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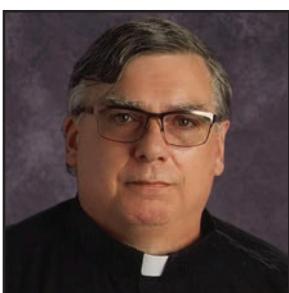
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Speakers to pray virtual rosary on Feast of Immaculate Heart

Speakers at past Columbus Catholic men's and women's conferences will pray a virtual rosary for justice and healing at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 20, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, via the Zoom videoconferencing system.

The five decades of the Joyful Mysteries will be led by Derya Little, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Obianuju (Uju) Ekeocha, Damon and Melanie Owens and Lisa Hendey.

Participants are required to register at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com. Upon registration, a confirmation email with secure Zoom information will be sent.

New England tour includes stops honoring Knights of Columbus

A day paying tribute to the Knights of Columbus and to its founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney, who soon is to be beatified, placing him one step from sainthood, will be part of an autumn tour of New England being planned by longtime Catholic tour leader Linda Woolard.

The tour bus will leave from the park-and-ride at Newark at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 and return Tuesday, Sept. 29.

The focus on the Knights will take place on Monday, Sept. 28. The first stop will be for a 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, where Father McGivney organized the first Knights council in 1882. A tour of the church will be followed by a visit to the Knights' headquarters and museum, also in New Haven, and a stop at the Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Guilford, Connecticut, which will include Vespers.

Serving as guide for the day will be

Father Joseph Allen, OP, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Vincent de Paul churches in New York City.

Also featured on the tour will be full-day guided tours of Boston and coastal Massachusetts. Stops in Massachusetts will include Lexington, Concord, Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Old Ironsides, Cape Ann, Gloucester and Rockport.

The cost is \$696 for two people sharing a room. Single rooms are extra. There is a \$75 deposit due on signing for the tour, with the balance due by Friday, July 17.

For more information, contact Woolard at lindawoolar@windstream.net, (740) 323-3105 or 636 Fox Run Circle South, Newark OH 43055.

Stein appointed Josephinum VP

The Pontifical College Josephinum has appointed Douglas H. Stein as vice president for advancement, effective Wednesday, July 1.

He will succeed Father John Allen, who was recalled to his home diocese in Charlotte, North Carolina, to serve as administrator of St. Matthew Church in Charlotte.

Stein will guide the seminary's efforts in the areas of annual fundraising, planned giving, major gift solicitation, grants, capital and special fundraising efforts, donor relations, alumni relations and communications and public relations.

Stein was born and raised in Columbus, attended local Catholic schools, and graduated from Ohio State University. "To serve the Josephinum has been a personal goal of mine for nearly 20 years," he said. "I feel privileged to be called to serve this storied insti-

tution and looking forward to joining Father (Steven) Beseau and his leadership team."

He brings to the Josephinum more than 25 years of experience in development and fundraising. Early in his career, he was chief fundraiser at Ohio State University's college of pharmacy. He later served as executive director of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital Foundation and the Richard J. Solove Research Institute.

From 2002 to 2008, he was the chief fundraiser at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, his alma mater, where he led a two-phased, \$16 million capital campaign – the largest campaign in the history of secondary education in the Diocese of Columbus.

He then became president and executive director for the Mount Carmel Foundation, where he managed capital campaigns. After two years at Ohio Dominican University, where he completed its scholarship campaign, he founded Veritas Philanthropy, LLC, a development consulting firm. As president and principal consultant, he managed capital campaigns and built development programs for several nonprofits and Catholic parishes.

Shepherd's Corner plans storytelling program

The Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, an outreach of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is hosting a program titled "Storytelling II" for families from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. No storytelling experience is necessary. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

Shepherd's Corner invites people to join with the Dominican Sisters in experiencing the joys and responsibilities of caring for land and life, inspiring others to become shepherds of creation in their own corners of the world.

Out of respect for each other, 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.

Trinity students awarded scholarships

St. Anthony of Padua Circle #1 of Columbus St. Christopher Church has awarded \$500 scholarships to Columbus Trinity Elementary School graduates Anthony Wood and Christian Kouam.

The organization presents scholarships each year to Trinity eighth-graders who will attend Catholic high schools in the fall. Wood will enroll at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and Kouam will attend Columbus Bishop Watterson High School.

Trinity is the feeder school for students attending Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona, Our Lady of Victory, St. Francis of Assisi, St. John the Baptist and St. Christopher churches.

Anyone interested in donating to the scholarship fund may send a check to St. Anthony of Padua Circle 1 in care of St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus OH 43212.

Renewal offers online sessions

The Columbus Catholic Renewal will present an online program on "Charisms of the Holy Spirit" via Zoom livestream. The six-week session will meet on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. from July 1 to Aug. 5.

The program will include a talk by Renee Marazon, president of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Commission in the Diocese of Venice, Florida, followed by small-group discussions. The objective is to help participants grow closer to the Lord, learn to hear God's voice more clearly and activate the fullness of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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The Catholic Times is on its summer schedule!

In June, July and August, The Catholic Times will be publishing every other week. Look for the newspaper just prior to **July 5 & 19; and Aug. 2, 16 & 30**. We will return to weekly publication in September.



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PRIESTS ORDAINED
Bishop Robert Brennan (second from right) and the Diocese of Columbus welcome three new priests (from left), Fathers Michael Fulton, Seth Keller and Frank Brown, who were ordained Saturday, June 13 at St. Joseph Cathedral. CT photo by Ken Snow

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Official Announcement - Clergy Assignments

The Diocese of Columbus has released its list of charges in clergy assignments for 2020-21.

These appointments become effective July 14, 2020, unless otherwise noted.

Father Frank Brown, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard.

Father William Ferguson, from Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ada and Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton, to Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Church, Columbus.

Deacon Klaus Fricke, from active diaconal ministry, St. Michael Church, Worthington, to retirement, effective July 31, 2020.

Father Michael Fulton, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, Christ the King Church, Columbus, and Chaplain, with teaching and ministerial duties at Bishop Hartley High School, Columbus.

Father Cyrus Haddad, from parochial vicar, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House.

Father William Hahn, from Pastor, St. Peter Church, Chillicothe; St. Mary Church, Waverly; and St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington

Court House, to Director of Vocations, Diocese of Columbus, with residence at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus.

Father Michael Hartge, from Pastor, Perry County Consortium of Churches (St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington; St. Patrick Church, Junction City; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville; St. Bernard Church, Corning), to Vice-Chancellor, Diocese of Columbus, with residence at St. Peter Church, Columbus.

Father Timothy Hayes, from Pastor, St. Timothy Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Peter Church, Chillicothe; St. Mary Church, Chillicothe; and St. Mary Church, Waverly.

Father Lawrence Hummer, from Pastor, St. Mary Church, Chillicothe, to retirement.

Father Hilary Ike, from residence, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, and Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic Community, to Administrator, St. Mary Church, Groveport, continuing with duties in the Diocesan Tribunal.

Father Norbert Keliher, O.P., from service outside the diocese, to Parochial Vicar, St. Patrick Church, Columbus.

Father Seth Keller, newly or-

dained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Cecilia Church, Columbus, Chaplain with teaching and ministerial duties at Columbus Bishop Ready High School.

Father Milton Kiocha, AJ, from residence at St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg, to Parochial Vicar, St. Peter Church, Chillicothe; St. Mary Church, Chillicothe; and St. Mary Church, Waverly.

Father Todd Lehigh, from Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Church, Columbus, to Pastor, Perry County Consortium of Churches (St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington; St. Patrick Church, Junction City; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville; St. Bernard Church, Corning).

Father Timothy Lynch, from Parochial Vicar, St. Peter Church, Chillicothe; St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House; and St. Mary Church, Waverly, to Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus.

Father Daniel Ochs, from Pastor, St. Agatha Church, Columbus, to retirement.

Father David Poliafico, from Pastor St. Christopher Church, Columbus, to Pastor St. Timothy Church, Columbus.

Father John Reade, from Priest

Ministry, St. Mary Church, Groveport, to retirement.

Father Edward Shikina, from Parochial Vicar, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard, to Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ada and Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton.

Father Wojciech Stachura, SAC, to Pastor, St. Christopher Church, Columbus.

Father Mark Summers, from Pastor, St. Peter Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Agatha Church, Columbus.

Father Peter Totlenben, O.P., from Pontifical College Josephinum, to doctoral studies outside the diocese.

Father Christopher Tuttle, from Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Portsmouth; Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth; St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; and St. Monica Church, New Boston, to Pastor, St. Peter Church, Columbus.

Father Patrick Watikha, AJ, from residence at St. Cecilia Church, Columbus, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Portsmouth; Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth; St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; and St. Monica Church, New Boston.

Danville St. Luke Church renovation completed

In spite of the pandemic, extensive renovation work at Danville St. Luke Church was completed in time for a “soft” reopening at a Mass celebrated Saturday, May 30 by Father Daniel Olvera with 30 to 40 persons in attendance.

“What started out as a refreshing and repainting project in honor of the parish’s 200th anniversary became much more than that,” said Father Mark Hammond, pastor of St. Luke and Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul churches.

“In addition to the beautiful painting and artwork, the carpet was taken up and wood floors were installed, new fabric was installed in the pews and kneelers were added. There was also some repainting of statues and the Last Supper, installation of a beautiful new pulpit, and a new granite top for the altar. New Stations of the Cross were put in place as well.”

“Divine Providence was definite-

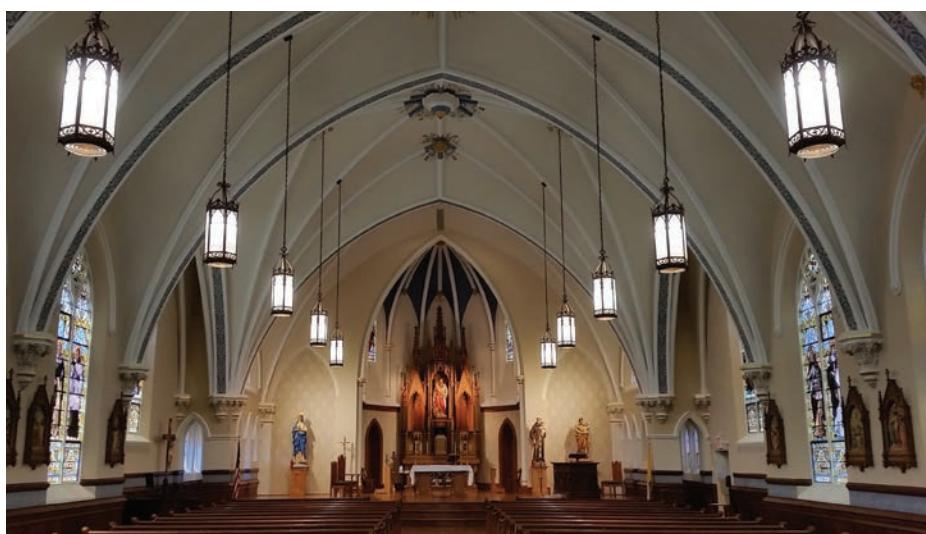
ly at work here.” Father Olvera said. “There was much prayer involved and Father Hammond pointed out the fact that everything was completed just a few days prior to the church being opened. Many parishioners and others have been overly generous with their time and talent, whether it was moving items, cleaning, installing, repairing, donating or praying. Anyone walking into the church will certainly see God’s hand in all of it.”

The project started Thursday, Jan. 2 and was completed in the last week of May. R.A. Long Painting of Reynoldsburg was in charge, with considerable input from diocesan buildings superintendent Bruce Boylan and assistant Rob Schorr.

A renovation committee appointed by the Parish Council met weekly to offer input. The project cost around \$300,000. Since the parish has a strong history of financial support, the mon-

ey came from funds on hand and there was no need for a separate fund drive.

Bishop Robert Brennan is scheduled to celebrate an anniversary Mass



Newly renovated Danville St. Luke Church

Photo courtesy St. Luke Church

Embrace the new normal and do not accept the sin of racism

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. – St Teresa of Calcutta

I have been known to fall asleep in my comfy chair at night with the TV and lights on. Needless to say, that's not the best way to get a good night's rest. Sometimes I fall asleep in an awkward position and awaken in the middle of the night with a numb arm or leg – especially if Tess (my dog) decides to curl up with me. When that happens, I am amazed at how long it takes me to decide to either get up and actually go to bed or just turn off the lights and TV and drift off again taking my chances that I'll be able to stand in the morning. It also amazes me how often I decide to just tolerate the numbness.

Our Catholic social teaching calls for us to read the signs of the times. Any honest appraisal today would indicate that a significant portion of our citizens have fallen asleep in an awkward position and are choosing to take our chances when we finally decide to wake up. Nightly, we are watching the heavy weight of years of dehumanization, of racism, and violent white supremacist positions on people of color that discounts and even nullifies their God-given dignity and worth.

We all are created in the image and likeness of God. Yet many of us have become numb to these realities or are choosing to remain mute to the obvious racism and discrimination that exists all around us. We are better than that!

For months, I have been trying to decide what my new normal will be. I'm sure I'm not alone in this quest. God love my dad. I still hear his wisdom while I'm struggling. Pappy was good at reminding me that life would provide me with a series of lessons. If I

FAITH IN ACTION

Erin Cordle



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took on the lesson and bested it, I would grow. If I did not, the lesson would come back again – only harder. He also assured me that each lesson learned would help me with the next lesson coming down the pike. As farm boys go, he was quite the philosopher.

The question is, are we as a nation of people of faith, determined to wake up from our privileged slumber and shake up and transform our new normal to ensure justice and the pathway toward human flourishing for all? My prayer is that nothing goes back to normal – normal wasn't working for us all. If we go back to the way things were, we will have lost the lesson.

We already have lost too much time by remaining silent. In 1989, the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Black Catholics issued a statement commemorating the 10th anniversary of the national conference's pastoral letter, *Brothers and Sisters to Us: U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Racism in Our Day*. There was little to celebrate as the pastoral was soon forgotten and surveys showed that it had little or no impact of the majority of Catholics in the United States.

Bishop James Griffin wrote the pastoral letter *Racism: A Tarnished Reflection of Ourselves*. He addressed parents, religious leaders, government officials and community leaders, business leaders, teachers, and all people of good will. Bishop Griffin called for “zero tolerance” of racist comments or

activity taking place even when you are not directly involved or affected.” The bishop asked government and community leaders not to allow “the ugly head of racism to arise in our community. Above all, do not allow members of your staff to ‘trade’ on this issue of racism for political gain.”

Addressing the personal roots of racism, Bishop Griffin proposed a series of questions that people can ask themselves as a “kind of ‘morality mirror’ in which to see” prejudices. One question asked, “How would I feel were I confronted by people who hold the same prejudices about me that I do about others?” The bishop said that “personal conversion and pastoral charity” are necessary to address racism, but he added that “conversion from prejudice must be linked to a sharing of power and influence with minority people.” He said, “We cannot let economic fears deter us from acting justly.”

I pray that more of us will allow the Holy Spirit of Pentecost to wake us up and shake us out of our numbness to the point where we are willing to speak up and work to assure that our communities of faith transform our country into who we say we are. I realize the conversion of hearts to accomplish this transformation must start with me. I’m ready and willing to wake up and speak up in my circles of influence. I’m willing to shout, if necessary, to not let my family and friends settle for allowing those of color, the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalized to continue to be victimized. If I don’t do this for myself by any means necessary, who will?

We cannot go back to our old normal!

“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

God's forgiveness, healing mercy help mute cry of babies lost to abortion

Babies cry.

I know this because my wife, Jo Anne, and I have had five of them and they all cried.

They cry for a variety of reasons from the onset of actual distress (dirty diaper, sore throat, teething) to the abstract (try shouting “boo” to a baby). Sometimes they just cry for no discernable reason. They wake up; they cry. Put them to bed; they cry. Let someone they don’t know hold them; they cry.

Over the years, I’ve come to miss that crying. There was something that was somehow quite beautiful about that cry, even though that beauty was lost on me at the time. Today, when I hear a baby cry, I’m relieved that he/she is crying. I imagine that the world would be less loving, less attentive, if not for a baby crying.

As ear piercing as it can be, the sound of a baby crying brings out the best in all of us. We seem to care more. We rock the baby in our arms. We tell him/her that it’s alright. Our voices change to a more soothing tone. It may bring out our faults, too, as it might showcase our impatience or display our lack of understanding, but even in those times, we are more human, more vulnerable.

Up to a certain point in their little lives, it’s really the only way that they can communicate with us. We become somewhat Pavlovian as a result. They cry; we act.

But what if they never did?

TIM WELSH



Tim Welsh is executive director of the Bethesda Healing Ministry for postabortion women and men.

What if the world was devoid of that marvelous screech? What if we only could imagine the sound?

In *The Tell-Tale Heart*, Edgar Allan Poe relates the story of a man who ends the life of an elderly man and his subsequent struggle with paranoia and his skirmish with his own sanity. The story, one of Poe’s shortest works, tells of how the man buried his victim under the floor boards of his house, only to be haunted by the very heart he stopped.

Eventually, to make a short story even shorter, he began to hear a low, dull quick sound: the beating of his victim’s heart. The sound grew louder and louder until he couldn’t bear it any longer.

We all bear the burden of indiscretions and misdeeds in our past that we would rather forget, but are unable to do so. The telltale heart of the incident won’t allow us our peace.

I think about Poe’s story when I contemplate women who have an abortion experience in their past. I know that they imagine the cry. I know they wake up through the night to a sound they can’t explain.

Unlike Poe’s victim, the aborted child’s life was ended by an industry that preys on a woman’s fear and anxiety. Unlike Poe’s victim, the aborted child has fallen victim to a culture that values convenience over compassion and comparison over contribution. And the aborted child is martyred on the altar of intellectual impotence disguised as civil progress.

Left in the wake are the women and men who are relegated to a life of wonder and confusion. They are left to wonder, as I do, “what if?”

There is little doubt in my mind that each one of the readers of this article know someone who has an abortion experience in their past. You may not know who they are, but they are there, struggling to keep the deepest secret that they have ever kept. They’re scared and lonely and they hear the crying.

The death of an elderly man, as in Poe’s story, is the death of the past. The death of a child, however, is the death of the future. That’s what makes the abortion experience so devastating for some women.

It is only through the healing power of God’s forgiveness that the crying can grow softer. It may never go away, but it can be muted. Only through confronting their fears and remorse in programs like those at Bethesda Healing Ministry and the acceptance of God’s mercy will life return to normal.

It is in that mercy that we all find the shelter of peace and the deadening of the noise enslaving us.

Spiritual lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-9 pandemic has left many of us with a great deal of uncertainty: uncertainty about how contagious the virus is and about the best way to treat it; uncertainty about how long our personal immunity will last after we get infected and whether a vaccine will ever be developed; uncertainty about the future of the economy and whether jobs will still be there for the 40 million newly unemployed; uncertainty about how long the public quarantines should continue; uncertainty about what will happen to ourselves, our businesses, our families and our friends.

In the midst of so much uncertainty, we naturally look for something firm to hold onto. Cataclysmic disruptors, whether an outbreak of war, widespread riots and looting, or a new coronavirus, humble us and remind us how we cannot guarantee our own future.

Yet we instinctively yearn for a way to assure and secure that future for ourselves and for our children. Where should we turn for safety?

Maybe we can take a cue from our financial institutions. When uncertainty becomes too high, and lenders realize a potential borrower is at high risk of default, they can sometimes turn to a higher authority like the federal government to “guarantee” a loan, as in the case of guaranteed student loans. Such loans offer a safety net and take away most risks for the lender.

What kind of higher authority should we be turning to in order to guarantee our future when we face so many uncertainties in life?

One lesson of the pandemic is not to place our hope in undeserving sources. While scientists may promise new treatments, and politicians may promise safety through contact tracing and lockdowns,

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

Father Tad Pacholczyk

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these measures are stopgaps in the face of our larger human questions.

Many centuries ago, a powerful king of the united monarchy of Israel and Judah mused about the false promise of earthly reassurances. Writing in Psalm 119, King David presciently declared, “Some trust in chariots or horses, but we in the name of the Lord. They will collapse and fall, but we shall hold and stand firm.”

The answer to the uncertainties surrounding our human condition lies, precisely as David noted in his inimitable and direct style, in God himself. He alone knows and understands every event of history, from coronavirus pandemics to civil disturbances to economic collapses.

It’s important for us to distinguish between true and false saviors. While a vaccine may limit the immediate threat from the coronavirus for us individually, death will still have its day and eventually lay its claim upon us. As natural as it may be for us to reach out for a vaccine to calm our preoccupations and restore predictability to our future, only God opens a real path for us beyond fear and be-

yond death. Our lives are on loan, and only He can guarantee the fulfillment of that loan in a destiny that lies beyond this troubled world.

Cardinal Robert Sarah summed it up well when he recently said:

“This virus acted as a warning. In a matter of weeks, the great illusion of a material world that thought itself all-powerful seems to have collapsed. ... A microscopic virus has brought this world to its knees ...

“We were promised to push the limits of human nature ever further by a triumphant science. We were told about artificial procreation, surrogate motherhood, transhumanism, enhanced humanity. We boasted of being a man of synthesis and a humanity that biotechnologies would make invincible and immortal. But here we are in a panic, confined by a virus about which we know almost nothing.

“Epidemic was an outdated, medieval word. It suddenly became our everyday life. I believe this epidemic has dispelled the smoke of illusion. The so-called all-powerful man appears in his raw reality. There he is naked. His weakness and vulnerability are glaring. Being confined to our homes will hopefully allow us to turn our attention back to the essentials, to rediscover the importance of our relationship with God.”

We have an important opportunity to ponder these deeper lessons of the COVID-19 saga as it plays out in our midst. Rather than placing our hopes in the limited promises of this world, the pandemic reminds us of our vulnerability and our need for our true Savior, at every moment of our life.

The biases of a Royal Commission

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

George Weigel



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and threats. What was the matter with this man? Why didn’t he truckle as others — including many Church leaders — had done?

Given their belief in their own infallibility, Pell’s political and ecclesiastical critics could not concede that they might be wrong. And a highly intelligent man with an Oxford doctorate couldn’t be dismissed as a mere fool. So his critics and enemies seem to have concluded that George Pell must be wicked — and must be lying about his role in Australian Catholicism’s grappling with clerical sexual abuse.

No matter that, on becoming archbishop of Melbourne, Pell quickly instituted the first diocesan program in Australia to reach out to abuse victims and try to meet their needs — a program designed in cooperation with the police and praised by public authorities. No matter that, in Melbourne and Sydney (after his transfer to that city), Pell dealt severely with clerical abusers and saw to the removal of more than two dozen of them from the clerical state — the Church’s nuclear option for dealing with abusive priests. Those demonstrable facts didn’t count, either to Pell’s critics or, it now seems, to the

Royal Commission. Why? Because they didn’t tally with the regnant preconceptions about Pell and the false judgment about his character his critics had made, based on those preconceptions.

Royal Commissions do not operate by the rules of evidence of a criminal court. Their integrity depends not on sound judicial practice, but on the fair-mindedness of the Commissioners and their staff. That fairmindedness was not apparent in the way the Royal Commission dealt with Cardinal Pell, in its hearings or in its report.

In the Commission’s hearings, witnesses were allowed to make outrageous charges against the cardinal, suggesting that he had been present when children were molested by priests, that he had tried to bribe a victim to keep quiet about his molestation, and that he had made lewd remarks about sexual abuse. These absurdities were shown to be lies. But why were they permitted to be made, in public in the first place?

Moreover, the Royal Commission manifestly applied different standards to different witnesses. An abuse victim informed the Commission that he had told a priest, Paul Bongiorno, about being molested by Father Gerald Ridsdale; Bongiorno said he didn’t recall being told of Ridsdale’s assault; the Commission punted, saying that it “could not re-

Encouragement

Any teacher or coach knows that while our job is to instruct others, there is also the aspect of encouragement that is an important part of our role.

I teach group strength classes and each student is different in the type of encouragement they need to excel. For example, some need encouraged to try heavier weights and others need to be encouraged to pull back so they don't overdo it.

Encouragement is part of the instructional process no matter what we are coaching or teaching and it applies to all areas of our lives.

I've been thinking about encouragement in spiritual terms lately. One of the primary roles of a Christian is to lead others to Christ. To do that, we need to pray and ask for the Holy Spirit's help to encourage people on their journey of growing in relationship with Jesus.

Much like coaching and teaching in our temporal roles, this encouragement is a very individual process and we are called to simply give what we have been given. Encouraging people with love, being authentic — and following the promptings of the Holy Spirit is what we are asked to do. The rest are up to him.

We can look to Jesus in the Gospels as our model of how to encourage others. Encouragement is rooted in love, forgiveness and being willing to stand

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solve the differing accounts" of the victim and Bongiorno. Yet the Commission refused to believe Cardinal Pell's sworn statements (buttressed by the sworn testimony of others) that he knew nothing about Ridsdale's predations; the Commission, effectively, called Cardinal Pell a liar. Why the difference? Might it be because Bongiorno, having abandoned the priesthood, became a politically correct media personality, whereas Pell was the embodiment of Australian political incor-

rectness and the premier defender of Catholic orthodoxy in Australia — and therefore must be a bad man who lies?

As Cardinal Pell has said, the Australian Church behaved shamefully for decades in dealing with clerical abusers. Yet Pell, the Australian first bishop to address that scandalous situation forcefully, was scapegoated by the Royal Commission for the gross failures of other bishops. Why?

Ponder that Latin maxim once more.

HOLY AND HEALTHY

Lori Crock

actly where you are meant to be."

She also said, "May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you."

One more beautiful thought from St. Teresa, "May you be content knowing you are a child of God."

Encouragement. It's simple, but not easy in a world where we are busy and often too focused on ourselves rather than lifting up others. Telling someone they are a beloved child of God is amazingly encouraging. God loves us and asks only that we pass on his great love. May St. Teresa's message inspire us to be courageous encouragers in our everyday lives.

*"Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours,
no feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which to look out
Christ's compassion to the world
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about
doing good;
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men
now."*

Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan



It is the goal of the Diocese of Columbus to make the Church a place of safety: a place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our churches, schools, or facilities must be confident in this. Not one child or young person should suffer from abuse while at Church. In order to assure the safety of our youth, the Diocese of Columbus has enacted a complete program of protection. As part of this program, the Diocese of Columbus will provide appropriate, just, and pastoral care for anyone who has suffered the crime of sexual abuse of a minor at the hands of diocesan clergy or church employees or volunteers. The Diocese of Columbus will report any and all allegations of abuse reported to it to the authorities and will cooperate fully with those authorities.

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Death: Not grief from loss but hope for heaven's happiness

I have a confession to make: Death does not make me sad. This is a change I've noticed in myself as I've grown older. The deeper I grow in my relationship with Jesus, the more I notice changes like this.

I have faced the proximity of death in many ways in my 44 years of life, from close encounters with my children to my own health scares. I have grown, been strengthened and changed by its proximity in every encounter.

As I have pondered my lack of sadness, I often wonder if I am missing some emotion that others have been granted. I find myself pondering at funerals, wondering at the deceased's encounter with Jesus, the angels and the saints. Can those in purgatory hear the choirs singing from heaven? Does the choir draw them upward? Are their hearts lightened of the burdens of this world? Are they at peace?

I am up this evening thinking about this because death is knocking again at the door of my family. I recently received news that my mother is dying, and I once again found myself surprised that I am not sad but rather reflective.

I grew up listening to country songs of Jesus and the angels. My mom would play them very loudly, and if I learned the song well enough, she'd let me attach the little microphone to the radio and sing along. Over the years, my mother has collected angels that might rival the heavenly courts, or maybe she is trying to replicate it. I am not sure.

I do know, however, that my mom knows Jesus. Regardless of the scars inside and out that both she and I carry from our time together, of this I am certain. My momma knows who Jesus is, and that is sweet comfort. That means to my heart, no matter

ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard



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

how long it takes, she is going to heaven. It means one day I will get that long-awaited embrace with my mother that I crave. It means we will one day be reconnected and healed, and death only brings us closer to that realization!

I have the privilege of an amazing younger sister whose strength, love and dedication have been a lifeline through these past years. She longs for everything to be put together and made well. We all do. My gift to her is this glimpse that one day, with the help of Jesus, all the messiness will be wiped away. Everything we could not fix here in life, if we keep our hearts aligned with the heart of Jesus, He will make well in heaven, and that life is eternal. This is such solace and comfort!

I have shared glimpses of my childhood, journey and parenting with you. No one's life is as it appears in a snapshot or a social media image. We all carry wounds, either physically or emotionally. I have found it an interesting thought that scar tissue can attach itself to the bone, limiting and sometimes restricting movement. From a spiritual standpoint, I find that thought-provoking.

When my son or daughter has had surgery, the protocol is to rub that scar to keep it from attaching. It is necessary to break down the sensitivity to it.

Physical therapists have told me that it is possible to break up the tissue into smaller parts so that it does not adhere.

We all have scars from the choices we have made and from events we have experienced. Perhaps a little spiritual rubbing is necessary in our lives. For me, the practical application of this rubbing looks like a continued giving of my relationship with my mother to Jesus. I say "yes" to the Lord's promptings in prayer and in action. I have tried to make this relationship well, and I am unable to do so, but I know the Lord can and will, either here on earth or in heaven. I trust in this.

He gave me this mother for a reason, and she is his daughter as much as she is my mother. I give this struggle to him, and then I pick it back up, and this process continues day in and day out as I wrestle with my desire to make all things well. But, in the quiet, which is where I sit now, the truth speaks.

In Revelations 21:5, we hear the words spoken, "Behold, I am making all things new." As my son went off to be a missionary this year, he struggled with a great feeling of unworthiness. The director of the program wrote to him, and his words resonated within my soul: "We know who and what we are getting, and we said 'yes' knowing and wanting all of you."

Jesus speaks that to our hearts from the cross. He died for us, and he calls to us knowing who we are and wanting all of us. And so, I am not saddened by death, but rather I rejoice in the glory of what is to come – for me, for those I love and for all whose hope is in the Lord.

Mary Claire Greve awarded scholarship

Mary Claire Greve is this year's recipient of the Chris Damo Scholarship sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 11445. The award goes each year to a Worthington St. Michael School eighth-grade graduate who plans to attend a Columbus-area Catholic high school and is the son or daughter of an active member of a Knights of Columbus council.

The scholarship is presented in \$1,000 annual increments, with the requirement that the recipient maintains a minimum 3.0 grade-point average and demonstrates good character

as a student, a citizen and a Catholic. Chris Damo, the scholarship's namesake, inspired others by how he lived his Catholic faith every day. He volunteered with the Special Olympics, the Homeless Families Foundation, SPICE, 40 Days for Life, Honor Flight and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, arranged for flags to be placed on all veterans' graves at Resurrection Cemetery on Memorial Day, spent many hours at daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, and was an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Newark students receive scholarships

Natalie Lane of Newark Blessed Sacrament School and Shamus Sutton of Newark St. Francis de Sales School have been awarded the 2020-2021 Gretchen O'Neill Scholarship.

The scholarship, in memory of a longtime educator and principal at both schools, pays the full year's tuition for an eighth-grade student at each school who best exemplifies

O'Neill's work ethic and her motto, "be kind." Kindness and work ethic are the sole criteria for the annual



Natalie Lane



Shamus Sutton

scholarship, placing it within reach of every student.

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The \$30 registration fee includes a handbook on Charisms of the Holy Spirit, Tools for the New Evangelization written by Marazon. Registration will be limited to 100 participants.

Register online for "Charisms of the Holy Spirit" by Sunday, June 28 at <https://www.eventbrite.com>. For questions, send an email to info@ccrcolumbus.org.

Bereavement ministry resuming sessions online

The Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the parishes of the North High Deanery, is resuming its support group programs through the Zoom teleconferencing platform.

Its programs are for anyone suffering the loss of a loved one and looking for friends to share in the grief and healing process.

The first session for the next seven-week program will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 28. Remaining sessions will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sundays from July 12 to Aug. 16.

To guarantee the security of all who participate in the group, anyone interested in attending must register.

To register, call Karen Droll at (614) 582-8848.

Dresden St. Ann Church to host Latin Mass this month

Dresden St. Ann Church, 405 Chestnut St., will be the site for a traditional Latin High Mass (the Tridentine form) at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist.

Father Ty Tomson, pastor of Lancaster St. Bernadette Church, and Father Cyrus Haddad, chaplain for the Columbus Latin Mass Community, are scheduled to be the celebrants.

DeSales receives grant from Catholic Foundation

The Catholic Foundation has awarded Columbus St. Francis De-Sales High School a \$5,000 grant for a voice over internet protocol (VoIP) phone system.

School principal Dan Garrick said the new communication platform will connect the entire campus and improve the safety and security of daily operations.

Martin de Porres Center aids Latinos during pandemic

Staff members of the Martin de Porres Center in Columbus usually show love to the Latino youth and families they serve by helping with homework, welcoming young people to summer camp or celebrating their clients' accomplishments.

But in this time of social distancing, they are finding other ways to show they care for their community.

Center director Yahaira Rose, assistant director Laura Baird, Rising Youth Program coordinator Mayra Betances and Dominican Learning Center director Denise Hilliard are meeting needs resulting from the coronavirus pandemic.

"Many Latino families were confused by the constant and ever-changing flow of news during this pandemic," Rose said. "Many of the parents also lost their employment and were uncertain how to access benefits to keep their families afloat. Other families are working toward citizenship and had no opportunity for assistance from the government, but they needed help with home schooling, food and supplies."

Feeding 100 families every week during the pandemic has been no small task for the center. Common-Spirit Health, a national Catholic health care ministry, provided money

for food, personal supplies and gift cards for gasoline and groceries.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace, who sponsor the center, make nearly 200 peanut butter sandwiches each week, assemble bags of rice, beans, pasta and tortillas, and write personal notes of encouragement and love to each family the center serves. The sisters also sewed more than 300 masks, which were distributed to families in March.

Bishop Robert Brennan offered his support for the center's efforts during a visit in May.

Other community partners also helped. Businesses provided more than 210 bags of food, and Columbus Fit Life, a local corporate fitness provider, paid for additional food and supplies. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center provided community care kits. Altogether, more than 30 community members partnered to help.

Each Thursday and Friday, families safely pick up food bags at the center. They are participants in the center's community outreach programs. Dominican Learning Center adult clients also take part in the program.

To feed the minds and spirits of the children, the center is providing boxes of educational and craft materials to



Members of the Dominican Sisters of Peace assemble food bags for families assisted by the Martin de Porres Center, a ministry of the sisters.

Photo courtesy Martin de Porres Center

spark creative thinking this summer when many families are struggling through the coronavirus outbreak.

The center will continue to support families through its partnership with the Dominican Learning Center and Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center in Blacklick. All three organizations are ministries of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

"A family being evicted during this

time of quarantine is a double tragedy," Rose said. "Not only have they lost their home, their emotional and physical security, but a family on the street is significantly more susceptible to contracting and spreading COVID-19. Assisting these families with housing is an urgent public health concern."

Ohio Dominican Roundup

University to resume on-campus instruction for fall semester

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) is preparing to resume in-person learning on its campus for the fall 2020 semester. During the spring 2020 semester, ODU transitioned to online-only learning to adhere to social distancing directives issued by Gov. Mike DeWine in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The university's summer courses also are taking place exclusively online.

"At this point in time, as long as directives and guidelines from Gov. DeWine and public health officials permit us to do so, we intend to resume in-person classes this fall," said Dr. Robert Gervasi, university president.

"Considering the many unknown variables related to this virus, we are considering a range of options to allow us to safely educate students on campus while adhering to social distancing guidelines, including the potential use of online technology to provide students a classroom environment that features both online and in-person instruction. As we learn more about this virus, ODU will adjust its instructional strategy as need-

ed to ensure the safety and health of all who live, learn and work at Ohio Dominican."

To allow for enhanced social distancing in the classroom, the university is acquiring additional equipment that will be installed in classrooms to give students greater flexibility to attend class remotely, along with students who are attending class in person.

ODU's pandemic task force, led by Jamie Kemp, the university's health services director, and including members from many campus offices, has met weekly since mid-March to discuss the university's response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The task force and the university's leadership team are collaborating to discuss how to safely resume on-campus learning and working, which includes the distribution of disinfectant products, availability of hand sanitizing stations, signage to encourage good personal hygiene, and policies to keep the campus community safe.

ODU also has asked faculty and staff to complete a confidential survey to better understand employees' com-

fort level and concerns in returning to work on campus, either on a part- or full-time basis. The university's current work-from-home order runs through Friday, June 12.

Administration revises 2020-21 academic calendar

Ohio Dominican University's leadership team has approved a revision to the university's academic calendar for the fall 2020 semester in an effort to reduce the potential for exposure to COVID-19 during breaks.

The changes include canceling ODU's fall break, which was scheduled to take place on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 12 and 13, and extending its Thanksgiving break by two days. In addition, Thanksgiving break will mark the conclusion of undergraduate on-campus classes, with the last day of on-campus instruction being Friday, Nov. 20.

After Thanksgiving, the last week of instruction and finals week will be conducted exclusively online. Once students leave campus for Thanksgiv-

ing break, they will not return until the beginning of the spring 2021 semester on Monday, Jan. 11, 2021.

ODU previously announced plans to resume in-person instruction on campus for the fall 2020 semester. The decision is subject to future directives and guidelines issued by Gov. Mike DeWine and public health officials in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ODU, Wilmington partner for sport management program

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) has partnered with Wilmington (Ohio) College to allow Wilmington students who are pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in sport management the ability to earn a master's degree in one additional year of study through ODU's online Master of Science in Sport Management program.

Through this accelerated bachelor's-to-master's program, Wilmington students will take graduate-level cours-

Answering God's Call

Father Krile describes priest as 'troubleshooter'

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Father Stephen Krile says the best way to describe a priest's role is to call him a troubleshooter.

"When I was in high school, students used to be given vocational aptitude tests designed to help them determine what type of career may be best suited for them," said Father Krile, pastor of Logan St. John Church.

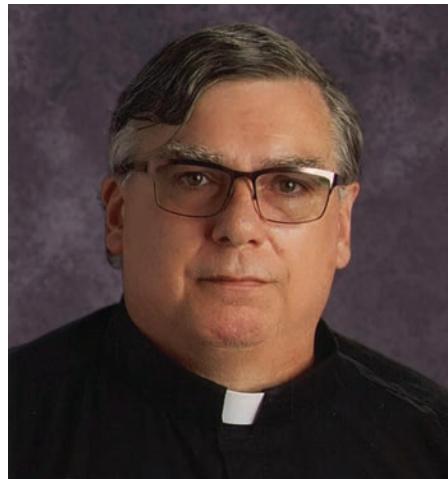
"On a couple of occasions, my test results said a good career for me would be that of a troubleshooter. In 37 years as a priest, I've found that to be a good definition for what a pastor actually does," he said.

"Certain things are a natural part of the job – celebrating Masses, scheduling appointments and so forth. But most of my day is spent with whatever is happening that you may have to deal with – the death of a parishioner, counseling, faith issues, home visits, office issues, finances, someone wanting to join the parish or become a Catholic – just the whole run of everyday events."

"Bishop (Emeritus James) Griffin once said that real ministry is in the unexpected situations. It's in those moments that you reach out to people and help them."

Father Krile, 63, has been at the Logan parish since 2018. His assignment there was practically a homecoming for him because he grew up in nearby Sugar Grove and went to St. Joseph Church there. He is the son of the late Louis and Esther Krile and has a younger brother living in Carroll and a younger sister living in the family home.

"I was surprised to get the phone call from Bishop (Emeritus Frederick) Campbell asking me to come to Logan," he said. "I had been pastor at Millersburg St. Peter Church since 2011 and had anticipated staying there



Father Stephen Krile

for a few more years. Logan wasn't on the list of parishes due for a pastoral change in 2018. It was great to get closer to home so I could help my sister at the house.

"Also, I missed being at a parish with a school. And St. John's has that. It's an interesting mix, with a lot of both older folks and young families."

Father Krile's father was employed at Diamond Power in Lancaster, and his mother worked at the Lancaster Glass and Anchor Hocking Glass plants there. "We were always busy with something at home, gardening and so forth, to help make ends meet," he said. "From about sixth grade through high school, I started helping farmers in the summertime, baling hay and doing other things. One summer I worked at Anchor Hocking, and I did night maintenance at a McDonald's while I was in college."

He was educated at the Berne Union Elementary School in Sugar Grove through eighth grade and is a 1975 graduate of Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School. He attended the Pontifical College Josephinum for four years, completed his education at Mount St.

Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was ordained a priest by Bishop Griffin on June 11, 1983 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

"From a young age, I felt drawn to the priesthood, mostly because of the example of Father Edward Kessler, my pastor at Sugar Grove," he said. "Father Kessler was such a kind, loving person. He set a perfect example of what a priest should be, one I've always tried to follow. I went to CCD classes while I was at Berne Union, since my parish didn't have a school, and my interest in the priesthood kept growing. By the time I went to Fisher, I had a pretty good idea I was going to study to be a priest.

"I wasn't what you'd call super-religious. I came from a typical Catholic family and I think their example just made me want to serve people. That's the whole reason I went into ministry. I just wanted to care for people. I never wanted to be a bishop or anything like that."

Father Krile's first assignment was as associate pastor at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church from 1983 to 1987. He also taught at Newark Catholic High School during that time. He then was associate pastor at Columbus St. Matthias Church and chaplain at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School for two years and associate pastor at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church for four years.

"The most important things I learned as an associate were all the things they didn't teach you at the seminary," he said. "Father Bill Johnson at Newark, my first pastor, was kind and caring and taught me a lot. In fact, I served under four good pastors – Father Johnson, Father Ray Lavelle at St. Matthias and Msgr. Ed McFarland and Msgr. Mike Donovan at St. Pius."

"I learned a lot on the fly in those years. Young priests don't often have

the chance to spend a few years learning from experienced pastors now because of the decrease in the number of priests and because so many priests are at or near retirement."

His first pastorate was at Wellston Sts. Peter and Paul Church from 1993 to 1999, followed by 12 years at Circleville St. Joseph and seven at Millersburg before coming to Logan.

"I've never been pastor at a church within the Columbus outerbelt," he said. "Circleville is close to Columbus, but it's still a one-man operation that covers an entire county. I've been on my own as a pastor everywhere I've been. That's been both the hardest and the most joyous thing for me.

"Perhaps the most interesting place was Millersburg. It's in Holmes County, which is less than 1 percent Catholic and has the world's largest Amish settlement, and it's so far north of Columbus that even though it's in the Columbus diocese, it gets most of its news from Cleveland, and the parish ties into a lot of Cleveland diocesan activities."

He said the closing of churches for more than two months because of the coronavirus pandemic was a frustrating thing for him and many other priests because he couldn't celebrate Mass with a congregation and because personal health issues required him to rely on younger priests to anoint people and visit parishioners.

"Things never will go back to the way they were, and we have to recognize that," he said. "Our lives are going to be changed forever, but if we work together and pray together, we can forge a new lifestyle by following the Great Commandments – love God and love your neighbor as yourself. We're going to be doing more things to take care of people. Wearing a mask in public is one of them. We do this for their care, not ours."

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es during their senior year that meet both undergraduate elective and graduate program requirements. Students then spend their fifth year completing requirements for their master's degree.

Ohio Dominican's Sport Management Master's program is available 100 percent online, which allows students to complete their Master's degree regardless of their location. Undergraduate students at ODU have the ability to participate in similar accelerated programs through the universi-

ty's Master of Business Administration, Health Care Administration and English Master's programs.

Partnership program provides financial benefits for students

Ohio Dominican University has partnered with the Financial Planning Association of Central Ohio to offer the association's members an opportunity to complete a wide range of business degree and certificate programs at a discounted rate.

ODU's educational partnership program gives corporations, government agencies and nonprofit organizations the ability to provide employees and members with continuing education options at the undergraduate and graduate level to help their organization foster innovation, identify and keep top talent, and provide employees with the opportunity to enhance their professional credentials.

Benefits of becoming an educational partnership program member

include a waived application fee to ODU, the ability to take as many as three classes tuition-free, flexible start dates and the option to attend class on ODU's campus during the evening, online, or possibly at an employer's or organization's location.

For more information on the educational partnership program, visit www.ohiodominican.edu/Partner or contact ODU's graduate admissions at grad@ohiodominican.edu or (614) 251-4615.

Bishop ordains three new diocesan priests

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

The setting may have been more subdued than usual, but the occasion still was joyous as Bishop Robert Brennan ordained three new priests for the Diocese of Columbus on Saturday, June 13 at St. Joseph Cathedral.

In any other year, the cathedral would have been filled with friends and family members of newly ordained Fathers Frank Brown, Michael Fulton and Seth Keller. Most of the diocese's priests would have been on hand, and the cathedral choir would have provided inspiring music.

But because of the coronavirus pandemic, the ordinations, originally scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 23, were delayed for three weeks. When the event did occur, attendance was limited to about 70 people, music was provided by an organist and a few singers, and many of the priests were not there to welcome the newly ordained. Most of those who would have been in attendance had to settle for watching a live videotream of the Mass.

"My one sadness today was not seeing the cathedral full," the bishop said in remarks at the close of the ceremony. "Boy, am I looking forward to seeing you at work, because we're ready for you."

After the reading of the Gospel, the rite of ordination began as the candidates for the priesthood, who until then were seated with their families, were called from the congregation and presented to the bishop by Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, who declared them ready for the priesthood.

Each man answered "present" as his name was called and then walked to the altar and was seated on a stool in front of the bishop, who delivered his homily from his chair, rather than the pulpit.

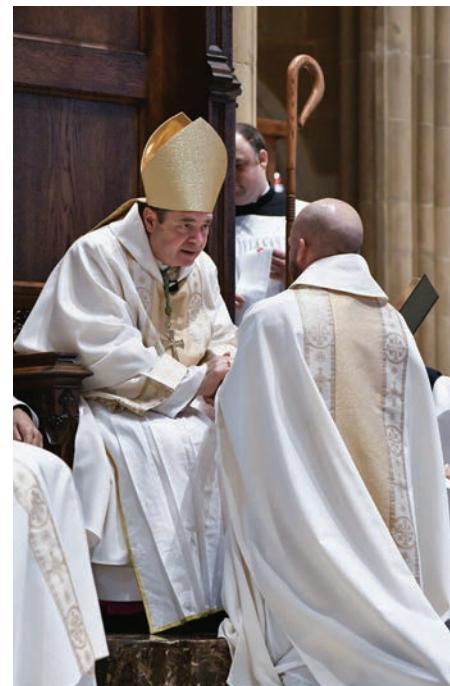
Referring to the change in ordination dates, Bishop Brennan said in his homily, "How appropriate it is, then, that we celebrate your ordination today – not exactly our plan, but it is appropriate on this weekend of (June 14, the Feast of) Corpus Christi we are gathered here to ordain you priests of God."

"You will offer your Mass of thanksgiving on the solemn feast of the body and blood of Christ. Indeed, through



Newly ordained Fathers Seth Keller, Michael Fulton and Frank Brown (left to right on carpet) bow for the final blessing from Bishop Robert Brennan at the end of Mass on Saturday, June 13 at St. Joseph Cathedral. The diocesan ordination was delayed for three weeks from its original date because of the COVID-19 pandemic that closed churches for public Masses for more than two months.

CT photos by Ken Snow



Bishop Robert Brennan engages with Father Frank Brown from his chair in the Cathedral during the Promise of the Elect that was part of the ordination Mass.



Bishop Robert Brennan presents a chalice to Father Michael Fulton that he will use for the celebration of Mass as a new priest in the diocese.

ordination to the priesthood, your service, your very lives are now so identified with the Eucharist, the self-gift of Jesus Christ.

"Every time we eat this bread and

drink this chalice, we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. In the sacred Eucharist, which you will now celebrate, we encounter the total self-gift of the Lord – his coming among

us in self-emptying love through the Incarnation; his life of poverty, pouring out his own self in humble, loving service; his passion and death; and the gift of his own body and blood in the Eucharist for our salvation. He holds nothing back; he gives us his all.

"He speaks directly to you this morning: 'I call you friends because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. I chose you, and I appoint you to go and bear fruit that will remain.' He tells us no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

"Jesus entrusts his gift, the laying down of his life and the giving of himself to you in the offering of the sacred liturgy. Never, never cease to be amazed by this gift, by this awesome responsibility.

"Responding to the hand of friendship that Jesus offers to you, you give over yourselves in humility, offering every breath of your life. You are appointed a priest forever, not taking this honor on yourself but in obedience, called and appointed by God.

"Your ministry will perfect the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful by uniting it to Christ's own sacrifice, the sacrifice which is offered sacramentally through your hands. Know what you are doing, and imitate the mystery that you celebrate. In the memorial of the Lord's death and resurrection, make every effort to die to sin and to walk in the new life of Christ."

Noting that the ordination took place on the Feast of St. Anthony, Bishop Brennan said to the new priests, "In a day when we celebrate St. Anthony – I know you did your Office of Readings today – St. Anthony reminds us that through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we speak different languages in testifying for Christ – languages of humility, poverty, patience and love. ... We are all so very proud and happy to be with and for you. I pledge our fraternal love, support, encouragement and gratitude. Know how much we love and support you and are grateful for the gift of yourselves."

After the homily, each candidate declared he would faithfully serve the people through administration of the sacraments and performance of other priestly duties. Each of the men then knelt before the bishop and promised obedience to him and his successors.

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They had made similar promises to him when he ordained them as deacons last year.

After their declaration came the congregational chanting of the Litany of the Saints, during which the three men prostrated themselves on the floor around the altar in a gesture of supplication symbolizing their unworthiness. After the litany, each man knelt before the bishop, who laid his hands on their heads one by one in the traditional sign of ordination, with the approximately 20 priests of the diocese who were present repeating that gesture individually. Before laying their hands on each new priest's head, each priest in attendance was sprayed with hand sanitizer.

This was followed by the bishop's prayer of ordination and the investiture of the new priests with stoles and chasubles symbolizing their transition from the diaconate to the priesthood.

Each newly ordained priest chose two priests to do the vesting. The priests selected were: for Father Brown, Fathers Stash Dailey and Christopher Tuttle; for Father Fulton, Fathers PJ Brandimarti and James Black; and for Father Keller, Fathers

Stephen Alcott, OP, and Vincent Nguyen.

Bishop Brennan then anointed the new priests' hands with sacred chrism, and the mothers of the priests each presented a chalice and paten to the bishop, who handed them over to the newly ordained to signify their sharing in Christ's sanctifying ministry of transforming bread and wine into his body and blood. This was followed by a fraternal kiss of peace from the bishop and the priests in attendance, concluding the ordination portion of the Mass.

The newly ordained then joined their fellow priests at the altar to continue celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist and to pronounce the words of consecration for the first time. At Communion, each of the new priests presented the Eucharist to his family members.

Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, a national nonprofit social science research center that studies the Catholic Church, said the diocese's three new priests are among 448 men who have been or will be ordained this year in the United States from dioceses or religious orders.



Bishop Robert Brennan delivers the homily during the ordination Mass from his chair at the Cathedral to the diocesan candidates for the priesthood (from left on carpet), Frank Brown, Michael Fulton and Seth Keller, while flanked by new Deacons Stephen Ordney (foreground) and Jacob Stinnett. Bishop Brennan has now ordained two classes of priests since his arrival in Columbus in March 2019. The three new priests completed their formation and studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in May.

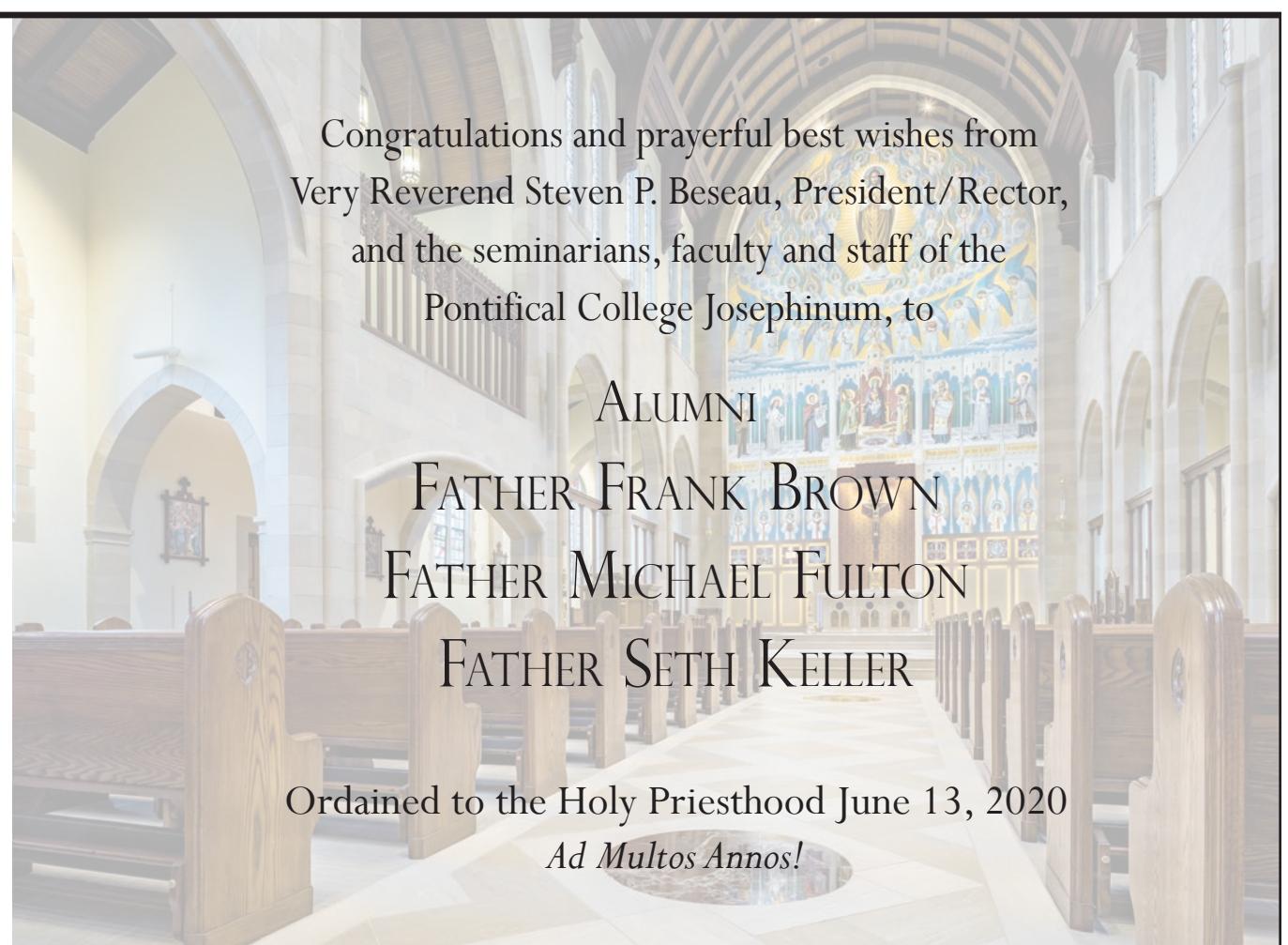
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Persistent call drew Father Brown to priesthood

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Father Frank Brown says his acceptance of God's call to the priesthood was not an easy process.

"I was not that well-informed about vocations," he said. "I thought the priesthood was a decision by a person, not a calling from God."

"But while spending six years in the working world, I kept feeling a sense of being pulled in another direction, and I couldn't figure out what it was. Then I started reading about vocations and became friends with Father Stash Dailey, who at the time was parochial vicar at Worthington St. Michael Church, which I was attending."

"I think he always knew I had a vocation to the priesthood, but he never pushed that thought on me," Father Brown said. "I moved to the Franklinton area of Columbus, and he became pastor of Holy Family Church in that neighborhood."

"We kept talking, and I slowly started coming around to the idea that God might be calling me to be a priest. But it still took a good two to three years

before I entered the seminary."

"It was tough. I wanted to get married and have a bunch of kids, but I kept feeling something pulling me on the inside. You can run all you want, but it doesn't go away until you do something about it."

"If there is a silver lining to my vocation story, it's my understanding that the choice was between me and God. I wasn't pushed into it by my family and friends, so the discernment process wasn't as stressful as it might have been."

Father Brown, 35, was born in Humble, Texas and is one of three sons and two daughters of Dan and Tracy Brown, who have lived in the Hocking Hills area near Logan for the past six years on land they bought 10 years ago. Because his father worked for the Anheuser-Busch brewing company in packing and shipping, the family also lived in Colorado and New York, where the company has breweries, before Dan Brown was transferred to the Budweiser brewery in Columbus and the family settled in Ohio.

Father Brown grew up in Westerville and attended St. Paul the Apostle

Church and School there. He is a 2003 graduate of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, where he won a state wrestling championship in the 130-pound class in his senior year and qualified for the state tournament in the preceding three years.

"Wrestling was pretty much my life then," he said. "I continued wrestling at Ohio University for three years, but an injury ended my career, and it was tough to let go."

He received a bachelor's degree from OU in 2007, majoring in finance and minoring in psychology, and then became a project manager for the Continental Group in Powell, helping develop and manufacture glass-related products such as shower doors, mirrors and canopy systems. He also was a volunteer wrestling coach at Olentangy Liberty High School.

He entered the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2014, spending two years in its pre-theology program and the past four years in its school of theology preparing for the priesthood through its Master of Divinity program.

Josephinum seminarians were sent home in mid-March because of the



Father Frank Brown

COVID-19 pandemic, so he completed his degree requirements at his parents' home.

"Like most everyone else, I wasn't able to go to Mass for 2 1/2 months, and I missed it terribly," he said. "In the end, we have to take things like this as a testing. America is a very individualistic society, but this was a wake-up call telling us we are a people of com-

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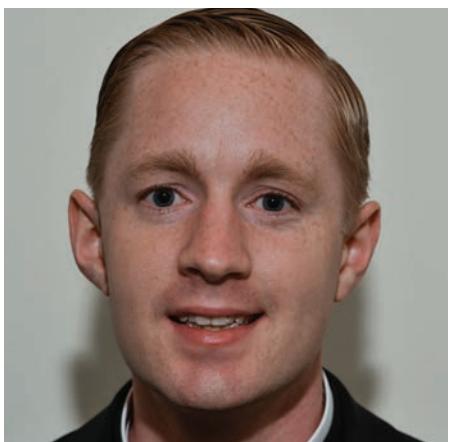
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As a boy, Father Keller heard God's call to priesthood

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Father Seth Keller's seven years as a seminarian at the Pontifical College Josephinum ended any feelings of hesitation that God was calling him to be a priest.

"I've felt since I was a young boy that the priesthood was God's will



Father Seth Keller

for me," the newly ordained diocesan priest said. "My biggest question was whether God's will for me would bring me peace and happiness. Through lots of prayer and the discernment process, I realized it would.

"Since coming to the Josephinum in 2013, I've felt a profound sense of peace that has stayed with me. I've had the normal ups and downs of seminary life but never doubted God's call. My love for Christ and the church has kept growing."

Father Keller, 27, is the oldest of eight children. His family attended Columbus St. Cecilia and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X churches while he was in grade school and has been part of Columbus St. Patrick Church for the past 10 years or so. He is a 2011 graduate of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School.

"My family was involved for several years in a charismatic Catho-

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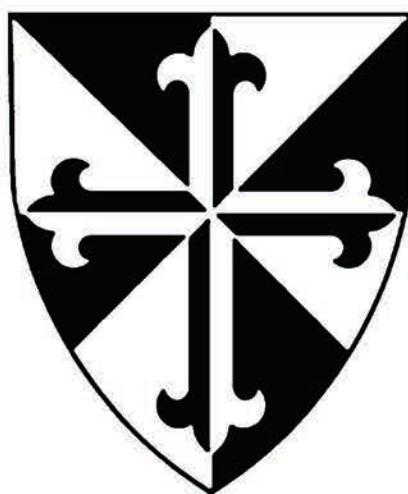
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Sacrament of Confession changed Father Fulton's life

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Besides being priests, newly ordained Father Michael Fulton has at least one other thing in common with Pope Francis: At age 16, both had an encounter with Jesus in the sacrament of reconciliation that changed their lives.

The pope often has told the story of how he went to confession one day in 1953, with a priest he didn't know administering the sacrament, and left the confessional knowing he would become a priest. "I don't know what happened," the pope has said, describing it as "an experience of divine mercy." In a 1990 letter, he also said it was "like St. Paul being thrown from his horse."



Father Michael Fulton

Like the pope, Father Fulton, 26, is hazy on the details of his pivotal moment but knows it was a life-altering experience.

"It came in my junior year at Olentangy High School during a retreat or conference of some kind at the Heartland Retreat Center in Morrow County," he said. "I had been throwing around the idea of becoming a priest but didn't want to commit to anything. During confession, somehow I had a sudden awareness of God's healing, mercy and forgiveness. I can't describe it beyond that. It just happened."

"In that moment, the thought occurred that 'I want to give this to people.' That's when I knew I had to check out the seminary and find out what the Lord had in store for me." Asked who his confessor was that day, Father Fulton said, "Honestly, I don't remember."

I just knew God was speaking to me.

"After coming home, I met with Father Dave Sizemore," who at the time was the pastor of his parish, Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. "We talked about what it means to be a priest, and that made me want to look into it even more."

"My next step was to take part in a live-in weekend at the (Pontifical College) Josephinum. From the time I got there and left my mom's minivan I felt an amazing sense of peace. I thought, 'I don't know what I'm supposed to do with my life, but I know I'm supposed to be here,'" he said.

"Confession is what drew me here, but the Mass is what kept me here. I wanted to give people the same feeling that came to me in confession, then, as I learned more about the Mass and what really happens there, it was truly amazing."

Father Fulton is the son of Brian and Mary Carol Fulton of Denver. The Fultons moved to central Ohio in 2005 to be closer to members of his father's family and returned to Denver a few years ago. His father is in sales for a technical company, and his mother is chief of staff – as Father Fulton puts it, "the office mom" – for the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, a national outreach based in Denver with a presence in the Diocese of Columbus.

He's the oldest of three children. "My sister is a Buddhist and a yoga instructor, and my brother's a rock 'n' roller," he said. "It's a very diverse family."

"Mom and dad were very supportive, but they didn't push me about being a priest. Support from Father Sizemore and Tina Burtch (former youth minister at St. John Neumann) played the biggest role. They kept me Catholic through high school," Father Fulton said.

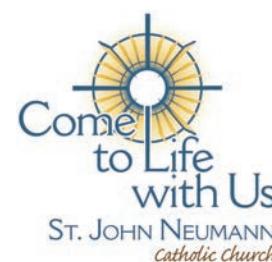
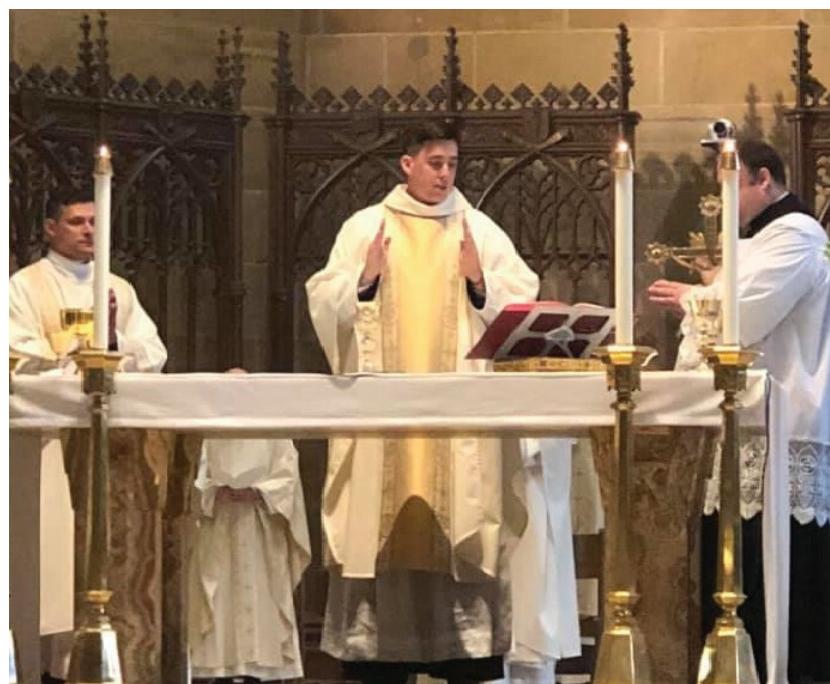
"Dan DeMatte and Aaron Richards at Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC) also were very influential. I've been a camper, counselor and staff member at CYSC for years. Through CYSC, I met Father Ty Tomson (pastor at Lancaster St. Bernadette Church) and Father Don Franks (pastor at Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary churches), who also have been important in forming me as a priest. So has Father

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Jim Black (pastor at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church), my spiritual director."

Father Fulton went to the Josephinum from high school and has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and a Master of Divinity degree from there. He has served with the youth group at Hilliard St. Brendan Church and in the homeschool program at Columbus Holy Family Church and has worked with the St. Paul's Outreach household in Columbus. With Father Seth Keller, another member of his ordination class, he spent a summer of Spanish-language immersion in Costa Rica a few years ago.

He also had assignments at Columbus Immaculate Conception, Marion St. Mary, Cardington Sacred Hearts, Columbus St. James the Less and Columbus Christ the King churches.

"I especially loved being in Marion with Father (Thomas) Buffer," he said. "He had me do a lot of Hispanic ministry door-to-door, preaching the Gospel in a language I'm still trying to figure out and just getting to know the local Latino community and going to its homes, celebrations and funerals. Father Buffer and I also built a pipe organ for the church at Cardington. I'm not a musician, but I can lift something and screw it in place and



Father Michael Fulton participates in the Liturgy of the Eucharist for the first time as a priest at the diocese's ordination Mass on Saturday, June 13. Behind him is Father PJ Brandimarti (left), parochial vicar at Westerville St. Paul Church, and assisting at the altar is Father Cyrus Haddad, parochial vicar at St. Joseph Cathedral. CT photo by Ken Snow

can follow instructions. That's all Father Buffer needed.

"When Seth and I went to Costa Rica, he lived with a family, and I lived with a widow and her dog. She was an amazing cook and just a kind, sweet woman. We went to Masses every day and made a 15-mile pilgrimage walking to the country's central Marian

shrine. What I learned both there and in Marion was the importance of family and community to Latino Catholics and their strong devotional life."

Father Fulton spent this past year as a deacon at his home parish in Sunbury. "That was a blessing, for sure," he said. "Guys don't often get sent back home for their deacon year. It

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munity. You realize just how much we are social beings when told you have to stay home by yourself.

"In my case, you also pick up an interesting hobby. We have plenty of morel mushrooms growing in the hills where my parents live, so I spent a lot of time hunting morels."

Father Brown spent summer assignments at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul, Danville St. Luke, Powell St. Joan of Arc and Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle churches and Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. After his ordination to the diaconate last May, he was assigned to Columbus St. Andrew Church.

"I learned that once you're given a position of authority like that of a deacon, it's not as glamorous as people think," he said. "People are watching you. People expect more out of you, so you need to be watchful in your ministry and be very self-aware. When you're needed by other people who are facing difficulties and are in a vulnerable position, you want to give them a sense of hope. You don't want to see them end up being more hurt because of something you said or did."

Father Brown said working with

the Bethesda post-abortion healing ministry was the most satisfying of his assignments while at the Josephinum. "What happens after an abortion is something most people neglect to see," he said. "These women and men are in pain, and it's not a pain that goes away easily."

"They struggle with being pro-life individuals because of their regrets about their past. The abortion industry is a deceptive one, and they feel duped."

He said that besides being able to celebrate Mass, one of the things he looks forward to most as a priest is marriage preparation. "I want to help couples the best I can to have a strong, joyful marriage," he said. "In our age, marriage needs a lot of respect and repair. When marriages fall apart, lives fall apart, and I don't want to see that. If you want good priests, fix marriage."

"I also want to thank all the people of the diocese who have supported me, particularly those who have contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal," Father Brown said. "A lot of the money the appeal raises goes toward seminary education and takes a big financial weight off seminarians' shoulders."

was a good place to learn and make mistakes and be thrown into the clerical life. I got lots of support when I did things well, and people were charitable when I didn't."

Most Josephinum students went home and finished the academic year online after the coronavirus resulted in the closing of the campus, but Fathers Fulton and Keller stayed at the college. "COVID-19 has taught all of us the foundational things in life, how much we need the Holy Spirit and all the sacraments," Father Fulton said. "It's taken away a lot of distractions. It will simplify some things and complicate others. For instance, it meant some weddings had to be scaled back, but what's important is the marriage, not the wedding. It's the same with ordinations. There wasn't as much ceremony this year, but the essential thing is that the diocese has three more priests."

"It's been an amazing eight years at the Josephinum learning everything the Church has to offer, but I'm so excited to leave," Father Fulton said. "I don't know where my first assignment will be, but wherever it is, I want the people of the parish to know I've been praying for them for weeks."



Father Frank Brown gives a first blessing to Bishop Robert Brennan in the bishop's private chapel after Father Brown's ordination to the priesthood on Saturday, June 13. It is customary for newly ordained priests to offer blessings to bishops, clergy and the faithful after receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders. CT photo by Ken Snow

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lic community known as the People of God's Love, so I grew up with a strong faith background," he said.

"When I was 8 or 9 years old, I thought about a lot of the usual occupations young boys do – police officer, firefighter, doctor – but something kept attracting me to the priesthood. I can only say it was the grace of God.

"I went to St. Charles, and a lot of priests come from there. My involvement with the youth group at St. Patrick's also had a big impact. The strong faith life of the Dominican friars who serve St. Patrick's and the culture of vocations there had me thinking of the priesthood more and more while wondering if I truly could be happy as a priest," he said.

"Right before my senior year at St. Charles, I went to Catholic Youth Summer Camp and met Father Don Franks (pastor of Dresden St. Ann and Mattingly Settlement St. Mary churches), but he didn't push the subject. His kind and joyful witness helped plant the seed of the priesthood deeper in me.

"Then in a senior year theology class at St. Charles, several diocesan seminarians who now are diocesan priests visited, and I thought they were pretty cool," Father Keller said.

"After high school, I still wasn't sure about my vocation, so I spent the 2011-2012 academic year with NET Ministries (a Minnesota-based group of young people who travel the nation to share their Catholic faith with others). We led about 100 retreats for middle- and high-school students in the East. In that year, working with other young people in close quarters, I learned a lot about how to love people and the value of daily prayer. I was praying to St. Therese of Lisieux, and she helped me know I needed to enter the seminary.

"I started to apply to the Josephinum after NET but felt God was telling me to wait a little longer, so I lived during the 2012-2013 school year at Ohio State University with St. Paul's Outreach (an organization that evangelizes young people on college campuses)," he said.

During that year, Father Keller was associate youth ministry director at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church. "I thought I might want to be a youth minister but realized that wasn't what God was calling me to," he said. "I learned you can have everything you want but know it's not God's will."

He entered the Josephinum in fall 2013. He also served as a Catholic

Youth Summer Camp member during the summer from 2011 to 2014.

Father Keller was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from the pontifical college in 2016 and recently received a Master of Divinity degree after completing its theology program.

While at the college, he has been assigned at various times to Columbus St. Andrew, Columbus Immaculate Conception, New Philadelphia Sacred Heart, Denison Immaculate Conception, Zoar Holy Trinity, Columbus St. James the Less, Columbus Holy Name and Columbus Christ the King churches and Parroquia Santa Cruz in Columbus.

He and classmate Father Michael Fulton spent nine weeks of Spanish-language immersion in Costa Rica a few summers ago. That proved to be useful at Father Keller's most recent assignments, both of which were with congregations of significant Latino populations. Last summer, he was at Holy Name and Santa Cruz, which worships at Holy Name Church and has offices across the street in the former Holy Name School. During the school year, he served at Christ the King as a deacon.

"I've learned the beautiful, pure faith so many people in the Latino commu-

nity have," he said. "Many of its wonderful families and people have been supportive of me. My Spanish has not always been the best, but they've always been patient and kind.

"My time in the seminary has given me a great love for the teachings of our faith, and I want to be able to bring some of that to the people of whatever parish I serve. In the last three months, the coronavirus pandemic forced us to finish classes at the Josephinum online and delayed diocesan ordination ceremonies and my first Mass as a priest for three weeks. But it taught me a lot about trust in God and to see the heart of the priesthood is serving Christ.

"I really look forward to hearing confessions and helping people overcome their sins and to teaching and preaching the Gospel. As a deacon, I've been able to do some preaching, but now I can give all my time and attention to the people of the parish I'll be assigned to," Father Keller said.

"I'm grateful to everyone I've received help of any kind from at all my assignments. Without their assistance and without the grace coming from their prayers, I wouldn't have made it. Thanks for their prayers, support and example."



Bishop Robert Brennan grasps the hands of Seth Keller during the Promise of the Elect at the ordination Mass.

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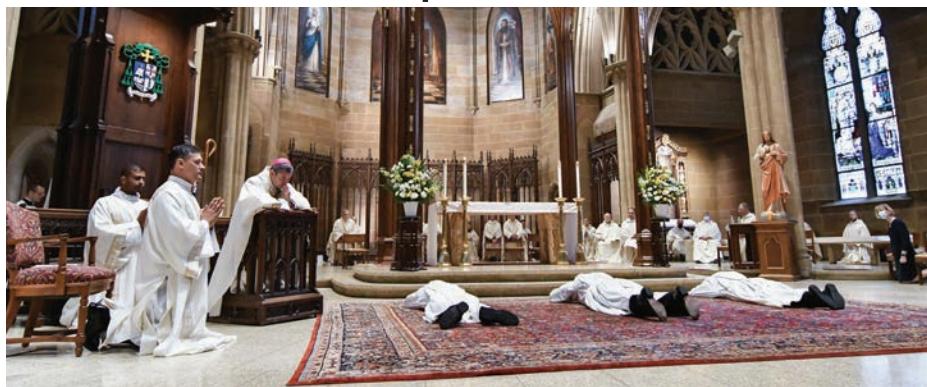
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Three new priests, two deacons ordained to serve Church



The candidates for priestly ordination lie prostrate before the altar at St. Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, June 13 while Bishop Robert Brennan prays. CT photo by Ken Snow



Newly ordained Father Seth Keller concelebrates Mass for the first time as a priest at St. Joseph Cathedral. CT photo by Ken Snow



Bishop Robert Brennan lays hands on Frank Brown (left) and Michael Fulton as part of the rite of ordination to the priesthood. CT photos by Ken Snow

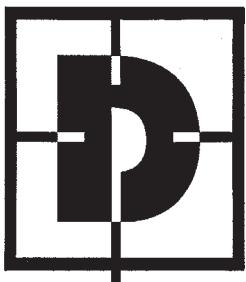


Deacon Stephen Ondrey, who was ordained to the diaconate in May for the diocese at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, proclaims the Gospel during the priestly ordination Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. CT photo by Ken Snow



Deacon Jacob Stinnett kneels before Bishop Robert Brennan during the Promise of the Elect at the diaconate ordination on Friday, June 12 at the Pontifical College Josephinum's St. Turibius Chapel. Stinnett was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Columbus. CT photo by Ken Snow

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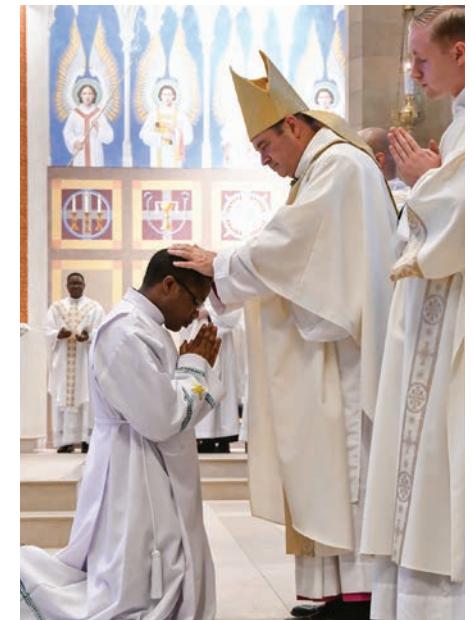


Deacon Jacob Stinnett (left) stands with Bishop Robert Brennan in front of the altar after the diaconate ordination Mass in St. Turibius Chapel at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Friday, June 12.



Deacon candidates Jacob Stinnett of the Diocese of Columbus and Emmanuel Ingabere of the Diocese of Gikongoro, Rwanda, prostrate themselves before the altar at the Josephinum's St. Turibius Chapel during the ordination Mass to the diaconate while Bishop Robert Brennan prays to their right along with then-Deacon Seth Keller, who was ordained to the priesthood the following day.

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Bishop Robert Brennan lays hands on Emmanuel Ingabere, a seminarian at the Pontifical College Josephinum from Rwanda who is studying theology in preparation for ordination to the priesthood next year.

Two deacons ordained at Josephinum

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Deacon Jacob Stinnett of the Diocese of Columbus and Deacon Emmanuel Ingabere of the Diocese of Gikongoro, Rwanda were ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Robert Brennan on Friday, June 12 in St. Turibius Chapel of the Pontifical College Josephinum, where both are students.

They were to have been ordained on Saturday, May 2, but the ceremony was delayed because all Catholic churches in Ohio were closed at that time as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. When the ordinations did occur, the number of people attending the event was restricted because of the virus.

Deacon Stinnett, 24, has completed three years of theology studies at the Josephinum. He is a member of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church and a graduate of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from the Josephinum.

During summer breaks, he served at Catholic Youth Summer Camp and Newark St. Francis de Sales, Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator, Chillicothe St. Peter, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne and Waverly St. Mary churches.

He will continue his studies for the priesthood at the Josephinum and will serve the parishioners at Reynolds-

burg St. Pius X Church for the next year in anticipation of being ordained by Bishop Brennan to the priesthood next spring.

Deacon Ingabere, 30, attended three seminaries in Rwanda and was sent to the Josephinum in 2017 to study theology. He has served at Columbus Holy Family Church and Pickerington St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and has given several presentations in the diocese on Marian apparitions in Rwanda. He anticipates being ordained in his home diocese next year.

The rite of ordination began after the Gospel reading and before the homily, with Bishop Brennan calling the two deacon candidates forward. They were declared ready for service by Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, and the bishop accepted the declaration.

"Well, it's about time!" the bishop said in beginning his homily. "We have waited for this day and gone through Plan A, B and C, and I think we're somewhere around R and S, but I'm so very happy that we are together here today."

The Scripture readings for the ordination Mass included the prophet Isaiah's call from God and Jesus' showing of his wounds to the Apostles on the evening of his resurrection.

Bishop Brennan said both events occurred in tumultuous times, "and today, the world is in tumult in so many ways. The world is wounded

deeply. You are sent into this world – not a world of our own construct, of wishful thinking, but the real world, a world in need of healing. Like the Risen Lord, we must be honest to be effective ministers, charting the path of Christ in his Church.

"We must be unwavering in our call for the respect and dignity of every human person in every stage of life. We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and claim to defend the sacredness of human life. We condemn racism and hatred and violence in all of its ugly forms," the bishop said.

"See for yourselves and help others to see the divine image, the image and likeness of God in every single soul. With the insight of the Holy Spirit, we can be attentive to this and to so many things, so much suffering by so many here and all around the world. Both of you in your own ways and through your own influence have shown yourselves to be powerful signs of conciliation, of service, bringing people together."

"In looking at the wounds of the world, we bring the peace and the reconciliation of Our Risen Lord. Contemplating his wounds, we see the wounds of the world and we are ready to bring about that healing, to chart a new course," Bishop Brennan said.

"As deacons, you will walk with God's people, standing in their midst and listening deeply. Listen attentively, lovingly. Seek always to understand.

Walk with God's people, generously sharing the joy, the hope, the grief, the anguish of the people of our time, especially those who are poor, who are afflicted in any way. As deacons, bind the wounds of one another and of the world with the salve of the Gospel of Jesus Christ," Bishop Brennan said.

After the homily, the deacons professed their commitment to perpetual celibacy, followed by their promise of respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors. Because they are unmarried, their promise to remain celibate is a permanent one. Married men also may serve as deacons, and most deacons of the diocese are married. Those men must remain celibate if their wives precede them in death. They need permission from the church to remarry.

The promises the deacons made to the bishop were followed by what, to many people, is the most visually dramatic part of the ceremony, as they lay face down in front of the bishop while a cantor and the congregation chanted the Litany of the Saints. They were formally consecrated as deacons through the bishop's laying of hands on their heads, followed by his reading of a prayer of consecration asking God to dedicate them to the service of the altar and the Word.

The bishop's laying-on of hands is a gesture based in Scripture and sig-

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nifies the special conferral of the Holy Spirit, which ordains men to service in Holy Orders.

Their ordinations mean they have entered from the lay state of the church into the clerical state through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The diaconate is the first of the Catholic Church's three clerical orders, the others being priest and bishop.

Many people say the new deacons made vows to the bishop, but "promises" is the more accurate theological term because promises are made to a person – in this case, the bishop – while vows are made directly to God.

Unlike members of religious orders, members of the diocesan clergy, including deacons, do not make a vow or a promise of poverty. However, they are expected to live a simple lifestyle, without an excess of material goods.

After the prayer of consecration

came the deacons' investiture with the stole and dalmatic, symbolic of their ministry. They next were presented with the Book of the Gospels, symbolizing their commitment to proclaiming God's Word.

The ordination rite concluded with a fraternal kiss of peace from the bishop, who extended his greeting to the new deacons as a sign that they are co-workers in the church's ministry. The one-hour, 40-minute ceremony then proceeded with the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Their ordination means the deacons can baptize, assist a priest at Mass, proclaim the Gospel and give homilies, witness at marriages, preside at funeral vigils and graveside committal services and give certain blessings. They cannot celebrate Mass, hear confessions or anoint the sick until being ordained as a priest.

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In the marriage case styled CHRISTINA RAE-ALIN HERNANDEZ-DIAZ LESLIE - LAUREANO NAZARIO, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio is currently unaware of the present address of LAUREANO NAZARIO. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to contact REVEREND MR. JOHN CRERAND, JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than -----6 JULY 2020 Phone 241-2500 Extension 3. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of LAUREANO NAZARIO, is herewith asked to make this Citation known to him or to inform the Tribunal of his current address.

Given this 8 JUNE 2020

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12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Cast aside your fear; Christ is here**Jeremiah 20:10-13****Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35****Romans 5:12-15****Matthew 10:26-33**

During this time of the coronavirus, we have all been isolated due to the necessity of preventing the spread of the disease. Fear has been awakened in many and even as we return to life together, we still find that this emotion casts its shadow on us. Nature has a way of grounding us in another way of seeing things. Its beauty and the sheer abundance of signs that new life is possible can draw us out of our isolation.

Jesus cries out to us: "You are worth more than many sparrows. ... Fear no one!"

Trust in the Lord is a challenge sometimes because we take our eyes off His face and look at ourselves or at the world around us in its brokenness. We are confused by partial sight that leaves out hope. In one glance at the beauty of natural life around us and at our relationship with God Himself, we can see that grace overflows. All it takes for God to "get in" is for us to allow just a little bit of room for grace.

We can be like Jeremiah, hearing what others say about us, becoming fearful because of plots against us. Yet, the truth is that God's love casts out fear. We will either overcome the world or we will be strengthened to endure whatever comes.

Trust in the Lord means acknowledging our weakness and fear and trudging along anyway. We may say to ourselves: "I can't do this!" We may be right about that. Then we realize that God can do whatever it is in us.

FATHER TIMOTHY HAYES

Father Timothy M. Hayes is pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church.

Christ is the new Adam: He is the human being as God intended us to be. What He has done changes everything. The invitation Jesus offers us is to stand with Him. We do this by standing with one another in spite of our sense of isolation and of fear of what is to come.

The exercise of freedom is not to do "whatever we want." Rather, it is to put into practice what truly makes us human.

We are created in the image and likeness of God:

- We have intellect – we can know things; not everything, but enough to be sure that God takes care of His world.
- We have memory – we can take in our environment and gather into ourselves all the truth and beauty of creation that surrounds us; we can discover reasons for hope, realizing that God has always been with us and will care for us just as He does for the sparrow.
- We have a will of our own – we can choose the good who is God. Here is where we are most "like God." It is our will that has the capacity to receive and live in the very love of God.

All of this calls us to cast aside our fear and to live in the security of knowing who we are in God. If we stand with Jesus and for Jesus now,

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Put God first in your life**2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a****Ps. 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19****Romans 6:3-4, 8-11****Matthew 10:37-42**

Life throws many challenges at us. Sometimes it is not at all easy to determine the right course of action to take. In these times, especially, there are such conflicting calls for response. The temptation is to allow our first reactions to dominate and to fail to make choices. We want to

throw up our hands and to let go of all responsibility.

Christ calls us to respond differently. We can train ourselves to put first things first, setting priorities. According to the Scriptures and the teachings of our Church, these priorities have a hierarchy: God is first. If you are married, then your spouse is first after God. Then come children and the rest of the family, followed by work and our own pursuits and hobbies, etc.

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

6/22-6/27 MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
2 Kings 17:5-8 Psalm 60:3-5,12-13 Matthew 7:1-5	Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139:1b-3,13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80	2 Kings 25:1-12 Psalm 137:1-6 Matthew 8:1-4
TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
2 Kings 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36 Psalm 48:2-10-11 Matthew 7:6,12-14	2 Kings 24:8-17 Psalm 79:1b-5,8-9 Matthew 7:21-29	Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19 Psalm 74:1b-7,20-21 Matthew 8:5-17
6/29-7/4 MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34:2-9 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 Matthew 16:13-19	Amos 5:14-15,21-24 Psalm 50:7-13,16b-17 Matthew 8:28-34	Ephesians 2:19-22 Psalm 117:1b-2 John 20:24-29 Matthew 11:25-30
TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
Amos 3:1-8;4-11-12 Psalm 5:4b-8 Matthew 8:23-27	Amos 7:10-17 Psalm 19:8-11 Matthew 9:1-8	Amos 9:11-15 Psalm 85:9ab,10-14 Matthew 9:14-17

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF JUNE 22 & 29, 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.	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).	, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City, Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville).
10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.	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).	8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
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 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.	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).
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)	Mass from Our Lady of the	We pray Weeks IV and I, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

He will acknowledge us before His Father and we will share eternity, the life of God with Him.

We are worth many sparrows – we will live forever!

The heart of the matter is that God wants everything we are: body, mind and spirit. The world tries to set other priorities. "Looking out for number one" is not about putting God first. "What is in it for me?" gets in the way of a real spirit of cooperation with God's plan for us.

Life is paradoxical. When we see things through the eyes of Jesus Christ, death leads to true life; loss is gain. The cross alone is the path to Resurrection.

Rewards flow from getting this right and putting the paradox into practice through our own choices. Responding to the pains and hurts of other and to the failures of our past efforts, we pray and fast, opening

ourselves to new ways of seeing and thinking. A connection is made between Heaven and Earth through the way we relate to God, to one another and to the world.

Jesus tells us that when we are accepted for who we are, as His disciples, we bring God to others: "Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One who sent Me."

When we receive a prophet, we stand a chance of becoming prophetic; when we accept a holy person, holiness becomes ours. When we receive another in the name of Christ,

See GOD FIRST, Page 21

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

ADORNETTO, Karen (Turner), 90, May 28
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

ARMSTRONG, Peter J., 76, May 30
St. Paul Church, Westerville

COURHEY, Catherine (Simon), 102, of Columbus, May 29
Immaculate Conception Church, Clarksburg, W.Va.

DeMATTEIS, Christine E. (Borghese), 96, May 29
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

DINOVO, Mona C., 78, June 1
St. Paul Church, Westerville

DONNELLY, Robert C., 84, June 2
Christ the King Church, Columbus

DUNN, Grace M. (Giallombardo), 85, June 2
St. Mary Church, Marion

DUSTERBERG, Robert "Rod," 81, May 29
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

ENAMA, Kathy (Ocel), 65, May 9
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

FRANTZ, Wendy M., 50, June 4
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

FRASURE, Bernadine (Ucker), 95, May 31
St. John Church, Logan

GALLICK, Rita A., 99, June 4
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

GRAVENESE, Marie (Marzella), 88, May 29
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

HATEM, Peter G., 87, May 21
St. Philip Church, Columbus

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Christ lives in us.

Welcome of what God is doing for us through others who respond to their own call brings a corresponding reward. When we are able to acknowledge the presence of Christ in every other person we encounter – the one who speaks in God's name (the prophet), the one whose witness is clear and true (the righteous person), the one who has no power but is open and vulnerable (the little one who is a disciple) – we are truly in a living relationship with the Lord.

Think about all that we are doing in response to the troubles of our times. In spite of our fears and doubts, we open our hearts to one another. We let down our defenses. Suddenly we

HAVILAND, Gisela (Kastner), 78, June 5
St. Mary Church, Marion

HEINZENBERGER, Carole M., 81, May 27
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

KRUMENACKER, James R., 69, June 2
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

LAVALLEY, Bertha L. (Tarasewicz), 100, May 21
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

MALONEY, Margaret E. (Phillips), 88, May 29
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

MARSTRELLI, Irene, 96, May 29
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

MASELLI, Francis R., 79, May 22
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MEGLEN, Mary (Dale), 95, June 8
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

MILLER, Shirley, 83, June 7
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

PRICE, Nancy A. (O'Connell), 70, June 3
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

ROWE, Charles E., 51, June 8
St. Leonard Church, Heath

RYWALSKI, Virginia (Speakman), 93,
formerly of Columbus, June 8
St. Clement Church, Toledo

SAMUEL, Donald E., 88, June 2
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

SANTOS, Natividad O., 89, May 25
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

SCHOTT, John, 87, May 28
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

discover that we have been received and we are loved.

Our own ability to love grows. We are stretched. We are baptized into Christ's death so that we might live a new life. We are dead to sin, but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

We discover that simple gestures have the power to bring about something far better than we could have planned. In these strange times, may we continue to be willing to accept the paradoxes of life and to be open to the good that He so freely offers through others, so that we may receive the reward God has in store for us.

Let us forever sing the goodness of the Lord.

SHELDON, Gregory T., 55, May 29
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

SHULTS, Samuel, 75, May 29
St. Luke Church, Danville

SLANE, Stephen, 53, June 9
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

SNOKE, Dennis L., 75, June 4
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

STONE, Laura (Cecil), 50, June 8
St. Joseph Church, Dover

THOMPSON, Jeannette "Jean," 96, May 29
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

VERDI, Lena E. (Van Sadres), 93, June 10
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

WEISER, Robert, 88, May 26
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

WILLIAMS, Thomas J., 93, June 7
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

WIMER, Rita J. (Nold), 90, June 7
St. Leonard Church, Heath

WRENN, Mary J. (Mulchaey), 76, June 9
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

WULLIGER, Maria M. (Maier), 86, June 1
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

ZIMMERMAN, Mary Jo (Montes), 95, June 8
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

Heidi M. Detty

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Columbus St. Cecilia Church on a date to be determined for Heidi M. Detty, 57, who died Thursday, June 4. Burial will be at Grand Prairie Cemetery, Marion.

She was born in Marion on Feb. 24, 1963 to the late Donald and Jeannette (Sears) Brewer, was a graduate of Buckeye Valley High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio State University.

She was employed by the Diocese

of Columbus Council of Catholic Women as secretary in 2008 and 2009 and held administrative professional positions in the insurance, banking and medical industries. She also was as a substitute teacher for the South-Western City Schools, received certification as a paralegal, working for a law firm, and was a Meals on Wheels volunteer for 21 years.

Survivors include her husband, David; daughter, Chelsea Mondesir; brother, Max (Susan) and sister, Debbie.

Suzanne M. Wehinger

Funeral Mass for Suzanne M. Wehinger, 86, who died Wednesday, May 27, was celebrated Monday, June 1 at Columbus St. Andrew Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She was born on Jan. 21, 1934 to Daniel and Alma Hartnett and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University in 1955 and a Master of Education degree from Xavier University in 1981.

She was a teacher and principal at Columbus Immaculate Conception School from 1978 to 1999. While she was principal, the school received the

U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon award for the 1993-1994 academic year. She also served as organist for many years at Columbus St. Thomas Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; daughter, Kathryn Lorraine; and brothers, William and Thomas. Survivors include sons, Mark (Patricia); Michael (Margaret); daughters, Stephanie (Stephen) Isaacs, Shelley (Brian) Keith and Christine; brother, Daniel (Mary); one grandson; three granddaughters; and one great-grandson.

Martha A. "Marty" Weiler

Funeral Mass for Martha A. "Marty" Wiler, 91, who died Saturday, May 23, was celebrated Wednesday, June 3 at Columbus St. Philip Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on Oct. 2, 1928 in Columbus to Ralph and Mildred (Cullen) Elk.

She was the parish secretary at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous

Medal Church for more than 30 years after being employed by the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. for 27 years. She was a member of the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal 50-Plus Club and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James; daughter, Melinda Dailey; and brothers, John and James. Survivors include a son, Herbie, and two grandsons.

God's grace can lead to joyful union

By Stephanie Rapp

and Catherine Suprenant

Living the Mystery of Marriage: Building Your Sacramental Life Together

Perry J. Cahall

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"Marriage is a great mystery!" St. Paul writes to the Ephesians. Perry Cahall repeats these words to us in the first few lines of his new book, *Living the Mystery of Marriage: Building Your Sacramental Life Together*.

Most people, married or not, probably agree that this is an understatement! Marriage is thrilling, sacrificial, humbling and beautiful all at once. It is also holy-making, as the couple is transformed by grace. Unfortunately, God's design for marriage is often replaced with a counterfeit vision that falls short of the life-giving communion God intended – and which is written on our hearts.

Thankfully, Cahall has written this insightful book, unpacking the mystery of married love by both exploring Church

teaching and sharing practical guidance for living it out. Through honest storytelling and real-life examples, he demonstrates that a holy, joy-filled marriage is truly attainable with the Lord's grace.

Living the Mystery of Marriage is divided into six sections, each with thought-provoking questions for "self-discovery," inviting couples into meaningful dialogue with each other. Also included at the end of each chapter are "Questions That Might Be on Your Mind," where Cahall fields common questions surrounding the Church's teachings on marriage and family life. He covers topics such as contraception, vocation discernment, infertility and annulments with thoroughness, sensitivity and clarity.

Most important, Cahall proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ, who out of love for us, died and rose again to redeem us and make eternal life possible. Through His paschal mystery, Christ gave marriage the mission of manifesting and sharing in this extravagant love. Cahall continually invites couples to reflect on Jesus' presence in their marriage. "There will be times in your life together when you become aware that there is a Love at work in your lives that is beyond the

both of you. You become aware that this Love is seeking to make you better people, holier people, in service to each other. You become aware that the love you share with each other as spouses is a ray of Christ's love that is drawing you toward your ultimate destination – resting in God's love."

This is not an idealistic view of marriage but a profoundly realistic one that sheds light on times of great difficulty in marriage. Cahall writes, "On the cross we see in Jesus' feet two members of his body bound by the nail of suffering. In some ways there can be no better image for Christian spouses to reflect on. Come what may, you are bound together, and it is through your shared suffering that your love will become clearer and deeper as you grow in delicate attention to each other." He continues with the invitation, "Let the cross of Jesus remind you that whatever the cause of your suffering, Jesus will draw good out of it and use it to save your love – this is his promise!"

Further, Cahall provides a unique and powerful reflection on the spirituality of the marriage vocation through the lens of tenderness. He highlights four elements of a spirituality of tenderness in detail: reverencing, sacrific-

ing, suffering and repairing. Here, he provides couples with wisdom for the "dark nights" of doubt or dryness that they might feel in their relationship. However, he also tells couples that practicing a spirituality of marital tenderness "will make it possible for you to experience the continuous renewal and resurrection of your love for each other." This spirituality of tenderness inspires couples to respond to the grace of the sacrament of marriage made available to them moment by moment.

Cahall wrote this book with his two teen-aged children in mind, hoping to share the "great mystery" with them someday. Maybe it is this intention that makes *Living the Mystery of Marriage* feel like a personal gift from the author. As the director of the Marriage & Family Life Office and marriage preparation coordinator for the Diocese of Columbus, we would recommend this book to any engaged or married couple, as well as anyone involved in marriage ministry. You will find yourself in awe of this beautiful vocation!

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St. Charles seniors end year with banquet



Pictured are some of the members of the Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School Class of 2020 who gathered for a final time as a class at the senior banquet in the Walter Student Commons on Sunday, June 7. Bishop Robert Brennan and diocesan school Superintendent Adam Dufault were special guests. Seniors receiving special awards were: Sedric Granger Jr., Principal's Award for outstanding service to school and community and Bishop Herrmann Service Award; Noah Kuhr, Bishop Fulcher Memorial Award for excellence in creative writing, drama, journalism, the visual arts or music; Finn O'Reilly, Msgr. Paul O'Dea Latin Award; Andrew Sarff, Father Charles Jackson Leadership Medal.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

Student given birthday parade



Father Thomas Petry, Columbus St. Anthony Church pastor, participated in a drive-by birthday parade for St Anthony School eighth-grade student Jessica Salyer and decorated his car with a sign.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony Church

St. Bernadette car parade



Lancaster St. Bernadette School, which has students from preschool to fifth grade, hosted a car parade as a send-off for its fifth-graders on what would have been their last day of school had it not been for the coronavirus pandemic. Families decorated their cars, held signs and sounded car horns as they drove the vehicles around the lot to salute the fifth-grade class and the school's teachers.

Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School

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Public Masses resume



Roped-off pews to maintain social distancing on Sunday, June 7 at Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church in German Village are signs of the times during the COVID-19 pandemic. Public Masses have resumed throughout the diocese while safety precautions remain in place to help avoid spreading the virus.

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In Recognition and appreciation for distinguished service by

Pat Summers

WHEREAS, PAT SUMMERS has faithfully and with honor, integrity and great distinction served The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Diocesan Council of Columbus in her capacity as Administrative Assistant for over 33 years;

WHEREAS, PAT SUMMERS has provided loyal and diligent assistance, counsel, and advice to seven Council Presidents as well as hundreds of Conference Presidents;

WHEREAS, PAT SUMMERS has always been mindful of the mission and ministry of the Society in providing for the needs and dignity of the many thousands of persons served over those years; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Directors of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Diocesan Council of Columbus, formally acknowledge and extend our profound appreciation to PAT SUMMERS for her many years of service to the Society, its leaders and those served; and

RESOLVED further that this Resolution be promulgated to all Diocesan Council of Columbus Vincentians and all Diocesan Personnel with whom she worked on a daily basis.

Warren Wright
President