staff, and he gladly accepted. Bishop Brennan has made several prison visits since becoming bishop of Columbus last year and regularly visited prisons while he was auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York.

To prevent spread of the virus, Catholic contract chaplains and volunteers are unable to enter state prisons at this time. They are deeply praying for prison inmates and staff members.

Prison officials and staff from throughout the state took part in the call. Bishop Brennan offered words of encouragement to the staff and talked about his background in prison ministry. He then prayed for state leaders working to address the pandemic; for prison staff, administrative leaders, corrections officers, in-

stitutional chaplains of various faith backgrounds, and all who work in the corrections system; for their families; and for prisoners and their families.

He offered a final blessing, then thanked his listeners for their vocation in public service and expressed his care and concerns for prison staff and inmates.

"They were very appreciative of the bishop's call," said Jerry Freewalt, director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, who helped arrange the call. "He truly expressed his deep care and concern for everyone involved in the prison system."

"Bishop Brennan cares deeply about prison ministry in the Diocese of Columbus, as it is seen in the Catholic Church as a corporal work of mercy," said the ODRC's Davis. "He continues to express his pastoral care and concern for inmates and their families, as well as for returning citizens



Bishop Robert Brennan calls officials and staff members of the state's prison system from his office on Friday, April 24.

Photo courtesy diocesan Chancery

as they reenter into society. Bishop Brennan has a deep appreciation for corrections staff for their important vocation of public service."

Coronavirus turns prison world upside down

By Michele Williams

Like everywhere else in America on March 1, my prison life was simply chugging along. My schedule does not fluctuate much from week to week. I go to work Monday through Friday, have Mass on Thursday mornings, teach workout classes five times a week, practice piano, and have at least one visitor every single week. Honestly, I consider myself blessed.

Prison is its own world, parallel to, but lower than the real world. We have our own vocabulary, class system, dress code, and economy. We have schools, recovery services, a chow hall, gym, library, infirmary, etc. The foundation of prison is made up of routine, structure and rules. Through the years, I came to understand and adapt to the once-bewildering environment.

Going to work entails walking down two flights of stairs to the basement of my housing unit. My job is through a nonprofit organization called My Very Own Blanket. I am part of a team of seven women who make blankets and quilts for children entering the foster care system. We also make Going Home tote bags for women being released from prison. Everything we use has been donated: the material, sewing machines, pins, needles, thread, even pattern books. The reward of this job is a smile from God as He says, "Well done, good and faithful servants." Totally worth it.

I'm a news junkie because despite

not being in it, I want to keep current with events in the real world. So I saw several weeks ago how the coronavirus was infiltrating Ohio and I thought, "Hmm, that must be weird for people." However, it was out of my bubble, so to speak.

My bubble burst when Gov. Mike DeWine closed down visiting halls in all prisons and banned volunteers. Visits are my absolute lifelines to family and friends. I've had at least one visit every single week for almost 26 years. I depend on that quality time and contact to feel alive. I still hold hands with my family members throughout our three hours together. The closure of visiting hall was like a sledgehammer to my heart.

Outside volunteers and contractors facilitate the majority of our programs. Religious and recovery services took the biggest hit. Everything from Rosary group to AA/NA/CoDA to domestic violence aftercare was suspended. Our last Mass was March 12; we just didn't know it at the time.

Then the term "social distancing" came into being and I thought, "Well, that's impossible." And, quite frankly, it is. Large, open dorms house 250 women in rows and rows of bunk beds spaced 3-4 feet apart. My dorm has rooms and we have several animal programs in-house. Most rooms have two bunk beds, four women and at least one dog and/or cat. I live in an 11'x12' room that has one bunk bed, one single, and a cat named Simon. What a blessing he is!

In an effort to limit contact, operational changes were made -- some work, some don't. We went from three meals a day to two. We walk as a unit to the chow hall, stand 6 feet apart to pick up our tray, but sit elbow to elbow at the table. Religious services were limited to 40 people, then 10, then we had Mass by Skype, then it was cancelled completely. Thank God for the WWHO53 televised Masses!

Our workout classes were limited to 10 people, then moved inside individual dorms, then outside to our yards. We were assigned running/walking times and areas. My dorm's time is 7-7:30 a.m., daily on a straightaway about 200 yards long with a U-turn on each end. At 7:30, we go in and the next group comes out to run or walk 6 feet apart.

Then the National Guard arrived and, at first, everyone's anxiety level skyrocketed. That is because, never in the history of prison, has it been a good thing when the Guard shows up. However, this time was different and they really were here to help with social distancing and cohorting. They set up tents that looked like a M*A*S*H unit sprung up overnight on the ballfield. The tents were a quarantine of sorts for women leaving prison within the next 30 days. It was, by far, the most bizarre thing I've ever seen here.

I know the administration has our health and safety in mind, and I pray for them because it's got to be difficult to change an entire prison's operations during a crisis like this. I can't

imagine the pressure they're under while making all sorts of revisions. I feel overwhelming stress trying to cope with them and hold on to my faith as the prison changes directions like a Tilt-A-Whirl.

All the events I'd watched unfold on TV started happening here in a time-delayed way and the Ohio Reformatory for Women became a ghost town a week after Ohio's cities. GED, vocational and college classes were cancelled. The church, library, gym, hair salon and recovery services closed. The commissary went to a limited shopping and delivery system.

Even my job changed significantly. All quilts, blankets and tote bags were put on hold so production could begin on face masks. We recruited an additional six volunteers and formed an assembly line of sorts. We had cutters, ironers, pinners and sewers working together in the basement. It was like Santa's workshop on steroids. We worked 19 days straight to make enough masks for ORW's general population of 2,800 inmates, plus 400 staff. Oh, the joy of accomplishing a seemingly insurmountable task!

We took one weekend off to recover and recharge, then started up again Monday morning, making masks for reception and admissions. Our masks are everywhere! I love seeing with my own eyes the impact we've made.

On the flip side, worry is my big-

Face Forward service honorees announced

Liam Zacovic of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church and Isaac O'Rielley of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church are the recipients of the 2020 service awards presented by the diocesan vocations Office and its Face Forward: Connecting Catholic Youth program.

In their eighth year, the awards recognize two students in the Diocese of Columbus in grades 8 to 12 for their outstanding service activities within their community and parish. Each winner will receive \$500. This year, applicants were asked to share who inspires them to serve and why.

Face Forward received more than twice the number of entries than last year and identified 11 finalists before selecting the two award recipients.

Zacovic, a junior at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School, credits Father David J. Young, the pastor of St. Pius X Church, with inspiring him to a life of service.

"When I first served for Father Dave on the altar, I quickly noticed his deep reverence and love for the Eucharist,

which inspired me to pursue the same sort of love for the Blessed Sacrament," he wrote. "His loving example of what the priesthood should be, amidst all of the modern chaos of what the priesthood represents, has led me to seriously consider the priesthood, and constantly inspires me to work to grow in my relationships with God and others."

Besides being an altar server, Zacovic is on the Parish Advisory Council, participates in youth ministry, helps with parish activities and events, and is an Eagle Scout.

Being a server also has been an inspirational experience for O'Rielley, a senior at Lewis Center Olentangy High School. He said his parish's pastor, Father James Black, and parochial vicar, Father Stephen Smith, have inspired him.



Liam Zacovic



Isaac O'Rielley

Writing of his first time serving with Father Black, he said, "I was able to go up on the altar and enjoy my first time serving because I knew he was there to guide me with grace and peace, just as if he were the Lord offering his hand in help." He also said Father Smith "has continued over the last year and a half to push my limits as an altar server, and every time I think I can't, he proves to me that with God's grace, I can."

O'Rielley is a member of his school's service club. Along with his

father, a Columbus police officer, he volunteers for the Columbus Police Honor Guard's memorial 5,000-meter run. "God placed in my heart a way to serve him, and my two priests have helped me carry out this service to my community and Lord," he wrote.

Face Forward: Connecting Catholic Youth gives young Catholics a chance to make connections about their faith and their vocation and to engage with others in exploring the same path. Its website is updated weekly with blogs on current events and news, stories on the diocese's seminarians and Scripture reflections. The program also has social media communities, as well as an email program. Learn more at faceforwardcolumbus.com.

DeSales staff honors seniors



The 192 seniors in the Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Class of 2020 couldn't come to school because of the COVID-19 pandemic, so the school came to them. Teachers and staff members visited each senior's house and placed a sign declaring it the "proud home of a Stallion senior." Senior Katie Russ was on a video call with teacher Karen Scott when principal Dan Garrick arrived with a sign. Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales HS

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gest enemy. With uncertainty as the driver and anxiety as the navigator, my mind races down the dark roads of fear daily. I worry about my family and friends constantly. I call them more often because I can't see them and need to know they're OK. I worry about when this virus will slither into ORW. Which of my peers will it strike? What will happen to us? Lord only knows.

And speaking of Him, I may not always feel it, but I do know God is here. I've had several lively conversations with Him lately and He patiently, lovingly tells me to trust Him. We all have to, wherever we are. He loves us, wherever we are. We will get through this, wherever we are.

Michele Williams is an inmate at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville.

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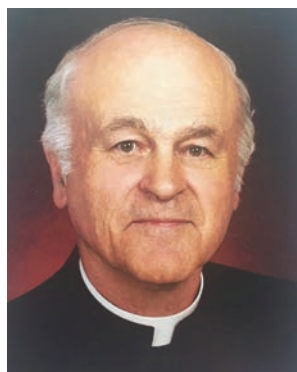
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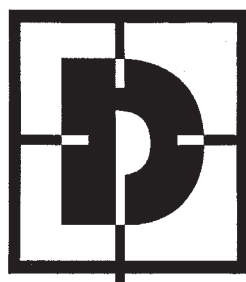


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Together, we work to build up God's kingdom in our world

Acts 6:1-7
Ps. 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Pastoral ministry is not easy even in the best of times. Sometimes, the needs of others can be all consuming and those who serve in ministry have to learn to re-center on what is important. The early Church – the first generation of Christians – had to learn this. We need to keep it in mind through every generation.

Right from the beginning, the Church has been a collaborative effort. Even the Apostles realized that they needed members of their communities – the equivalent of our modern parish family – to ensure that the needs of all the members were being addressed, especially the poor and those without a voice.

Jesus teaches His disciples that He is with us on the journey to our destination. He reveals Himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life. We are called to put our trust in Him and we can be sure that everything will work to our good. But we need to cooperate with one another in discovering the best way to move forward with all that we are called to do as a community.

The first seven deacons were responsible to assist with distribution of food. They took care of practical matters in order to free the Apostles to be Apostles. Deacons today continue that ministry of feeding God's people through ministry of the Word, service and charity. All of us are called to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and to cooperate with the Spirit in our own time.

We have been given the extraordinary privilege of the gift of faith. The Church today is calling all of us to a New Evangelization, that is, to the task of consciously working to promote awareness of the truth of the Gospel in our world. Our current situation does not release us from this responsibility, but on the contrary offers unique opportunities for its fulfillment.

In our solitude, we are being called to discover a deeper understanding of our faith, from the inside, and we

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are being called to a public witness of service in the name of Christ and His Church on the outside. We are being led by the Holy Spirit, just as the first generation of Christians were, into a new way of living together as conscious disciples, aware of our mission to bring the Gospel home to others.

We are invited especially now to respond to the Gospel as a living reality. We were never meant just to be passive recipients of a “product” that is sold in Church. We are the Church together in the world. We have a daunting task. We are to bring the truth to a world that rejects it, having once received it, or denies it, not even giving it a hearing. This is not something any one of us can do alone.

We are able to be full of hope because of Jesus' promises:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in Me. In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. ... I go and prepare a place for you; I will come back again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.”

“Whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”

We are “living stones” in the building God is constructing. Our lives are to be a witness of the truth of the Gospel. Word and Sacrament, welcome and mission are the actions that show who we are, building us up in faith and making known to the world that Jesus Christ is the foundation of our life together.

There is a destiny, a place prepared for us after all of the work is done. For now, there is work to do. To accomplish great works, we have to begin small. Long journeys begin with the first step. Let's be on our way, for our way is Jesus Himself, Who IS the way, the truth and the life. Let us go to the Father through Him.

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY
Acts 14:5-18
Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16
John 14:21-26

TUESDAY
Acts 14:19-28
Psalm 145:10-13b, 21
John 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY
Acts 15:1-6
Psalm 122:1-5
John 15:1-8

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

FRIDAY
Acts 15:22-31
Psalm 57:8-12
John 15:12-17

SATURDAY
Acts 16:1-10
Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5
John 15:18-21

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF MAY 10, 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 listing.

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-Lifetv (Channel 113

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

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

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 I, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

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.



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.

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