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FIVE NEW PRIESTS ORDAINED

Editor's reflections by Doug Bean

Discerning God's call

Who better to ask about cultivating vocations to the priesthood and religious life than the newly ordained?

The five new priests in the Diocese of Columbus share their stories in this week's *Catholic Times*. It's a tremendous blessing to see these men give their lives to serve the Church and God's people.

Next year, Lord willing, five more men will be ordained to the priesthood from the diocese. Other seminarians in the diocese and in religious orders are right behind them in formation. Keep praying for them. Seminary is a long and sometimes difficult journey.

For the young men and women contemplating their vocations, a calling often isn't clear. But it shouldn't involve fear. Some of the new priests offered their thoughts on discernment.

"Anything that involves fear is from the devil. It's a distraction," Father Christopher Tuttle said. "That's an Ignatian principle. It takes time, be patient. Just be open and willing (to go to seminary).

"God loves you. He has the best in mind for you. Ask him what you're supposed to do. He'll tell you. And you will find your ability to be most happy here on earth through your vocation. The Lord will help you."

It's important to have a strong spiritual life and spiritual direction.

"The first thing is to be grounded in a

solid life of prayer, asking God what he wants of me and how best I can serve others," Father Todd Lehigh said. "Receive the sacraments, be willing to trust in God and take the steps.

"Younger guys are uncertain. What will this mean? Will I have to give up marriage? It's all discernment and following God's will. If you keep that front and center, it will become clear as you go. You have to be willing to take the steps. Whenever you come (to seminary), you've discerned a little bit. I think guys shouldn't fear as though I automatically will become a priest. There's further discernment while you're here. Be open and follow God's will."

Rest assured that everyone has some doubts at one time or another.

"If there's any inkling you have a vocation to the priesthood, you should try it out," Father Brett Garland said. "So many of us take too much time to think about it and all these options available, and we overanalyze it.

"If the Lord is putting it on your heart, even if it's a whisper, then I think it is a good idea to try it out. That's the way we really discern our call. We have to take the step forward. We can't stay in the same place and wait for a more direct response."



MSGR. MARIO SERRAGLIO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 25, 2018



Funeral Mass was celebrated for Reverend Monsignor Mario Antonio Serraglio, who died Friday, May 25 while in assisted living at the Villas of St. Therese in Columbus, on Thursday, May 31 at Canal Winchester St. John XXIII Church by Bishop Frederick Campbell, retired Bishop James A. Griffin and priests of the diocese. Burial was in the priests' section at St. Joseph Cemetery.

The son of Alfonso and Maria (Crespi) Serraglio, he was born on October 14, 1933 in San Zenone (Treviso), Italy, and was baptized on October 15, 1933 at San Lorenzo Church in San Zenone. Following his seminary formation and studies in Italy for the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (Pontificium Institutum Missionum Exterarum, PIME) -- a society of secular priests and brothers who dedicate their lives to worldwide missionary activities -- he continued his religious formation and theological studies for PIME at the Pontifical College Josephinum (Columbus) receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1954, and completing his theological studies at the Sts. Peter and Paul Mission Seminary (PIME) in Newark, Ohio, in 1958.

He was ordained a priest for PIME on April 26, 1958, by Bishop Clarence Isenmann at the Sts. Peter and Paul Mission Seminary chapel. After ordination, Msgr. Serraglio taught in the Sts. Peter and Paul Missionary Seminary High School, later serving as seminary Rector in 1965-66, then as Dean of Men for the PIME theologians in formation at the Josephinum seminary.

During his priestly ministry and service to Christ, His Church and His people, Msgr. Serraglio served in a number of parishes, including New Lexington St. Rose of Lima, Columbus Holy Rosary, Newark Blessed Sacrament, Lancaster St. Mark and Columbus Holy Spirit.

Msgr. Serraglio transferred from the PIME missionaries and was officially incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Columbus on September 14, 1971 -- the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. As a priest of the Diocese of Columbus, Msgr. Serraglio continued to shepherd the faithful as pastor at St. Rose, St. Mark, Chillicothe St. Mary; Columbus St. John the Baptist and Columbus St. Agnes.

After his retirement in 2003, Msgr. Serraglio served as Administrator pro-tem at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church and assisted at number of parishes, particularly St. John XXIII.

Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the *Catholic Times*. In June, July and August, we will be publishing every other week. Look for the *Catholic Times* in your mailbox just prior to: **June 17; July 1, 15 & 29; August 12 & 26. We will return to weekly publication schedule in September.**

Correction - Baccalaureate for Columbus Bishop Hartley High School was to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 1 at Pickerington Seton Parish and not at the First Church of God. The May 20 edition contained information on the location that was provided to the *Catholic Times*.



Front Page photo:

From left, Father Todd Lehigh, Msgr. Christopher Schreck, Father Thomas Herge, Bishop Frederick Campbell, Father Christopher Tuttle, Father Paul Noble, Father Brett Garland and Father Edward Shikina.

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U.S. mission territories face unique challenges



By Leandro M. Tapay
Diocesan Missions Director

Among the collection envelopes that you have received from your parish is one marked “Catholic Home Missions.” Home Missions are Catholic dioceses in the United States and its territories that cannot continue to exist on their own. They need help from established churches elsewhere. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated one collection a year to help these dioceses. In the Diocese of Columbus this collection will be taken on the weekend of June 2 and 3, 2018. Please be generous!

The USCCB’s Catholic Home Missions collection helps to fund 84 dioceses and eparchies in the United States, which represents roughly 44 percent of all U.S. dioceses. The funds help educate new priests and maintain their faith formation programs.

In Ohio, the Dioceses of Steubenville, and Youngstown, the Romanian Eparchy of Canton, and the Ukrainian Eparchy of Parma all receive help from the USCCB Catholic Home Missions collection.

The Diocese of Columbus has four missionaries working in Catholic Home Mission areas. They are Sister Giovanni Paulo dell’ Eucharistia of the Society of our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, Father Robert Goodyear of the Missionary Servants of the

Most Holy Trinity; and Father David Glockner and Brother David Henley, both members of the Glenmary Home Missionaries.

According to a Religious Congregation study, there are more than two million residents living in counties without a single Catholic Church; 183 U.S. counties have no Catholic parish; 927 counties have only one parish, and 171 of them have fewer than 50 individual members.

In the 1930’s, Father William Howard Bishop, the founder of the Glenmary Home Missionaries, recognized the large number of areas in the United States where the needs of Catholics were not met. At that time, there were 1,000 U.S. counties that did not have any resident priest. He called these counties, “No priest land USA.”

These mission areas face unique challenges. The pastor of the Holy Redeemer Parish in La Pine, Oregon, spends more time at the wheel of his car than at the altar of his church. In addition to Church of the Holy Redeemer, he also serves three other mission parishes spread across a 10,000-square-mile region in the Diocese of Baker, Oregon.

On Sunday mornings the pastor first heads to Holy Trinity Church in Sunriver for the 8:00 a.m. Mass, then returns to the Holy Redeemer Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Next are Mass-



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has designated one collection each year to help the mission dioceses in the United States. These dioceses are commonly known as “Mission Land USA”. In the Diocese of Columbus the collection will be taken on the weekend of June 2 and 3.

These dioceses cannot exist without the help of Catholics elsewhere. The funds gathered through this collection help support and expand the Catholic presence in these areas. Helping the needs of the mission dioceses across the country unites all of us as a Catholic family.

Contrary to what many people think, the missions are not only in Africa, Asia, India, and Latin America. The missions are also in the vast wilderness of Alaska, in the Deep South, in the Rocky Mountain States, in the Appalachian regions, in the Southwest, in Puerto Rico, in the Virgin Islands and in the distant Pacific Islands like the American Samoa and the Marshalls.

I invite you to respond generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. May the Lord bless us in our efforts to help expand and strengthen the presence of the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus

es at two other mission churches – Our Lady of the Snows in Gilchrist at 12:30 p.m. and Holy Family in Christmas Valley at 3:00 p.m. On Sundays the pastor logs 500 miles round trip!

This type of arrangement is common in the mission areas of the United States and is replicated all across the Northwest and in the Southwest, where there are great distances and where parishes don’t have their own resident pastor.

A mission diocese is often characterized by small Catholic populations, large geographic areas, lack of clergy and Catholic institutions, high poverty rates, and limited financial resources. These factors can make it difficult to provide access to Mass, the sacraments, and basic church ministries.

The smallest Catholic populations

tend to exist in rural areas of the South, in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia and the Carolinas. Tennessee has the smallest percentage of Catholics of any state with only 3.5 percent of the population identifying as Catholic. Many people in Tennessee have never seen or met a Catholic priest.

Catholic parishes are also few and far between in Western states that cover large geographic areas. Though 11 percent of Wyoming’s residents are Catholics, the state has only 70 parishes on its 100,000 square mile area. Utah, which is home to more than 270,000 Catholics, has just 63 parishes.

On behalf of missionaries and the people they serve, I would like to thank you in advance for your generosity when the collection is taken.

THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC



By Rick Jeric

Bingo saves lives

"I'm so glad I didn't listen!" Amanda says now. She had a goal to be the first person in her family to graduate from college. She was studying radiology when she found herself unexpectedly pregnant. People close to her told her, "You can never be a mom and finish your degree." They told her abortion was the only way out of her situation. But when Amanda came to Women's Care Center for an ultrasound, she says, "I heard his heartbeat. It changed everything." The counselor at Women's Care Center helped Amanda find the confidence to choose life. "So many people told me to just quit school, because I couldn't do both." But because of wonderful partners in Columbus, Amanda is still following her dream, going to college full time, but now with baby J.J. by her side. The ultrasound and loving counselor created a life-changing moment. When we support Women's Care Center, we not only help women choose life, we help them create a family. Moms and dads are encouraged to work hard, to attend parenting classes, and to set goals and stay in school. Before I explain how Bingo saves lives in Columbus and central Ohio, I want to share a few quotes from current clients at Women's Care Center. Naira says, "Women's Care Center is my second home. The staff are my second family. I am so grateful." Zoe says, "I've never felt so much love in my life." And one of our dads, Karthick says, "Our counselor was so sweet and kind to us that my wife didn't feel she was missing her relatives and friends, as this was still a new town for us. As a family, we are so grateful for Women's Care Center."

On Thursday, June 21, 2018, Women's Care Center will celebrate the sixth annual Luxury Bingo to benefit the life-saving mission of our moms and babies. This is our one and only major event, and the funds raised go directly and immediately to the love and service of saving the lives of our babies, while creating a new life for our families. Please join us, as Bingo saves lives! Here are some numbers that reflect this incredible ministry. Over the last year in Franklin County, 1,868 babies were born to Women's Care Center moms. And 1 in 10 babies born locally now start with Women's Care Center. In the past year in Columbus, 3,056 women made 6,815 visits; more than 3,000 pregnancy tests were performed; 2,372 ultrasounds were performed; and, 8,676 baby items (cribs, car seats, new baby outfits) and 34,409 diapers were earned by our moms. For every conflicted, worried, abortion-minded and terrified woman who walks through the doors of our two centers in Columbus, in the past year 91 percent of the women we served chose life for their babies! Right now, as this column is published, 1,312 unborn babies are expected to our moms in Columbus. These babies alone will one day fill 66 classrooms of children. Every day, more than 30 women walk through our doors in Columbus. On the surface, they come for pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. But if you look more deeply, they come – and continue to come – because they are met with unconditional love. In this environment, a woman is able to recognize her own dignity and feel genuinely valued. And nine times out of 10, this leads to a choice for life. To support Women's Care Center is to support life. If you want to do so right now, come to the Luxury Bingo event on June 21. Call me at 614-795-4878 or go to wccluxurybingo.org. Bingo saves lives!

Music on the Hill Concert

The next Music on the Hill concert at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., will feature Felix Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No. 1, Op. 49 in D Minor at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10.

Pianist Paul Melcher, cellist Igor Cetkovic and violinist Ivana Cetkovic will perform Mendelssohn's work as well as other solo pieces. Melcher is the music director at the parish.

Igor Cetkovic, a native of Belgrade, Serbia, is the principal cellist and artist-in-residence with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, assistant principal cello in the West Michigan Symphony, principal cellist of the Saginaw Bay Symphony and cellist for the Burdick-Thorne String Quar-

ter. He has degrees from Belgrade University, Stavanger University, Central Michigan University and Michigan State University.

Ivana Cetkovic, also a native of Serbia who lives in London, has performed as a soloist, recitalist, orchestral and chamber musician in Serbia, England, Europe and the United States. She has studied at the Faculty of Musical Arts in Belgrade and at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London and has been a guest principal violinist with a number of UK orchestras.

Admission is free, but freewill donations will be accepted at the concert. For more information, call Melcher at 937-644-6020.

Diocese offers trauma training

The Diocese of Columbus continues to address the drug addiction crisis with a two-day Trauma Informed Care Training on Monday, June 11 and Tuesday, June 12 at Columbus Bishop Watterson's Dominican Hall, 99 E. Cooke Road.

The Trauma Informed Care (TIC) approach explicitly acknowledges the role trauma plays in people's lives. TIC means that every part of an organization or program understands the impact of trauma on the individuals they serve and adopts a culture that considers and addresses this impact.

An individual's trauma experience impacts every area of human functioning – physical, mental, behavioral, social and spiritual. Trauma is

shrouded in secrecy and denial and is often ignored. It is a universal experience of individuals with behavioral health problems.

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will assist with the training. Cost is \$25 per person. To register as a team or individual from your parish/or school, visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/tic-training>.

For a copy of Bishop Frederick Campbell's pastoral letter and a listing of resources for families, schools and parishes, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/drug-awareness or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

Diocese to celebrate Jubilee of Anniversaries

The Diocese of Columbus will honor hundreds of couples who have been married for 25 years or longer at the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries on Sunday, June 24 at Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m. and a light reception will follow. Couples observing their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th and 60+ anniversaries are invited to attend.

To register, visit columbuscatholic.org/marriage-ministry-1, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or familylife@columbuscatholic.org by Wednesday, June 13.

Couples may continue to register after June 13, but their names will not be included in the event program or the Catholic Times. A certificate will be mailed to them after the event, which is sponsored by the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office and the Office of Divine Worship.

Local Catholics continue to pray for reconciliation in Korea

By Doug Bean

Catholic Times Editor

The St. Andrew Kim Taegon Korean Catholic Community in Columbus is optimistic that lasting peace will be achieved in its native country while continuing to closely monitor the situation after the historic Inter-Korean Summit in late April and another meeting between the countries' two leaders on Saturday, May 26.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean Chairman Kim Jong-un first met April 27 at the village of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), which has separated the countries for 65 years. Out of the leaders' historic meeting came the Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Unification of the Korean Peninsula. The agreement includes not only a stated intention for the countries to work together to end of the Korean War but to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula.

"We are very pleased that we took a big step towards peace as a result of the leaders' efforts and all the Korean people's support," said Father Antonio Kim, pastor of the St. Andrew Kim Taegon Korean Catholic Community in Columbus. "We also believe that God will allow the Korean Peninsula the gift of peace."

A off-again, on-again summit between Kim Jong-un and U.S. President Donald Trump to discuss nuclear disarmament in North Korea was still in the works at press time.

"The U.S. is a nation which has very deeply taken part in the history of the Korean War and the national division," Father Kim said. "Hence, it is true to say that the U.S. has a big impact on the settlement of peace in Korea."

Father Kim stressed the importance



South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un shake hands inside the demilitarized zone separating the two Koreas on April 27.

CNS photo/Korea Summit Press Pool via Reuters

of patience in the peace process. One of the first hopeful signs of a reunification was seen at the Winter Olympics in February when North Koreans came to South Korea to jointly compete in the Games.

"Since Koreans lived separately for a very long time, it had been necessary for them to have a lot of time to understand each other," he said. "That's why we anticipate that this summit would have positive influences on the divided Koreans, especially for quenching their thirst for mutual understanding and reconciliation."

Every year since the mid-1960s, the Catholic Church in South Korea has held a Day of Prayer for National Reconciliation and Unity. The Church also has supported non-governmental interchanges through the Committee for the Reconciliation of the Korean People in the Catholic Bishop's Conference of Korea and the Office of Social Concerns.

"We believe that the outcome of this

monumental inter-Korean summit was an answer from God for all our endeavors and desperate prayers, and we are confident that it will facilitate its pastoral works for the reunification and non-governmental exchanges even more, which the Korean Catholic Church has been promoting for a long time," Father Kim said.

South Korea is considered one of the most Christian countries in Asia. It's estimated that close to 30 percent of the population identifies as Christian, with nearly eight percent professed Catholics, and it's believed that those numbers continue to increase.

Last year, Moon became South Korea's second Catholic leader in history. He is a member of the Democratic Party of Korea.

In North Korea, the situation is far different. Under the current regime, religion is oppressed and people of

faith have been persecuted in public. Father Kim said the North Korean Catholic Church is running under the complete control of the Communist Party and not under the formal authority of Rome, and that it's difficult to know how many Catholics might be practicing their faith underground.

"It has been speculated that there are currently a few thousand Catholic faithful in North Korea," Father Kim explained.

There are currently no clergy, monks or nuns in the North, which leaves only lay people. Two diocesan bishops and the abbot of the Order of St. Benedict in South Korea oversee North Korean dioceses in Pyongyang and Hamhung and the autonomous Territorial Abbey of Tokwon.

"Pope Paul VI once said, 'If you want peace, work for justice,'" Father Kim said. "It is not enough for us to simply want peace. We must take action for fulfilling peace. Fulfilling peace is a process of formation accompanied by fervent work. Furthermore, peace in future Korea is not something that can be easily achieved by the efforts of the Korean people only. The close cooperation of the surrounding nations, who have been related to the history of the Korean division, is very significant."

"I personally hope that all the people who are eager for peace should take 'action' while asking God for His guidance and assistance."

The diocesan Korean Catholic community celebrates Mass in its native language at St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., on Fridays at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.kcolumbus.org or call 614-732-0714.

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'Substitute godmother' needed? Response to helping beggars



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. In 1995, I was godmother at the baptism of my brother's daughter. A few years later, it turned out that I adopted her and have raised her as my own. (She is now 27.) Then, in 2010, I served as godmother for my sister's daughter and, the following year, wound up taking custody of her as well and eventually adopting her. (She is making her first Communion this month.)

I took my role as godmother very seriously -- sending both girls to Catholic schools -- but it seems that they've been "cheated" out of having godmothers. I'm just "Mom" to them now, and it would be nice to have someone else take an interest in their Catholic upbringing. (Sometimes a mom's voice just becomes "white noise.") Actually, they are both fine, but I've always wondered about this and would appreciate your suggestions. (Frederick, Maryland)

A. There is wisdom in the church's rule that parents may not serve as baptismal godparents for their own children. This ensures that someone else will serve as a proxy, looking out for the child's religious and spiritual development if the parents fail or are unable to do so.

But a godparent is much more than a "fallback" -- and more than a ceremonial accessory on the day of baptism. Being a godparent involves a lifelong commitment to spiritual support, encouragement and mentoring.

For this reason, it is required in canon law that the godparent be "a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on" (Code of Canon Law 874.3). A godparent, then, should not be selected simply to placate family members or to honor a friend who may not be religiously committed.

There is no provision in canon law for the formal replacement of a godparent. The godparent's name has been inscribed in the parish's baptismal registry, and history cannot be undone. But in the letter-writer's situation -- and I admire her concern for her children's continued guidance -- why not do this?

Choose a trusted friend or family member who is an example of religious fidelity and might be willing to step in and help guide your daughters'

growth as Catholics. Additionally, when it comes time for your younger daughter to be confirmed, that same person might well be an ideal confirmation sponsor.

(Editor's Note: Recently, a reader asked whether motorists should stop to give money to those begging on street corners. While acknowledging the traffic safety concerns, I confessed that I myself find it difficult, especially as a priest, to pass someone by and so I regularly offer a few dollars. Responses to the column arrived immediately -- and varied widely, as seen in the sampling below.)

Q. I disagree with your willingness to give out of "kindness." Public safety is of foremost importance and should be the priority. I consider myself a generous person, but I try to find other ways to help the homeless and the needy. (City of origin withheld)

Q. I could not agree with you more. Even minor help could mean the difference between life and death, especially in adverse weather. (I cannot obsess over how the recipient chooses to use the donation.) (Albany, New York)

Q. I disagree vehemently with your answer. My family had firsthand knowledge of a drug-addicted friend who used this method to support his habit. (He would stand on the highway median with a cardboard sign and collect hundreds of dollars each day.) If, as you say, you would prefer to err on the side of kindness, you could do what we do and carry granola bars and bottled water in your car. (Elkton, Virginia)

Q. In a recent column, you were asked about panhandlers. Our pastor has suggested giving out gift cards for Subway. No cash, but a nourishing meal. (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)

Q. I think a more appropriate way to help panhandlers is to give dollar gift certificates to McDonald's instead of cash. I have read that Cardinal Dolan keeps several of those with him when he takes his walks in New York City parks. Cash is usually used for illegal purposes -- or items other than food. (Newark, Ohio)

A. One of the aims of this column is to generate ideas. I'm grateful for the response, and I hope readers have learned from the suggestion of food vouchers. (I know I have.)

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.



St. Martha Giving Circle grants

Ten organizations have been selected to receive grants totaling a record \$42,000 from the St. Martha Giving Circle (The Marthas) this year.

The grantees are Columbus Holy Family Soup Kitchen and Pantry, \$10,000 each; St. Francis Evangelization Center, J.O.I.N, Back In His Arms Again, Run The Race Club and (Kinder) Women's Care Center, \$5,000 each; Dominican Sisters of Peace and Little Flower Showers at Columbus St. Patrick Church, \$2,500 each; and St. Stephen's Community House and Pathways to Hope - Catholic Social Services, \$1,000 each.

Members of The Marthas nominated 25 organizations for consideration and in April voted and awarded money to the top 10. The Marthas have a history of identifying, learning about, and supporting groups doing incredible work in our community.

In 2015, The Marthas granted \$24,216. In 2016 and 2017, \$26,670 and \$25,000 were awarded, respectively. This year's total was the largest to date.

The Marthas gather quarterly to learn about organizations and their needs and decide together which projects to financially support. There are also opportunities to share ideas, serve with one another, grow deeper in Catholic faith, socialize, and learn about the ongoing needs in the diocese.

The St. Martha Giving Circle had its annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 30 to congratulate all grant recipients and present their checks.

For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, visit www.catholic-foundation.org

ODU hosts One-Stop Admission Days

Three free One-Stop Admission Days for students interested in enrolling or transferring to Ohio Dominican University are scheduled this summer at the Bishop James. A. Griffin Student Center on ODU's campus at 1215 Sunbury Road in Columbus.

Students will have an opportunity to begin and complete the entire admission process in as few as 60 minutes from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 12, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, August 4.

Students will receive a free application, an on-the-spot admissions decision and information on how to transfer previously earned credits, review financial aid options, and register for fall classes. The deposit fee is waived during these sessions.

To register for one of the events, visit ohiodominican.edu/AdmissionDay.

For more information, contact admissions@ohiodominican.edu or 614-251-4500. Learn more about transferring to ODU at ohiodominican.edu/Transfer.

Watterson summer camps

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, will offer a variety of summer camp options this year that include art, theatre and wood shop to complement extensive sports camps offerings.

Art camps will be held for students in grades 6-12 from 9 a.m. to noon June 18-22 and June 25-29 in the Bishop Watterson art room with art teacher Julie Bibb. Cost is \$150 per week.

Opening Night & Theatre Lights will be the theme of the Bishop Watterson Feeder School Theatre Camp from 9 a.m. to noon August 6-10 for students entering grades 3-8. Camp fee of \$115 includes t-shirt. A performance will be staged at 6:30 p.m. August 10 in the Little Theatre. The camp is run by Bishop Watterson spring musical director Liz O'Dorisio.

Wood shop camp was so popular last year that a third session was added for 2018. Camps are scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon June 4-7, June 11-14 and June 18-21. Campers will build an Adirondack chair while learning to use a variety of equipment. Wood shop camps, taught by industrial technology teacher Tom Long, are open to students entering grades 6-9. The cost is \$150 and registration is limited to 15 students per session.

Seventeen sports camps, led by Bishop Watterson coaches, will be held for baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys soccer, girls soccer and girls volleyball. Dates vary in June and July, with field hockey starting June 3 and baseball on June 4.

Go to bishopwatterson.com for dates, registration information and other details.

Senior Citizens Day celebration

The annual Senior Citizens Day celebration that offers seniors an opportunity to meet other seniors from around the diocese will take place Tuesday, June 19 at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Church, 3730 Broadway.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. and a luncheon will follow.

The cost is \$15. Registration is requested by June 14. Send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.

For information, call 614-241-2540 or email socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

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Father Tad Pacholczyk

Recent news articles exploring the post-#MeToo world of romance have noted the phenomenon of cell phone “consent apps,” allowing millennials to sign digital contracts before they have sex with their peers, sometimes strangers they have just met. Many of these apps are being refined to include a panic button that can be pressed at any time to withdraw any consent given. Lawyers reviewing the practice, as might be anticipated, have urged caution, noting that consent apps are not able to provide definitive proof of consent, because feelings may “change throughout an evening, and even in the moments before an act.”

When we look at modern views about sex, it's not a stretch to sum them up this way: as long as two consenting adults are involved, the bases are covered. When it comes to “sex in the moment,” consent is touted as key, allowing for almost all mutually-agreed upon behaviors or practices.

Yet this approach to sex is fundamentally flawed, and it's often the woman who is the first to notice. Even when consenting unmarried couples scrupulously use contraception, there remains an awareness, particularly on the part of the woman, that a pregnancy could follow, and a concern about who will be left holding the bag if that were to happen. Sex between men and women involves real asymmetries and vulnerabilities, with men oftentimes being, in the words of sociologist Mark Regnerus, “less discriminating” in their sex drives than women, eager to forge ahead as long as there appears to be some semblance of consent. Women often sense, rightly, that consent for a particular sexual act ought to be part of something bigger, a wider scope of commitment.

Consenting to sex, of course, signifies the surrendering of our self to another. Sex ultimately speaks of giving our self, and receiving another, in a total, rather than a fragmentary way. This is part of the reason why this unique human activity holds a perennial fascination for us; it goes far beyond other forms of communication, exchange, and bonding. To give our self fully to another, and to receive that person fully, forms a bond with them that extends beyond the morning dawn. Human sexual union is not a mere joining of bodies, but is preeminently a joining of human hearts. It is, at its core, consenting to share one of the deepest parts of our self with another. As Dr. Angela Franks has perceptively noted:

Sexuality is not simply a matter of something that I have, as though my body is another possession just like my wallet or my car. If, as Gabriel Marcel said, I am my body, then sexuality has to do with my very person, which has a deep value. To use the language of Pope

John Paul II, when a person is reduced to being merely an object for another's desire, then the experience violates the core of one's sense of self.

In casual sexual encounters, the consent we give each other may seem sincere and genuine, expressing our desires within the moment, but this kind of consent is largely transactional and temporary. By consenting to pre-marital or extra-marital sex, we declare, in effect, that we are giving ourselves, our bodies and our hearts to each other, although in truth, our giving remains partial and conditional, and we may be out the door the next morning or the next month. Our consent, limited and qualified as it is, amounts to little more than an agreement to use each other as long as it's convenient, and when the break up occurs, we are hurt, because we thought we had something special, even though we didn't really want to commit to anything special.

In the final analysis, human sexual activity calls for something much deeper and more abiding than mere transactional consent, namely, the irrevocable and permanent consent of spouses. Professor William May describes it this way:

In and through his act of marital consent ... the man, forswearing all others, has given himself irrevocably the identity of this particular woman's husband, while the woman, in and through her self-determining act of marital consent, has given herself irrevocably the identity of this particular man's wife, and together they have given themselves the identity of spouses. ... Husbands and wives, precisely because they have given themselves irrevocably to each other in marriage, have established each other as irreplaceable, non-substitutable, non-disposable persons and by doing so have capacitated themselves to do things that non-married individuals simply cannot do, among them to 'give' themselves to one another in the act proper and exclusive to spouses — the marital act — and to receive the gift of life.

Through the enduring commitment of marital consent, a man and a woman establish the foundation for personal sexual consent. In the absence of that larger marital commitment, all other consents, even with legalized authorization or electronic notarization, ring hollow.

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Seminarians visit diocesan schools on annual bike tour

By Doug Bean, *Catholic Times* Editor

At the end of the academic year at the Pontifical College Josephinum, seminarians from the Diocese of Columbus take off on their annual great bicycle ride across the diocese.

The tour is equal parts stress release, exercise, evangelization, fraternization and fellowship.

This year's ride was confined to the Columbus area. As usual, there were thrills and a few spills along the way, but the seminarians safely completed their four-day trek while interacting with hundreds of students in Catholic schools.

"Guys had a great time engaging with the kids," said Deacon Kyle Tennant, one of 12 seminarians who participated in the ride at various points. "Guys gave really good witness to God's action in their lives to consider priesthood, the seminary and religious life."

The ride started Monday, May 14 from Columbus Holy Family Church. First-day stops included Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School, Columbus Bishop Ready High School and Columbus Trinity Catholic School.

The seminarians returned to Holy Family on Monday evening and took off the next morning for Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, followed by Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School.

After an overnight stay at Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle Church, the tour continued Wednesday at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School and concluded with an overnight stop at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church.

The final day started at St. Paul School, continued at Columbus Immaculate Conception School and finished at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School.

During the school visits, the seminarians were enthusiastically greeted by children, spoke in various classrooms, ate lunch with students at some stops, and



Diocese of Columbus seminarians (from left) John Sorenson, Chris Crum, Deacon Kyle Tennant, David England, Theo Madrid, Michael Fulton, Michael Haemmerle and Deacon Bryant Haren arrive at Columbus Bishop Watterson, the last stop on the annual bicycle tour. CT photos by Ken Snow

answered questions from inquiring young minds.

"This year, there were really more probing and insightful questions in terms of the way the kids engage their faith," said Tennant, who has participated for four years. "Some of the questions were along the lines of, 'Do you ever have doubts? Or how do I handle a day when you wonder if this is what God really wants you to do? They want to know what is your experience with the faith; how has Jesus touched your life."

"The little kids can blow you away with your questions. Sometimes they can knock your socks off."

High school students tend to ask questions related to seminary life, how the seminarians discovered they had a calling to the priesthood, and whether they have doubts about their vocation.

"It's good to have face time with the high schoolers," Tennant said. "I'm sure high schoolers have doubts about their lives all the time. We hope that maybe we can help give them some tools and prayers to remain faithful even if there is not vocational fruit produced from the visits. Hopefully, we give kids something they can hold onto."

The longest rides were eight to 10 miles – much shorter than journeys in past years that stretched 120 to 140 miles into the far reaches of the diocese. Rain caused a few spills this year, and the riders endured the usual flat tires and traffic issues. At one point, they were joined by Father Dan Swartz, who just a few years ago was one of the pedal-pushing seminarians before he was ordained to the priesthood.

Because the daily trips were shorter this time, the seminarians reached their overnight destination earlier in the day and that allowed time for fellowship.

"The quality of the interaction guys had with kids and the quality of interactions with each other was great," Tennant said. "It provides an opportunity to go out in the sunshine and enjoy the fresh air, and it's also a great opportunity to spend time with guys in other years of formation."

After the last stop at Bishop Watterson, the seminarians hopped into vehicles to return to the Josephinum and prepare for summer assignments around the diocese. The hope is what one day some of the students they encountered will find their way to the seminary.

"You never know at which stage of the process you're helping with," Tennant said. "You never know if your planting the seed or watering the seeds. You trust that God is doing the work behind the scenes and you're just cooperating."

Photo/left: Deacon Bryant Haren (left) and seminarian Michael Haemmerle talk with Bishop Watterson senior Joey Decaminada during lunch.



LIVING Faith

Our Lady of Combermere: Mary in the mundane and ordinary

In fostering devotion to Mary, I had to stop picturing her on a pedestal, surrounded by flowers and pristine in her perfectly ironed clothes. Though she's beautiful, and she deserves every pedestal and every honor, it makes her an inaccessible ideal, not someone I can turn to while I'm doing the dishes.

It happened casually with me, perhaps as a result of praying Hail Marys here and there throughout my day. I started chatting with Mary, reminiscent of the way my preschoolers have chatted with invisible friends. "OK, Mary, help me get this basket of laundry folded and keep me motivated to put them away too." "Oh Mother Mary, I'm going to bed too late, but help me to get the rest I need for tomorrow's work." "Mary, did Jesus get fussy like this at 3 AM? Help me!"

My conversations with her are a far cry from brilliant. Often, outside the structured prayers I try to maintain in my schedule, my dialogue with Mary is humdrum at best.

But I don't think she minds. I think, like most mothers or aunts or grandmas, she's happy to hear from me. I think she cherishes our bond and smiles that I'm comfortable enough to bare even the most common concerns in my life.

Meet Our Lady of Combermere. It's a title Mary earned in the most unremarkable way. It's a title that teaches each of us to find the holy in the day-to-day.

Her arms are wide open, and you can tell she's running. She looks delighted that you've come and there's no denying the joy that radiates from her. She's surrounded by Canadian woodland, and she's poised on a tree stump.

In the early days of the founding of the Madonna House in Combermere, Ontario, a small, forgotten town in Canada, there were five acres, a small living house, and woodland all around. It was the late 1940s, and in the little homestead where Madonna House



Finding Faith in Everyday Life Sarah Reinhard

started, life was full of physical chores. The wood for the fire stood stacked outside, and in the winter, there might have been a foot or two of snow frozen on top. The bread had to be started the day before it was needed; the snow had to be cleared — every single day — from the paths leading to the main road.

It became easy, then, to call out to Mary intimately, asking for her help in the little things. Their focus was so firmly on God's work, on His mission for their lives, that turning to His mother became second nature. Out in the wilderness, where the light from town didn't provide any relief, Mary became a beacon of hope.

Maybe it was the wet wood that wouldn't burn; maybe it was the ice layered on the woodpile, maybe it was the iffy loaves of bread that didn't seem likely to rise — these and many other seemingly inconsequential obstacles were given to Mary. "Our Lady of Combermere" became an affectionate associate, someone who prayed for the little, necessary miracles that made pioneer life bearable. She was referenced casually, and there was never an apparition of Mary under this title.

In 1953, a visiting priest, hearing the invocation to Our Lady of Combermere, asked what she would look like. In the course of discussions, a drawing was made and, though it wasn't quite what the Madonna House team had in mind, it was hung up and even passed around.

Our Lady of Combermere remained a local phe-

nomenon of everyday miracles, unexceptional to the world at large, until an attendee to the 1956 Summer School of Lay Apostolate experienced a favor granted after praying a novena to Mary under this title. The woman insisted on donating a life-sized bronze statue.

But how would she look? And that was even secondary to obtaining the permission from Rome for treating Our Lady of Combermere as a public devotion, a process that was expected to take years.

It didn't take years, though, to get that permission, much to the shock and delight of everyone involved. Within two months, the approval was granted and the team at Madonna House found just the right way to represent Mary as Our Lady of Combermere.

On June 8, 1960, Bishop Smith officially installed and blessed the statue at Madonna House, remarking as part of his installation, "As the years go by, we seem to be living in a confused world which is becoming more confused all the time. It seems to me that the solution of the things troubling us today will be cared for by Our Lady. Our Lady promised to do so, if we do our part. So if we take heed of her words, in whatever work we do, and dedicate ourselves to her, we will have opportunity to make recompense to God for the many sins of the world."

Our Lady of Combermere has her arms open. She's running toward us, her children, and she's wasting no time in praying for every little concern we have, including the heaps of laundry, the fussy children, the tense relationship? What about the deadline, the stubbed toe, the messy desk? None of these are too small for her. She runs to us with a smile, thrilled to be involved in the routine of our lives.

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Three St. Charles teams earn spots at National Engineering Championship

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School sent 10 teams to compete in the Technology Student Association Tests of Engineering Aptitude in Mathematics and Science (TSA TEAM+S) Engineering Regional Competition in early March at Ohio Northern University in Ada. Of that group, three teams (two Varsity and one JV) qualified to compete at the TSA National Convention in Atlanta June 21-25.

The Varsity A team placed first in the nation, region, and state in its division; the Varsity B team placed second in the nation, region and state by division; and one of the school's Junior Varsity teams placed in the top 10 in the nation and the state by division.

Only the top three teams from each division from each state are invited to the TSA National Convention to compete in one combined pool, regardless of a school's size or admissions criteria, for the right to be recognized as the best in the United States.

"For one school to qualify three teams is truly a remarkable accomplishment," says Dr. Sarah Vandermeer, St. Charles Physics teacher and moderator of the school's nationally-recognized engineering program. She has taught at St. Charles since 1995.

One-day engineering competitions, like that at Ohio Northern, take place at more than 125 regional locations nationwide through a partnership with high school educators, universities, corporations, and professional organizations. More than 10,000 students on more than 1,250 eight-member teams, compete at remote and regional sites across the nation and in one foreign country. The competition includes an essay portion, design-build portion and problem-solving among eight different theme-based engineering scenarios.

A St. Charles team has placed either first or second in the Division III Championship competitions at Ohio Northern every year since 2008, including four national division titles and one runner-up finish. This is the first time, however, a qualifying St. Charles team will travel from Columbus to Atlanta to compete.

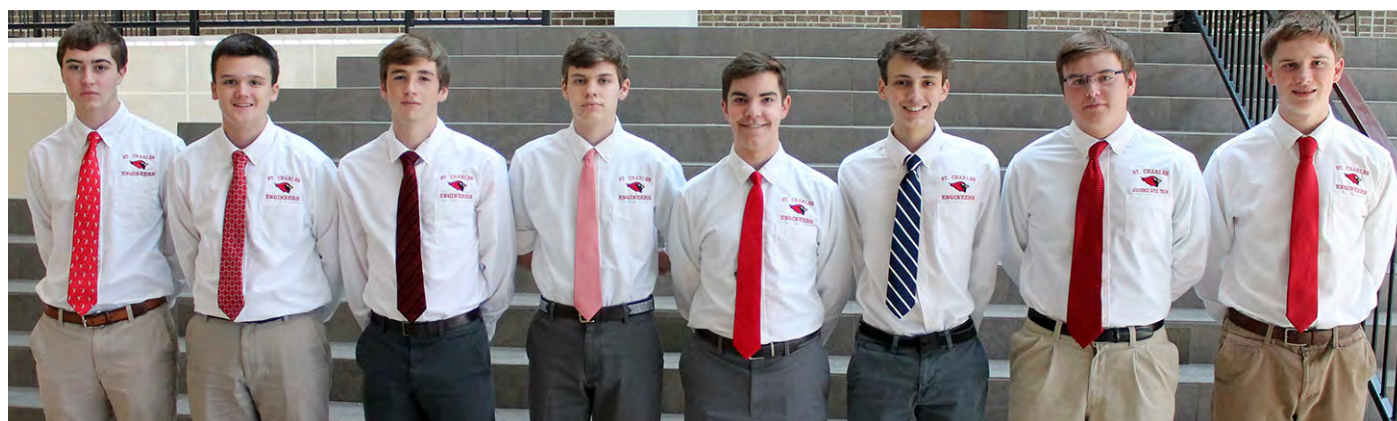
While St. Charles has always fared well in the annual regional competition, ranking multiple teams in the top 10 by division, Vandermeer was espe-



Varsity A Team (from left) are Ian Smith, George Javitch, Luke Voegele, Henry Valachovic, Dr. Sarah Vandermeer (moderator and faculty member), Alex Wing, Adam Groene, Jack Finn and Joseph Roe. Not pictured: Cameron Houk, coach and faculty member.



Varsity B Team (from left) are Devin Keller, Cameron DeShetler, Liam O'Reilly, William Susa, Michael Anderson, Anthony Ricourte, Nick Schuler and Colin Saccoccio.



JV Team (from left) are Will Humphrys, Nick Lusky, Brennan O'Brien, Dominick Lombardi, Hagan Stovall, Alex Dickson, Zach Zehala and Jack Propater.

cially pleased because "this year represents the first time we have ever had two teams within the top 10 nationally regardless of division, with a real opportunity to compete for the national championship."

"These 10 seniors and six juniors represent the strongest potential St. Charles has had in the 17 years the team has been competing in TSA TEAM+S Engineering Competition,"

Vandermeer said. (The completion was known as "Jets TEAM+S" from 2001 until 2011.)

At regional competitions, schools are assigned to compete in one of eight divisions based on several criteria that seeks to allow for more equal competition. "High School" divisions are based on admissions policy (six divisions are made up of schools with open enrollments and two divisions

are made up of schools with selective enrollment based on competitive and academic criteria). Teams are further subdivided according to 12th grade class sizes. St. Charles competes in Division III with other teams that have 76-175 seniors and an open enrollment admissions policy. (St. Charles accepts incoming students on a first-come basis and does not have an entrance exam.)

Worthington St. Michael students share love and devotion for Mary

At St. Michael School in Worthington, the Blessed Virgin Mary is greatly loved! During the month of May, there are many ways that the students, teachers, and families of the school express their devotion to her in a particular way. For several years, there has been an opportunity for students, parents, and staff to participate in a Marian consecration according to St. Louis de Montfort on May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.

This year, there were many students and several parents and staff who chose to do the monthlong preparation and will consecrate their lives (or renew their consecration) to Our Lady (using Father Brian McMaster's book *Totus Tuus*). The context for this consecration has been the eighth-grade clubs for both boys and girls: The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the girls and the *Virtus in Christo* for the boys. Throughout the year, the eighth graders help spread devotion to Our Lady and to the Blessed Sacrament, respectively. It seems appropriate that one of the culminating events of the year is a consecration to Our Lady. As part of the preparation for the consecration the students all wrote an essay on Our Lady. The essays were read and the top scoring essays were chosen for publication. Two of the essays are below, one written by Mateo and one written by Rachel.

Devotion to Mary by Mateo

What is devotion? Is devotion loving something no matter what, caring for it, doing everything for it? Devotion has three parts of its definition, first its definition says it is "love, loyalty, or enthusiasm for a person, activity, or cause," second it says, "religious worship or observance," and it finally says, "prayers or religious observances." But devotion to our Lady is loyal to her being excited to be with her, not just with her because you were forced to. But being with her because you love them, is loving someone but knowing them fully. And devotion to Our Lady is love and purely cares for everyone no matter what.

Devotion to Our Lady are acts of the virtue of religion. Like prayer, it is one of the interior acts of this virtue. Saints throughout history have had devotion to Mary. Many Missions were started by saints and devoted to Mary. Throughout the church's history monasteries have been dedicated to Mary. One of

the many is The Monastery of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Vermont. They are a group of nuns that dedicate their lives to seek God in his infinite beauty. People are seeking in prayer all over the world to dedicate their lives to Our Lady.

One of the places where Mary is acknowledged and devoted to is at St. Michael School in Worthington. Here we pray every day to Mary. When we acknowledge Mary she is present and some devote their lives to her. She is the Mother of God, she conceived our God, and lived with our God. At St. Michael we are with God in every class, every prayer, and all masses we attend. This means that St. Michael's is a place for those who wish to be devoted or become devoted to Jesus and to Our Lady.

In the bible it states that Mary was assumed into heaven and became the Mother of God. On earth we still tell people that Mary was born, and conceived into this world without sin which is the truth. We dedicate our lives to Mary becoming closer to God. So we and dedicate our lives to Mary in order that we may become saints and in heaven have love from her for eternity.

Titles of Our Lady by Rachel

Mary is very important to the Catholic Church and everyone who belongs to it. Mary is very important because she is the Mother of God. She holds multiple titles because of the importance that she has. A few of her many titles include, Mary Ever-Virgin, Mary Most-Pure, and Mary, Star of the Sea.

Mary Ever-Virgin, God granted her to not have the burden of original sin. Mary was conceived immaculate, St. Ann and St. Joachim gave birth to a child who had no sin. This is because God had a special plan for her. Mary is often prayed to in order to gain chastity and purity. An example of this is with St. Maximilian Kolbe. In one of his dreams Mary came



Worthington St. Michael School's May Crowning ceremony on May 11 included a procession, flowers, rosary and consecration to Mary.

to him and showed him a red and white crown. The red for martyrdom, the white for purity. He chose both. When he was taken to a concentration camp, he stepped in to take the place of a man who was going to be killed and soon St. Maximilian Kolbe was killed. But Mary gave him the choice for what he wanted. Mary had given him the chance to also be pure, not in the way she was but in a different way. If you pray to Mary and have a good relationship with her, she will help you throughout your life as well.

Mary Most-Pure stayed pure her whole life. She was pure to God and stayed a virgin. The angel Gabriel came down to Mary and asked her to be the Mother of God. She said yes even though she was so young. She stayed loyal to God. When she visited Elizabeth she was with her for 6 months. Then Joseph was going to divorce her. But Mary stayed loyal and never lied. This really stands out to me because of her courage. I hope to one day have the courage she has.

Mary, Star of the Sea. In suffering we can turn to Mary. During a time of suffering in my life, I realized that Mary had a Son and she lost Him. Because of this suffering, surely Mary would understand how I was feeling. I talked to her about it and Mary sent me consolation. Mary, Star of the Sea, means to me that she guides my way.

Mary Star of the Sea, Most-Pure, and Ever-Virgin. All these titles describe her in different ways. Throughout her lifetime, she was tempted many times, but never gave in to temptation. "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of Lords and conqueror of sin and death." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 966) God even calls her, Queen over all things, and she watches over all of us.

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Five new priests ordained for the Diocese of Columbus

By Doug Bean, Catholic Times Editor

The Diocese of Columbus and Bishop Frederick Campbell received five men into the ranks of the priesthood at a ceremony replete with the sacredness and splendor accompanying the rite of ordination.

Fathers Christopher Tuttle, Thomas Herge, Brett Garland, Edward Shikina and Todd Lehigh were ordained by the bishop on Saturday, May 26 at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church before a large congregation that included family, friends and parishioners from the new priests' home parishes and from parishes

they served during their seminary years.

Also present were two retired bishops, James A. Griffin of Columbus and James H. Garland of Gaylord, Michigan, as well as priests and permanent deacons from the Diocese of Columbus and religious orders.

All but Father Shikina completed their vocational studies in May at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington. Father Shikina finished his theology formation at Pope St. John XIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, which specializes in men who receive a calling later in life.



Five men ordained to the diocesan priesthood lay prostrate in front of the altar before their ordination at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church. Right: Diocesan priests lay hands on the new priests. CT photos by Ken Snow

Liturgical music was provided by the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral choir under the direction of Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, Cathedral organist Nicole Simental, Cathedral organ scholar Taylor Hendershott, and the Cathedral Brass.

The Rite of Ordination began after the Gospel from St. John was sung by transitional Deacon Kyle Tennant, who is on track to be ordained to the priesthood next year along with five others in the diocese.

The passage included poignant words to the apostles that applied to those about to be ordained: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

Father Paul Noble, director of vocation for the diocese, presented the candidates to Bishop Campbell as ready to fulfill the duties of the office of the priesthood. Each one was sitting in the front rows of the church with family members and answered "present" when his name was called before coming up to stand before the altar and the bishop.

As the five sat on stools, the bishop addressed them and the congregation during his homily while he was seated directly in front of the altar. He explained the duties the candidates were

about to accept.

"All discipleship, all vocations in the church, began with a deep understanding of Jesus Christ, his continuing presence among us, and an experience of his nearness to each of us," Bishop Campbell said. "But if you read farther in the Gospel of John, something very remarkable happens. Jesus is no longer there as teacher or instructor of the disciples. He suddenly turns from speaking to them to addressing His Heavenly Father. This is known as his priestly prayer. For our Lord now is not simply teaching but rather he is giving an example of what it means to be a priest, to be called by his heavenly father to accomplish a particular mission.

"And he allowed the disciples to witness the most intimate of the relationships within the Holy Trinity, a relationship of father and son, and son to father. And in that prayer, in that outpouring of an example of priestly life, our Lord speaks about consecration, and consecration particularly with you, but a consecration also for a bishop. And it is a mission not only to speak of the love of God but to live it as an example of what it means to serve the will of God for the love of others.

"It begins with a prayerful intimacy with God, a hunger and desire for the

truth that he wishes to reveal to us, a sense as our Lord has spoken of being called out of the world and ordered to transform the world, and to understand that it is not me who chose Christ but Christ who chose us. There has to be both a deep sense of humility and faithfulness as we begin to participate in the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ himself. And remember the words that he has spoken were spoken before his own death and have a particular meaning and sense. And through all this he speaks of the bond of charity. Our Lord concludes his prayer with, 'I make known to them your name and I will make it known that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them. Part of his consecration -- of being surrounded and called to a profound charity -- is preaching the word that our Lord entrusted to us. For as St. Peter was the declare before the Sanhedrin, there is no other name on heaven or on earth by which we are saved than the name of Jesus Christ, the name that in season and out of season is to be proclaimed boldly and with courage and with eloquence, and with a deep sense of concern for the good of those who long to hear this word of hope, this word of mercy and forgiveness.'

Bishop Campbell mentioned a re-

vealing commentary from Pope Benedict XVI in which he said if the priest preaches God's word he speaks in the name of Christ. But if he speaks in his own words, he is the anti-Christ.

After the homily, the five promised to faithfully serve the people through the administration of the sacraments and their priestly duties. Then each of them knelt before the bishop and promised to remain obedient to him and his successors. That was followed by the Litany of Supplication to the saints while the humble servants prostrated themselves in front of the altar as a symbol of their unworthiness.

Bishop Campbell then laid hands on each of the elect. The priests in attendance did the same, one by one, with all five.

The ordination ceremony continued with the investiture of the stole and chasuble signifying the transition from the diaconate to the presbyterate. Each newly ordained priest chose two priests to do the vesting. One of those for Father Garland was Bishop Garland, his great uncle.

Bishop Campbell proceeded to anoint the new priests' hands as a sign of their sharing in Christ's sanctifying mystery. Psalm 110 was sung ("Christ our Lord



is a priest forever like Melchisedek of old") and the mothers of the priests brought forth a chalice and paten to the bishop, who ceremonially hands them to each of the newly ordained to signify their sharing in Christ's sanctifying mystery to transform the bread and wine into His body and blood.

"Remember, my brothers, that you are ordained for the celebration of that Eucharist, to lead the people to a deeper participation of that saving event, to draw them deeper and deeper into that participation of the saving life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus

Christ," Bishop Campbell said earlier in his homily. "I want to you to always look out on the face of the faithful who desire to be touched by that presence of Christ, whose hearts and minds long for it. Make certain that the people are drawn to a real and powerful encounter with the living Lord Jesus and to allow the people to understand that the participation in the Holy Eucharist we are participating in is a holy pilgrimage, that even as we celebrate the true and risen presence of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Five consecrated men called to serve the Church follow diverse paths to the priesthood



Father Edward Shikina

Father Edward Shikina's journey to the priesthood took some twists and turns before he finally answered the call to enter the seminary.

"I began discerning the priesthood when I was 24 years old when, after working at a paper distribution company, I realized that I wanted to do more with my life," he said. "It was sort of an existential crisis. I didn't know what I was supposed to be doing with my life. I had not been going to church at that time and in an effort to get God to 'talk to me,' I went back to church.

"The first time back at Mass, I fell in love with God. A great peace washed over me. I felt like I was home. I prayed to God to help me with my life. I felt broken and lost."

He was born and baptized in Louisiana before his family moved to Columbus when he was 11 years old. Despite being raised in a Catholic family that attended Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, as he grew into an adult he would only accompany them to Mass on Christmas and Easter.

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Father Thomas Herge

Becoming a priest for the Diocese of Columbus was something Father Thomas Herge never envisioned until a few years.

Father Herge, 29, was born in Ohio, moved with his parents, John and Donna, to Montgomery, Alabama at age 3, graduated from Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and returned to Columbus to study at The Ohio State University as an undergraduate and then as a graduate student in statistics. Life was good.

"By the end of college, I was pretty sure that I was not called to be a priest," he recalled. "I couldn't have been happier. There was nothing that could have really drawn me away. Except that, two quarters in, I go to pray at Holy Name Church, my adopted home parish. I finished praying evening prayer and there's this weird sense and it's really familiar. And there was no doubt in my mind that it was that sense of a call to the priesthood. The thought that popped into my mind at the end of praying was, I never thought in a million years I could have imagined myself in this situation. I'd been looking for different ways to get out of Columbus.

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Father Christopher Tuttle

Father Chris Tuttle had a dream job as a golf pro teaching people how to improve their game, but he ultimately realized God was leading him to a course that didn't include clubs or balls, greens or fairways.

"This is good helping people play golf, but how can I really help people?" he asked himself while discerning his vocation. "I can help people get to heaven. How can I do that? Being a priest."

That led him to the seminary and, seven years after beginning his studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Father Tuttle, 35, of Granville St. Edward the Confessor Church, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Columbus on Saturday, May 26.

Like many other men, the road to ordination was filled with twists and turns and some potholes.

The oldest of Michael and Tami Tuttle's seven children, he attended Columbus Mater Dei Academy and Columbus St. Patrick Church, where he was an altar boy and initially encouraged by the Dominican friars to consider the priesthood.

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Father Todd Lehigh

For the first time in 40 years, the Diocese of Columbus ordained a priest whose home parish is Dennison Immaculate Conception.

Father Todd Lehigh, 29, received the sacrament of Holy Orders from Bishop Frederick Campbell along with four other men on Saturday, May 26 at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church. The last priest to be ordained from Immaculate Conception was Father William A. Metzger, now the pastor of West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude Church, on May 27, 1978.

Father Lehigh's Catholic education started when his mother, Paula, sent him to Immaculate Conception School. It continued at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School before he decided to attend Kent State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in manufacturing and mechanical systems.

Serious thoughts of becoming a priest didn't crop up until college, but he remembers thinking about life as a priest in junior high as an altar server.

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Father Brett Garland

Some men receive the call to the priesthood later in life. Some know from their early years. Father Brett Garland had an inkling while growing up on a farm in Fayette County that he might one day pursue a religious vocation.

And eventually he did. On Saturday, May 26, he was ordained along with four other men from the Diocese of Columbus by Bishop Frederick Campbell at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church.

Father Garland, 27, is the first son of Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church to become a priest since 1945.

During the rite of ordination, he was vested by his great uncle, Bishop emeritus James Garland of Marquette, Michigan, and Father Jan Sullivan, his former parish priest who was an influential figure in Father Garland's formation.

He traces the start of his vocation story to elementary school when Father Sullivan was assigned to St. Colman.

"He invited my brothers and me to be in serving," Father Gar-

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"I never in a million years would have considered being a diocesan priest for Columbus, like that was the last thing on my list. This is the only series of events that could have possibly transpired that could get me to consider that. There was sort of a flair in my heart – that's what I'm here for. I said, 'You've got to be kidding me, God.'"

He discussed his situation with friends, his pastor and (vocations director) Father (Paul) Noble. "The more I thought about it the more I couldn't shake it," he said, and so he applied to seminary.

"Lord, I don't know what you want me to do," he remembered saying. "This seems to be something you would want me to be doing right now. I'm going to go with it. If you want me to change my mind, you whack me over the head and make me think twice. And he has always obliged me."

The idea of religious life had never occurred to him until his junior year of high school. At two different churches two weeks in a row while on vacation, he heard the same hymn with the lyrics, "Will you come and follow me if I just call your name?"

"The first time I heard it nothing struck me about it," he said. "The second time I was struck because earlier at Mass during the homily I was thinking to myself, 'I could see myself doing that' – a thought I'd never had before ... never."

He went back to Alabama, spoke to the Archdio-



Father Thomas Herge stands with his family before he is called to the altar.
CT photo by Ken Snow

cese of Mobile about applying to seminary, but after finishing high school (where he mom, a Lutheran convert, was his math teacher) he landed at Ohio State, "where the Holy Spirit nudged me."

Thoughts of the priesthood never really left him. "Actually, my whole freshman year of college I was thinking, 'Am I going to transfer to seminary?'"

He applied to Mobile. "The priest who wrote my recommendation letter to seminary said, 'Please don't send this guy to seminary. He'll be bored to

tears.' I was kind of upset. But it sent me in another direction."

Father Herge, 29, considers the late Monsignor James Ruef and Father Antonio Carvalho at Holy Name, where he helped out with maintenance during college, and devoted neighbors in Alabama (ironically from Columbus) among the influential people in his vocation. And he also has been inspired through his various assignments during seminary at Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Columbus St. Cecilia Church, Portsmouth St. Mary and Holy Redeemer Church, Gahanna St. Matthew, Lancaster St. Mary and Powell St. Joan of Arc Church.

"I also had a group of friends at Ohio State who were all thinking about the priesthood," he said, and three of them will also be ordained to the priesthood this year – two in religious orders and another for the Diocese of Toledo.

For anyone considering the priesthood, he offered this advice: "You don't figure out whether you're called to be a priest until you've gone through seminary. That's what it's for. It's a place to work out doubts. It's a place to work through all those considerations, like a crucible. It's not all roses. It's supposed to transform you into a different kind of person, more like Christ. That isn't going to happen without the cross. But if Christ is with you through all that, there's nothing to be afraid of."

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"I had been thinking about it at the time, but it kind of had the reverse effect," he recalled. "I had a whole lot of fear, got scared, and it kind of drove me away. I had all these thoughts, 'I want to play sports in high school, I want to date, I want to get married.'"

After graduating from Columbus St. Francis De-Sales in 2001, he attended Otterbein College but left after a year and continued working at Brookside Country Club in Worthington. At age 22, he moved to Florida for another golf job before going to work in Atlanta at the PGA Superstores. He lived there for a year and then transferred, when the company expanded to Phoenix, to become the head teaching professional.

While his career was on an upward trajectory, his spiritual life had tanked. He hadn't been going to Mass regularly since the end of high school.

"I'm sitting here at 25, hitting my life goals, but feeling real empty inside," he said. "Maybe I'm not supposed to be going down this road. I just started asking God what to do with my life. What I thought I was supposed to be doing wasn't fulfilling. I was kind of having this feeling of being late for something, missing out on something."

While in Atlanta, he had begun going to Mass again. Phoenix was where he started taking the faith more seriously.

"I made my first confession in five years on Good Friday," he said. "That was very powerful and awesome. Not long after that my grandpa died and my

dad had a stroke at age 49. I started going to sacraments more, started going to daily Mass more, started thinking about it, praying about it."

He also figured that if he was supposed to get married a church was the best place to find a wife. "But in God's providence, it wasn't finding a future spouse. I started getting thoughts or feelings and a pulling on my heartstrings of maybe being a priest."

He realized the Lord was calling him to change his life.

"I was reading the gospels one day in my living room and I came to the passage, 'Would you leave everything and come follow me?' It hit me real hard," he said. "I slammed the Bible shut and ran out of my room. So that was very powerful."

Things continued to fall into place. With the economy struggling, he was let go from his job. "I remember going home that night and being like, this is a definitive sign," he said. "Golf will always be a part of my life, but if there's ever a sign straight from God that this is the path you need to go. Boom."

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He was accepted by the Diocese of Phoenix, spent a pastoral year there and came to Josephinum for seminary before transferring to the Diocese of Columbus after his second year of undergraduate studies.

"There's ups and downs in seminary," he said. "But through it all, I was always praying, 'Lord, is this what you want? If not, give me a sign to leave and go somewhere else. It's always been right.'"

He particularly enjoyed summer assignments in diocesan parishes at the Perry County Consortium, Columbus St. Cecilia, Columbus St. Catherine, and Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare churches.

"Really, it boiled down to I was living a selfish life," he said. "I thought I knew what was best for me. I wanted to experiment, but eventually realized pleasure isn't what it's all about. Eventually, it was God's grace and finally being open to that."

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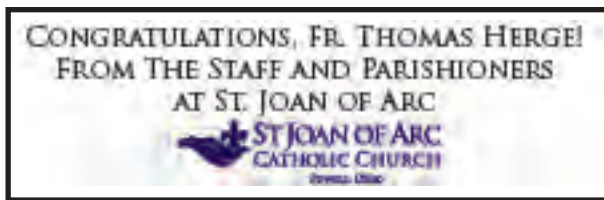
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Because Immaculate Conception is a smaller parish, that gave him the opportunity to regularly serve at funeral and wedding Masses in addition to school Masses, First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction. Being on the altar made him curious enough about the priesthood to ask the parish pastor at the time, Father Martin Ralko, about his vocation.

In high school, he participated in football and track, but his faith life "was a little more rocky." There were three guys in school, though, who were thinking about the seminary. One of them, Father Anthony Davis, eventually became a priest in the diocese.

Also during his school years, he witnessed his father, Todd, a Methodist, become Catholic at the Easter Vigil in 2006. Watching coverage of Pope John Paul II's funeral on television a year earlier and realizing the Holy Father is a successor to St. Peter helped convince his dad to convert.

"It was kind of an interesting dynamic," Father Lehigh said. "I wasn't taking my faith too serious and my dad was."

He was focused on pursuing his mechanical interests at Kent State. But about halfway through college, the financial crisis hit, people were losing their jobs, and he began to think about his career, getting married and having a family.

"My direction in life I started questioning more and started to pray," he said. "I know you're out there, Jesus, if you're really real, what direction do you have for my life? That was probably the most sincere prayer I'd prayed for a long time aside from just showing up at Mass."

Not long after that, he came across a pamphlet with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and started praying it.

"It actually felt kind of good to really pray," he

said. "That started me on a life of prayer. I thought that was so good I got a copy of St. Faustina's diary and read that. That really opened me up to reflecting on the graces of the sacrament of reconciliation, saying I could use that. I hadn't gone to confession in a long time."

He began attending daily Mass, going to confession regularly, listening to Catholic radio to relearn the faith he'd taken for granted, and praying the rosary. "I started to ask Mary in prayer, 'What direction should I be taking?'" Over time, through interaction with other people in my parish and seeing a younger priest in my parish made me think that (the priesthood) might be for me."

A number of little signs ("no lightning bolts or anything like that") continued to push him toward exploring a religious vocation. Things like a parishioner telling him on the way out of Mass that he should become a priest. "I just shrugged it off. But I thought maybe I should look into it."

He contacted his former pastor and diocesan vocations director Father Paul Noble, and scheduled a live-in weekend at the Josephinum.

Before taking the leap of faith, he went back to Kent State to complete his undergraduate degree and then work for his father, a painter. He entered the seminary the following fall to begin six challenging but spiritually fulfilling years of formation.

His summer parish assignments included Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Columbus St. Timothy, Columbus St. Andrew, Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle, and his deaconate year at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona.

On the road to ordination, what became clear to him applies to any vocation. "The more you pray, you're open to God's will to be done in your life."



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Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

BELDEN, Bruce, 64, May 25
St. Joseph Church, Dover

BERRY, Mary Jane (Conlon), 91, May 15
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

BEVAN, Barbara (Bennett), 79, May 19
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

BRODERICK, Linda M. (Herking), 68, May 24
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

BURNS, Mary Alice, 95, May 13
St. Catherine Church, Columbus

CASE, Mary, 82, May 20
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

CHITTI, Helen (Hilton), 86, May 13
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

CHONKO, Arnold T., 60, May 18
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

DAVENPORT, Georgia, 73, May 17
Holy Family Church, Columbus

DAVIS, Janice, 48, May 16
St. John-Holy Rosary, Columbus

DEAL, David, 84, May 17
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

D'ERAMO, Giacomina, 89, May 22
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

DiROSARIO, Thomas, 87, May 15
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

DIXON, Colleen, 64, May 14
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

DORRIAN, Nora Patricia, 86, May 26
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

DRAY, Joan, 78, May 19
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

DUSINI, Frank, 84, May 7
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

EING, Karl, 84, May 24
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

FRANCESCHELLI, Leonard, 91, May 9
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

FRICKE, Margaret, 91, May 16
St. Philip the Apostle Church, Columbus

FROST, Roberta, 87, (formerly of Columbus)
May 20
St. Joseph Church, Arlington, Texas

FUSCA, Frank, 76, May 18
Seton Parish, Pickerington

GARDNER, Sheila, 72, May 7
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

GILPIN, James, 43, May 21
St. Mary Church, Delaware

GOSSMAN, Donna, 87, May 25
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

GRIMM, Dennis, 77, April 25
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

HALL, Mildred (Baumbusch), 104, May 25
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

HESS, Robert Charles, 85, May 21
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

HINTON, Dorothy Jean "Dottie," May 25
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

HOTTINGER, William R., 71, May 17
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Columbus

KEELING, Arlene, 79, May 15
St. Peter Church, Columbus

KEIFER, Rosemary, 95, May 15
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

KROCKER, Dorothy (Egler), 84, May 11
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

KUNKLER, Ambrose J. "Bud," 84, April 28
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

LANG, Jeffrey, 34, May 22
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

LEINDECKER, James Cole, 92, May 17
Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

LENIHAN, Nancy, 88, May 24
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

MANSON, Weldell Omer, 94, May 23
Holy Family Church, Columbus

MILLER Sr., Howard William, 98, May 17
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

NAGY, Dianne, 76, May 26
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church,
Columbus

NIEVES, Robert, 65, May 14
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

NOETH, John, May 16
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

PATETE JR., Guy, 77, May 25
St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus

PANGRAZIO, Joseph, 72, May 11
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

REILLY, Richard, 89,
St. Andrew Church, Upper Arlington

ROBERTS, Mae Ruth, 88, May 12
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

ROSEBERRY, Rena, 84, May 10
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

ROSETTI, Mary (Brogne), 104, April 22
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

ROSMARIN, Margaret, 85, May 17
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

ROYCE, Margaret, May 19
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

SAUER, Carol, 76, May 16
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville

SEDLACEK SR., Rick, 74, May 23
St. Mary Church, Delaware

SHINNICK, Gary, 79, May 23
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

THOMAS, John, 55, April 12
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

TORCH, Dora Ann, 81, May 8
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

WILLIAMSON, Jeanne Marie, 84, May 25
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

WILSON, Michael L. "Mike," 54, May 18
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

Denis L. Subler

Funeral Mass for Denis L. Subler, 78, of Versailles, Ohio, who died Sunday, May 20, was celebrated at St. Denis Church in Versailles on Friday, May 25 by his son, Father Carl Subler, a priest in the Diocese of Columbus. Burial was at St. Valbert Cemetery in Versailles.

He was born June 10, 1939 in Frenchtown, Ohio to the late Pauline (Barga) and Carl J. Subler. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he worked in the trucking industry and as a salesman until retiring.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Steve Subler, and brothers-in-law, Hal Richters and David Baron. Survivors include his wife, Nancy A. Subler; daughters, Rachel (Eric) Wolfe and Ann-Marie (Doug) Kurtz; son, Fr. Subler; brothers, Tom (Nancy) Subler and Mark (Jolene) Subler; sisters, Marilyn Richters, Kay (Darryl) Sandri and Linda (Chuck) Borchers; step-mother, Krista Subler-Boellke; four grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sister Gertrude "Trudy" Tanner, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Gertrude "Trudy" Tanner, 78, OP, who died Saturday, May 19 at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, Kansas, will be held Friday, June 8 at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Chapel in Columbus. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery.

She was born April 22, 1940 to Ivan & Esther (Schlingerman) Tanner in Newark, Ohio. She taught at several Catholic schools in Ohio,

including Columbus Our Lady of Peace and Somerset Holy Trinity, and in New Mexico and Pennsylvania. She also was involved in religious education and pastoral ministry in Kentucky, Florida, Iowa and Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, William Eugene Tanner. Survivors include sisters, Marianne Lee and Kathleen Marie Brooker.



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- St. Anthony of Padua

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After graduating from Groveport-Madison High School, he attended The Ohio State University but dropped out after three years "with barely any credits to my name."

"I really was lost in life in those years," he said. "Within a couple of months, I received a brochure in the mail from a religious organization asking, 'Have you ever considered becoming a priest?' It was so out of the blue that I took that as a sign from God that He wanted me to become a priest."

Because of financial debt, he was unable to enter the seminary then and subsequently took a job at a lumber company selling building materials to contractors and home builders. He thought that would be a temporary move, but it lasted five years. During that time, he said he was re-learning his Catholic faith and becoming more involved at his home parish.

He left that job and drove a forklift in a warehouse for two years before moving on to a computer troubleshooting position.

"My pursuit of the priesthood began to wane," he said. "I was ignoring the call. But God was patient with me."

His parents, Seiji and Shigeko, had retired in 2008 and joined the Peace Corps. When they returned from their

first assignment in the Ukraine two years later, he realized they would come back with missionary stories.

"That's when it hit me that that's the kind of life that I should be living – mission-oriented to serve others," he said. "So after 10 years of hearing the call but not really pursuing the priesthood, I decided the time was right to enter the seminary."

Father Shikina submitted his application to the vocations office and began seminary in the fall of 2010. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2014 and continued his theology studies at Pope St John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts.

During the summers, he served at West Jefferson St. Simon and Jude Church, Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, Hilliard St. Brendan Church, Columbus Christ the King Church, Marion St. Mary Church, and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

"The seminary has been great," he said. "I've grown by leaps and bounds in the four pillars of formation, which of course helps me to be a better Christian and human being. I'm motivated by the purpose of what God is calling me to do."



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Living in Eucharistic amazement

Exodus 24:3-8

Psalms 116:12-13, 15-18

Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

By **Jem Sullivan**, *Catholic News Service*

The Eucharist is the source and the summit of the Christian life. This teaching of the Second Vatican Council has come to life for countless generations of ordinary men and women of faith, particularly those who suffer persecution and martyrdom for believing in Jesus Christ.

Take the example of Cardinal Francois Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, the Vietnamese archbishop who was imprisoned, tortured and sentenced to solitary confinement for 13 years by Communist authorities. He was deprived of food, personal human contact, and forbidden to read books or spiritual materials. He found consolation in reciting the Psalms and prayers of the church, which he knew by heart.

And every day, he celebrated the Eucharist behind bars. If the prison guards discovered him, he would have been beaten and punished severely. So how did he celebrate Mass in secret?

Cardinal Van Thuan described his deep love of the Eucharist with moving words: "Every day, with three drops of wine and a drop of water in the palm of my hand, I would celebrate Mass. This was my altar, and this was my cathedral! ... Each day in reciting the words of consecration, I confirmed with all my heart and soul a new pact, an eternal pact between Jesus and me through his blood mixed with mine."

With only three drops of wine, smuggled into his prison cell, and tiny particles of leftover bread, he

was nourished by the body and blood of Jesus who gave him strength to endure violent persecution and hope in his loneliness and desolation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Eucharist is the sum and summary of the Catholic faith. On this solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the word of God invites us to make the Eucharist the center of our spiritual life and journey of faith.

At the Last Supper, Jesus takes bread and wine, prays a blessing to his heavenly Father, and commands his disciples to take, eat and drink of the life-giving spiritual food of his own body and blood. Then, Jesus offers his body and his blood on the cross so that we may be reconciled to friendship with God.

The most fitting response of faith to the gift of Jesus' own flesh and blood is thanksgiving. And that is what the word "Eucharist" means. To partake of Jesus' body and blood is to live our lives in Eucharistic amazement, hearts filled always with thanksgiving for the unconditional mercy and goodness of God.

The Holy Spirit invites us today, and every day, to live our lives in humble thanksgiving to God who so desires our friendship that his Son Jesus gives us his own body and blood as our spiritual food and drink. With thanksgiving for the gift and mystery of the Eucharist we say in faith, "speak to me, Lord."

Reflection Question:

Is the Eucharist the sum and summary of my faith in Jesus Christ?

Sullivan is secretary for Catholic education of the Archdiocese of Washington.

150th anniversary tree planting at Plain City St. Joseph



Plain City St. Joseph Church recently participated in the Diocese of Columbus tree planting initiative as part of the 150th anniversary celebration. With children and parishioners looking on, Father Joseph Trapp blesses a new tree at the parish.

The Weekday Bible Readings

6/4-6/9

MONDAY

2 Peter 1:2-7
Psalm 91:1-2, 14-15b,
15c-16
Mark 12:1-12

TUESDAY

2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18
Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14, 16
Mark 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY

2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12
Psalm 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef
Mark 12:18-27

THURSDAY

2 Timothy 2:8-15
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9,
10, 14
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FRIDAY

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

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

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

DAILY MASS

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

(Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville);

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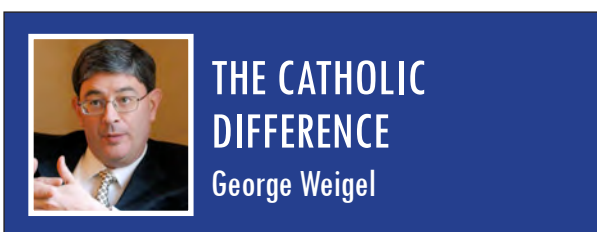
Justin Trudeau and the dictatorship of relativism

You've probably never heard of the Waupoos Family Farm. I hadn't either, until I met some folks involved in it during a recent visit to Ottawa. Their story vividly illustrates the dictatorship of relativism at work.

The farm is a vacation site for poor families who can't afford a holiday together. It's run by Christians who apply only one criterion to their potential guests: applicants must have an income below Statistics Canada's poverty line. That's it. No religious requirements. No work-for-play requirements. All you have to be is poor.

For years, the Waupoos Foundation, which supports the farm, has received Canadian government funds, through Canada's summer jobs program, to help staff the farm and assist the low-income people the farm serves. Win-win-win, right? Poor families get vacations; summer interns get real-world experience and a modest income through working with and for low-income families; the taxpayers are assured that their dollars are being put to good use among people who really appreciate the help.

Well, wrong. Or at least wrong according to the Canadian Department of Employment and Social Development, which is not going to fund summer jobs at the Waupoos Farm this year because the Waupoos Foundation has declined to accept a new governmental requirement: that recipients of summer jobs funds must "attest" that respecting human rights means respecting "reproductive rights," which include "the right to access safe and legal abortions." So, unless something changes soon, the Waupoos Foundation is going to have to scramble to find private sector money to support summer jobs at the Waupoos Family Farm. And if the Foundation has to cut back on staff



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as a result of the government's refusal to fund summer jobs at the farm — which will amount to a governmental rejection of the Foundation's conscientious objection to affirming abortion-on-demand as a human right — poor people will suffer as a result.

Since taking power in November 2015, the government of Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has been a paragon of political correctness, sometimes to the point of self-parody. One ukase recently instructed Canadian governmental employees to avoid using the honorifics "Mr.," "Mrs.," and "Ms." and the words "mother" and "father" in interacting with the public, as these terms could be understood as "gender specific." The prime minister himself, during a public meeting, corrected a woman who used the word "mankind," saying that the preferred term was "peoplekind." Alas, it's all of a piece with a government which, in defiance of all logic and linguistic common sense, insists that "reproductive rights" include the "right" to willfully terminate reproduction by killing an innocent human being.

A broad coalition of religious leaders protested the coercion of consciences implicit in the "reproductive rights" attestation, including representatives of religious communities that do not share orthodox Christian convictions about abortion. Thus far, their protests have been fruitless, although there

is talk of the attestation being reconsidered next year. Meanwhile, though, and for as long as the "reproductive rights" attestation remains in force, the Trudeau government will continue to embody the dictatorship of relativism: the imposition of a relativistic morality on everyone by coercive state power, with poor people often the losers.

I hope the attestation disappears, just as I hope Prime Minister Trudeau begins to use the English language properly; at least one North American head of government should be able to do so. But even if the Trudeau administration reverses itself on this blatant coercion of consciences, there may be an important lesson here for Canadian non-profits, including the Catholic Church: beware of too close an embrace of Caesar and too great a dependence on Caesar's coin.

Canada does not have the culture of philanthropy that exists in the United States, in part because Canada remained part of the British Empire after Americans bade farewell to King George III. In Canada, a tradition of governmental benevolence and largesse grew out of the experience of monarchy, while in America the republican habits of voluntarism and philanthropy (identified in the 1830s by Alexis de Tocqueville) formed early. The current Canadian summer jobs-funding fracas may thus suggest to our friends north of the 49th parallel that developing a culture of giving, capable of supporting a thick network of non-governmental organizations involved in education, health care, and social work, is good in itself — and essential when Caesar's coin turns toxic.

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

Cradling Christianity annual dinner to feature Holy Land expert

The annual Cradling Christianity dinner will be held Thursday, September 13 in the Walter Student Commons at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St.

The keynote speaker will Denise Marie Scalzo, OSF, LGCHS, a lay Franciscan and founding member of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land. She is a recipient of the Papal Award: Pope Leo XIII Gold Cross of Honor for many years of work in the Holy Land.

Scalzo has made 72 trips to the Holy Land. She is an international speaker who has authored seven volumes of "Love Letters from Gethsemane" and is a council member of the Western Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. She will deliver stories about her Holy Land experiences in what now covers three generations

of family members.

Also appearing will be Fr. Peter Vasiko, president on the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, who will travel to Columbus from Jerusalem to provide an update on Christians in the Holy Land.

Cradling Christianity was created by a group of Holy Land pilgrims who wanted to do more to assist the struggling Christian community in the place where Christ planted his church. The Christian population in the Holy Land now stands at only 150,000 as pressures from the ongoing conflicts force them to emigrate from their ancestral lands.



Cradling Christianity raises funds used to provide education, employment and housing assistance to struggling Christians who want to remain in their land. This will be the 13th annual dinner for the organization and they expect to exceed \$1,000,000 in total assistance to the Holy Land during that period.

The program begins with Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Charles Chapel followed by a reception, dinner and program in the Commons.

To make a reservation or for more information, contact: Chuck or Venetia Bramlage by email at Chuckbramlage@gmail.com or by phone at 314-691-3547.

Pontifical College Josephinum Commencement



The Pontifical College Josephinum celebrated its 119th Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 12. Diocese of Columbus graduates included (from left) Thomas Herge (Master of Divinity), Todd Lehigh (Master of Divinity), Brett Garland (Master of Divinity), Christopher Mescher (Bachelor of Philosophy), Christopher Crum (Bachelor of Arts in Humanities & Philosophy), Theodore Madrid (Honors Philosophy & Humanities, cum laude) and Christopher Tuttle (Master of Divinity). Not pictured is Evan Jones (Certificate of Completion in Philosophical and Theological Studies).

She advises Bishops and clergy, political leaders, and the media on faith and the dignity of human life. Now she is coming to Columbus to talk about her work to expose a growing threat in Africa: Western efforts to impose abortion on her people. Don't miss:

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JUNE

1, FRIDAY

Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Therese Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mark Butler, education resource coordinator for the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will present "Truth, Justice, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Prayer, reflection, group discussion. 614-595-1972

Catholic Men's Club Luncheon

St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch and talk by Deacon Chris Campbell, principal at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, on Catholic education.

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

First Friday Masses at Holy Family

9 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Friday Masses in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. 614-221-4323

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction around 11.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Eucharistic Adoration at Columbus St. Peter

9 a.m.-8 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. First Friday Eucharistic adoration in the Day Chapel.

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed as a Classified Ad. An entry is \$18.50 for the first six lines and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call Doug Bean at 614-224-6530.

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2, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick

7 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, preceded by confessions at 6:30. 614-240-5910

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888

First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc

8:30 a.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Mass, followed by rosary in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, concluding with Fatima prayers.

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-372-5249

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary. 614-221-4323

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731

3, SUNDAY

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-237-0401

4, MONDAY

Aquinas College High School alumni meeting

The Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus.

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory

7 to 8 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. First Monday Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with Morning Prayer, concluding with Mass.

Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit

7 p.m., Day chapel, Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St., Columbus, Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle prayer group for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435

5, TUESDAY

Our Lady of Good Success Study Group

11 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly Eucharistic holy hour followed by remedial catechesis study and discussion. 614-372-5249

Serra Club of North Columbus

Noon, Jessing Center at Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Worthington. Speaker will be Catholic Times Editor Doug Bean.

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, spon-

sored by church's respect life committee.

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

6, WEDNESDAY

Marian Devotion at St. Elizabeth

7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Marian devotion with Scriptural rosary, followed by Mass and monthly novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, with Father Ramon Owera, CFIC.

7, THURSDAY

Faith and Culture Lecture Series at Jubilee Museum

7 p.m., The Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Father Bob Simon discusses his experience building the LEGO Vatican, which will be on display at the Museum through early October.

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart

7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour with the intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for the Holy Father, bishops, and priests, concluding with Benediction, social period, and refreshments. 614-372-5249

10, SUNDAY

Music on the Hill Concert

3 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. Fifth St., Marysville. Program includes Felix Mendelssohn's Pionero Trio No. 1, Op. 49 in D Minor. Admission is free.

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11, MONDAY

Greater Columbus Right to Life Banquet

6 p.m., Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. Pro-Life speaker and strategist Obianuju (Uju) Ekoacha will give the keynote address.

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.

12, TUESDAY

Calix Society Meeting

6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Preceded by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, across street from meeting site.

Holy Hour at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Monthly Holy Hour following 6 p.m. Mass. 614-299-5781

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

13, WEDNESDAY

St. Anthony of Padua Mass

6 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Annual St. Anthony of Padua Mass sponsored by Circle #1. Blessed bread will be distributed afterward. Food and refreshments available after the Mass. 614-488-5893

St. Anthony of Padua celebration

Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Music and food trucks at 5 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m. with blessing of roses and prayers followed by veneration of St. Anthony relic, procession with St. Anthony statue and distribution of blessed bread.

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here and now, it is also a call to come forward, to proceed and to understand that we are called on his journey to the kingdom."

The ordination portion of the Mass concluded with the fraternal kiss of peace from the bishop and all priests on hand.

The Mass moved forward with the priests concelebrating with Bishop Campbell. At Communion, each of the new priests gave the Holy Eucharist to their family members.

Before the final blessing, each of the ordinands gave a first blessing to Bishop Campbell and then exited the church with him during the final procession.

After Mass, each of the new priests

returned to the sanctuary and gave the traditional first blessings to the faithful who knelt before them.

The day after the ordination, first Masses of thanksgiving were celebrated at home parishes throughout the diocese. They will begin their priestly service at diocesan churches in early July.

Approximately 430 men have or will be ordained in 2018 throughout the country from dioceses and religious orders. The largest class of 10 was from the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas.

The 2018 class from the Diocese of Columbus is the largest since six were ordained in 2015. The 2019 group is projected to equal that number.

LEGO Vatican replica coming to The Jubilee Museum in Columbus

By Doug Bean, Catholic Times Editor

A Catholic priest who built a LEGO replica of the Vatican is bringing his stunning creation to The Jubilee Museum in Columbus in June.

Father Bob Simon, the pastor at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Moscow, Pennsylvania, in the Diocese of Scranton, will kick off the exhibit with a special presentation as part of the Faith and Culture Lecture Series at the Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., located just west of Downtown Columbus, on Thursday, June 7. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and light refreshments will be served before the talk at 7.

The LEGO Vatican model will remain on display at the Museum through early October. It's just the sixth time that the replica will be on display.

Father Simon will discuss his experiences in building the LEGO Vatican and what has happened since it made its award-winning public debut at Brickfair 2015 in Virginia and then received worldwide media coverage after it became a prominent part of the Franklin Institute Science Museum's "Vatican Splendors" exhibit that opened in September 2015 before Pope Francis visited Philadelphia.

"Last time I set it up, I looked at it and said, 'What was I thinking,'" he joked. "It's been really fun to see people enjoying it. That's been a delight."

The details are astounding. There are 25 different sections that take two days to set up with three people work-



Father Bob Simon poses with his LEGO Vatican creation, which will be on display in Columbus from June 7 through early October.

ing on it. The Piazza has more than 44,000 cobblestones atop 12,000 tan tiles. The Colonnade, which takes six hours to rebuild, is made up of more than 6,000 round bricks. All of the LEGO pieces are certified and not altered in any way.

"It captures enough of it that people excitedly tell me who have been to the Vatican where they stood at a particular event," Father Simon said.

His work is not only extremely detailed but creatively "quirky." For example, he used railroad tracks inside the dome of St. Peter's Basilica. The visitors in the crowded square include nuns holding ice cream cones or cellphones, an Elvis impersonator, and a man wearing a striped prison shirt. That is meant to show Christ calls all people.

In September 2014, Father Simon laid the first bricks in the façade for what turned into a 14-by-6-foot, 100-pound Vatican model, which is his first large-scale build. It took 10 months to complete in an empty room in his parish rectory, often working later in the evening, sometimes stopping and starting again after receiving calls for assistance. None of the pieces are glued.

He tells children that this endeavor is a lesson in doing tasks "in small steps and to persevere."

He began the project as a way to cope with the hectic demands of his priestly duties. But it was actually a natural hobby. As a boy who always wanted to become a priest and build churches,

he finished the massive undertaking. He didn't use computer modeling. Instead, he relied on a quality image of the Vatican and Google Earth to "figure out measurements and have things work in harmony."

At the beginning, he turned to the building project as a way to relax similar to playing sports or music. But he realized after coming home from the death of a parishioner that "he should be praying."

"Just like the rosary, working with the bricks could be an assistance to prayer, something in your hands (like the beads)," he said. "I also began contemplating the beauty of the vision of Michelangelo and of Bernini."

Catholics and non-Catholics have been attracted to the Vatican model. He recalled a Muslim security guard at the Franklin Institute changing her shift just so she could be near the exhibit.

"It opens some beautiful opportunities," Father Simon said. "People away from the Church started talking to me. It opens from great doorways."

he had put together a much-smaller LEGO replica of St. Peter's Basilica.

So it was no surprise as an adult when he began to conceive how he would re-create the Vatican and buying bricks, which ended up being a \$10,000 investment, two years before



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land recalled. “That’s what really started my discernment to the priesthood was beginning to serve at the altar. The priest was no longer a faraway figure who wore funny robes on Sunday. We’d serve at all the big Masses and I really enjoyed that. It opened a whole new world to me.”

He remembers Father Sullivan gifting the servers with a biography of Pope John Paul II. Seeing pictures of a young Karol Wojtyla as a priest hiking and interacting with families “really struck me.”

He was also struck by Father’s Sullivan spiritual support during the death of several family members.

“I saw the great beauty of the sacraments and the Church’s rights and rituals, and the hope we have in Christ,” he said. “That was really influential helping me encounter the beauty of the priesthood.”

As he progressed through middle school and then on to Miami Trace High School (there are no Catholic schools in Fayette County), he began asking what God might be calling him to do with his life. He visited the

Pontifical College Josephinum several times while in high school, but he wasn’t ready to make the leap to the seminary after graduating.

“My family was always very encouraging of my vocation,” he said. “But I remember my mom telling me, this is definitely not coming from me. You’d better listen.”

During high school, he had the privilege of going to a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI at Yankee Stadium in New York with his mother, Jane, and an aunt and uncle.

“I was telling friends about this at my high school, and most of them are not Catholic. It was around that time they began calling me the pope,” he said.

The young “pope” knew he wanted to attend a Catholic college. He had visited Catholic University of America while in Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life and decided that was the place for him.

At CUA, he majored in theology and minored in philosophy. He said he encountered so many priests and religious studying there that his “eyes were opened to the breadth and

depths of the intellectual traditions of the Church” and the many vocational opportunities it offered.

“It became clear that God was calling me to the priesthood,” he said.

Still, he was some trepidation. He contemplated applying to graduate school when one of the priests said to him, “Brett, what are you doing? You know where God is calling you.” That was the nudge he needed.

It was clear to him that he should return to the Diocese of Columbus to study for the priesthood.

“I realized the depth of the experience I had had at my home parish,” he said. “It was really calling me back. I grew up with family and I really valued that. I felt the diocesan priesthood, giving myself to families, that was where I wanted to take my next step. I had first discerned my vocation there.”

During his five years in seminary, he experienced the same ups and downs as all of the men do. His summer pastoral assignments included a Spanish immersion program in Costa Rosa, Chillicothe St. Peter and Columbus

Christ the King, and his diaconate year at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

One of the highlights while at the Josephinum was the seminarians’ trip to Rome and Assisi during his third year of theology. His mother organized a trip for family members to follow along, and while they were there his twin brother, Ryan, proposed to his future wife.

The family’s joy faded when they returned home and learned that their mother had cancer.

“She was sick, but we didn’t know it at the time. She was suffering in silence,” he said.

She died last year as he was preparing for his ordination to the diaconate.

“I’ve seen it as a way of preparing me for entering into the suffering of others,” he said. “It’s Christ that makes it possible for me to serve as a priest.”

Father Garland’s family remains close. He preached the homily last year at his twin’s wedding and he’ll celebrate the wedding Mass this summer for his older brother, Isaac, as he begins his priestly ministry in the diocese.



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