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Clamor for justice can shout the need for mercy

In a world that increasingly relegates faith to the fringes of society, the concept of God's mercy often takes a back seat to justice in the public consciousness.

Getting back at someone who wrongs a person, seeking retribution for an indiscretion, punishing a person for a mistake, lawsuits, trials, convictions, bullying, shaming and social-media callouts seem to be the rule rather than the exception these days.

We hear so much about justice that mercy seems forgotten.

That's not to say justice should never be served when it's warranted, but let's face facts: Our human nature makes it much more difficult to be merciful.

Once in a while, though, we're reminded of what mercy should look like.

Several weeks ago, 18-year-old Brandt Jean sat in a Texas courtroom facing former Dallas police officer

Amber Guyger, who was convicted of murder in the shooting death of Jean's older brother Botham. During his emotional statement, Jean said he forgave Guyger, that he didn't want anything bad to happen to her, that he even wished she wasn't going to prison. He wanted her only to turn her life over to God.

Amazingly, he then asked the judge if he could hug the former officer. The judge granted his request, and the two shared a long embrace in front of the judge, who wept while watching this overwhelming act of mercy. The judge also hugged Guyger and gave her a Bible.

Meanwhile, others expressed anger and protested the verdict, saying the 10-year sentence was too light. It's open to debate whether the punishment fit the crime, but this sad situation accentuates the difficulty of balancing justice and mercy.

Understand, though, that mercy also can be misused. You've probably heard the term "mercy killing," sometimes associated with euthanasia or

assisted suicide. As harsh as it might sound, ending a life prematurely before natural death to keep a loved one from suffering is not mercy. The same thing can be said for abortion and the argument that killing an unborn child in the womb will spare the mother and baby from suffering.

All of us need to look at the Divine Mercy image given to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, whose feast day was Oct. 5, and ask to be granted an understanding and acceptance of Our Lord's unconditional mercy for every soul. This week's *Catholic Times* features stories on a new movie and a book highlighting this devotion.

Father Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, the provincial superior for the Mary, Mother of Mercy Province of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and the vice coordinator of the North American Congress on Mercy, served as an adviser to the new film *Love and Mercy: Faustina*, that will play for one night only in U.S. theaters on Monday, Oct. 28. He

has been associated with promotion of the devotion for 40 years and has seen a shifting cultural mindset.

"In the '60s and '70s and '80s, there was always the reference to justice," he said. "But don't give me this mercy thing, I want justice. And I think this message of God's mercy, introduced and revealed through the Church, St. Faustina and John Paul II, is that there's more than just justice. John Paul would say 'Unless there's mercy, pursuit of justice alone will not produce good.'

"In this world, right now at this juncture, when people are so angry with each other and they don't listen to each other, we're all so divided. I think that His message brings us into a deeper realization that all of us are sinners. We're in need of God's mercy, and only God can reconcile us so we can call each other brothers and sisters again.

"True justice will manifest itself through mercy."

You can't say it any better than that.

Sacred Heart Congress set for Nov. 16 at Worthington St. Michael

The eighth annual Columbus Sacred Heart Congress will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at Worthington St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St.

Bishop Robert Brennan will celebrate Mass at 8:15, followed by a refreshment break and a chance to visit displays from Catholic organizations. Talks will be presented by Father Stash Dailey, director of Sacred Heart

Columbus and pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church, and Bill Messerly, executive director of St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 in Columbus and FM 88.3 in southern Ohio.

The program will begin with recitation of the rosary by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Local Catholic speaker and author Emily Jaminet, executive director of the national Sacred Heart Enthronement Network, will be master of ceremonies. Confessions will be heard and there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the program, and coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Registration is required. The cost is \$10 for individuals and \$20 for fam-

ilies. Scholarships will be available to those who cannot afford the cost. To register, or if you are interested in having your home enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, go to www.sacredheartcolumbus.org.

"I believe the Sacred Heart Congress is a premier event for the entire family to dive deeper into their Catholic faith," Jaminet said. "Families are looking for answers on how to navigate their way through the culture today. The answers they seek are found in deepening their devotion to the Sacred Heart."

Sacred Heart Columbus, sponsor of the congress, is an apostolic organization of priests, deacons and laypersons dedicated to enthroning the Sacred Heart in every home, school

and business.

The organization has conducted enthronements in more than 1,200 homes, four high schools, 10 elementary schools and 20 businesses and organizations in the Diocese of Columbus. It has 70 missionary teams available to help with enthronement ceremonies.

Diocesan school Superintendent Adam Dufault said he is making plans to encourage all diocesan parochial schools that have not already done so to conduct enthronement ceremonies in the next year. Schools will have the opportunity to display a large image or

CORRECTION

A story in the Oct. 6 Catholic Times about Msgr. William Dunn's talk to the Catholic Record Society on Sunday, Nov. 10 said he was a former diocesan superintendent of schools. He did not serve in that position, but was diocesan religious education director.



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DIVINE MERCY & ST. FAUSTINA
St. Maria Faustina Kowalska is played by Polish actress Kamila Kaminska in "Love and Mercy: Faustina," a film that will debut in U.S. theaters on Monday, Oct. 28. (Photo courtesy of Kon-drat-Media)

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Diocese celebrates 50th anniversary of Family Rosary Day



Columbus St. Catharine School student Olivia Malone crowns the Virgin Mary's statue during the annual diocesan Family Rosary Day at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 13. The event has taken place annually since 1969. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Bishop Robert Brennan delivers the homily for Family Rosary Day.



Hunter Bright, a 14-year-old Columbus St. Patrick Church parishioner, prays the rosary at the cathedral.



Knights of Columbus members carry a statue of the Virgin Mary to the cathedral altar during the Family Rosary Day opening procession.

This year's annual diocesan Family Rosary Day program at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 13 was the 50th anniversary for the event.

Bishop Robert Brennan was the homilist. "In our own practice and recitation of the rosary, we receive one of the most precious gifts that God gives us, which we seek even to eternity," he said.

"When we pray the rosary, we enter deeply into the mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. These mysteries become

part of our inner being and they become integrated with the joys, the sorrows and the glories of our own lives as they open us to Christ's eternal presence."

The day opened with a prayer, followed by the crowning of a statue of the Virgin Mary by Olivia Malone, a seventh-grade student at Columbus St. Catharine School.

This was followed by recitation of the rosary, Scripture readings, the bishop's homily, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, and a prayer for families.

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statue of the Sacred Heart in a prominent area of the school, with smaller images available for each classroom.

The diocesan Schools Office will conduct an enthronement ceremony of its own in its offices at the Catholic Center in downtown Columbus during the next Catholic Schools

Week, which is from Jan. 26 to Feb. 1, 2020.

"About 20 percent of the schools in the diocese already have enthroned the Sacred Heart," Dufault said. "We will encourage many more this year, as the presence and rule of Jesus is the unwavering mission of our schools."

Cathedral to display relics for All Saints Day



Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., will display its collection of 22 holy relics for veneration before and after Masses for All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation, at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31 and 7:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1. The relics will be exposed on the altar of the cathedral's Terce Chapel. The 22 relics date to as early as 40 AD. The most recent addition was that of St. Maria Goretti, who died in 1902 and was canonized in 1950. The exposition will include relics of the following saints: St. Gaudentius, St. Theodora, St. Clement, St. Urban, St. Dymphna, St. John of the Cross, Pope St. Pius X, St. Lucy, St. John Vianney, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Bernadette Soubirous, St. Bernard, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Timothy, St. Lawrence, St. Pancratius, St. John de Brebeuf, St. Agatha, St. Perpetua, St. Stephen, St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Maria Goretti.

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Congratulations To the Bishop Watterson Boys & Girls Cross Country Teams

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The First School in 25 Years to Win Both the Boys & Girls Titles In the Same Year!



Yes, Virginia, there is no such thing as an off year

As the media work to keep our focus on the 2020 elections, some of us may be tempted to think that the November 2019 general election is not that significant. We hear it said: "It's an off year," meaning that it is not a presidential election year. Nor is it a regular election year for U.S. representatives or senators. There are no statewide ballot issues, no statewide executive, legislative or judicial races. And because how we think influences how we act, some voters may be considering sitting this election out.

Yet as Catholics, we know that casting a ballot or failing to cast a ballot is a moral act. It is a moral act because it is connected to a duty to participate in the transformation of the temporal order according to the Gospel. The Catholic bishops of the United States said it this way in their document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*: "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 220). The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do.

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person. ... As far as possible, citizens should take an active part in public life" (Nos. 1913-1915). Not only do we have an obligation to participate, but

FAITH IN ACTION

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we also have the obligation to do so from the vantage point of a well-formed conscience. We know that no moral act is without significance.

There is a corresponding responsibility to educate ourselves about the candidates and issues on the ballot. Today's township trustee may be tomorrow's gubernatorial candidate. If we have not been satisfied with the slate of candidates that appear on the larger statewide or national ballot, perhaps it is because we have not paid enough attention to candidates running at the local level.

So what is on the ballot this November? To answer this question in your county, go to the local county board of elections website to see a sample ballot. While you are there, you may want to learn about opportunities for early voting or obtaining an absentee ballot. Regarding the ballot in Franklin County, there are races for city and village leadership positions, school board positions, township trustees and fiscal officers, municipal judges and a few city attorney po-

sitions.

On the issue side, there are city and township tax levies for roads and police, school district tax levies for additions and operating expenses, a children's services levy to protect and serve abused and neglected children, local liquor options, and city and village charter amendments.

While voting is an essential part of fulfilling our responsibilities of faithful citizenship, it is not the only part. Again, to quote the bishops of the United States: "Forming their consciences in accord with Catholic teaching, Catholic lay women and men can become actively involved: running for office; working within political parties; communicating their concerns and positions to elected officials; and joining diocesan social mission or advocacy networks, state Catholic conference initiatives, community organizations, and other efforts to apply authentic moral teaching in the public square. Even those who cannot vote have the right to have their voices heard on issues that affect their lives and the common good."

For a complete copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, go to <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm>. Also for help from the Ohio bishops on election issues, go to <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/Issues/category/election-issues>. To sign up for action alerts from the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, go to <https://www.columbuscatholic.org/join-the-network>.

Remember, there is no such thing as an off year. Vote on Nov. 5.

Wonderfully made: finding the courage to create

I was a sophomore in college when I received the little blue book, a gift from a friend who also wanted to be a writer. At the time, I was editing the student newspaper, poring over buried leads and dangling modifiers.

Written by the legendary Madeleine L'Engle, the title spoke to me – *Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art*. It promised something deeper behind my mad dash to produce a paper.

Perched on the top of a bunk bed in a dark dorm, I highlighted this affirmation: "God is constantly creating, in us, through us, with us, and to co-create with God is our human calling."

As I was writing headlines and wrangling reporters, I was answering a calling. I was creating with God, who formed cosmos out of chaos. My late-night work had a spiritual underpinning.

I pressed on.

Every few years, I return to the book. It is the same, but I am different. A reporter. A graduate student. A newlywed. A mother.

I always pick up on the Catholic themes: wisdom from saints, a clear-eyed endorsement of icons and a meditation on Mary's *fiat*.

But I find different messages for different seasons. This time I need courage. A longtime contract came to an end this year and I have pushed myself to drum up new work. I'm re-examining my writing, my rate, my capacity for competing deadlines.

TWENTY SOMETHING

Christina Capecchi

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I'm welcoming new ideas and new people. And for the first time in years, I'm contemplating new kinds of creative work. I've watched YouTube tutorials and signed up for a class, with my chest throbbing.

There's an edge to the excitement that I actually like because it is unfamiliar. I haven't challenged myself like this in so long. The fear is a sign of the possibility.

And once again, *Walking on Water* resonates with me. "Unless we are creators, we are not fully alive," L'Engle writes.

I'm creating, and I feel fully alive.

Lack of experience is not an issue, she reassures. "In a very real sense not one of us is qualified, but it seems that God continually chooses the most unqualified to do his work, to bear his glory."

It's not about talent or training. It's about creativity and courage. It's feeling unqualified, but still accepting the invitation of a blank canvas.

My friend Jackie is on a similar journey. For too

long, she'd been an art major trapped in retail. Now she's a working artist. She summoned the courage to quit her job at Hobby Lobby, where she'd made \$17 an hour as an assistant manager unloading merchandise and surveying shoplifters.

Jackie celebrated her newfound freedom with a trip to Mexico, where she landed a gig to paint two murals on a hostel: a cactus and an octopus. She hadn't painted much before, but the murals turned out beautifully – and she had a blast.

A business was born. She reserved the domain muralsbyjackie.com and posted a Craigslist ad that generated a commission from a Wisconsin goat farm. Her next project will be a nursery.

Self-employment has been exhilarating, she said. "It's both exciting and scary. But I think the world needs more art."

Each of us is called to create with our paint brushes, our homes and our lives. When we embrace art, we reflect the creation story and our own origin, that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

The hardest part is to show up – with your two hands, your beating heart, your busy schedule and your half-baked idea. Push past the uncertainty and trust that shortcomings will enable you to go long in another direction, producing something a more proficient artist would overlook – something different, something else, something new. Something the world needs.

Local news and events

Jason Evert coming to Ohio State for Oct. 28 presentation

Nationally known Catholic author and speaker Jason Evert will present a talk titled "College Dating 101" at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 in the Room 131 lecture hall of Ohio State University's Hitchcock Hall, 2070 Neil Ave., Columbus.

Evert will talk about how young adults can successfully navigate the single life, avoiding the lies of the world and discovering fulfillment in love. He has spoken to more than one million people about relationships and is the founder of Totus Tuus Press and the Chastity Project, an organization that promotes chastity primarily to high-school and college students.

Evert also will be a featured speaker at the 2020 diocesan Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 22 in Kasich Hall at the state fairgrounds, along with Bishop Robert Brennan and University of Cincinnati football coach Luke Fickell.

His OSU talk is free and is being sponsored by St. Paul's Outreach, St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, The Catholic Foundation and the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center. To obtain a ticket, go to go.osu.edu/JasonEvertatOSU. Limited free parking will be available at the Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., and possibly at University Baptist Church, next door to the center. Parking also will be available for around \$7 in OSU's Tuttle Park Place garage.

ODU to honor veterans

Ohio Dominican University will celebrate Veterans Appreciation Day on Saturday, Oct. 26 at its football home game against Walsh. Game time is noon, with the tailgate beginning at 10:30 a.m. and including talks by the university's president, Dr. Robert Gervasi, and football coach Kelly Cummings. All military veterans will be admitted to the game free, along with a guest.

Honorary co-captains will be ODU graduates Angela Billingslea and Bill Noll, both of whom are veterans. Entertainment will be provided by the ODU band and a Scottish piper, all five service songs will be performed, and a uniformed color guard will present the nation's colors. Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by Friday, Oct. 18 to Christie Flood Wein-

er at weiner@ohiodominican.edu or (614) 253-3502.

Mommies Matter to host fundraiser next month

The second annual Harvesting Hope fundraiser to benefit the Mommies Matter organization for single mothers will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the York Golf Club, 7459 N. High St., Columbus. The event will include music, magic, raffles, food from Pasteria, beer and wine. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Mommies Matter developed from

organization or to make reservations for the event, go to www.mommiesmatter.org.

Lowry to talk at luncheon club

Kevin Lowry, chief financial officer for the RevLocal digital marketing organization, will speak at the November meeting of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club. He is involved in several organizations with a goal of helping people live their faith in the workplace, and that will be the topic of his talk to the club.

The club will meet Friday, Nov. 1 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280

For information on the club, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc or contact club president Craig Hepner at craigkofc@gmail.com.

Columbus Malta Center of Care sponsoring benefit dinner

The Order of Malta's ambassador to Palestine, Michele Burke Bowe, will be the featured speaker at the second annual Hospitaller Dinner benefiting the order's Center of Care at the St. John Center on Columbus' east side. The dinner will be Wednesday, Oct. 30, beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m., at the Jessing Center of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Bowe's topic will be "Humanitarian Diplomacy and the Order of Malta."

Members of the order are joined by members of the Catholic Medical Association and Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church and by volunteers in providing free services at the Center of Care to residents of Columbus' Old Oaks neighborhood. The dinner is the center's principal source of funds.

Bowe has served in many capacities within the order. In 2015, she became minister counselor to its office in Ramallah, Palestine, helping to diplomatically strengthen ties between the order and the Palestinian Authority. She was appointed to her current position in 2017.

The order is a lay religious order of the Catholic Church, linked to the Holy See, and is recognized by nations as a sovereign state, an independent subject of international law. It exchanges diplomatic relations with more than 100 nations and it has the status of permanent observer in the United Nations. Its history goes back more than 900 years and it has approximately 13,000 members worldwide, including 3,000 in the United States.

For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Len Barbe at lbarbe@aol.com or (614) 738-2464.

Martin de Porres Center to celebrate feast day

The Martin de Porres Center's annual celebration of its patron saint will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sun-

Bishop visits from Nigeria



Bishop Ernest Obodo, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Enugu, Nigeria (center), visited Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral and met with Bishop Robert Brennan and Father Hilary Ike, who is in residence at the cathedral and a member of the diocesan Tribunal. Father Ike is a native of the Enugu diocese. Bishop Obodo is charged with promoting self-sufficiency programs and evangelization of Catholic young people in Nigeria. He visited the Archdiocese of New York for a mission appeal and came to Columbus to visit Father Ike.

Photo courtesy Father Hilary Ike

efforts of the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers to help single mothers. PDHC and other pregnancy resource centers and medical maternity agencies refer women to the organization. It combines group support and spiritual guidance by pairing a single mother with one or more women known as allies, who commit themselves to assist a single mother for the first 18 months after her child is born.

For more information about the or-

N. Grant Ave. Lunch will be served after the church's noon All Saints Day Mass. No reservations are necessary. A \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch and meeting. The sponsor for the event is RevLocal.

Father Christopher Yakkel, parochial vicar at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, who was ordained to the priesthood in May and plans to be a chaplain serving with the Air Force, will speak at the club's Dec. 6 meeting.

Does heaven pass away?; mixed marriage and children

QWe all hope to spend eternity in heaven. However, Jesus says in Matthew 24:35 that “heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” If heaven passes away, and earth will not provide a home for their glorified bodies, what will become of those who are saved? Where will they spend eternity? (Woodbridge, Virginia)

AScriptural commentators agree that, in its context, Matthew’s language that “heaven and earth will pass away” refers to the entire created universe – the earth and the firmament, our material world and all that it contains. Scripture is clear that people will outlast this material world, either in a state of eternal bliss in the presence of a loving God or in eternal misery.

QIf a practicing Catholic marries a non-Catholic Christian, do they have to promise to baptize their children and raise them in the Catholic faith? (North Vernon, Indiana)

AThis is a very pertinent question – particularly at a time when in some parts of America, as many as 40 percent of Catholics marriages

QUESTION & ANSWER

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involve ecumenical or interfaith couples – and the answer requires some explanation and historical perspective.

Under the old *Code of Canon Law*, both parties to a mixed marriage had to promise (in writing) that the children of the marriage would be baptized and brought up in the Catholic faith. Pope Paul VI, though – in his 1970 apostolic letter *Matrimonia Mixta* -- modified that guideline somewhat, and his changes made their way into the current *Code of Canon Law* that was published in 1983.

The present state of Catholic law is as follows: Normally, it is the bishop of the diocese of the Catholic party who gives permission for a mixed mar-

riage to take place. To receive this permission, the Catholic party must pledge to continue to practice the Catholic faith and must also (Canon 1125.1) “make a sincere promise to do all in his or her power so that all offspring are baptized and brought up in the Catholic faith.”

The non-Catholic party doesn’t have to promise anything; he or she simply has to be made aware of the pledge the other spouse has made. Neither spouse is required to sign anything in writing; instead, the priest, in requesting permission for the marriage, attests with his signature that the Catholic party has made the required pledge and that the non-Catholic spouse is aware of it.

None of this guarantees, of course, that things will work out as the guidelines envision. It might happen that, with the arrival of a child, the non-Catholic spouse re-evaluates and objects to a Catholic baptism and rearing.

In such a situation, the Catholic partner may be forced to choose between the harmony of the household and the religion of the child. My view is that the wording of the pledge – to “do all in his or her power” – must be interpreted within the context of the marriage.

The wisdom of St. John XXIII, “the good pope”

Friday, Oct. 11 was the fifth time the Catholic church celebrated the Feast of Pope St. John XXIII. It also was the 57th anniversary of the opening session of Vatican II.

I was almost 12 when the council began on Oct. 11, 1962, and was a student in a Catholic school. I knew something important was happening. This was partly because the teachers talked about its being the first ecumenical council called in nearly 100 years. The pope said it was time to “throw open the windows of the church and let the fresh air of the Spirit blow through.” No one knew what it would look like, but we knew change was coming.

But more than the talk and the tangible changes, it was the pope himself who stirred my heart and imagination from the start. The rotund Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, whose parents were peasant farmers, greeted the world with a smile when he emerged on the balcony and said his name was John. He looked happy and approachable, like a grandpa. A little girl when he was elected, I liked him. I liked to see pictures of the pope who laughed and seemed so full



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary van Balen

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of life.

Much is written, and rightly so, about the accomplishments of his short papacy and the profound effects of the council he called. His ability to see good in the contemporary world moved the Catholic Church beyond its deep distrust of modernity.

His humility, hope, positive view of the human person, and recognition of the universal call to holiness speak to me as I ponder his life today.

Here are a few quotes that I’d like to share.

“Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less.” There are times when we can be still, recite favorite prayers or pray with our communities at Mass, other liturgical celebrations or simply around the table. But there are also times when we can’t. When our work or families or situations demand our attention. When we are emotionally worn out or just trying to survive. But we can for a moment “raise our minds to God.” No words needed.

In his spiritual diary, *Journal of a Soul*, John XXII wrote: “I am not St. Aloysius, nor must I seek

holiness in his particular way, but according to the requirements of my own nature, my own character and the different conditions of my life. ... If St. Aloysius had been as I am, he would have become holy in a different way.”

There are as many ways to holiness as there are people. Vatican II reflected this wisdom in affirming the universal call to holiness. We each have a spark of the divine dwelling within. God has placed the Spirit in our hearts and depends on us to give it away in the work of transforming the world, in Christ’s work of bringing the kingdom. We won’t be St. Aloysius or John XXII or any other saint you can name. But like them, we can be faithful to the unique expression of divinity that we are made to be.

“Now more than ever, certainly more than in past centuries, our intention is to serve people as such and not only Catholics; to defend above all and everywhere the rights of the human person and not only those of the Catholic Church; it is not the Gospel that changes; it is we who begin to understand it better. ... The moment has arrived when we must recognize the signs of the times, seize the opportunity, and look far abroad.”

These words are as true now as they were when spoken from his deathbed on June 3, 1963. We are called to defend the rights of all human beings. And we are always beginning to understand the Gospel better. It’s part of the evolution of spirituality.

As we celebrate the Feast of Pope St. John XXIII, let us heed his call to recognize the signs of the times, seize the opportunity, and find hope and courage to look far abroad.

Each of us has our own angelic 'watchmaker'

Did you ever feel that something or someone was watching you? Or as you are walking or sitting down, do you catch out of the corner of your eye a glimpse of something going by or of a light seemingly blinking out of nowhere? This experience has occurred to many of us, but we shrug it off as light playing tricks. We conceive in our mind that whatever manifests itself to us is a practical diversion or a figment of our vivid imagination. But just for argument's sake and to satisfy my own insatiable curiosity, let's view these impressions as something more real and unworldly than we think they are.

Is it, or could it be, a realistic assumption that there is a certain something you feel every time you are about to do or say something that puts your life in some sort of jeopardy? You feel a presence or energy when you are about to make a mistake or choose the wrong path to go down. Do you find yourself being nudged in the right direction or saying just the right words, as the situation presents itself? You have no logical explanation, so in your infinite wisdom, you conclude that it is either a case of being in the right place at the right time or is just a circumstance of fate or sheer luck. This can be very self-assuring, but are you doing this for the right reasons, or just because you are afraid of the

LIGHTING THE WAY

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alternative solution?

Many of us go through life with blinders on, never really seeing the forest through the proverbial trees. We fear what we are unaware of, always cautiously approaching each new experience with a bit of either sheer intrepidity or calm uneasiness.

Now imagine, if you will, the existence of beings that are assigned to help protect us and shield us from any harm. They are in constant watch over the forces of evil and present themselves in times of distress or happiness. They can appear as a whisper in the wind, as a light in the distance, as something pulling us in a certain direction, or as a subtle feeling-out of our effort for want or solace.

St. Josemaria Escriva was known to say that he was convinced God had placed an angel beside every human being to help that person along the road

of life and that he or she had recourse to his own guardian angel for all material and spiritual needs. St. Josemaria often would often say, quite frankly, "For years, I've experienced the constant and immediate assistance of my guardian angel, even in the smallest material particulars." In the years between 1928 and 1940, his alarm clock sometimes didn't work and he didn't have the money to repair it, so he turned in trust to his guardian angel and asked him to wake him in the morning at the right time. The angel never failed him, and St. Josemaria called the angel his "watchmaker."

I believe that my brother Michael is and has always been my protector. He looked after me in life and in death, and is making sure that I treat every moment of every day as a precious commodity. Time is so fleeting that what is here now may be taken away in a moment's notice. Even though we might not recognize our angels right away, we see a soft glow about them and know we are truly cared for. Appreciate your time here on earth and never deny your very own dear "watchmaker."

May our angels show us the way in life, keep us from harm and be good to one another. May the wind be forever at your backs and may His peace be with us always.

What does the Church have to offer for young adults?

By Catherine Suprenant
Diocesan Marriage Prep Coordinator

David Kinnaman of the Barna Group conducts research into the faith lives of young adults, much of which resonates with my experiences of my generation (known as the "millennials"). He recently said, "One of the specific criticisms young adults frequently make about Christianity is that it does not offer deep, thoughtful or challenging answers to life in a complex culture."

The questions millennials have are about LIFE – how do we live in a chaotic, stressed world where many elements of life seem contrary to the Gospel and to what is human? And most of all, how do we get married or discern a different vocation? Of course, as a lifelong Catholic who has spent a period of time in religious life, I know that the Church offers me a compelling way to live, modeled by countless disciples who have followed Christ in ways relevant to me. How do we make all these treasures – inspiring stories, practical wisdom for life, deep healing, formation in love and discernment--accessible to more

young adults?

When young people meet Jesus and genuine disciples, their life trajectory is dramatically altered. Many find their next steps by diving into catechesis, with hunger to learn more about what they believe. However, as the quote above suggests, we need to honor the thirst of the heart as well.

In our culture, the developmental stages during early adulthood of finding identity and intimacy generally are stretched out because there are no blueprints for maturity or the formation of a relationship. No matter whether young adults embrace priesthood, marriage or religious life as their path of love, the healthy development of maturity is an important factor in making these commitments and how they are lived.

As the Church, we can embrace young adults in this step of their journey by offering practical wisdom on discernment, on growing in virtue and on the discoveries of self-knowledge and silence, and provide the loving community to support these pursuits.

We can speak words of encouragement over them. We can personally invite them to Adoration or the fish

fry. We can invite them to the type of participation in parish life that exposes them to various vocations up close, within relationships. When we lovingly call young people to excellence in this context, there will be new joy and abundant fruit in the community.

This outreach does not have to be a formal program. Besides helping young adults answer the important questions of their lives, we can operate like a family that truly offers a home. In a family, meaningful relationships are not only the ones based on age. A majority of my peers do not have (m) any close friends who are parents or in the next season of life.

This can be different in the parish; young adults could be mentoring and being mentored, invited for dinner and family prayer by the couple next to them, or invited to a game night by a couple who recently have become empty nesters. The young adult world has become a tight bubble, but those in the Church could live a colorful life truly witnessing the joy and love Jesus makes possible. Imagine how that life would be attractive to my generation, which thirsts for a sense of home.

The question often arises, "What

does your parish have for young adults like me?" Let's answer, "Everything, because you belong here. We have the Real Presence of the Lord with us; we are the community and home that you seek, we invite you to a life of adventure, sacrifice, love and eternal meaning. We want to learn, serve, worship and love with you the whole way. When your life is full of questions and complexity, when the call of the Gospel seems impossible, I want to be there for you." Can this be our answer?

One local opportunity that is being offered to young adults by the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office is an event titled "Prepared for True Love," which will take place at the Bryce Eck Center of Columbus St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29. Following the event, a booklet for recording personal reflections will be handed out and a small-group discussion tool will be made available to parish groups of young adults, who will continue the conversation. Visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-preparation> for details.

Cristo Rey student pushes for change via varying platforms

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Cristo Rey Columbus High School student Mamoudou Bah might be only 17, but he's a young man of many accomplishments – justice activist, video producer, poet, entrepreneur, motivational speaker, athlete and engineer, with a passion for promoting positive change.

For the past few months, frequently using the phrase “Guns Down. Prayers Up,” he has been using some of his many talents to speak out against the gun violence that has occurred all too often on Columbus streets in recent years.

With the help of Cristo Rey classmates and neighborhood friends, Bah has produced an anti-violence video, uploaded it to YouTube and organized a motivational conference for young people at the Columbus Metropolitan Library's main branch, located adjacent to Cristo Rey.

Bah and his colleagues plan to release another video soon. “This one will be about how jealousy preys on communities and leads to gun violence, holding us back from greatness,” he said.

The catalyst for these efforts was the shooting death of 14-year-old Jaykwon Sharp on May 22 in Columbus. A 13-year-old has been charged in the killing.

“After hearing about this and the deaths of other young people in shootings like this across the nation, I felt I had to do something in response,” Bah said. “All of these events are tragic, but the bigger issue is the societal epidemic of gun violence. It's our duty to the next generation to stop the violence and the way it's often glorified, to change the narrative.”

Bah already had experience produc-

ing YouTube videos under the creative name “MGB” – his initials – when he and about 30 other young people decided shortly after Sharp's death to make a video in response to the slaying. Production was completed by the end of July.

The 12-minute video includes a dramatization of a youth-on-youth shooting death and Bah's recitation of a poem he wrote titled *It's Summer Time* in which he says, “We've become so reliant on guns. What happened to our words?”

The heart of the video is an impassioned plea by Bah to stop the violence. “Gun violence in our city has been extraordinary and tremendously horrifying,” he says. “Too many kids are dying on the streets, killing one another. This issue is more than gun control, more than gun policy. It's more than passing legislation.

“We, the youth – and I'm talking to the youth and parents – we have a responsibility to this issue. We have a social responsibility to be accountable, to stop encouraging violence amongst our youths. We can settle issues without shooting one another, stabbing one another, fighting one another. We can negotiate, we can talk it out, we can work it out. Use diplomacy, peaceful means.

“We see the impact that it's had throughout the years. This issue is not only in Columbus. It's all over America. It's all over the world, but we can stop this. We can alter the routes that our youth are heading to. We can stop them from thinking that it's good to live a life of violence, because it's not cool. It's not, and that's the straight facts.

“We have a responsibility. This movement is to help demote gun violence amongst our youth and encourage success because we, the youth, are the future. We are what's next. We can't let these guns hold us down. We can't let



Mamoudou Bah speaks at an event honoring former Columbus Bishop John Watterson on Sept. 27 at the Washington Gladden Social Justice Park in Columbus.

Photo courtesy Erin Cordle, diocesan Office for Social Concerns

the violence hold us down. It's done.”

Bah said more than 1,000 people have seen the video. Most of the response to it has come from Columbus, but comments also have been received from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Cincinnati.

The youth conference that was a follow-up to the video took place after school on the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 20, with about 200 people attending.

The featured speaker was Columbus police officer Anthony Johnson, known as the “dancing cop” for a 2015 video of him that went viral and featured him dancing with children as part of the community policing he continues to practice and promote. Johnson told of how he grew up hating the police, but now is one of them. Those attending the conference also could go to one of four simultaneous workshops, with two speakers each, on the subjects of having dreams and goals; building a team; having a purpose; and creating a plan for the future. In addition, free haircuts were offered by a local barbershop.

“It was a great inspiration to see so many young people receiving positive messages,” Bah said. “I think many of them went away with the attitude that they could have the same kind of positive impact on people as the speakers have and that they could do even better. That's the type of message youth needs to hear, combined with the opportunity to use what we learned.”

During the summer, Bah also put together a series of four 60-second



The logo on a T-shirt promoting Summer Time, an anti-violence video put together by Cristo Rey Columbus High School senior Mamoudou Bah and about 30 other young people, who describe their mission with the words “Guns Down. Prayers Up.” “MGB” is Bah's creative name, representing his initials.

videos titled “Saturday Motivation” in which he talks to other young people about “reciprocating hustle from summer to school”; supporting one another; having dreams and goals; and impressing oneself, rather than others.

He said the video on jealousy will be issued on Tuesday, Oct. 22 and that he hopes other videos and events will follow. To raise money for the efforts, he is selling T-shirts, hoodies and phone covers featuring an *It's Summer Time* logo designed by his sister, the “Guns Down. Prayers Up” phrase and his “MGB” identity.

Bah's activism was recognized last month when he was invited to speak at a ceremony at the Washington Gladden Social Justice Park next to First Congregational Church in Columbus at a program honoring the social justice efforts of Bishop John Watterson, who was bishop of the Diocese of Columbus from 1880 to 1899.

Watterson shared a desire for social reform and a friendship with the park's namesake, the Rev. Washington Gladden, who was First Congregational's pastor from 1882 to 1918 and was known as “the father of the Social Gospel.”

Bah's work for justice extends beyond the borders of the United States to his parents' homeland of the Republic of Guinea in west Africa. His father, although he lives in Columbus, is vice president of Guinea's *Bloc Liberal*, a political organization that opposes the party of Guinea's president,



Columbus police officer Anthony Johnson speaks at a youth conference organized by Cristo Rey Columbus High School senior Mamoudou Bah. Photos courtesy Mamoudou Bah

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day, Nov. 3. This year, the event also will mark the 15th anniversary of the center, located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus.

The day will highlight the defining spirit of inclusivity and compassion that marked the life of St. Martin de Porres, a Dominican lay brother who ministered to the poor and the sick, especially African slaves, in Peru in the 17th century.

The program will include music from the Columbus St. Anthony Church multicultural choir, Peruvian dances, reflections, crafts and refreshments. Art events will feature artwork from male artists of color and a first look at original artwork of St. Martin by Gracie Morbitzer. There also will be a video look at the center's history.

The center, an outreach ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, provides a variety of programming on spirituality, education and personal growth, as well as reasonably priced rental space for not-for-profit groups whose mission is in keeping with the center. The facility also has become known for its art exhibits, featuring a variety of artists and media.

For more information, contact the center at (614) 416-1910 or martindeporres@oppeace.org.

Our Lady of Peace begins speaker series on Nov. 3

Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., is beginning a speaker series ministry titled "The Agora: A Catholic Mar-

ketplace of Ideas," which will explore Catholic teaching and its relevance in today's society.

The series will open at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 with a talk by Dr. Perry Cahall, academic dean of the Pontifical College Josephinum, concerning the recent scandals within the Catholic Church and their impact on Catholics and society. The program will begin with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Cahall's presentation, a question-and-answer session and a light reception.

Additional talks in the series are scheduled for Jan. 12, March 15 and May 17, 2020, all Sundays. Subjects and speakers will be announced later.

Explore Day at Bishop Ready

Columbus Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, will host a special Explore Bishop Ready Day for seventh- and eighth-grade Parish School of Religion students in Ready's partner and feeder parishes from 9:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12.

PSR students will attend Ready classes, meet with students, faculty, administration and the admissions team, and have lunch with students in the school cafeteria. Ready student ambassadors will serve as hosts and will guide participants through a typical school day. Visiting students will have the opportunity to ask questions in small-group settings and visit Ready's co-curricular activities fair.

Reservations must be made by Fri-

day, Nov. 8. For more information, contact Meghan Zuercher at (614) 499-5407 or mzuercher@cdeucation.org.

Exorcist to speak Oct. 30 at St. Catharine Church

Father Vincent Lampert of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, one of the nation's few Vatican-trained exorcists, will speak about the Catholic Church and exorcism on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Columbus St. Catharine Church, 500 Gould Road. His talk will begin at 7 p.m. and include a question-and-answer session, followed by confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at approximately 8 p.m.

Warning that "evil is a reality," he will debunk several myths about exorcisms and discuss how the Church decides who is eligible for an exorcism, how the procedure is carried out, and some notable cases.

He also will discuss how the increase in drug and pornography addiction, failure of the mental health care system, and a rise in the popularity of pagan activities, such as use of a Ouija board to summon the dead, are among factors contributing to a huge increase in demand for the Rite of Exorcism.

Father Lampert's work has been depicted on the Syfy Network's *Para-*

normal Witness program, and he says it is an ongoing struggle to keep up with the demand for the rite.

Friends and Family Day at Ss. Augustine & Gabriel

A Friends and Family Day Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 in Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, 1550 E. Hudson St., followed by a potluck lunch. Residents of the neighborhood near the church, former members of St. Augustine and St. Gabriel churches and former students of their schools are encouraged to attend.

St. Andrew Church will host remembrance service

Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, will sponsor a service in honor of departed loved ones at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. The service will include choral anthems, congregational hymns, Scripture readings and reflections of remembrance hope, and consolation.

The music program will be led by parish music director Phil Lortz and will include more than 50 members of the St. Andrew choirs, accompanied by instruments. Refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall will follow the service.

Faith formation leaders meet



More than 80 catechetical leaders from parishes across the diocese met with Bishop Robert Brennan and diocesan staff members last month. This annual meeting is an opportunity for leaders of adult faith formation, RCIA, Parish School of Religion and youth ministry programs to network, hear the bishop's vision for catechesis for the coming year and honor those who have achieved milestones in this ministry. This year's honorees included Mike Millisor (not pictured), who is retiring after being a religious education director for 23 years, ministering at Granville St. Edward and Columbus Holy Spirit churches, and (from left) Jesus Rincon, Araceli Vicente, Dinorah Jimenez, Lydia Guevara, Celia Palma and Martin Palma, each of whom achieved multiple certificates in catechetical and leadership formation.

Photo courtesy diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis

Sister Bozena speaks at Serra luncheon



Sister Bozena Tyborowska of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who operate the Pope St. John Paul II Early Childhood Education Center in Columbus, spoke on Tuesday, Oct. 1 to students attending the annual girls vocations luncheon sponsored by the Serra Club of North Columbus at the Pontifical College Josephinum. She is pictured with Columbus Immaculate Conception school students Audrey Ruschar (left) and Bella Franklin and (from left) Frank Hartge, Serra North president; Gretchen O'Loughlin, club trustee; and Tim Perrine, event chair. Sister Bozena urged students to open their hearts to God and establish a relationship through which they can discern how best to serve him by serving others.

Photo courtesy Serra Club of North Columbus

Film depicts St. Faustina's mission of Divine Mercy

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

For one night only, the incredible true story of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska comes to the big screen, and filmmakers hope the docudrama will not only attract large crowds, but also touch many hearts in its North American debut.

Love and Mercy: Faustina, the story of the humble Polish nun responsible for the Divine Mercy devotion familiar to many practicing Catholics, will be shown on Monday, Oct. 28 at 774 theaters throughout the United States.

A list of nine theaters showing the movie in the Diocese of Columbus can be found in an accompanying chart. Tickets may be purchased in advance at FathomEvents.com. Information on group ticket sales also is available on the website.

The film debuted in Poland last year and drew sellout crowds at the box office in one month. It was originally produced in Polish and then reproduced in English without dubbing or subtitles.

Releases in Latin America and other nations throughout the world will follow the U.S. showing.

The two-hour production, written

and directed by Polish filmmaker Michal Kondrat, features an introduction from Sister Teresa de la Fuente from the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Additional bonus scenes explain the five forms of devotion to Divine Mercy and personal stories of how the film affected some of the people working on it.

Love and Mercy: Faustina offers a rare opportunity to bring a drama with saintly content to a mass audience of moviegoers.

"If you build it, they will come. In this case, if we present it to them, something special, many people will come," said Father Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, provincial superior for the Mary, Mother of Mercy Province of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception in Stockbridge, Massachusetts and vice coordinator of the North American Congress on Mercy. "They really will benefit, I am absolutely certain.

"I think who will benefit from it is not just people of faith. I don't think it's the classical 'singing to the choir.' It's not a documentary only, it's a docudrama, and so it provides something for everyone. I think that a general audience would appreciate it as well. Yes, it is Catholic, but Protestants can come. Witness to trust, witness to God,

whose love and mercy is not exactly ours – it's the heart of the gospel."

"Father Kaz" first became acquainted with St. Faustina's diary when he worked on the Polish edition and then assisted with its English publication. The Marian Fathers serve as primary promoters of Divine Mercy and have led efforts to create awareness of this film.

Many Catholics already know the story of Jesus appearing to the humble nun in 1931 in a small town in Poland. He asked her to paint an image

of him as he appeared to her with pale red and white rays of light to represent blood and water emanating from his merciful heart. At the bottom of the painting, he wanted the words "Jesus, I trust in you."

Christ also revealed His desire for His mercy to be known throughout the world and told Faustina to confide in a confessor who would assist her.

Blessed Father Michael Sopocko, a devoted and scholarly priest, became her spiritual director and confessor. He is responsible for prompting Sister Faustina to write down her revelations in a diary which has become one of the most popular spiritual books in the world.

In addition, he assisted with securing a local artist to paint the Divine Mercy image and then, after Faustina died, spent the rest of his life promoting the important work she started.

In 2000, more than 40 years after she died, St. Faustina became the first saint canonized in the new century by Pope St. John Paul II, a fellow Pole who was a key figure in the spread of the Lord's desire for Divine Mercy through his messages to Faustina. The Church had banned this devotion for 20 years, starting in 1959, because of mistakes in translations, until John Paul II intervened in 1979.

John Paul II was quite familiar with the story of St. Faustina because of his Polish roots. He also personally knew Father Sopocko, who faced ridicule from those who doubted the authenticity of Sister Faustina's story but is now recognized by the Church as "blessed," which means he needs one more miracle attributed to him to be canonized and join Faustina as a saint.

The docudrama brings to light the important role that Father Sopocko, who died in 1975, played in Faustina's mission.

"(Kondrat) could not leave him out of the picture because the gifts that Faustina received were actually brought out because of Father Sopocko," Father Kaz said. "There would be no picture, no diary, no subsequent promotion of the message. He was very instrumental. He was instrumental to us as a community. He was actually guiding us. He was in continuous contact with us until his death."

The movie reveals additional previously unknown details, most prominently showing that Jesus' face in the Divine Mercy image conforms exactly to the image on the Shroud of Turin, which the filmmakers believe



Father Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC

confirms the Polish nun's visions.

"The actual congruence of the image of the face of Divine Mercy and the Shroud of Turin, there's a scientific analysis of that, which was very good to see," Father Kaz said. "Faustina changed the image of the face at least 10 times – 10 times is recorded – so that means you keep on changing until you get it ideally perfect that matches perfectly the Shroud."

Faustina's frustration with local artist Eugeniusz Kazimirowski, who painted the Divine Mercy portrait, provides one of the more lighthearted scenes. At one point, he throws down his brush in anguish and says, "You paint it."

Actors and actresses from Poland constitute the cast. Interspersed throughout the dramatic scenes are interviews with key clergy and scholars who shed light on the many facets of the devotion and Faustina's life.

Love and Mercy: Faustina is Kondrat's fourth film. He left a successful career in business and with Polish television and radio to start his film production company.

When he decided to pursue telling Faustina's story, he called Father Kaz for advice and direction.

"Right from the start, he gave me the impression, which was verified, that he was very genuine in getting people to come to the Lord and know His Mercy," Father Kaz said. "Eventually, I found out that he had to go through a conversion through the diary."

Kondrat's sister had given him a copy of the diary 19 years ago, but

Theaters showing *Love and Mercy* within the Diocese of Columbus Monday, October 28. All show times at 7 p.m.

AMC Easton Town Center 30 with IMAX
275 Easton Town Center, Columbus OH 43219

Cinemark Stoneridge Plaza Movies 16
323 Stoneridge Lane, Gahanna OH 43230

Polaris 18
1071 Gemini Place, Columbus OH 43240

Crosswoods Cinema 17
200 Hutchinson Ave., Columbus OH 43235

AMC Lennox Town Center 24
777 Kinnear Road, Columbus OH 43212

Cinemark Carriage Place Movies 12
2570 Bethel Road, Columbus OH 43220

Pickerington Cinemas 16
1776 Hill Road N., Pickerington OH 43147

Cinemark River Valley Mall & XD
1611 River Valley Circle S., Lancaster OH 43130

Colony Square Mall
3575 Maple Ave., Zanesville OH 43701

Local authors return to themes of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina

The second book connected to Jesus' Divine Mercy from local authors Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet was released on Saturday, Oct. 5 to coincide with the feast day of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska.

Our Friend Faustina: Life Lessons in Divine Mercy, published by Marian Press, comes three years after the debut of Faehnle and Jaminet's *Divine Mercy for Moms: Sharing the Lessons of St. Faustina* in 2016.

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received revelations from Jesus in 1931 to paint what now is known as His Divine Mercy image with the inscription "Jesus, I Trust in You" at the bottom. She also compiled during the final years of her short life what has become the *Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*, a popular spiritual classic that contains thoughts inspired by visions of Jesus.

The latest book from Faehnle and Jaminet is a compilation of stories from 11 women, including themselves, about the impact that devotion to Jesus' Divine Mercy and St. Faustina has made on their lives, their vocations as mothers and religious, and their families.



Michele Faehnle of Columbus co-authored "Our Friend Faustina: Life Lessons in Divine Mercy." Photos courtesy Marian Press

Faehnle and Jaminet, who edited the book, reached out to women they knew who have a special connection to Divine Mercy and asked each of them to contribute a chapter. All agreed without hesitation to participate.

Each chapter begins with a personal reflection about the special place the



Local author Emily Jaminet collaborated with Faehnle for their second book on Divine Mercy and St. Faustina.

devotion has in the author's spiritual life and how she came to embrace the Lord's Divine Mercy and St. Faustina. Those reflections contain some moving personal stories, and many include excerpted passages from St. Faustina's diary.

Writers conclude their chapters with a prayer from St. Faustina or, in one

instance, an explanation of how to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet.

The final chapter was written by Sister Faustina Maria Pia, SV, a member of the New York-based Sisters of Life congregation.

The book concludes with study questions for each chapter that are intended to facilitate discussion groups taking a deep dive into St. Faustina's diary.

In addition to raising their families, Faehnle works as a nurse at Columbus St. Andrew School and Jaminet is media and evangelization coordinator for the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network and a writer for *Catholic Digest*. They also serve on the leadership team for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference and contribute to CatholicMom.com.

The following is a question-and-answer session with Faehnle on *Our Friend Faustina: Life Lessons in Divine Mercy*:

Q: Both of you speak of getting to know St. Faustina, the Divine Mercy image and the chaplet as teens. Looking back, how has this devo-

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"he didn't even crack it open," Father Kaz said. She then gave him an audio version, and one day, during a long drive, he decided to listen, and he said something happened to him."

Knowing that people are less inclined today to read books than watch videos and movies, Kondrat launched the project.

"I think he captures the essence of the revelation itself, going to the heart

of what Jesus was doing, how he communicated, how he chose this particular vessel, Faustina, and the path which he led her, the struggles and difficulties of coming to know Father Sopocho," Father Kaz said.

The Marian priest celebrated Masses for the Catholic cast and crew during the production.

"(Michal) is a man of faith," Father Kaz said. "He consecrated himself to

Our Lord. He feels that today's world – being so secularized and the message of indifference toward faith or even worse, being so critical to faith – that people don't have the concept of what God has given to them.

"I think he wants people to come to know Him, to experience His love and mercy."

Father Kaz's religious order has been connected with Divine Mercy

since 1941 when Father Jozef Jarzebowski, who met with Father Sopocho, left eastern Europe during World War II and came to Washington, D.C., via Siberia and Japan, with documents about St. Faustina's revelations. His miraculous escape is depicted in the film.

Today, thanks to John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Church calendar on the first Sunday after Easter.

His successor, Pope Benedict XVI, emphasized that Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but is at the heart of the gospel.

Father Kaz hopes that *Love and Mercy: Faustina* will bring renewal to personal life, religious life and the world.

"What happens is that it brings us into a deeper awareness of God," he said. "We have to recover the Biblical image of God and his mercy, especially manifested in Christ suffering, dying and rising for us in the Paschal Mystery. And once you enter the Paschal Mystery, it's the Eucharist, the sacraments, Mass, sacrament of penance, all the sacraments that flow from God's gifts, from his dying and rising."



Father Michael Sopocho, played by Maciej Malysa in the film, was St. Faustina's spiritual director.



Polish artist Eugeniusz Kazimirowski, portrayed by Janusz Chaboir in "Live and Mercy: Faustina," became so frustrated with St. Faustina's corrections while painting the Divine Mercy image that he threatened to quit. Photos courtesy Kondrat-Media

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tion inspired each of you in your lives?

A: Emily and I were both introduced to the Divine Mercy devotion in the early 1990s by our parents. We attended Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations, even when they were only offered at a handful of parishes in the United States and St. Faustina was still known as “Blessed” in the Catholic Church. Both of us prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily with our families and had the beautiful image of Divine Mercy in our homes growing up.

Yet Emily and I joke that we were initially drawn to the devotion because the chaplet was shorter than the rosary! However, as both of us grew in our faith, we came to more fully understand what devotion to Divine Mercy truly was – a great invitation to God’s mercy and to deep conversion.

As an adult, we both read the *Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and it was life changing. The words recorded resonated deep within our hearts. Each day we still continue to read small excerpts from the diary, which inspire us in our faith journey. St. Faustina has become a close spiritual friend to both of us and has helped us to grow closer to Jesus and trust in Him.

Q: You reflect on “life lessons” in the book. How did you discern what to write?

A: As with all writing projects, we both pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in sharing what will touch people’s hearts. Both Emily and I know we have been “tapped on the shoulder” by St. Faustina to help spread the message of Divine Mercy. We were blessed to spend time at her tomb in the late ’90s while studying abroad and prayed with the Sisters of Mercy at the 3 o’clock hour.

As we reflect back on our lives since that time, we can see an undeniable influence of this heavenly friend in our lives. With the diary as our guide, we pulled some of the most powerful themes to share intertwined with personal stories that we hoped would inspire others.

Q: You mentioned in the introduction that all of the women you asked to contribute responded almost immediately. Why were they so enthusiastic, and did you know each of them was especially touched in some way by the Divine Mercy devotion?

A: After writing *Divine Mercy for Moms* in 2015, we have met the most amazing women through our speaking and writing ministry. New friendships have blossomed around our shared

devotion to Divine Mercy, and each of our new friends had an amazing story to tell. It was very easy to compile our “wish list” of contributors.

We know God placed each of these women in our paths for a reason, and their friendship has been important to our spiritual growth. *Our Friend Faustina* tells deeply personal testimonies of friendship with this great saint that have amazed both of us, and it is our hope that they inspire our readers to live with mercy toward all.

Q: The writers offer a different perspective on St. Faustina and the impact of Divine Mercy in their lives, but do you see a similar thread running through all of the stories?

A: All 11 contributors are ordinary women, trying to live out our Catholic faith in the modern world. Through our friendship with this extraordinary friend, St. Faustina, we can see how our little “Yes” to God has changed our lives forever. None of us are perfect, and our lives are not without suffering, yet we can each attest to the powerful impact of the devotion to Divine Mercy and the friendship of St. Faustina that has brought us closer to the merciful heart of Jesus.

Q: Did each of the writers choose her own prayer at the end of each chapter, and why did you decide to include a prayer?

A: The *Diary of St. Faustina* is such a huge tome, it can sometimes be overwhelming to people. As part of this project, we tried to give the readers “bite-sized” pieces from the diary. Each contributor selected several quotes from the diary” to intertwine within their chapters.

Once the project was completed, Emily and I decided we wanted to give our readers a little more, so we selected prayers that fit the theme of each chapter. St. Faustina has written so many beautiful prayers, and we hope these selected choices help our readers grow in their prayer lives.

Q: At the end of the book, there is a study guide for each chapter. How do you suggest individuals or groups effectively use the book as a spiritual resource?

A: Emily and I have been part of several different faith sharing groups over the years, and they have been vital to our spiritual growth. With each of our books, we have provided a study guide in the back of the book, as well as videos to accompany the study on our website, inspirethefait.com, so our readers can gather together to discuss and build community.

One incredible blessing we have experienced is with *Our Friend*

Faustina is that we have worked in collaboration with the Marians of the Immaculate Conception in Stockbridge, Massachusetts at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy. With this video series, Emily and I share our thoughts on each of the 11 chapters, and Father Chris Alar, MIC, gives a reflection on the topic from the *Diary of St. Faustina* that each chapter covers. We feel reading together in groups is so important, and all these amazing extra resources are free.

Q: Did you learn anything new about St. Faustina while compiling this book?

A: I love learning about the realness of St. Faustina. I think we can sometimes look at the holy cards and picture the saints in a very one-dimensional way. However, the saints were real people with real personalities, just like each one of us.

One of my favorite chapters is the final chapter, penned by Sister Faustina Maria Pia of the Sisters of Life. She writes about encountering the “real St. Faustina”:

“Here was a red-haired and freckled young woman who, before she entered the convent, people want to turn down from nanny jobs because she was dressed so fashionably. Who, as a sister, was nicknamed ‘the lawyer,’ because she grew passionate when debating and loved to talk with her hands. ... Social and creative, her sisters loved to sit near her during recreation because she always had something uplifting to say, and her Mother General marveled at the fruitfulness of her work in the garden.”

This was a revelation of St. Faustina’s humanity and that she was not just someone we read about in books, but a real, living human like you and me.

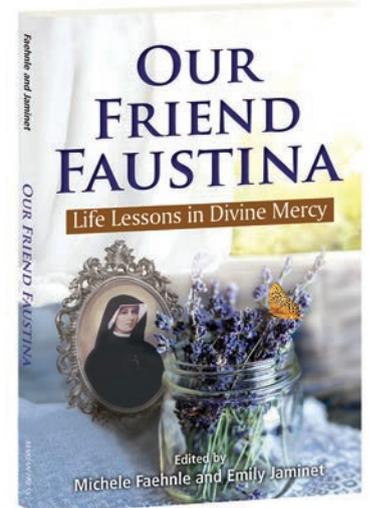
Q: Do you see a connection between *Divine Mercy for Moms* and *Our Friend Faustina*?

A: Absolutely! *Our Friend Faustina* is a natural extension of *Divine Mercy for Moms* and, as I said before, the reason we met many of the contributors to this new work. I guess St. Faustina wasn’t done with us! She wanted us to keep working to spread the message of God’s love and mercy.

Q: *Divine Mercy for Moms* is obviously directed at mothers. Do you think *Our Friend Faustina* will have a broader appeal beyond women?

A: Definitely. Even though this was a book written by women, it isn’t just “for women.” The message of Divine Mercy and the lessons each contributor shares are for everyone.

Topics discussed range from joining our will to the will of God, living a



“Our Friend Faustina: Life Lessons in Divine Mercy” was released on Oct. 5, the saint’s feast day.

life of mercy, trusting in God, developing an intimate relationship with Jesus through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, experiencing mercy in confession, suffering, Marian consecration, surrender in times of difficulty and despair, serving Christ through serving others, friendship with Christ, and mercy and justice. Both men and women have read *Our Friend Faustina* and been inspired by its message.

Q: The book was just recently released, but have you received any feedback from readers?

A: We were blessed to have some advance readers do a group study with women right here in Columbus during Lent last year. It was amazing! The feedback we received was that “this is your best book yet!” That is really a tribute to all our faith-filled contributors whose heartfelt stories really struck a chord with our readers. Here is some of the advance praise we received from readers: “Through the stories in this book, I was able to connect my journey to the journey of others and find peace as well as the desire to spread the word! The book provides a great introduction into the life of St. Faustina and wonderful quotes from her *Diary* as they apply to everyday challenges and struggles – I now desire and intend to read the complete *Diary*!”

“*Our Friend Faustina: Life Lessons in Divine Mercy* is such a beautiful book. I recommend it to all ages and a perfect book to read in a book club, independently or on the beach on vacation! I love the individual stories shared in each chapter by Faustina’s friends,

St. Charles Merit Scholarship honorees



Nineteen Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School seniors were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their performance on the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last year as juniors. Nine of the 19 are semifinalists, who will compete for one of 7,600 merit scholarships to be awarded in the spring. The other 10 are commended scholars, whose scores were in the top 50,000 among the approximately 1.5 million students taking the test. Honorees from St. Charles are (from left): first row, Thomas Hanna (commended), Hagan Stovall (semifinalist), Spencer Smith (commended), Nathan Schirtzinger (commended), Luke Hinsman (semifinalist) and George Worley (semifinalist); second row, Ethan Hoying (commended), Troy Hungerford (commended), Michael Terveer (semifinalist), James A. "Alex" Dickson (semifinalist), Caleb Kish (semifinalist) and Colin Lauber (commended); third row, Christian Sarver (semifinalist), Zane Lamaze (commended), Aidan Lippert (commended) and Spencer Martin (commended); fourth row, Nathan Watkins (commended), Jacob Kebe (semifinalist) and Joshua Remeis (semifinalist). *Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School*

DeSales commended students



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School seniors (from left) Megan Kelleher, Frankie Bonte and William Shaffer were recognized as commended students by the National Merit Scholarship Program. They placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who took the 2018 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Photos courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

Waverly St. Mary classrooms blessed



Classrooms now used for the religious education program in the former Waverly St. Mary School building have been renovated. The rooms were blessed by Father Brian Beal, assisted by servers Wyatt Fout (holding book) and Wade Fout.

Photo courtesy St. Mary Church

St. Cecilia Student Council



Recently installed as members of Columbus St. Cecilia School's Student Council were (from left): first row, Brendan Lunsford, Lucy Foley, Tatum Reeder, Joshtin Juarez; second row, Ryan Deime, Edith Arreola, Evan Montgomery, Katie Kamerer, Charlie McBride, Latha Paranthaman; and third row, Ella Larger, Jacob Cheatham, Gweny Larger and Caiden Younger. *Photo courtesy St. Cecilia School*

Holy Spirit students visit firefighters



Columbus Holy Spirit School students visited the Whitehall fire station as part of the school's fourth annual walkathon, which raised money for the school's tuition assistance program. The students, grouped in their school "families" of members from all grades, along with faculty members and parents, walked down Yearling Road and were escorted by Whitehall police. One of the "family" units is pictured. After the walk, the Knights of Columbus provided ice cream sundaes. To date, the walkathons have raised \$7,000.

Photo courtesy Holy Spirit School

Knitters at St. Anthony



Raiden Smith (left) and Paa-Awuah Forjoe are among Columbus St. Anthony School seventh-graders who have formed a knitting club that meets weekly after school. Their teacher is St. Anthony parishioner Sue Wilson. *Photo courtesy St. Anthony School*

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Keep praying; remain faithful

Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm 121:1-8
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

Father Timothy Hayes



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

“Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

At times, we can feel like God does not understand. The struggles we face are beyond us. We pray, asking God to change our lot, and nothing appears to happen. We can say “God does not answer my prayers. Why bother to pray?”

A little girl whose parents always answered her pleas came up with the right solution to this reality. She said, “God always answers our prayers. Sometimes He says ‘Yes’ and sometimes He says ‘No.’”

It may be that God’s answer is even more subtle than that. Sometimes He says “Hang in there.”

I have noticed through years of praying for others that most often the answer God gives when I pray for people is not a lifting of their burdens. Rather, it is the giving of the grace to get through them.

God wants to be with us on the journey of life in this world, so that we can get used to what it is like to live with Him, so that He can share His life with us in the next.

We can misunderstand one another. It only makes sense that we can misunderstand God, too. His “failure” to answer our prayers the way we pray them is not at all a sign that He does not love us, but rather a sign that He does.

He gives us what we need, not what we may happen to want right now. He invites us to understand our own hearts better, learning to want what we truly want; that is, to get in touch with our deepest desire.

The right response to a prayer that seems unanswered is to persevere in prayer and to be ready to pray it differently. Our prayer must move from “Give me what I want” to “What do you want of me?” to “Do what you want with me.”

At the end of life, we will either be experts at saying to God, “Thy will be done,” or God will say to us, “thy

will be done,” leaving us to our own existence without Him or anyone else. Prayer is the “school” where we learn to say to God, “Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Our call is to remain faithful to what we have learned and believed, because our God is trustworthy. He has accomplished in Jesus Christ what He has promised.

Each of us has a role in fighting the battle of faith. No one is left out. From one generation to the next, we are called to participate as we can.

Moses, who used to be the warrior in battle, is now the prayer warrior. But he needs some help – from Aaron and Hur. It is Joshua and the next generation who are now learning how to fight for the Lord, who will defeat the enemy and prepare for entry into the Promised Land.

Moses prayed as the next generations fought the new battles. His helpers joined him in prayer and, as long as he kept his attention on that prayer, the battle was being won.

Prayer alone can hold us steady in tumultuous times. Prayer helps us to center, strengthens us and sustains us through the struggles we face.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks a question that is most distressing: “*But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?*”

Faith is a rock. But it can be lost without sustained prayer. Prayer offers us the capacity to hold steady when the world is teetering between life and death.

We are at a time when the future is uncertain in so many ways. The question is whether we will hold steady in faith and prayer. Will we be faithful to our calling? Will the Lord find faith in our hearts when He comes?

May we persevere in prayer and keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts.

again.

Bah has written a video open letter to Conde that cites instances in Guinea of military oppression that have left families homeless, and what Bah describes as “a lack of quality jobs which has

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY
Romans 4:20-25
Luke 1:69-75 (Ps)
Luke 12:13-21

TUESDAY
Romans 5:12,
15b,17-19,20b-21
Psalm 40:7-10,17
Luke 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY
Romans 6:12-18
Psalm 124:1b-8
Luke 12:39-48

THURSDAY
Romans 6:19-23
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 12:49-53

FRIDAY
Romans 7:18-25a
Psalm 119:66,
68,76,77,93,94
Luke 12:54-59

SATURDAY
Romans 8:1-11
Psalm 24:1b-4b,5-6
Luke 13:1-9

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION
MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF OCT. 20, 2019

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. Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery,

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

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

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

DAILY MASS

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

forced boys as young as 15 to go by boat to the sea to find a better life.”

“With all due respect, Alpha Conde, in this 2020 election upcoming, I ask that you honor the constitution and the people who voted for you in 2010” and not run for a third term, Bah asks in the video.

Bah also is maintaining ties to his African roots through an app known as U Decide, which he and three other students have designed as a way of informing young people about instances of corruption and political instability in Third World nations.

“We want to improve political literacy among youth while overcoming financial and language barriers and the lack of access these young people may have with the outside world,” he said. “Our hope is to help breed a generation of politically literate leaders who can promote freedom and justice in their lands over the next 10, 20 or 30 years. Terrorist groups are working in these nations, and we have to get there before anyone else.” Bah said he is working on a partnership with

T-Mobile to expand the project.

In addition, he has founded a group called Pioneers of West Africa (POWA), whose purpose is to promote a sense of pride and community among young people with a west African background. “I noticed there seems to be a sense of stigma underlying west African youth, that they don’t feel their culture has value because they don’t see representations of all it has to offer,” he said.

“They owe it to themselves to embrace their culture and themselves and to see the great successes it has achieved and the impact of west Africans on the world, so they understand what a future they can have,” Bah said. POWA has compiled a video of Guinean success stories, based on submissions from many people with roots in Guinea who have told the group of their achievements.

Bah played basketball and soccer for Cristo Rey in his freshman and sophomore years and will be on the

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Alpha Conde.

Conde has been elected to two five-year terms and is constitutionally ineligible to run for a third, but there are indications he might try to amend the nation’s constitution so he can run

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Historical clarity and today's Catholic contentions

One of the curiosities of the 21st-century Catholic debate is that many Catholic traditionalists (especially integralists) and a high percentage of Catholic progressives make the same mistake in analyzing the cause of today's contentions within the Church – or to vary the old fallacy taught in Logic 101, they think in terms of *post concilium ergo propter concilium* (everything that has happened after the Second Vatican Council has happened because of the council). And inside that fallacy is a common misreading of modern Catholic history. The traditionalists insist that everything was fine before the council (which many of them therefore regard as a terrible mistake); the progressives agree that the pre-Vatican II Church was a stable institution, but deplore that stability as rigidity and desiccation.

But that's not the way things were pre-Vatican II, as I explain at some length and with some engaging stories in my new book *The Irony of Modern Catholic History: How the Church Rediscovered Itself and Challenged the Modern World to Reform* (Basic Books). And no one knew the truth about pre-Vatican II Catholicism better than the man who was elected pope during the Council and guided Vatican II through its last three sessions, St. Paul VI.

On Jan. 25, 1959, Pope John XXIII, thought to be an elderly placeholder, stunned both the Church and the world by announcing his intention to summon the 21st ecumenical council. That night, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini (who would be known as Paul VI 4 1/2 years later), called an old friend. An experienced churchman who had long served Pius XII as chief of staff, Montini saw storm clouds on the horizon: "This holy old boy," he said of John XXIII, "doesn't know what a hornet's nest he's stirring up."

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE Geroge Weigel

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



That shrewd observation turned out to be spot-on – and not simply because of the council, but because of the bees and hornets that had been buzzing around the ecclesiastical nest for well over 100 years.

Contrary to both traditionalist and progressive misconceptions, Catholicism was not a placid institution, free of controversy and contention, prior to Vatican II. As I show in *The Irony of Modern Catholic History*, there was considerable intellectual ferment in the Church during the mid-19th century, involving great figures like the recently canonized John Henry Newman, the German bishop Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler (grandfather of modern Catholic social thought), and the Italian polymath Antonio Rosmini (praised by John Paul II in the 1999 encyclical *Faith and Reason* and beatified under Benedict XVI). That ferment accelerated during the 25-year pontificate of Leo XIII, who launched what I dub the "Leonine Revolution," challenging the Church to engage the modern world with distinctively Catholic tools in order to convert the modern world and lay a firmer foundation for its aspirations.

American Catholicism, heavily focused on institution-building, was largely unaware of the sharp-edged

controversies (and ecclesiastical elbow-throwing) that followed Leo XIII's death in 1903. Those controversies, plus the civilization-shattering experience of two world wars in Europe, plus a rapid secularization process in Old Europe that began in the 19th century, set the stage for John XXIII's epic opening address to Vatican II. There, the pope explained what he envisioned Vatican II doing: gathering up the energies let loose by the Leonine Revolution and focusing them through the prism of an ecumenical council, which he hoped would be a Pentecostal experience energizing the Church with new evangelical zeal.

John XXIII understood that the Gospel proposal could only be made by speaking to the modern world in a vocabulary the modern world could hear. Finding the appropriate grammar and vocabulary for contemporary evangelization didn't mean emptying Catholicism of its content or challenge, however. As the pope insisted, the perennial truths of the faith were to be expressed with the "same meaning" and the "same judgment." Vatican II, in other words, was to foster the development of doctrine, not the deconstruction of doctrine. And the point of that doctrinal development was to equip the Church for mission and evangelization, for the modern world would be converted by truth, not ambiguity or confusion.

Over the past 6 1/2 years, it's become abundantly clear that more than a few Catholics, some quite prominently placed, still don't get this history. Nor do the more vociferous elements in the Catholic blogosphere. Which is why I hope *The Irony of Modern Catholic History* helps facilitate a more thoughtful debate on the Catholic present and future through a better understanding of the Catholic past.

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basketball team again this year. He combined his experiences as an athlete and an entrepreneur to form Future Ballers of Columbus (FBOC), which conducted three-on-three basketball tournaments last year in July at Pro-Bound Sports Club in Blacklick and in December at Berliner Sports Park in Columbus. It is planning another tournament this month or in November at the Reeb Avenue Center on Columbus' south side. The first two tournaments each had about 25 players, divided into age groups of 12-to-17 and 18-to-21.

"Sports organization always has been an interest of mine, and I've played a lot of street ball," he said. "Being on

a three-on-three team is enjoyable and productive, and it's a great way of finding yourself, feeling a sense of participation and sometimes of making friendships. As with most of the other things I'm involved in, it promotes positive values and encourages young people."

He hopes to expand FBOC's outreach by adding an internship program for high school freshmen and sophomores that will include information on entrepreneurship, customer service, videography and the sports industry.

In addition to his extracurricular activities, Bah is an outstanding student who has won many science fair awards. He plans to study engineering when he

enters college next year, and here, too, his activism manifests itself. He has written a 60-page design proposal for a car powered by wind turbines.

Here's his explanation of how it would work: "The car has an electric battery, with 37 turbines of various dimensions and specifications located near the hood, the tires, the back seat area and underneath the vehicle. All are turned by the drag of the wind surrounding the vehicle. These generate electricity to get the battery going. In addition, some of a standard car's body parts are replaced with solar panels, which convert sunlight into more electricity, which the battery also can store. The car also has a regenerative brake

system to conserve energy," as well as other ecologically friendly features.

Bah said General Motors invited him to present his design this past May at the STEM Changemakers challenge at its world headquarters in Detroit. "They really liked the project," he said. "I received lots of tips and met lots of people who were interested in what I was doing. This is something that could really help the world, and the people who looked at it were very welcoming and accepting and said they're anxious to see how I can move forward with this."

To view Bah's videos, go to YouTube and type "MGB the Great" or "MGB spoken word poetry" in the "Search" line.



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PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

ALBRECHT, Mary A. (Hackbarth), 84, Oct. 12
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

BLICKENSDEFER, James A., 81, Sept. 22
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

BRENNAN, Donald L., 86, Oct. 6
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

BRENNEN, John F., 90, Oct. 6
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

CONTI, Edilia A. (Ciotola), 84, Oct. 7
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

FEALY, Robert C., 62, Oct. 9
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

FOX, John B. "Butch," 80, Oct. 5
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

GRACE, Nancy A. (Eshelman), 70, Oct. 7
Chrsit the King Church, Columbus

GRAFTON, Mary E., 82, Oct. 8
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

GREINER, Rita A. (Mercer), 93, Oct. 11
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

ITTIKRAICHAREON, Debra A. (Biechler), 64, Oct. 8
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

MATHIAS, Donald E., 82, Oct. 9
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

MOGAN, Timothy, 74, Oct. 5
St. Paul Church, Westerville

PHILLIPS, Lorrie (Welday), 58, Oct. 6
St. Joseph Church, Dover

SONDERMAN, Michael S., 68, Oct. 6
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

TAYLOR, Guy D., 77, Oct. 9
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

VELTHEIMS, Guntis U. "Gunner," 75, Oct. 1
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

WELSHEIMER, Nancy S. (Dodds), 88, Oct. 8
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

WINEGARDNER, Robert J. "Jeff," 72, Oct. 3
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

Mary Ann (Adams) Poling

Funeral Mass for Mary Ann (Adams) Poling, 76, who died Monday, Oct. 7, will be celebrated Saturday, Nov. 23 at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, followed by burial at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1943 to William and Eva (Liberatore) Ubbing and graduated from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School in 1961 and Ohio State University in 1965.

Following graduation, she became a teacher at Columbus Our Lady of Peace School, where she taught for

most of her 50-year career in the Diocese of Columbus. She also was a volunteer at the Friendship Village retirement community in Columbus.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 52 years, John Adams. Survivors include her husband, Robert; sons, Michael (Mie) Adams, Mark (Stephanie) Adams, Luke (Christine) Adams and John (Donette) Adams; stepdaughter, Karen Poling (Brad Evans); brother, John Ubbing; and 11 grandchildren.

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and I found myself praying for each of these ladies as I read their particular story. His mercy is strong and well."

"Our Friend Faustina: Life Lessons in Divine Mercy enables the reader to gain insight into the depth and tenderness of His Divine Mercy through the experiences of faith-filled women who have come to know and love His daughter St. Faustina. It draws the reader into a more personal relationship with St. Faustina, who was so blessed to receive apparitions from our Lord and asked to spread the devotion of Divine Mercy."

Q: What do you hope readers take away from the book that will inspire them in their daily lives?

A: We hope they see the witness of

these beautiful, faith-filled, yet ordinary women who contributed to this collection, and it inspires them to live out God's will in their lives. Our prayer is that of St. Faustina: "O my Jesus ... I would like the whole world to be transformed into love for You" (*Diary*, 1771).

"Our Friend Faustina: Life Lessons in Divine Mercy" is available through the authors' website, *Inspirethefait.com*; local Catholic bookstores; *Marian Press* at *shopmercy.org*; and *Amazon*. Purchases from *Marian Press* help support the *Marian* priests and brothers at the *National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts*.

Elmira Leister

Funeral Mass for Elmira V. Leister, 98, who died Monday, Oct. 7, was celebrated Monday, Oct. 14 at Columbus St. Catharine Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on April 22, 1921 in Sharon, Pennsylvania to the late Charles and Esther (Blanc) Lienard and was a graduate of St. Thomas the Apostle School, St. Mary of the Springs High School and Bliss College, all in Columbus, then was employed by the

Pure Oil Co. for nine years.

She began playing the piano in school plays in the eighth grade and continued in a ministry of music that lasted for more than 75 years – about 50 years at St. Thomas Church and more than 25 years at St. Catharine Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; sons, Charles (Ann) and Christopher (Beth); five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Sister Mary Lois Schmeltzer, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Lois Schmeltzer, OP, 92, who died on Monday, Oct. 7, was celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Mary Margaret Schmeltzer on Nov. 27, 1926 in Somerset to Alphonsus and Mary Alice (Gordon) Schmeltzer.

She was a graduate of Somerset Holy Trinity High School and received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1957 and a master of education degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 1962.

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1944 and made her profession of vows on Sept. 14, 1946.

She was a teacher or principal for 31 years. In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi (1947-49), Columbus Our Lady of

Peace (1949-52) and Coshocton Sacred Heart (1957-58 and 1960-61) schools. She also taught at schools in the Diocese of Steubenville and in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New York.

She then lived at the Motherhouse for nine years, serving as the congregation's vocations director (1977-91) and public relations director (1981-86). She was religious education director at Marietta St. Mary Church from 1986 to 1995, returning to Columbus to serve as manager of the Nazareth Towers apartments for senior citizens from 1995 to 2003 and retiring to a life of prayer and service at the Motherhouse from 2003 to 2013 and at the Mohun Health Care Center from 2013 until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, William, Michael and Edmund; and sisters, Madeline Takacs, Juanita Cline, Rita Keller, Betty Heyman, Audrey Hicks and Nancy Palmer. She is survived by sisters, Eloise Krumlauf and Frances Orr.

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26-27.

OCTOBER

18, FRIDAY

White Mass at Our Lady of Victory

6 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Diocesan White Mass for those in the health care professions, celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan, Sponsored by Catholic Medical Association. 614-488-2428

Catholic Singles On Fire for Christ

6 p.m., Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Monthly meeting of Catholic Singles On Fire for Christ, for anyone older than 35 who is single in the eyes of the Catholic Church and seeks to grow in faith, bring hope to others and share the love of Christ. Begins with prayer and Adoration, followed by dinner at a restaurant. 614-855-1400

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk with theme "Mindfulness in the Labyrinth." Suggested donation \$5. 614-866-4302

18-19, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday night and Saturday), Franklin County Fairgrounds, 5035 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

18-20, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Women's Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Women's retreat sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, led by Lois Ann Mader. Theme: "Walking in the Excellence of God." 614-500-8178

19, SATURDAY

Building a Culture of Life Conference

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Conference on "Building a Culture of Life," featuring speakers on a variety of pro-life topics. Cost \$25 adults, \$10 students, including lunch. Sponsored by diocesan Social Concerns and Marriage & Family Life offices and Greater Columbus Right to Life. 614-241-2540

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.

Centering Prayer Group Meeting

10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering

prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731

Josephinum Fall Tour Day

Noon to 3 p.m., Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Fall tour day, with seminarians taking guests on 45-minute tours of the seminary's buildings, chapels and grounds. Tours every half-hour, followed by refreshments. Reservations required. 614-985-2234

Frassati Society Apple Picking

2 p.m., The Orchard & Co., 7255 U.S. 42, Plain City. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults picks apples, followed by other activities to be determined. Cost: \$15 per 10 pounds of apples. 614-224-9522

Ralph Martin Talk at Cathedral

6:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Catholic author and television host Ralph Martin talks on "The Universal Call to Mission." First in a series of "From the Cathedral Pulpit" talks on discipleship. Includes music and a light reception. Books will be available for purchase. 614-224-1295

'Unplanned' at Plain City St. Joseph

7 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St., Plain City. Screening of *Unplanned*, a film about how a Planned Parenthood clinic director became a pro-life activist. 614-873-8850

20, SUNDAY

Talk on the Modern Papacy at St. Agatha

9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Third of four talks by Father Edmund Hussey on the modern papacy. Topic: "The Renaissance Popes and the Protestant Reformation." 614-488-6149

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. 614-221-1890

Angelic Warfare Confraternity at St. Patrick

Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. 614-224-9522

World Mission Sunday at St. James the Less

12:30 p.m., St. James the Less Church, 1652 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus. World Mission Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan, including procession of representatives from ethnic communities wearing their national attire, with prayers and music from many nations. Followed by international festival of food and fellowship benefiting St. James the Less. Sponsored by diocesan Missions, Ethnic Ministries and Divine Worship offices. (614) 221-7990

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality.

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

2 to 4 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Final meeting of six-week Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry support group for those who have lost a loved one, sponsored by North High Deanery. 614-565-0795

Polish Mass at Holy Family

2 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in Polish. 614-221-4323

Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi

4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence and reflection. 614-512-3731

DCCW St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards

4:15 p.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Diocesan Council of Catholic Women presents its annual St. Teresa of Calcutta awards recognizing women who have performed exceptional charity, compassion and service. Begins with refreshments at 3. Tickets \$30 per person or \$220 for a table of eight. 614-228-8601

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. 614-886-8266

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

5 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish, with confessions in Spanish from 4 to 4:50. 614-294-7702

Catechesis at the Cathedral

6:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Seventh of weekly series of sessions with Father Adam Streitenberger through December on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. 614-224-1295

St. Pius X Holy Hour

7 to 8 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Quarterly Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for the parish, the diocese and the Church in the nation and the world. 614-866-2859

21, MONDAY

Rosary at St. Pius X

6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859

22, TUESDAY

'Unplanned' at Plain City St. Joseph

6 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St., Plain City. Screening of *Unplanned*, a film about how a Planned Parenthood clinic director became a pro-life activist. 614-873-8850

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

23, WEDNESDAY

Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Pius X

6 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 614-866-2859

'Surviving Divorce' Program at Grove City

7 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. First session of 12-week "Surviving Divorce" program sponsored by Non Solum Columbus ministry for separated and divorced Catholics. Includes video presentation and small-group discussion. \$10 workbook charge. Advance registration requested. 614-875-3322

24, THURSDAY

'Unplug' Day at St. Therese's

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. "Unplug" day of quiet reflection and prayer, with Mass at 11 a.m., followed by light lunch. Suggested donation \$20. 614-866-1611

Ohio Dominican Lecture Series

3:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Lecture on "Truth in the Marketplace: From Socrates to Social Media" with Dr. Robert Gervasi, ODU president. Part of university's fall "Building Bridges of Understanding" lecture series. 614-251-4453

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.

St. Paul's Outreach Banquet

7 p.m., Archie Griffin Ballroom, Ohio State University, 1739 N. High St., Columbus. Annual fundraising banquet for St. Paul's Outreach group of young adults dedicated to evangelizing their peers on college campuses. Tickets \$150. Information at www.spo.org/ohiobanquet.

Frassati Society Christ in the City

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Christ in the City program sponsored by parish's Frassati Society for young adults, with Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, Taize chant and Dominican Compline, followed by fellowship at Pins Mechanical. 614-224-9522

Mariology Talk at Lancaster St. Mary

7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Father Thomas Buffer, pastor of Marion St. Mary Church, speaks on Marian privileges and devotions as part of parish's bicentennial celebration. 740-653-0997

25, FRIDAY

'Unplanned' at Plain City St. Joseph

6 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St., Plain City. Screening of *Unplanned*, a film about how a Planned Parenthood clinic director became a pro-life activist. 614-873-8850

Holy Hour at St. Matthew

7 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for reparation, purification and sanctification of the universal Church. 614-471-0212

26, 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.

Ohio Dominican Veterans Appreciation Day

10:30 a.m., Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. ODU's annual Veterans Appreciation Day tailgate party, followed by football game against Walsh at noon. Free admission for all veterans and a guest. Registration deadline Oct. 18. 614-253-3502

Back in His Arms Again Memorial Mass

1 p.m., Resurrection Cemetery Chapel Mausoleum, 9751 N. High St., Lewis Center, Memorial Mass sponsored by Back in His Arms Again ministry for families who are experiencing the loss of a child. 614-906-3115

26-27, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

DeSales Presents 'The Red Velvet Cake War'

7 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School's performing arts department presents the comedy *The Red Velvet Cake War*. Tickets \$10. 614-267-7808

27, SUNDAY

Talk on the Modern Papacy at St. Agatha

9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Last of four talks by Father Edmund Hussey on the modern papacy. Topic: "Vatican II and the Modern Papacy." 614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. First of five talks on "The Biblical Prophets: Do They Have Anything to Tell Us Today?" with Scripture scholar Angela Burdge.

Praise Mass at Church of Our Lady

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

Fisher cross country course opens



The Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School boys cross country team finished first and the girls team was second in their respective divisions and Lancaster St. Mary School won the boys middle school division as Fisher opened its new 3.1-mile course on the school grounds with an invitational meet. Members of all three teams are pictured. Also competing were Columbus Cristo Rey, Grove City Christian, Fairfield Christian and Columbus Bishop Ready high schools and Cristo Rey, Grove City Christian, Fairfield Christian, Bishop Ready, New Lexington St. Rose and Newark Catholic in the junior high division.

Photo courtesy Laura Bee

DeSales students walk for poor



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students participated in a “walkout” from classes on Friday, Sept. 27 to show their concern and support for the poor and hungry in central Ohio. Students who made a donation to the school’s St. Vincent dePaul Club walked around the track at the DeSales stadium. The following morning, the school hosted the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Friends of the Poor walk. Donations collected at the two walks, combined with a \$500 bonus for having the most participation in the Saturday event, enabled the club to raise \$925 to serve those in need in the community near the school.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

Pets blessed in Perry County



Father Chris Yakkel, parochial vicar of the Perry County Consortium of Parishes, blesses pets on Friday, Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. New Lexington St. Rose School students were present, along with pets from all four consortium parishes. The consortium includes St. Rose, Corning St. Bernard and Junction City St. Patrick churches and the Crooksville Church of the Atonement.

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6PM	August 30	St. Charles @ Dublin Scioto
	September 6	West Jefferson vs. Bishop Ready @ Obetz
	September 13	Gahanna @ Bishop Hartley
	September 20	Newark Catholic @ Watkins Memorial
	September 27	Clinton Massie @ Bishop Hartley
	October 4	Bishop Watterson @ St. Francis DeSales
	October 11	Harvest Prep vs. Bishop Ready @ Obetz
	October 18	Bishop Hartley @ Bishop Watterson
	October 25	Stuebenville @ St. Francis DeSales
	November 1	Bishop Watterson @ St. Charles

6PM	Catholic High School PREVIEW SHOW
7PM	Catholic High School GAME-OF-THE-WEEK
9:30 PM	CITY-WIDE SCOREBOARD SHOW presented by ThisWeekSports.com

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November 3, 2019



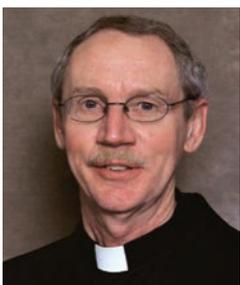
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ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
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6440 S. High St./U.S. Rt. 23 S.
Lockbourne, Ohio 43137
614-491-2751



Fr. Stash Dailey
Pastor
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MT. CALVARY CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
PRIEST CIRCLE
Mt. Calvary at W. Mound St.
Columbus, Ohio 43223
614-491-2751



Fr. James Klima
Pastor
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
11539 National Rd. S.W./U.S. 40 Rt. E.
Pataskala, Ohio 43062
740-927-4442



Fr. Charles Cotton
Retired

RESURRECTION CEMETERY
2:00 p.m. Prayer Service
CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM
9571 N. High St./U.S. Rt. 23 N.
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St. Joseph Cemetery ~ Noon to 4 p.m. Resurrection Cemetery ~ Noon to 4 p.m.
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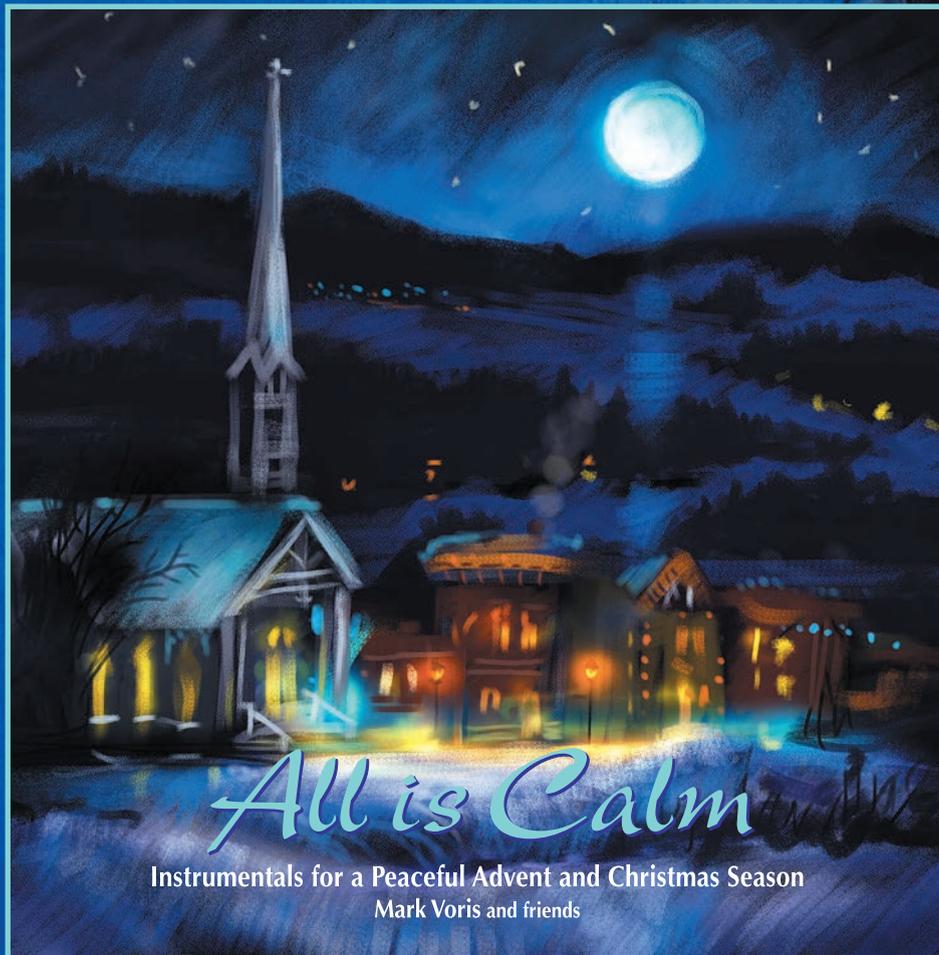
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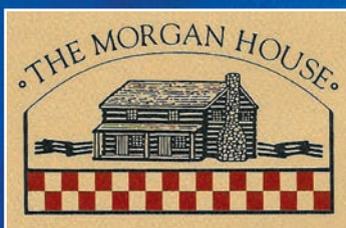


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