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TAKING THEIR FIRST STEPS IN FAITH

The Editor's Notebook*Faith Guides Our Lives*

By David Garick, Editor



What does it take to live a successful life? It is easy to simply say, "Education, containing basic knowledge and skills such as reading, writing, and simple mathematics." We might expand that to include more detailed skills and knowledge that lead to a vocation and ability to earn a living. But that overlooks a more fundamental and basic requirement – a knowledge of how to live and interact with our society.

This is so basic we may take it for granted. But we are creatures of God, created with a purpose. Our human nature alone will not equip us with the ability to live a successful life that is fitting for the purpose God has called us to achieve. Ultimately, He wants us to align our lives to prepare us for an even greater calling: to live forever in His presence in heaven.

This is a lifelong process. And it can never begin too soon. It begins when a child is still an infant. All of us are called to begin at the earliest moment to prepare children to make the world better by being out of step with what the world would have them do. We must be godly and teach our children to be godly.

When raising godly kids, use the Word of God and don't try to teach children without it, which will only lead them to rebelliousness. God knows children, and He knows what you need to do to bring them up right. Parents are going to prepare their children either to follow Christ or to follow the world.

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

Parents have the first responsibility to share the faith with their children. But

that often is not enough. Our secular culture will do everything in its power to lead people, especially children, away from God. Children are inundated with messages designed to lead them away from faith. Even in public schools, the message is increasingly strident that speaking or acting according to Christian faith is wrong. They will be punished for speaking the truth, on the grounds that doing so may hurt the feelings of someone who believes differently or does not believe at all.

We need to prepare children so that their view of the world is centered on the Word of God, the teachings of Christ. The book of Proverbs tells us, "Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it." Catholic education is one of the best tools for reinforcing the development of a strong Christian foundation. Many of our local Catholic schools will be sponsoring open houses during the next few weeks to show parents what they can do to keep Christian principles at the center of children's lives. Catholic organizations allow children to socialize with other children to share a Catholic perspective.

One outstanding example of placing Catholic values in the lives of very young people is Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare, which is celebrating its 60th year of enriching the lives of our youth and is featured in this week's issue.

In the words of Christ, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Respect Life Mass and Rally

The annual diocesan Respect Life Mass will take place at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. Bishop Frederick Campbell will be the celebrant.

Because Jan. 22, the anniversary of the day the U.S. Supreme Court issued the *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion, is on a Sunday this year, the Diocese of Columbus will join the dioceses of the United States in observing a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children on Jan. 23. The annual March for Life in Washington will take place Friday, Jan. 27 because of the presidential inauguration the previous Friday.

Following the Mass, Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor its annual rally for life from noon to 1 p.m.

in the Statehouse atrium. Speakers will include Father Nicholas Droll, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Mary, St. Ladislav, and Corpus Christi churches; Pastor Mark Robinette of the Foundation Church in the Williamsport-Mount Sterling area; and a woman who had an abortion experience and has gone through healing.

Please allow extra time for new Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs, and weapons are prohibited in the Statehouse.

For more information, go to www.gcrtk.org/roe.html. For more about Catholic teaching on pro-life issues, visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website at www.usccb.org/prolife or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540.



Front Page photo:
Teacher Gina Wachinger leads students in pre-kindergarten class at Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare as they open their day with prayer.

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Pro-life groups set to travel long distances for annual March for Life

By Kurt Jensen

Catholic News Service

Participants in the annual March for Life always have two identical memories: the brisk January chill on the streets of the nation's capital, and the long bus ride.

For some, such as the 600 marchers affiliated with the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, the march will be a culmination of successful organizing and youthful enthusiasm, in addition to substantial outside donations. Other groups struggle with raising money for a single busload of about 50 people.

Pro-life groups and Catholic parishes have organized the bus journeys for most of the 44 years of the march, which marks the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion virtually on demand.

This year's rally on Friday, Jan. 27 on the Washington Monument grounds, followed by a march up Constitution Avenue to the U.S. Supreme Court will be the first for St. Clair County Right to Life in Fort Gratiot, Michigan.

"We hope for a full bus, which would be 55 people, but are expecting about 45," said Roger Thomas, the organization's treasurer. "This is the first year we've actually run the bus, so we're still learning. A party from a neighboring county has been running a bus every January for years, and that seems to be the way it works, at least here in Michigan. Parishes, Knights of Columbus councils, right-to-life groups and such will sponsor the buses and word gets around that the bus is going, so it fills up."

Right to Life of Michigan sponsored buses from around the state in the past, but when it ran short of funds, "the initiative was thrown back on the local affiliates," Thomas said. That's when he learned of the many challenges involved in getting even a single busload of marchers.

"The vendors with whom you contract need payment, or firm commitment, by a certain date. But that date is usually well before the trip itself, sometimes as much as six weeks. We're finding out that a good number of people don't even think about registering for a bus until after Christmas," he said.

So if the sponsoring organization is counting on registration fees, "they won't have enough in time, and will have



Pro-life advocates walk past the U.S. Supreme Court building during the March for Life in Washington on Jan. 22, 2016. This year's march is set for Friday, Jan. 27, starting near the Washington Monument.

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to cancel just before people start calling to ask 'Are you still sending a bus?'"

For this year's march, St. Clair County Right to Life raised enough money to fund the full trip in advance and does not have to worry about canceling the trip unless the weather conditions are too severe -- as they were last January, when a snowstorm stranded dozens of buses on the Pennsylvania Turnpike on the return journey.

The Venango County chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, based in Oil City, faces a similar struggle.

"We have been taking a bus from the Oil City area for 36 years," said Judy Anderton, who heads the chapter. "We used to fill two buses, which included students from Venango Catholic High School. We are down to one bus, and it is getting harder to fill."

She said the cost of the bus "has gone from under \$1,000 to about \$2,600 this year, and it is getting harder to cover the cost with low passenger numbers. This may have to be our last bus."

Many bus trips from Midwestern states are nonstop drives of nearly 24 hours, but that usually depends on the average age of the group, Thomas said. "Because we're trying to accommodate an older base of registrants, we're doing a double-overnight stay, driving down the day before, spending the night, participating in the march on Friday, spending the night again, and driving back the day afterward. Ours is a very sparse trip -- no sightseeing tours, no extra time for shopping," he said.

The University of Mary group is making a nonstop trek. And its members will be proud to do so, because march organizers selected them to hold the banner and lead the parade in their orange-and-blue knit caps.

"I think they noted the faithfulness of the University of Mary pro-life movement and our effort to support that," said Anne Dziak, a Chicago native and recent graduate of the university who

now works as an admissions counselor at the school.

Last year, the university sent 100 marchers. This year, the number swelled with additions of pro-life groups from Bismarck-area high schools and groups from Fargo and Minnesota. It will take 14 buses to hold them.

This will be Dziak's 12th march and the seventh time the university, which has an enrollment of about 3,100 students, has sent a group.

"We have a lot of practice staying warm," she said. The caravan will leave on the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 25 and ride through the night to arrive in Washington at 3 p.m. the following day, giving the group one overnight stay.

She concedes that nonstop trips aren't for everyone, but said there are benefits.

"It's a good opportunity to allow the students to grow to know each other and make it more of a pilgrimage for us," Dziak said. She advised students "to take it all in. Some of the best conversations I've had are on the bus at 2 or 3 a.m."

March organizers do not announce attendance estimates, preferring to give the number only as in the tens of thousands.

Federal judge blocks HHS transgender regulation

By Catholic News Service

A federal judge in Texas on Dec. 31 blocked a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulation requiring Catholic hospitals and health care providers to perform or provide gender transition services, saying it would place "substantial pressure" on the plaintiffs -- a coalition of religious medical organizations who said the ruling was contrary to their religious beliefs.

"Plaintiffs will be forced to either violate their religious beliefs or maintain their current policies, which seem to be in direct conflict with the rule and risk the severe consequences of enforcement," U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor wrote.

The injunction comes four months after the same judge blocked a federal directive requiring public schools to let transgender students use bathrooms consistent with their gender identity.

The regulation requires that Catholic hospitals and health care providers per-

form or provide gender transition services, hormonal treatments, and counseling, as well as a host of surgeries that would remove or transform the sexual organs of men or women transitioning to the other gender. It requires group health plans to cover these procedures and services.

In the suit filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas in Wichita Falls, the Washington-based Becket Fund represented two groups against the new government regulation: Franciscan Alliance, a religious hospital network sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, and the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

The states of Texas, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Wisconsin also joined in the suit.

"This court ruling is an across-the-board victory that will ensure that deeply



Seismic activity discussion and presentation

Two representatives from the Ohio Seismic Network spoke to Westerville St. Paul School middle-school science classes. Sara Kowalke talks to students about where earthquakes occur, what causes them, and seismic waves. The speakers brought a seismometer and demonstrated its use by having students jump up and down and showing them the waves this produced on a seismograph.

Photo courtesy St. Paul School

Natural sciences open house at ODU

High school students interested in pursuing a career in the sciences or health care are invited to attend Ohio Dominican University's natural sciences open house from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23. The free event will take place in Battelle Hall, on ODU's main campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Students will have an opportunity to learn about ODU and the admission process, speak with faculty representing each of the university's science programs, and observe a wide range of demonstrations. Students also can learn more about ODU's science-related ma-

ior programs, which include biology, chemistry, environmental science, exercise science, and pre-nursing.

Students also are invited to explore ODU's medical school and physician assistant early assurance programs, which can help give high-achieving students a head start on their medical career.

For more information, contact ODU's office of undergraduate admission at (614) 251-4500 or admissions@ohiodominican.edu.

To register by Friday, Feb. 17, visit www.ohiodominican.edu/NaturalScience.

St. John Neumann speaker series

Dr. Thomas Smith will speak on the Book of Revelation at noon and 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37.

His presentation will include discussion on how to unlock the meaning behind the mysterious figures and events in Revelation and will provide insights into how the Mass is really heaven on earth. He also will talk about key characteristics for fearlessly, faithfully, and

fruitfully sharing the Catholic faith.

Smith is a former Protestant minister who was received into the Catholic Church in 1966. He is co-author of the *Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study on Revelation*, holds a degree in philosophy from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, and continued graduate theology studies at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver. He is a frequent guest on EWTN and other Catholic radio and television networks.

Lenten silent retreat for women

Want to draw closer to God this Lent? Here's an opportunity to do just that during this holy season. All women of the diocese are invited to a silent retreat from Friday, March 3 to Saturday, March 5 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Sponsored by the Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, this much-needed respite from the world begins with registration Friday at 5:30 p.m. and ends Sunday at noon.

Father Al Naseman, CPPS, will be the retreat master. He is a Dayton native who was ordained in 1967 and is a member of the Cincinnati province of the Precious Blood Fathers. He has presented retreats throughout the United States and Canada for the past 25 years. Before that, he taught at three Precious Blood seminaries. He will give four conferences on the topic "Reflections on Lent from the Book of Ecclesiastes."

The fee is \$140, which includes a private room for two nights and six meals. Assistance is available for those who need financial help. Mass will be celebrated Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday. There also will be all-night Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, and two opportunities

for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The traditional Catholic devotions of the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy also will be offered. Those attending are encouraged to participate in as much or as little of the schedule as the Spirit moves them. Quiet times for private prayer and meditation are also in the program, adding to the depth of the experience.

The Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League particularly invites women who never have made a silent retreat to "come away and rest for a while" in the beautiful setting of the lovely and historic St. Therese's Retreat Center. Let the caring staff cook for you and let the Lord fill you with his presence.

For more information, e-mail retreatleague@gmail.com and you will receive a registration form, listing all the pertinent details. Or call Sharon Gehrich, league secretary, at (614) 882-1946 to learn more.

The deadline is Monday, Feb. 20. Space is limited and fills quickly, usually within the first week. You are registered only when your deposit of \$50 is received. No phone or email registrations can be accepted.

St. Pius X parent workshop

Pam Heil, founder of Empowered to Love Ministries and former youth minister at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, will present a workshop on "Raising Moral Kids in Today's World" from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road.

Busy schedules and outside influences can make it challenging for parents to believe that they are valued and needed by their children. Children need to trust that their parents will talk respectfully with them, that they will listen to their words, and that they will hear what is in their hearts. This session is designed to help parents become more approachable.

In addition to being a youth minister, Heil has worked with young

people as a middle- and high-school teacher in public, private, rural, and suburban environments and has been a contributor to books and publications dealing with adolescents, peer ministry, and retreats.

Her appearance at St. Pius X is made possible by a grant awarded by The Catholic Foundation. The grant provides funds to the parish for development of a junior-high youth ministry program and for parental workshops and programs aimed at helping parents raise moral, faith-filled young people in an increasingly permissive society.

This workshop is open to all interested parents and/or guardians. No registration is required. Questions may be directed to St. Pius X youth ministry coordinator Judie Bryant at spx_cia_news@yahoo.com.

A grieving mother shares her pain and her love for her miscarried child

Editor's note: In October 2016, Lizzy Blase of New Albany and her husband of five years experienced the loss of their first unborn child. It was, and still is, a most difficult time for them. They named their child Charleston Ann. The night before her funeral, Lizzy wrote her a letter to be read the next day. This letter expresses the deep love in the creation of a new life and the profound pain when that life is lost. Most of all, it expresses the hope that is central in God's great love for all of us, no matter how long or short our lives on earth are. Lizzy has agreed to have it published in hopes that it may help another grieving mother during this most difficult time.

Charleston,

On September 14th, you made your dad and I the happiest people on this planet. That night, your dad was at the store and I had asked him to grab me some wine and some pregnancy tests because I always liked keeping those tests on hand. As you know, I was unable to drink that wine because we had found out we were pregnant with you.

At that moment, life became 1,000 times more exciting than it ever had been. I remember calling your dad into the bathroom and showing him the positive test. We were just SO excited; we couldn't wait to tell our families. We showed my mom the test first and she screamed so loud I thought she was going to scare the neighbors. After that day, life seemed nothing short of a miracle. On October 4th, we saw your strong little heart beating and your dad and I were both in complete awe. I remember your dad kept saying "No way!!" over and over again and he had a smile that just lit up the room. We could not believe that we had created this beautiful little being. It was as if God had taken a piece of each of our hearts and souls and glued them together to make this perfect little 3.3-centimeter human being. These are moments that we will cherish for the rest of our lives. This was the moment I fell so deeply in love with you.

The night I found out that perfect little heart had somehow stopped beating was the worst night of my life. I will never for-

get the look on the ER doctor's face when he mouthed those words. It didn't seem real. How could this have happened? I just saw that heart beating merely 3 days prior! There has to be a mistake. He can't mean my baby. My baby is so strong and beautiful and has her entire life in front of her! And then the tears started flowing. This was real life. This wasn't a nightmare. From that moment, I knew my life had changed forever.

Charleston, you may have only been in our lives for a short time, but I just want you to know those were the happiest times of our lives. Not only was I so in love with you, you made my love for your dad so much deeper and so much stronger than I had ever thought possible. I had so many plans for us. I dreamt about the day when I could hold you. I dreamt about the day I would hear you call me mommy. I dreamt about the day when I could look out the back window and see you playing with your dad in the backyard. I dreamt about your first day of school and your high school prom. I dreamt about every little moment we were going to share together. But unfortunately, those dreams are now exactly that – just visions I see at night when I'm sleeping. God had much bigger plans for you. He chose YOU to dance among the Angels and Saints in Heaven with Him. What

an incredible honor and blessing. They say in life, your goals should be to get your spouse and children to Heaven. Well, it looks like I've reached one of those goals with you. I know I'll never know why He chose you for this great honor, but I trust in Him and I trust His ultimate plans for they are bigger than I could ever comprehend.

I can feel you all around me. I feel you in the cool fall breeze. I feel you in the sunshine on my face. I see you and feel you everywhere I go. You are my angel now and I know you will keep your mommy and daddy safe. You've showed me what true love is and I thank you for that. This pain will never go away, but I hold on to the fact that you're always with me.

Charleston, I just want you to know that I promise to make you proud. I promise to be the best mother I can be to your future brothers and sisters. I promise to never lose my faith and to cling to Our Savior in times of pain and despair, and in times of joy and happiness. I promise to never forget you and the love you made me feel. I promise to love your dad the way he deserves to be loved and I promise to be the best person I can be. I will love you until my very last breath, Charleston Ann Blase.

Thank you for being you.

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personal medical decisions, such as gender transition procedures, remain between families and their doctor," said Lori Windham, senior counsel at Becket Law.

She also said the judge's decision was "a common-sense ruling," noting that the government "has no business forcing private doctors to perform procedures that the government itself recognizes can be harmful, particularly to children, and that the government exempts its own doctors from performing."

A similar lawsuit was filed against the HHS ruling on Dec. 28 by the Catholic Benefits Association, the Diocese of Fargo, and Catholic Charities North Dakota in U.S. District Court in North Dakota.

"We ask only for the freedom to serve consistent with our conscience and our Catholic faith," Bishop John T. Folda of Fargo said in a statement released by the Catholic Benefits Association.

"While we do not discriminate against individuals because of their orientation, our Catholic values will not permit us to pay for or facilitate actions that are contrary to our faith."

The Catholic Benefits Association is made up of Catholic dioceses, hospitals, school systems, religious orders, and other entities that offer their employees insurance and benefit programs that adhere to Catholic teaching.

The regulation, which also mandates abortions be performed, affects health insurers, hospitals, and health plans administered by or receiving federal funds from HHS. There is no religious exemption.

The final HHS regulation was published in May. It applies to implementing Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, which provides that individuals cannot be subject to discrimination based on their race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Cremation and Burial at Sea



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I am a lifelong Catholic and served 28 years in the Navy. As a junior officer, I saw the ashes or bodies of deceased sailors buried at sea; I decided at the time that this is what I want done with my body after I die, and I have not changed my mind.

Recently, I shared that decision with some of my fellow parishioners, and one of them said that a new directive from the church provides that a Catholic can no longer be buried at sea. (In fact, he said that if someone were to be buried at sea, a priest is prohibited from celebrating any type of funeral service in a Catholic Church.)

If that is really the case, I don't see what I am doing remaining in a Catholic parish; in fact, it might be time for me to change to a different Christian denomination that will be there for me at the end of my life. (Virginia Beach, Virginia)

Q. I am aware that the Catholic Church has traditionally discouraged cremation, but I am confused as to why. For centuries, cremation has been accepted by most cultures as a somewhat more humane way of dealing with the remains of a loved one.

With a standard burial, the person's remains are left to "rot in the ground." Does it have something to do with an eventual "resurrection"? And is the presence of a body required for that resurrection? If so, what would be left of Christians from, say, AD 200? Surely by now there is nothing left of them to raise. (Corydon, Indiana)

A. The two letters above are typical of many that I receive and reflect people's continuing fascination with the disposition of bodily remains. That interest was heightened in October 2016, when the Vatican issued an instruction regarding burial practices for Catholics.

That document was issued at the request of bishops in several nations in response to the growing practice of cremation and the lack of specific church guidelines on disposition of cremains. The instruction reiterates that the church, while not opposed to the practice of cremation, continues to recommend a traditional burial.

The document specifies that either the body or the ashes of the deceased should be buried

in sacred ground and that cremains should not be kept in private homes or scattered on land or at sea, nor "preserved in mementoes, pieces of jewelry or other objects."

The Vatican said burial in sacred ground prevents the deceased from being forgotten and encourages family members and the wider Christian community to remember the deceased and to pray for them.

Historically, cremation was linked to the burial practices of pagans, whose religious beliefs did not include the expectation of eventual resurrection and who viewed death as the definitive obliteration of the human person. The Catholic Church began to allow cremation only in 1963, as it became more commonplace for both economic and sanitary reasons.

But the church's *Code of Canon Law* has continued to express the preference for burial over cremation because the burial of human remains, in the church's mind, reflects a greater esteem for the deceased and more clearly expresses the Christian belief in an eventual resurrection, when the person's body and soul will be reunited.

As the Vatican's 2016 instruction says, "Burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body" and shows "the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person, whose body forms part of their identity."

That same instruction does note, though, that "cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God in his omnipotence from raising up the deceased body to new life."

In response to the Indiana letter writer's concern about the decomposed remains of the Christian buried in AD 200, we don't know mechanically how the eventual reunion of body and soul will occur, leaving that -- as the Vatican does -- to the wisdom of the Lord.

And as for the Virginia writer's preference for burial at sea, he can relax. The new Vatican guidelines do not prohibit that, as long as the body or cremated remains are buried in a dignified, well-protected container. (Catholics should consult with their diocese for further instructions, since standards can vary from diocese to diocese.)

The church's *Order of Christian Funerals* has a specific prayer for such a burial, asking that the Lord who calmed the sea in Galilee may grant peace and tranquility to the person deceased (No. 406).

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com or 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.

BANKS NAMED MAN OF THE YEAR

Josef L. Banks of Columbus St. Dominic Church has been selected as the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club's 2017 diocesan Catholic Man of the Year.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will present him the award at the club's meeting following the 11:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, Feb. 3, at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. A \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the luncheon.

Banks, 53, is a professional photographer and spends considerable time as a volunteer maintaining the interior of his church. Its pastor, Father Joshua Wagner, said that in 2014, when the church was undergoing significant renovation, Banks spent countless hours on scaffolding removing the building's drop ceiling, plastering and painting the original ceiling, installing carpeting, and performing other work.

In that same year, Banks became a member of the staff of Father Wagner's other church, Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John. "He continues to go above and beyond in his work in the parish. If it snows, Josef is there to remove it. If there is something to be done, Josef does not hesitate. He is hard-working, a committed Catholic in his spiritual life, and a good and trustworthy co-worker and friend," Father Wagner said.

He volunteered in 2009 as a photographer on a pediatric medical mission to Enugu, Nigeria, documenting the activities of a 12-member medical team which assisted about 880 infants and children.

In 1997, he was severely beaten and suffered a traumatic brain injury while helping a family restore an apartment. His only child, 23-year-old Juliette Gilchrist Banks, said he had to relearn everything from walking and reading to performing his photography work.

"During it all, his faith never wavered," she wrote in one of the 20 letters nominating him for the award. "I never heard him say 'Why me?' I believe that his faith has been the driving force in his daily life. He has held no ill will against his attackers and has made a miraculous recovery because he hasn't carried around the negativity and vengefulness that can accompany such a tragedy. He has become a kinder, gentler father and a peace-loving, more patient mentor to young people all over Columbus."

He also is a member of the Knights of Peter Claver and of the Parish Council and welcoming committee at his church, participates in his parish men's prayer breakfast and men's Bible study and the Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity (BREAD) organization, and regularly visits the sick, particularly others who have suffered traumatic brain injuries.

Banks graduated from Columbus Corpus Christi School and Columbus Father Wehrle High School and received a degree in photography from The Ohio State University, where he was a member of the track team. He has coached track at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and boys basketball in Pickerington.

He was chosen for the award by a selection committee consisting of members of the Catholic Men's Retreat League, the Catholic Men's Ministry, the Serra Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the luncheon club.

The club established the honor in 1957, awarding it to John Igoe of Columbus St. Agatha Church, and has presented it every year since then. The 2016 recipient was Jeff Bernard of Gahanna St. Matthew Church.

Open House at Our Lady of Peace

A community open house is planned at Columbus Our Lady of Peace School, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. There will be tours of the building, meetings with teachers, and information on school programs.

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FINDING A SPIRIT OF JOY WITH DOMINICAN SISTERS



Sr. Rosemary Loomis, OP

by Tim Puet

April 22, 1965 was an unforgettable day for Sister Rosemary Loomis, OP.

She was attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, at the time. "That day in the morning mail, I received a letter from the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) welcoming me to join their congregation in a ceremony on Sept. 8," she said.

"In the afternoon mail was a letter from Bob, a young man I had been dating regularly, though not exclusively, for a while and who was attending a Catholic men's college in Indiana. In the middle of the letter was a sentence that seemed to jump at me – 'I want you to be the mother of my children.'"

"When I received the morning letter, my reaction was 'That's what God wants me to do,'" she said. "My friends at Miami, most of whom were non-Catholic, didn't want me to be a sister. In fact, they thought I was nuts to be thinking about it. But I had a growing conviction this was the direction I should go.

"Then came Bob's proposal. This left me confused, but at that point, it really hit home that everything from God is good. I was active in the Newman Club at Miami, and I went to the priest there. He told me I looked upset and I showed him both letters. The same sentence in Bob's letter jumped out at him. I asked him what I should do, and he said, 'If you think you pray hard already, pray twice as hard.'"

The next day, Sister Rosemary knew which path to take. "I woke up that morning and saw myself more as a sister than a wife," she said. Her conviction never changed.

She remained friends with Bob, who went on to marry and become the father of three children. He served with the Air Force in Vietnam, then opened a business selling ultralight planes in Norwalk. He was killed in an ultralight crash in 1983.

"I realized then how much I loved him as a friend," Sister Rosemary said. "Every time I tell this story, Bob lives on and continues to be a blessing. When I tell people about him, it's a reminder to them and again to me that everything from God is good."

Her own experience in dealing with grief, for her friend and in other instances, has been of great significance in her work for the last two decades. She has been involved in grief ministry with the Egan-Ryan Funeral Home in Columbus since 1998 and with Parents of Murdered Children and Other Homicide Victims (POMC) since 2009.

"My involvement with grief ministry stems from my experience from 1984-91 as community superior at the Mohun Health Care Center," a skilled-care facility for men and women religious located next to the Motherhouse. "It was a transformative experience which taught me about life's transitions related to aging, physical and mental diminishment, dying, grief, and loving support," she said.

Following her service at Mohun, she spent a year on sabbatical, was a pastoral minister for two years at Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church, earned a master's degree in pastoral studies at Loyola University in Chicago, and spent three years in pastoral ministry in rural Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

Returning to her hometown of Columbus to serve in the vocations ministry of her congregation in 1998, she was asked by Egan-Ryan to provide grief ministry services. She also began presenting talks and seminars on dealing with grief and is available to speak on this subject to any interested group.

She became aware of POMC through one of those talks. "For the last seven years, I've attended nearly every POMC meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at Nationwide Children's Hospital to offer support," she said. "At first, I didn't say anything to the group because I have not suffered a homicide-related loss personally. Because of my silence, the members began to trust me, and now I do speak, but my main purpose is just to be a peaceful presence. Now they're like family, my second community."

Sister Rosemary said the group has been of great help to her in dealing with the death in 2008 of her best friend among the Dominican sisters. "I was in deep grief. For so many years, I had talked about grief, and now I had to apply the same lessons to myself and become not a teacher, but a student of grief," she said. "I had to be around other grieving people, and POMC has been as beneficial to me as I seem to have been to them."

Sister Rosemary has both internal and external ministries. Beside her grief work, she is manager of Springs Press, which performs most of her congregation's everyday printing work. "That's my task-oriented job, as opposed to my heart-oriented ministries," she said. "Together, they provide a great balance."

Sister Rosemary, 71, grew up as a member of Columbus St. Agatha Church. She has one brother, John, living with his family in Marion. They are the adopted children of the late John and Mary Loomis. Her father was vice president for mortgage loans at the old Ohio National Bank (now JP Morgan Chase) and her maternal grandfather owned the former Deinlein Jewelers and Capital Camera at 49 N. High St.

She graduated from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School in 1963, attended Miami University for two years before joining the Dominicans, and received a bachelor of science degree in education from Ohio Dominican University in 1969 and a master's degree in educational administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1978.

"I had been thinking more and more about becoming a sister while I was at Miami," she said. "My dad reluctantly let me apply to the Dominicans because I felt I needed to at least try 'the sister thing' before considering marriage. It wouldn't be fair if I didn't. All this was before Bob's proposal."

After professing final vows in 1968, she was an educator for 16 years, serving in the Diocese of Columbus as a teacher at Columbus Christ the King (1975-77) and Somerset Holy Trinity (1977-78) schools and principal at Holy Trinity (1978-81) and Lancaster St. Mary (1981-84). She entered pastoral ministry in 1984 because she felt education wasn't the best place where her gifts could be used and because sisters throughout the nation at that time were going beyond what had been their traditional roles as teachers and nurses.

"When I was discerning my vocation, I knew I wanted to be a sister, but I wanted to be a Dominican for purely selfish reasons," she said. "I was taught by Dominicans at Watterson, and they had such a spirit of joy that I wanted it for myself. I didn't believe I loved God more than anyone else. I didn't know anything about St. Dominic. I just wanted what those sisters had, and I found it. After more than 50 years in the congregation, I still find it in the faces and hearts of our sisters. I've been blessed in countless ways as a Dominican, and wouldn't change a thing," she said, adding a final message: "Be peace, give hope, and share love."

COSHOCTON FOOD COLLECTION



Students at Coshocton Sacred Heart School collected nonperishable food items for the Salvation Army's annual Christmas food drive. The first- and second-grade classroom averaged 22 cans per student. Pictured are (from left): first row, Lily Skelley, Owen Garabrandt, and Brylee Unger; second row, Ava Hall, Maison Kiser, Maddison Phillabaum, Ethan Hinkel, Zaiden Williams, and Alexis Udischas; third row, Alyias Young and Logan Pittman; back, teacher Mary Kobel. Photo courtesy Sacred Heart School



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The military ministry of Chillicothe St. Peter Church participated in Wreaths Across America on Saturday, Dec. 17 at St. Margaret's Cemetery. This is the third year the committee has conducted the ceremony, in conjunction with the laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery at the same time. Father William Hahn, the church's pastor, blesses the wreaths as part of a prayer service. Sarah Smith played "Taps" on the trumpet in honor of deceased veterans. Parishioners placed wreaths, which were purchased by families of veterans, on the veterans' graves or on the graves of veterans whose families are no longer alive. Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

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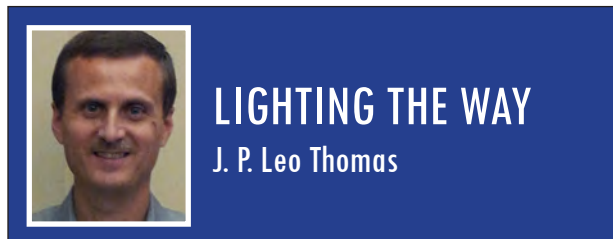
The Power of His Name

Have you ever wondered why people bow their heads when they hear the name of Jesus at Masses each Sunday? Is it some form of praise, honor, or just the simplicity of being thankful? I, for one, am in the evidential group of those who recognize His power over our lives. How we are shaped for whatever mission we seek in life is far more important than any of us can imagine.

In the beginning, I was afraid to give myself completely. I always was falling just short of total submission. If I gave everything to God, would I have anything left to give to others? Of course, as time went by, I found that what I was afraid of was the fear of not trying. It is through this spiritual exercise that we embrace what we were meant to become and realize just what gifts He is relinquishing to us.

A name, therefore, becomes an announcement. It is His way of introducing us to this world and how we are to help shape it. We are each given a unique distinction. This allows us to follow Him and His guidance with a loving, wonderful, and reverent expiation.

It can be a form of release. By giving of ourselves completely, our burdens are lightened and our worries



are lessened. It gives us the strength to take on the problems within our community and in our world. Naturally, we have the inclination to name just about everything we see in our path. Why not make that name stand for something? Why not make a statement that His love is the only truly important event in each of our lives?

Do not be afraid. His name should invoke a sense of warmth and responsibility in all of us. Our bowing does not mean we give up who we are and what we have accomplished. Rather, it is an acknowledgment of how we touched others and of the way He has subtly broadcast the route to our salvation. There will be many detractors who try and pull us away from what we originally were designed and destined for.

The trick is to listen to your heart, not to the outside noise that can permeate our daily thoughts.

Steel yourself. By bowing when we hear His name, we are accepting His graces and strengthened by His words. His is a remarkable marriage with us in that unique blend of humility and hope. In a time when the world is becoming truly secular, it can be awesomely brave to forgive and to pray.

For each time we receive and acknowledge Him, we are opening ourselves to a whole new realm of possibilities. Again, I say, do not be afraid. St. Francis of Assisi once said, "What do you have to fear? Nothing. Whom do you have to fear? No one. Why? Because whoever has joined forces with God obtains three great privileges: omnipotence without power, intoxication without wine, and life without death".

May His name provoke a true change in the lives of everyone. May our hearts be full, may we find His true presence within ourselves, and may His peace be with you always.

Joseph Thomas, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, is a freelance writer and is active in many diocesan and church activities.

The Cane Gang

By Mary Mautz

Lately, in an effort to enrich my spiritual life, I have increased both my prayerful meditation and my attendance at Mass. Consequently, I have been blessed with a spiritual enlightenment enabling me to discover a sinful, negative thinking pattern that had enslaved me; namely, self-pity.

I was entertaining frequent bouts of "poor me" regarding my old age, instead of accepting my condition with grace and humility. Furthermore, through honest, prayerful self-searching, I came to realize that a contributing factor leading to my prideful, self-centered thinking is that as a younger woman, I was blessed with intelligence, physical strength, beauty, and admirable talents. Alas, in my case, these gifts led to the development of a self-serving, conceited person with a sense of entitlement often manifested by selfish, thoughtless behavior.

Well, life goes on, and now, I am white-haired, physically weak, and suffering with a deformed back, causing chronic pain and impaired balance, necessitating the use of a cane. So it is not surprising that before my spiritual enlightenment, I perceived myself as a victim of old age, with a "poor me" attitude gen-

erating feelings of anger, embarrassment, grief, and powerlessness. Sadly, self-pity is a sinful, destructive form of thinking that, in time, can destroy one's spiritual life if allowed to continue.

Thankfully, as mentioned earlier, my efforts to enhance my prayer life resulted in the divine gift of intervention. Instead of viewing myself as a victim, I have come to realize that my old age, together with its infirmities, is a merciful gift of God, who in His wisdom is granting me additional time and experiences that I need to gain eternal life.

In addition to my gratitude to the Divine Healer, I have learned patience and humble acceptance related to my use of a cane by watching and relating to the other cane bearers at St. Andrew's. To me, they serve as models of holiness, engaging in numerous church activities as pleasant, non-complaining parishioners and friends. As such, they help sustain my own feeble attempt at holiness, now that I am accepting the personal changes and discomforts of old age.

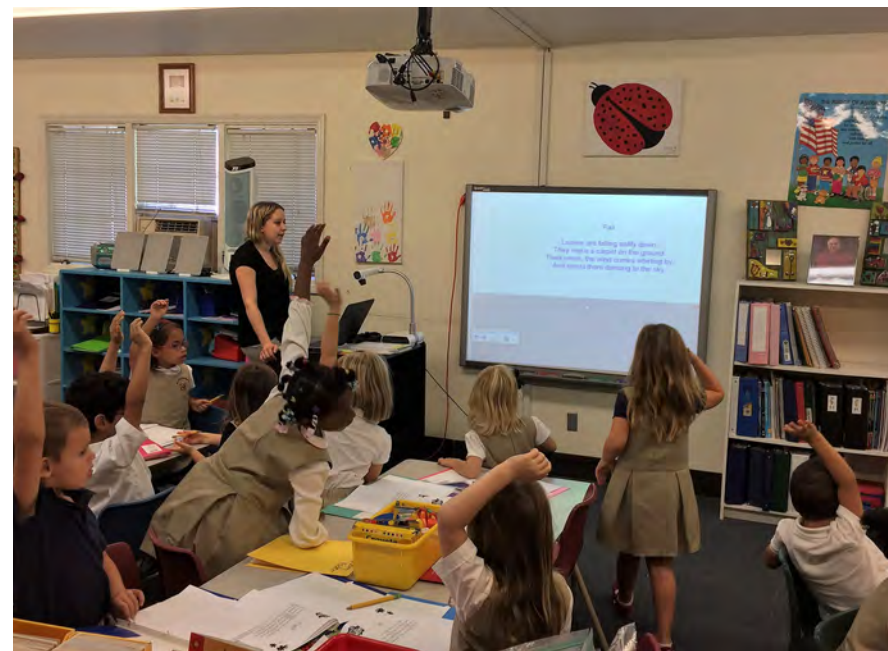
Furthermore, I confess that in the silence of my heart, I affectionately refer to these peers of mine as "The Cane Gang." The inspiration for this title is related to my childhood memories of the gangster mov-

ies and the criminals sentenced to hard labor in the "chain gangs." If you recall, they were chained together by the ankles to prevent their escape as they labored to build roads, dams, and bridges. Also, they were guarded by cruel men with shotguns who would not hesitate to beat or shoot them. I remember that even as a child, I felt sorry for them, imagining how they must be suffering with impeded balance, injured painful ankles, fear, and of course, the embarrassment related to being seen hobbled together like that for everyone to notice.

Now, in my affection toward my compromised peers, I greet them warmly when I see them and respectfully say with a smile, "I see that you are a member of The Cane Gang." Almost always, they respond with a knowing smile and a comment about the humorous connection to the chain gangs which many of them remember from watching the gangster movies.

In closing, I pray that God and His angels continue to support and guard the "Cane Gangs" everywhere. May they remain safe and holy models of humble acceptance to us all.

Mary Mautz is a parishioner at Columbus St. Andrew Church.



Left to right: Sign in front of Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School; From left, OLB director Lori Dulin and staff members Gina Wachinger, Emily Chesonis, and Audrey Kelsey; Father Anthony Davis celebrates Mass with students; Chesonis helps kindergarten students find words in a paragraph; pre-kindergarten class during playtime. (CT photos by Tim Puet (1,5); other photos courtesy Our Lady of Bethlehem School

Story by **TIM PUET**/Catholic Times Reporter

OUR LADY OF BETHLEHEM SCHOOL CELEBRATES 60TH BIRTHDAY

Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare has been innovative from the start.

Its beginnings go back a little more than 60 years. A front-page story in the Dec. 28, 1956 *Catholic Times* said that Bishop Michael Ready had invited the Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus to Columbus to establish a convent and kindergarten, and pictured him with six sisters in front of a house their congregation had purchased at 4567 Olentangy River Road.

This has been the school's location ever since, with many expansions and renovations over the years.

The convent and kindergarten was the first ministry for the congregation in the United States outside the state of West Virginia, where the sisters had been since 1923. The order was founded in Germany in 1844.

The kindergarten flourished from the start, and so did the sisters, with the congregation eventually expanding into Pennsylvania and Illinois from its American provincial headquarters in Columbus.

Over time, the number of sisters in the United States in this and many other congregations declined, and the role of sisters in this country became mainly one of pastoral ministry rather than of elementary and secondary education.

In 1999, the three sisters still living in the Our Lady of Bethlehem convent moved to the Columbus Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace).

Sister Mary Thomasina John, PCJ, who came to the school in 1972 to teach kindergarten, remained in Columbus until her death early last year. She was the last remaining sister of her congregation in the United States.

The congregation, still based in Germany, has more than 500 members in 12 nations of Europe, South America, and Asia.

Our Lady of Bethlehem also included an elementary school from the late 1990s until 2009, when the governing board of trustees decided to focus efforts on early childhood education.

When the school was opened six decades ago, it was one of very few kindergartens in Columbus, in either the parochial or the public school system.

Since 2012, under lay leadership, it has provided the only comprehensive Catholic-based infant and toddler program in the Diocese of Columbus. It has other programs which serve children from the ages of two-and-a-half through kindergarten during the school year, and a summer

program for young people from age three through sixth grade.

"We believe the full range of programs offered at Our Lady of Bethlehem offers students the best preparation for lifelong learning," said Lori Dulin, who came to the school as a child care provider in 1996 and has been its director since 2009.

"Our curriculum has adapted with the times, but is based on what the sisters developed from the time they came here until they left the school in 1999."

"Its fundamental concept is that

children learn best in a loving, nurturing, structured environment.

"It weaves the state standards with the diocesan course of study and the idea that children can learn beyond the normal expectations for their age if properly prepared and challenged," Dulin said.

"Within our curriculum, students are given multiple options for taking in information and making sense of ideas. Our instructional approach varies and is adapted based on the individual and diverse students in our classrooms.

"This flexibility allows for the curriculum and presentation of information to work for the learner and does not require learners to modify themselves for the curriculum," she said.

The success of this approach can be seen in data from the national TerraNova achievement test taken by Our Lady of Bethlehem kindergarten students. The school is the only educational institution in the Diocese to offer the test for kindergarten.

Its students have performed well above the national expected performance level for many years, and their national ranking has grown steadily. In 2016, Our Lady of Bethlehem students ranked in the 85th percentile nationally for reading (an eight-point increase in one year), the 82nd percentile in math, and the 90th percentile in combined score.

"Most of our time is spent working in small groups or with individual students so we can hone in on the areas in which a student excels and those where he or she needs to develop," said kindergarten teacher Emily Chesonis.

"That's especially true in the afternoon part of our full-day kinder-



Left: Avery Lee (left) and Roxy Koesters in kindergarten. Right: Teacher Amanda Kiser with infants and toddlers decorating "Happy Birthday" sign.



garten, when we reinforce what was learned in the morning and there's more time to focus on specific things."

"I love seeing how the students progress day-by-day in their reading and writing and in starting to get the basic concepts of the Catholic faith. You can really see and feel that growth, even from one day to the next.

"This is my sixth year here, and I've always felt I was part of a supportive community of parents and staff members who have always

been willing to help," Chesonis said.

The school has a total of 18 kindergarten students among the approximately 125 children attending its programs. Kindergarten is offered Monday through Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., or on a half-day basis from 8:45 to noon.

Dulin said the school's Catholic identity is a significant part of its curriculum. "We start with the infants being exposed to learning prayer and singing songs, and the toddlers going to the chapel, and their exposure to the faith continues

from there," she said.

By the time they reach kindergarten, students attend Mass once a week, either at Columbus St. Timothy Church or in the school's chapel, where Father Anthony Davis of Columbus St. Andrew Church celebrates Mass once a month.

Every age group's days are filled with formal and spontaneous prayer and many opportunities to develop a relationship with God and his world.

Special faith-based events such as an "Evening in Bethlehem" Christmas program and a May Crowning Mass involve all students and families. Bishop Frederick Campbell regularly visits to read the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke to all students and to share some details about his role.

"We can deliver an optimum faith experience from birth to age five," Dulin said. "I want families to be making the choice for Catholic education as early as possible.

"A good experience here will result in a positive attitude toward the Church that we hope will continue through a student's high school years and beyond, creating a ripple effect that will extend outwardly to others and inwardly in a student's own life all the way into adulthood."

"A lot of people are making the

choice away from Catholic education. We want them to see through our students how valuable a Catholic education is and the impact it can have on their lives and the world at large," she said.

Most of the school's students are Catholic, but children and families of all faiths are welcome.

Dulin said the emphasis on faith is part of the school's broader philosophy of looking at students.

"We approach early childhood education by treating students from a developmentally appropriate standpoint," she said.

"We never try and limit them by age. We try and feed them a lot of experiences so they can develop at their own pace. We treat them as they are.

"Even with the infants, we don't speak in baby talk, but treat them as people in ways they can understand. They're children of God, with the ability to understand and reason. We help form that ability, and we never use the phrase 'You're too young.'"

The school offers programs at five levels: infant and toddler, Totally Terrific Twos, preschool, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten, with child care available for school-age children.

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The infant and toddler program operates from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. year-round, with two-, three-, or five-day care options available. It focuses on all areas of development, including basic sign language, art, physical education, social and emotional skill-building, religion, music, literacy, and much more.

The classroom for infants can accommodate a maximum of eight children from the age of six weeks through 18 months. Children's daily schedules are individualized and coordinated between home and school.

The toddlers' classroom accommodates 12 children from the ages of 18 months to 30 months. The classroom's daily schedule not only provides for individual care, nurturing, and attention, but teaches the children about being part of a community.

There is a waiting list for both the infant and the toddler classes, with first consideration to current school families and employees.

The Totally Terrific Twos class is offered during the school year from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

It covers pre-math and science, pre-reading and writing, pre-social studies and dramatic play, and religion through hands-on activities, which are developmentally appropriate and designed with the age of each of the students in mind. Social skills and peer interaction are incorporated into these subjects through group activities and circle time.

Preschool is for children who reach the age of three by Sept. 30. Classes are from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

It comfortably introduces children to a structured learning environment, focusing on the social and emotional development of the child while promoting academic skills in reading, writing, math, religion, social studies, and science.

Pre-kindergarten is for four-year olds and expands on what was learned in preschool, with the goal of developing a student's self-esteem and making him or her excited about learning in preparation for kindergarten.

There are two classes: from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. Monday through Thursday and 12:30 to 3 p.m. every weekday.

Gina Wachinger has taught pre-kindergarten at the school for 27 years. "I started here in the late 1980s," she said.

"The school was ahead of its time then



Left: Bishop Frederick Campbell visits Our Lady of Bethlehem before Christmas. Right: Maddie Quinn plays a Christmas angel. Photos/OLB School

in realizing the need to change its role so it could better serve working parents, and it has continued to adjust with the times."

"One thing that brought me here and has kept me here is that I believe what I teach, and I can share that with the students and help them learn and grow in God's love," she said.

"There's nowhere better when it comes to combining traditional faith, academic excellence, and the children's enthusiasm for learning."

The curriculum also includes technology, art, physical education, and library programs. Some are taught by members of the school staff, others by teachers shared with diocesan parochial schools.

From 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. every weekday, the school offers child care for children ages two-and-a-half through kindergarten and a latchkey program for kindergarten students.

These are stand-alone offerings or extensions of the school's programs. They offer full- or part-time care and are flexible to fit each family's needs.

In the summer, the school's program for children from age three through grade six enables parents to involve their sons and daughters in faith-based activities and maintain their academic skills, and is flexible enough that families can combine it with their own plans.

It also runs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each weekday, beginning in early June and continuing through mid-August. It includes weekly visits to the local swimming pool and several field trips.

The school has 21 staff members. Du-

lin said about half are full-time teachers, three or four are part-time teachers, and the rest are in various administrative roles.

"Five staff members have children attending school here, and several others had children here at one time or are related to students of ours," she said. "That changes your perspective and makes teaching and learning more of a personal experience."

"All of us want to give children a foundation where they can feel competent and strive to live their faith rather than just be a good person – where they're willing to be vulnerable and take chances."

The school's students come from nearly 20 parishes in the diocese. Most are from Columbus St. Timothy, Immaculate Conception, St. Agatha, Our Lady of Peace, or St. Andrew, and Worthington St. Michael churches.

The school is supported by the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools, but is self-sustaining.

Tuition for programs during the school year ranges from \$2,150 for Totally Terrific Twos to \$4,260 for full-day Kindergarten.

There is a discount for families with more than one child attending. Tuition assistance is available for qualified families, based on demonstrated financial need.

Some parishes provide a subsidy for kindergarten students, but others do not. More information on tuition and fees for child care and the summer program is available on the school website.



Part of the sisters' former convent is now used for the infant and toddler program. Dulin said the demand for growth in that program is likely to lead to additional renovation of that building.

The school will celebrate its 60-year tradition of quality early childhood education at a "Great Gatsby" themed gala from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, with music by the Rick Brunetto Big Band, food catered by LA Catering (part of LifeCare Alliance) and silent and live auctions.

About 300 guests are expected. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, go to www.501auctions.com/olbgala.

For more information on Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare, visit www.ourladyofbethlehem.org or call (614) 459-8285.

WATTERSON RECEIVES THE HAROLD A. MEYER SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD



The Ohio High School Athletic Association has announced that Columbus Bishop Watterson High School is one of four schools statewide to receive the Harold A Meyer Sportsmanship Award for the 2015-16 academic year. Pictured are (from left): Doug Etgen, athletic director; Karen Bailey, girls lacrosse coach; athletes Nick Giesler, Brenna Kenney, Gabby Garrett, Julianna Rotolo, and Giavanna Paradiso; Scott Manahan, baseball coach; Dan Bjelac, football coach; and athlete Max Bratka. The OHSAA has a three-tiered system of recognition for sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity awards. Sixteen schools statewide were selected for honors, with 11 receiving Respect the Game Challenge honors, and four, including Bishop Watterson, receiving the Meyer and Respect the Game Challenge awards. Cincinnati St. Ursula High School received the OHSAA's highest sportsmanship honor, the annual commissioner's award, in addition to the other two honors. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

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Interested high school students and their families can register for the free event by visiting ohiodominican.edu/Preview.

This is a great opportunity for students to experience some of what makes Ohio Dominican special. During the preview day, students will take a tour of campus, explore available majors, discuss available financial aid options, enjoy a complimentary meal, learn about student clubs and honors programs, meet with professors in their field

of interest, and talk with current students about why they chose to attend ODU.

"Our preview day is a one-stop shop for students and their families, so they can get the most out of their visit and feel confident in their decision to attend ODU," said Julie Burdick, ODU vice president for enrollment management. "The best way to determine if a university fits is to experience it firsthand, and we're excited to share our campus with the next generation of ODU students."

Students who are not able to attend preview day are invited to schedule a private visit to campus at ohiodominican.edu/visit or by calling ODU's office of undergraduate admission at (614) 251-4500.

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1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17;
Matthew 4:12-23**

Zebulun (often spelled Zebulon) and Naphtali were tribal settlements in the region of upper Galilee, reaching as far north as the Golan Heights. Both were landlocked and had been decimated by a previous king, perhaps Pekah, king of Israel. The one responsible for such gloom was not to be understood as “the Lord,” in any case. Commentators agree that the text is difficult to translate, but the Lord appears nowhere in the verse. The entire first sentence is a bit of a garbled historical note to what follows as a poem. It probably should begin at chapter 9:1, which would solve part of the problem.

In the prophet’s view, whatever sadness (anguish, darkness, and gloom) had existed previously will be changed into light, like sunshine after days of gray winter. With the light comes joy. The former yoke is broken and the rod is smashed.

Matthew quotes these verses as the public ministry of Jesus begins in Capernaum. In Hebrew, a *kafar* was a “town or village” and “naum” is from the Hebrew word *nahum*, which means “mercy,” but it also could be a person’s name. Thus, Jesus spends much time in “the merciful village.” As for the pronunciation of “Capernaum,” the “C” is hard (like a “K”), the “p” is pronounced like “ph,” and the stress is on the “um.” Both Greek and Latin spell it Capharnaoum, which is ka-far-na-UM. A few Greek manuscripts apparently used *Kapernaum*, but I do not know why this spelling is used so often in English.

Jesus took up the message of John the Baptist: “Repent,

for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matthew 3:2).” To “repent” means to change one’s mind, or to feel remorse or to be converted. In the gospels, it means to abandon one’s former way of thinking in order to put on Christ. That is to say, it is the intention of the one who repents to think and act as Christ did. It means, if we are preparing for the nearness of the kingdom of heaven, that all our thoughts and actions are guided by the first principle of mercy. The way of the world is not the way of the kingdom.

The New Testament meaning of repentance is usually a turning away from, in this case from sin, and a turning toward the forgiveness offered by Jesus and by John before him. With John’s baptism, people were confessing their sins as they were being baptized (or washed). Jesus actually waited until he heard that John had been arrested before he began preaching about the kingdom of heaven in Galilee and specifically in Capernaum.

The call of the first disciples in Matthew is very similar to the account in Mark, with very few differences, suggesting that Matthew borrowed heavily from Mark’s account. They agree that the first four called were Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Jesus’ call to them leads them to abandon their nets (and, in the case of James and John, their father) and follow after him.

With them, he does not speak of the kingdom, at least not when he calls them to be his followers. He will have plenty to say about the kingdom in due course. What never is said is whether he knew them as he was growing up, or had met them on previous occasions. In other words, how did Jesus choose his followers? John’s Gospel (chapter one) implies that at least some of the eventual disciples of Jesus and Jesus himself had all been disciples of John the Baptist and had first met in John’s circle. Other than that, there is no answer to how and why Jesus chose the ones he did to become his followers.

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Eucharistic Mission

A Eucharistic Adoration mission sponsored by Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church will take place at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 30 and 31, at Columbus St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St.

The presenters will be Fathers Sean Davidson and Father Barry Braum, members of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist, a public clerical association based in southeastern France.

They will speak about the spiritual impact Eucharistic Adoration can have on the parish, the person, the family, and the Church.

Marian Devotion Night

Columbus Catholic Renewal, also known as the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, will sponsor a night of Marian devotion, praise and worship, Mass, and fellowship on Monday, Jan. 30, at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road.

The evening will begin with recitation of the rosary at 6 p.m. Praise adoration at 6:30 will be led by the Living Stones group, with trained healing prayer teams available for individual prayer. Mass will be celebrated by Father James Coleman at 7:30, followed by fellowship in the parish hall.

For additional information, visit www.crcolumbus.org or call (614) 500-8115.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Hebrews 9:15,24-28
Psalm 98:1-6
Mark 3:22-30

TUESDAY
Hebrews 10:1-10
Psalm 40:2,4ab,7-8a,10-11
Mark 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Psalm 117:1-2
Mark 16:15-18

THURSDAY
2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5
Psalm 96:1-3,7-8,10
Mark 4:21-25

FRIDAY
Hebrews 10:32-39
Psalm 37:3-6,23-24,39-40
Mark 4:26-34

SATURDAY
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 1:69-75 (Ps)
Mark 4:35-41

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2017

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

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

Mass from 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).

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

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

A “merciless assault on human dignity”

The archbishop of Toronto is given to deprecating himself as “just a simple country cardinal.” In my experience, though, Cardinal Thomas Collins is one of the premier leaders of the Catholic Church today. He’s a bishop of the New Evangelization who does a lot of his evangelical work retail, like treating potential seminarians to early morning pancakes at a greasy spoon – “but it’s a good greasy spoon” – a couple of blocks from his residence. Now that retail approach is being applied to another urgent matter, as Cardinal Collins works one-by-one with members of the Ontario Provincial Parliament to ensure that the conscience rights of Catholic health care providers are not compromised by Canada’s recent embrace of euthanasia.

In Ontario today, doctors who decline to euthanize their patients are required to provide what is termed, in the Orwellian vocabulary of the culture of death, an “effective referral”: meaning they are obliged, on pain of losing their license to practice, to send a troubled patient to a doctor of lighter conscience who will kill that patient. Cardinal Collins is fighting this abomination, as he is fighting at the federal level to make palliative care, currently available to only 30 percent of Canadians in end-of-life situations, universally available. (The Canadian government pays lip service to extending palliative care, but in a single-payer system like Canada’s, euthanasia is the cheaper option – which ought to give pause to the proponents of single-payer health care below the 49th parallel.)

Some bears of little brain would likely dismiss Cardinal Collins’ efforts to resist the further encroach-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE George Weigel

ments of the culture of death as examples of the kind of “culture warrior” activity Pope Francis allegedly frowns upon among bishops. That’s nonsense on stilts, as Thomas Collins made eloquently clear in addressing the 37th annual cardinal’s dinner in Toronto, as follows:

“As we conclude the Year of Mercy, we look to the parable of the Good Samaritan ... (and) we recall the constant urging of Pope Francis that we notice and care for those who are on the edges of life, who are cast aside, and whose plight is often treated with indifference. The Holy Father has spoken of the ‘globalization of indifference.’ We need to be like the Good Samaritan who cared and took action to help the wounded man, and not be like those who were indifferent to his suffering and walked by on the other side. ...

“A merciful life is one in which we recognize the fundamental fact that the people around us are brothers and sisters to be loved, not things to be used, and once no longer useful, to be disposed of. Mercy calls us to recognize the dignity of the human person and to acknowledge that each person we encounter is a

‘who,’ not a ‘what.’ Each of us has dignity, worthiness, which is inherent in us, despite any superficial weakness or inadequacy. ...

“We have been made more aware recently of the merciless assault on human dignity which is sometimes falsely called ‘mercy killing,’ and even more falsely, ‘medical assistance in dying,’ and most falsely of all, ‘death with dignity.’ When we are dying, especially if it is the result of a long illness, we may well not have ... (the) wholeness of mind and body we had when we were young and in good health. But everyone dies with dignity, and it is not right to hasten death in the mistaken belief that doing that is what is needed to allow a person to die with dignity.

“It is essential that ... we show the mercy of the Good Samaritan not only to the homeless, to the sick, to those suffering or in prison, to any victims of violence, and to refugees, but especially to those who are dying. We do that through true palliative care, by using the best medical expertise available to control pain, and by surrounding the one who is dying with the love that we all hope to sustain us as we come to that crucial moment which we Catholics mention in our most frequent prayer – ‘the hour of our death.’”

That is the authentic voice of the shepherd who is always “in mission.” It issues from a man of God whose service to the Church might not end on the shores of Lake Ontario.

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ODU Adult & Continuing Education Info Sessions

Make 2017 the year you complete your degree at Ohio Dominican University. You’re invited to attend one of ODU’s adult and continuing education information sessions in the Bishop Griffin Center at the university’s main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

The sessions will be from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1 and Wednesday, Feb. 8. To register for an information session, visit ohiodominican.edu/Adult.

Those who come to the sessions will learn about Ohio Dominican’s wide range of in-demand degrees and certificates which are available on campus and online and are tailored to working professionals.

For more information, contact the university at adult@ohiodominican.edu or (614) 251-7400. You also can explore all of ODU’s degree and certificate offerings at ohiodominican.edu/adult.



Eagle Readers Program

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School’s Eagle Readers program is celebrating its fifth anniversary during the 2016-17 school year. Students involved with this service program volunteer to visit their own feeder schools and read to the younger children. Watterson sophomore Dylan Tucker is shown reading to a group. “This has been an excellent way for our students to give back to their grade schools,” said school service director Karissa Bowman. “When they visit, they are now the ‘big kids’ and learn that they can have a positive impact on younger students by encouraging them to read. Our involvement with the 2nd-and-7 Foundation has allowed them to give the foundation’s annual ‘Hog Mollies’ book to second graders, which they read with the class and sometimes discuss.”

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

Pray for our dead

BIDINGER, Peter A., 76, formerly of Gahanna, Jan. 9

St. Hilary Church, Fairlawn

CLARKE, Diana R. (Zahnow), 92, Jan. 10

St. Matthias Church, Columbus

CLIFFORD, Rose A., 84, Jan. 10

St. Bernard Church, Corning

CONNOLLY, Shirley (Betz), 82, Jan. 11

St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

CONWAY, Thomas J., 91, Jan. 9

St. Agatha Church, Columbus

COSMAR, Donna (Daugherty), 88, Jan. 7

Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

DIXON, Myra J., formerly of Columbus, Jan. 7

Corpus Christi Church, Mobile, Ala.

FAUSTO, Sally (Guthrie), 79, Dec. 26

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

FLEER, Marcella A. "Sally" (Flaunt), 94, Jan. 11

St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

FRAZEE, Martin F., 33, Jan. 7

St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

FULLER, Dr. Ronald R., 83, Jan. 10

St. Edward Church, Granville

GILLILAND, Iola (Kirby), 83, Jan. 6

St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

GIULIANI, Simone "Sam," 81, Jan. 9

St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

HANINGER, Dr. Glenn J., 91, Jan. 10

Holy Cross Church, Columbus

HENRY, Florence I. (Brewer), 96, Jan. 12

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

INCARNATO, Betty (Caswell), 89, Dec. 26

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

JAVENS, Josephine (Frank), 97, Jan. 12

St. Joseph Church, Dover

KERNS DRESSER, Margaret K., 72, of Columbus, Jan. 7

St. Mary Church, Urbana

LEDGER, Marguerite "Skip" (Wise), 89, Dec. 20

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

McMANN, Ruth J. (Seelig), 62, Jan. 9

Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

PROSEK, Patricia A. (Fisher), 77, Jan. 12

Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

RHODES, John D., 94, Jan. 10

St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

ROADRUCK, Gladys, 90, Jan. 7

Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

TAYLOR, Cynthia A. (Kulhawik), 65, Jan. 7

St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

TAYLOR, Della (Recia), 90, Jan. 6

St. Joseph Church, Dover

UCKER, Thomas A., 95, Jan. 8

St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

Patricia A. Odwarka

Funeral Mass for Patricia A. Odwarka, 75, who died Thursday, Jan. 5, was held Monday, Jan. 9 at Columbus St. Antony Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born March 3, 1941 to the late Edgar and Vivian (Soder) Edgar, was a 1959 graduate of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, and attended The Ohio State University. She was employed by Lazarus Department Stores and the ophthalmic center

Alice P. Brewer

Funeral Mass for Alice P. "Pat" Brewer, 88, who died Monday, Jan. 9, was held Saturday, Jan. 14 at Columbus St. Cecilia Church. Burial was at Sunset Cemetery, Galloway.

She was born July 1, 1928 in Somerset to Clarence and Mary (Gilligan) Snider and graduated from Columbus Rosary High School in 1946.

She was a secretary at Marion St.

at OSU.

She served as president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and of her parish women's club, was a member of the Elizabethan Guild, and worked in her parish's religious education department.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth; daughters, Amy (Chris Callahan) and Susan Denham (Jed Geyerhahn); brother, James (Donna); three grandsons; and one granddaughter.

Mary School and at St. Bernard School in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arnold; and sisters, Helen Stricker, Wilma Amrine, Mary Margaret Anglim, and Janet Davis. Survivors include a son, Marcus (Consuelo); two daughters, Pamela (Wayne) Whitehead and Annette; sister, Joan Rohr; and five grandchildren.

Sister Patrice Holahan, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Patrice Holahan, OSF, 94, who died Monday, Jan. 9, was held Thursday, Jan. 12 in the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was at the sisters' cemetery.

She was born Marjorie Holahan on May 21, 1922, in Syracuse, New York to James and Esther (Pierson) Holahan. She graduated from the Seminary of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Stella Niagara in 1940, and received a bachelor of arts degree from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York, in 1954 and a master of library science degree from Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River

Forest, Illinois, in 1955.

She entered the Stella Niagara Franciscan congregation on Sept. 7, 1940, and professed her first vows on Aug. 18, 1942 and perpetual vows on the same day five years later.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher and organist at Columbus Sacred Heart (1943-45) and St. Peter (1946-49) schools. She spent the rest of her service as a sister in the Diocese of Buffalo, New York, retiring in 1989 and continuing in various ministries until moving to the Stella Niagara Health Center in 2010.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Paul; and sisters, Dawn, Janet, and Suzanne. She is survived by a niece and a nephew.

Frances A. Davis

Funeral Mass for Frances A. Davis, 90, who died Monday, Jan. 2, was held Friday, Jan. 13 at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was a graduate of Columbus St. Joseph Academy, the Mount Carmel School of Nursing, and St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University), and did postgraduate studies at Marquette University and The Ohio State University.

She was a school nurse for Westerville St. Paul School and the Columbus city schools, taught at the Mount Carmel School of Nursing, and was a consultant with the Ohio Division of

Mental Hygiene. She was a member of her parish's leisure club and the Clintonville Women's Club, a founder of the Cents and Sensibilities investment group, and an associate member of Sigma Phi Gamma sorority.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Stella Zuber; husband, Edward; brother, Eugene; and sister, Ann Cotter. Survivors include sons, E.J. (Nancy Rausch), Tim, Greg, and Bryan (Carol); daughters, Karen (David) Matthias, Linda (Mark) Sell, and Mary (Jim Closson); sisters, Sister Rose Zuber, SND, and Joan; 15 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Mary E. Lawrence

Funeral Mass for Mary E. Lawrence, 96, who died Thursday, Dec. 15, was held Monday, Dec. 19 at the Crooksville Church of the Atonement. Burial was at New Lexington Cemetery.

She was born May 19, 1920 in Crooksville to Bernard and Grace (Falty) Lawrence, and was a graduate of Crooksville High School and Meredith Business College in Zanesville.

She was financial manager and assistant to the pastors of her parish for many years, and previously was employed at the Black and

Grant wholesale house in Zanesville, served as personnel manager of the Schrader and Bellows Division of Scovill Inc., and worked in the genealogy room of the Perry County Courthouse. She also was a member of the Good Samaritan Hospital Charity Circle and the Secretary's Club in Zanesville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, William and James. She is survived by a nephew, a niece, great nephews, great nieces, and great great nephews.

H A P P E N I N G S

JANUARY

19, THURSDAY

Open House at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School
6 to 8 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 3752 Broadway, Grove City. Open house for parents of prospective students. Parents of prospective kindergarten students will have exclusive access to kindergarten teachers from 7 to 7:30. **614-875-6779**

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.

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. 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**

Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. Talk by Father Jerome Zeiler, OP, on "What Is Marian Consecration?" followed by questions and answers. **614-224-9522**

20-21, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Newark Catholic Presents 'Beauty and the Beast'
7:30 p.m., Midland Theater, 36 N. Park Place, Newark. Newark Catholic High School drama department presents "Beauty and the Beast." Tickets \$15. **740-344-3594**

21, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide."

An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line.

For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

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

Dominican Learning Center Tutor Training Workshop

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Training workshop for volunteer tutors needed to teach adults seeking basic education skills, GED readiness, or English as a Second Language. **614-444-7330**

Ohio Dominican Veterans Appreciation Day

Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Veterans Appreciation Day, beginning with Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting at 10:30 a.m. in Bishop Griffin Center, followed by national security briefing with Rear Adm. Deborah Loewer at 11:30 and recognition and free admission for veterans at ODU women's basketball game at 1 p.m. and men's game at 3 in Alumni Hall. **614-251-4458**

21-22, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at St. Matthew

2 to 7 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Traveling exhibit displaying 140 panels related to Vatican-approved Eucharistic miracles worldwide. **614-471-0212**

22, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Mercy and Hope in the Age of Mass Incarceration" with Wendy Tarr of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Restored Citizens and Communities for Change project and restored citizen David Gray.

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

2 to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and fellowship. Visitors welcome. **614-895-7792**

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. **614-861-1242**

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

23, MONDAY

Respect Life Mass and Rally for Life

10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass in observance of the day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through abortion, and of prayer for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, followed at noon by the annual Rally for Life in the Statehouse atrium, sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life, to express support for pro-life activities on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.

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.

25, WEDNESDAY

'Families of Prayer, Communities of Care' at St. Matthew
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Talk on "Families of Prayer, Communities of Care" by Sister Janet Schaeffler, OP, faith formation

consultant and former adult faith formation director of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Sponsored by diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis. **614-221-4633**

26, THURSDAY

Day of Reflection for Religious Educators

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Day of reflection with Sister Janet Schaeffler, OP, sponsored by Diocesan Association of Religious Educators. **614-221-4633**

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.

Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. "Christ in the City" program with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, Taize chant, and night prayer, followed by refreshments at Claddagh Irish Pub. **614-224-9522**

26-27, THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Vigil for Life at St. Ann

St. Ann Church, 405 Chestnut St., Dresden. Vigil for Life from end of 6 p.m. Mass Thursday until 7 a.m. Mass Friday, with overnight Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **740-754-2221**

27-29, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Men's Retreat at Maria Stein

Maria Stein Spiritual Center, 2365 St. John's Road, Maria Stein. Men's retreat sponsored by Hilliard St. Brendan Church, led by Father Bill Garrott, OP. Theme: "The Gospel Toolbox." Cost \$160, including meals and lodging. **614-946-8117**

28, SATURDAY

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.

Talks on Revelation at St. John Neumann

Noon and 3 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Talks on the Book of Revelation with Dr. Thomas Smith, author of the Great Adventure Bible Study on Revelation. **740-965-1358**

29, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Come Away and Pray," first of two consecutive hourlong sessions on Taize prayer with Pete McClernon, former music minister at St. Christopher and several other diocesan parishes.

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. **614-861-1242**

Vietnamese New Year Celebration

Noon, Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, 1550 E. Hudson St., Columbus. Vietnamese New Year celebration, beginning with Vietnamese-language Mass, followed by celebration with food, games, and traditional dancing. **614-268-3123**

Open House at St. Mary Magdalene

Noon to 2 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene School, 2940 Parkside Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their parents, with information on school and preschool, registration, tuition, and EdChoice scholarship program. **614-279-9935**

Open House at Our Lady of Peace School

12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Our Lady of Peace School, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Open house with building tours, meetings with teachers, and information on school pro-

grams. **614-267-4535**

Open House at Our Lady of Bethlehem

1 to 3 p.m., Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare, 4567 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Open house with information on school's programs for children six weeks through kindergarten during the school year and preschool through sixth grade in the summer. **614-459-8285**

Scout Day with the Bishop

3 p.m. Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Annual Scout Day with the Bishop program sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, with Bishop Frederick Campbell honoring diocesan Scouts who have received religious awards.

Open House at Columbus St. Mary School

4 to 7 p.m., St. Mary School, 700 S. 3rd St., Columbus. Open house for prospective students in preschool through eighth grade and their parents. **614-444-8994**

'Raising Moral Kids in Today's World' at St. Pius X

5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Program on "Raising Moral Kids in Today's World" with Pam Heil, founder of Empowered to Love Ministries and former youth minister of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church. **614-866-2859**

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. **614-861-1242**

Asia's Hope Dinner at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

6 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Fundraiser for Asia's Hope program for at-risk children in Cambodia, Thailand, and India. Talks by Father Dan Millisor, pastor; Father James Colopy, parochial vicar; John McCollum, Asia's Hope executive director; and parishioners involved with the program; plus Cambodian dessert and dancing. **614-875-3322, extension 326**

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

30, MONDAY

Night of Marian Devotion at Church of Our Lady

6 p.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Night of Marian devotion sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, beginning with rosary, followed by praise and adoration at 6:30 with teams available for individual prayer, Mass at 7:30 celebrated by Father James Coleman, and fellowship. **614-500-8115**

30-31, MONDAY-TUESDAY

Eucharistic Adoration Mission at St. Leo

7 p.m., St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., Columbus. Eucharistic adoration mission with Fathers Sean Davidson and Barry Braum of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist.

31, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. **614-294-5319**

FEBRUARY

1, WEDNESDAY

Adult and Continuing Education Info Session at ODU

6 to 7 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Information session on university's adult and continuing education programs. **614-251-4700**

2017 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference Speakers

The 2017 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference, with the theme "Calling Men into the Breach," will take place Saturday, Feb. 25

This year, it will be in the newly completed Cardinal Hall at the state fairgrounds.

This fresh, modern location will offer additional space and up-to-date amenities to suit a conference which as many as 3,500 men are expected to attend.

A dynamic lineup of speakers is scheduled, including Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Father Jonathan Morris, and Steve Bollman.

DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS

Deacon Burke-Sivers, known around the world as the "dynamic deacon," is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today.

He is a powerful, passionate evangelist and preacher whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him.

He travels across the United States and around the world speaking at conferences, workshops, retreats, parish missions, high schools, and young adult events to people of all ages and from all walks of life who desire to know Jesus intimately and enjoy a deeper personal relationship with him.

His areas of expertise include marriage and family life; discerning the will of God; the sacraments; vocational choices and how they are lived out; male spirituality; pro-life issues; evangelization; prayer; and many others.

Deacon Burke-Sivers has a bachelor of arts degree in economics and business administration from the University of Notre Dame and a master of theological studies degree from the University of Dallas.

He co-hosts a weekly broadcast, *Living Stones*, every Monday on Mater Dei Radio, and has appeared as a guest on many other national and international radio programs, including *Catholic Answers Live* and *Vocation Boom Radio*. In addition, he is the host or co-host of several popular series on EWTN television, including *Made in His Image: Family Life Today*; *Priests and Deacons: Ministers of Mercy*; and *Grace-Filled Living*.

He also is the author of the best-selling book *Behold the Man: A*



Dcn. Harold Burke-Sivers



Fr. Jonathan Morris



Steve Bollman

Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality, published by Ignatius Press.

Retaining a deep love of Benedictine spirituality that he gained during his time discerning a call to that religious community, he is a Benedictine Oblate of Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon.

He is also a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy.

He and his wife, Colleen, have four children. They live in Portland, Oregon, where Deacon Burke-Sivers is assigned to Immaculate Heart Church.

FATHER JONATHAN MORRIS

Father Morris, a Cleveland native (but a diehard Michigan Wolverine fan), lives in New York City, where he serves in campus ministry at Columbia University, as program director of SiriusXM Radio's Catholic Channel, and as an analyst for the Fox News Channel.

His most recent book is *The Way of Serenity*. His other books include *The Promise* and *God Wants You Happy*.

Father Morris studied business administration at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

He entered the seminary at age 21 and later went on to complete separate degrees in classical humanities, philosophy, and theology.

In 2004, he graduated *magna cum laude* with a licentiate graduate degree in moral theology from the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University in Rome.

He was ordained a priest in Rome on Dec. 24, 2002.

His foray into mass media was as a theological adviser and marketing consultant for Mel Gibson's epic religious film *The Passion of the Christ*.

From 2009-13, he was parochial vicar of the historic St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in the Soho district of New York City.

He resided and ministers at Corpus Christi Church, near the Columbia University campus.

Since 2015, he has been pastor of Mount Carmel Church in the Bronx.

STEVE BOLLMAN

During the Great Jubilee, Bollman experienced a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to finding God within the context of marriage and family life.

In 2001, he founded *Paradisus Dei*, an organization of lay Catholics dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life.

The following year, he set aside his professional interests as an energy derivatives trader in Houston to dedicate himself full-time to the development of this ministry.

During a highly successful career trading energy derivatives, Bollman experienced firsthand the profound pressures placed on men and families in modern society.

He also witnessed the tremendous impact a man of faith can have at home, at work, and in the greater society.

Bollman's background allows him to profoundly understand the essential role of the family in society and salvation history.

His professional experience allows him to present these mysteries in an engaging, highly accessible manner.

Audiences have been astounded as he presents the mystery of the family according to the "three wisdoms" of the Church, harmonizing theology with the findings of modern science while providing a vision that touches the divine.

In 2004, he developed *That Man is You!*, which has quickly established itself as one of the Church's premier men's programs as it moves across the

nation transforming men, marriages and families.

He is developing additional programs to bring his message of hope to other members of the family.

His writings have appeared in national publications including *The National Catholic Register*, *Inside the Vatican*, and *Catholic Answers*. He lives with his wife and daughters in Houston.

He has a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma and a master of business administration degree from the University of Notre Dame.

His varied background enables him to integrate the teachings of our faith with the findings of modern science.

His professional experience allows him to present these findings to popular audiences in a highly accessible manner.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The conference day will begin at 6 a.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Registration and breakfast will start at 7, with talks beginning at 8.

Sportscaster Doug Lessells will serve as master of ceremonies. Music will be directed by Aaron Richards.

The day will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell. Mass music will be directed by Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, music director of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

The day will end around 2:45 p.m.

Visit www.catholicmensministry.com for registration information.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Hurting Couples

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring? Has your relationship grown cold and distant? Are you thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated or divorced, but wish to try again? The Retrouvaille program may help you.

Retrouvaille of Columbus will be sponsoring its next program from Friday to Sunday, Feb. 10 to 12. It will consist of a weekend experience and follow-up sessions. All inquiries are confidential. For more details or to register, go to HelpOurMarriage.com or call (800) 470-2230.

Mattingly Settlement chapel is open



Four members of the Manitowoc Franciscan congregation of sisters visited Mattingly Settlement St. Mary Church on Monday, Jan. 9 to view the nearly completed chapel of the new parish life center. Pictured are (from left): Sister Laura Wolf, OSF, retired president of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity's sponsored ministries; Sister Bernadette Selinsky, OSF, and Sister Maureen Anne Shepard of the sisters' convent in Zanesville; and Father Don Franks, pastor of the Mattingly Settlement parish and Dresden St. Ann Church. Many of the sacred items in the chapel, including stained-glass windows and a tabernacle, were donated by the sisters and came from the chapel of the former Good Samaritan Hospital in Zanesville, which was demolished last summer because it has been replaced by a larger hospital. Other liturgical items came from the former Church of the Nativity in Utica, which was razed last year because of structural issues. Father Franks said 332 people attended the first Mass in the chapel on Christmas Eve, a little more than three months after volunteers began construction at what had been the site of an outhouse for the 160-year-old church. When completed, the two-story building will be used for conferences, retreats, pilgrimages, education, outreach, praise, and worship, with technology that will be able to feature live liturgies and conference DVDs. Parking will be expanded and a garden will be planted by the time Bishop Frederick Campbell comes to the church in the spring to bless the center. Father Franks invites anyone interested in donating to the project to contact him at fatherdonfranks@gmail.com or call (740) 754-2221.



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Holy Rosary-St. John Remembers DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

Members and guests of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church gathered on Monday, Jan. 16 to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event included prayers, some of King's words, music by the parish's Gospel choir and guest soloist Shari Williams, who sang "Break Every Chain," and keynote remarks by Paulist Father Steven Bell of the Columbus St.

Thomas More Newman Center. Father Bell said, "We need to show the richness of our diversity – far beyond the categories the world may impose upon us – with our gifts, our triumphs, and our treasures. Understand that where you are is where God has ordained you to be. Take it with appreciation. God says, 'Bring it here and let me show you what grace can do.' So make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Strive every day to be like Jesus and love, love, love, love."

CT photos by Ken Snow

