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## Bishop places priest on administrative leave

As part of a diocesan investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, the Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Columbus, has placed diocesan priest Father Kevin F. Lutz, 69, on administrative leave, effective September 11, 2019.

This action and announcement are made in accordance with the Catholic Church's *Charter and Norms for the Protection of Children and Young People* and the Diocese's published *Policies for Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Minors and Response to Allegations Thereof*.

Father Lutz recently announced his retirement from priestly ministry at St. Mary Parish, Columbus, which was effective September 8, 2019. The next day, September 9, an accusation of sexual abuse of a minor, allegedly occurring during Father Lutz's tenure at St. Christopher Parish, Columbus, from 1982-1986, was reported to the Diocesan Chancery office. The same day, Diocesan officials had the allegation reported to Columbus Police and notified Father Lutz of the allegation. On September 11, the details of the allegation were reviewed with Father

Lutz, he was formally placed on leave, and he was advised about the steps the Church would follow as a result of the allegation. As was explained to Father Lutz, his placement on administrative leave was not an indication that the Diocese had determined that the allegation is credible. Rather, the preliminary investigation into the allegation has just begun.

A meeting of the Diocesan Board of Review for the Protection of Children will be convened in the near future to assess the results of the preliminary investigation and advise the Bishop as to whether or not it appears to be credible. If an allegation is determined to be credible, the Diocese of Columbus will execute the necessary judicial and administrative processes. A determination of credibility is never to be considered proof of guilt.

Plans are underway to set up outreach in the Diocese, and once that effort is set up, more information will be provided to parishioners in the Diocese.

Priests on administrative leave are prohibited from the public exercise of their priestly ministry. They cannot publicly celebrate sacraments, wear clerical attire, be housed at any parish

or on diocesan property, or identify themselves as a member of the clergy.

Father Lutz has been a priest of the Diocese of Columbus since 1978. His assignments have included: Diaconate, St. Matthew Parish, Gahanna (1978); Associate Pastor, St. Agatha Parish, Columbus (1978-1982); Teacher, Bishop Hartley High School, Columbus (1978); Teacher, Bishop Watterson High School, Columbus (1978-82); Associate Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Marion (1982-1983); Associate Pastor, St. Christopher Parish, Columbus (1983-1986); Associate Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Lancaster (1986-1988); Administrator pro-tem, Sacred Heart Parish, New Philadelphia (1988); Associate Pastor, St. Pius X Parish, Reynoldsburg (1988-1989); Associate Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Columbus (1989-1991); Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Plain City and Sacred Heart Mission, Milford (1991-1997); Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Columbus (1997-2013); Pastor, St. Mary, Corpus Christi, and St. Ladislav parishes, Columbus (2013-17); and Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Columbus (2017-2019).

The Diocese of Columbus encour-



**Father Kevin F. Lutz has been placed on administrative leave by Bishop Brennan.**

ages anyone who may have claims of abuse by clergy or others associated with the Church to notify law enforcement immediately and also the Diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 614-224-2251, 866-448-0217, or [helpisavailable@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:helpisavailable@columbuscatholic.org). Forms for reporting abuse are available in Catholic parish and school offices and can be accessed from the diocesan website, [www.columbuscatholic.org](http://www.columbuscatholic.org).



**Jim Foley is retiring as president of Cristo Rey Columbus High School. He became its first staff member in 2011. Photo/Cristo Rey Columbus**

## Cristo Rey's 'remarkable' president retiring in 2020

By Tim Puet  
*Catholic Times Reporter*

Jim Foley, the founding president of Cristo Rey Columbus High School, said he plans to retire in July of next year so he can spend more time with his family.

Foley informed the school's board of directors of his decision on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and has been discussing it with staff members, parents and students this week. He said a nationwide search for his replacement will be conducted by a committee led by the board's chair, Steve Kennedy.

Foley will be part of the committee, along with several other board members and the president of the national Cristo Rey network.

"This is a good time to retire," said Foley, 67. "The foundation of the school is solid. It has taken a while to reach this point, but I feel the school couldn't be in a better position than it is now, six years after the first students entered in 2013.

"It's also a good time for my family, and that's the most important thing. This is a very time-consuming job, and I just want to be able to have more time to enjoy with my wife, Vicki, and our daughter, three sons and six

grandchildren."

Foley became the first staff member of the four-year college preparatory school in July 2011 and took the position of president of Cristo Rey Columbus on Jan. 1, 2012, three years after now-retired Bishop Frederick Campbell, then-diocesan school Superintendent Lucia McQuaide and a group of local business executives began studying Cristo Rey schools nationwide.

Foley had been an attorney for 29 years with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and

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Front Page photo:  
**REFLECTING GOD'S BEAUTY**  
Columbus architects David Meleca (left) and William Heyer have designed or restored several churches in the Diocese of Columbus and see them as ways of displaying God's beauty.  
*CT photo by Ken Snow*

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## Deacon from India via England ordained in Columbus

Deacon Eugene Joseph was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Robert Brennan on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Deacon Joseph will continue his studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum and will serve the parishioners at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church for the next eight months, in anticipation of being ordained by Bishop Brennan to the priesthood on May 23, 2020.

That also is the anticipated ordination date for Deacons Michael Fulton, Seth Keller and Frank Brown, Deacon Joseph's classmates at the Josephinum, who were ordained as deacons of the Diocese of Columbus this past May 12.

Deacon Joseph's ordination was delayed until he received an indult of adaptation from the Vatican's Congregation for the Oriental Churches. His family belongs to the Syro-Malabar rite of the Catholic Church, and the Vatican document permits him to be ordained by a Latin/Roman-rite bishop and to become a priest of that bishop's diocese. It also enables him to celebrate Mass in both rites.

In his homily, addressed to Deacon Joseph from the *cathedra* (the bishop's chair), Bishop Brennan noted the ordination coincided with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the date in A.D. 320 that St. Helena, the Roman emperor Constantine's mother, found the hiding place in Jerusalem for the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

"In the days of old, so through all generations and even so today, God's people find themselves at times worn down by the journey," the bishop said. "The journey of life can be trying, and there are so many among us who carry such heavy burdens – poverty, illness, grief, fear, rejection and isolation. But indeed, God comes to all of us to shoulder those burdens. He lowers himself precisely to lift us up.



(From left): Deacon Joseph, Bishops Brennan and Campbell and Deacon Keller.



(From left): first row, Deacon Eugene Joseph, Bishop Robert Brennan, Deacons Seth Keller and Michael Fulton; second row, Fathers Michael Lumpe, Ervens Mengelle and Louis Iasiello of the Josephinum; retired Bishop Frederick Campbell and Fathers Paul Noble (Vocations Office) and Denis Kigozi (Resurrection Church).

"Indeed, Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not deem equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in new oneness. He humbled himself, obedient to the Father, accepting even death on the cross.

"Casting aside the garments of glory, Jesus comes to live among us. He humbles himself to meet us in our greatest needs. And, lifted on the cross, he draws all people to himself. Indeed, God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but have eternal life.

"Beloved brothers and sisters, how fitting it is to celebrate the ordination of our son, our brother Eugene, to the order of deacon. We welcome the Jo-

seph family very, very warmly. We're so glad you made the long trip to be here on this joyful day. And we thank you for the gift of your son and brother and for the ways you guided him in the ways of faith."

The Joseph family traveled to Columbus from England to witness the ordination. Deacon Joseph, 27, a native of the coastal state of Kerala in southwest India, moved from there with his family to England when he was 9 or 10 years old. He graduated from Robert Sutton Catholic High School in Burton-on-Trent, England, in 2009, and then spent two years at another school in the same community in what are known in England as A-level studies, which prepare students ages 16 to 19 for college. He attended Kensington College in London



Deacon Eugene Joseph kneels before Bishop Robert Brennan prior to ordination. Others in red vestments are (from left): Deacon Michael Fulton, Deacon Frank Iannarino, director of the diocesan Office for the Diaconate, and Deacon Seth Keller. CT photos by Ken Snow



Bishop Brennan during the Litany of Supplication at Deacon Joseph's ordination.

from 2012 to 2015, then entered the Josephinum to complete his studies for the priesthood.

He had been coming to Columbus since 2013 to visit friends during summer breaks from college. He had been discerning the question of becoming a Roman Catholic priest with the Archdiocese of Birmingham in England, but said that one day after attending Mass at Westerville St. Paul Church, he began thinking about serving the Church in the United States.

That led to a discussion with Father Paul Noble, vocations director of the Diocese of Columbus, and ultimately to his decision to attend the Josephinum.

His home parish is the New Albany Church of the Resurrection. While at the Josephinum, he has performed assignments during summers and the school year at the cathedral, Bethesda Healing Ministry, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, and St. Paul, Sunbury St. John Neumann and Columbus St. Cecilia churches. Last summer, he was at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church.

Deacon Joseph's ordination means that he has entered from the lay state of the Church into the clerical state through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The diaconate is the first of the Catholic Church's three clerical orders, the others being the orders of priest and bishop.

After the bishop's homily and before being ordained through the bishop's laying-on of hands, Deacon

## The past still influences our present

I recently saw a sign that said, “Do something today that your future self will thank you for.” I loved the idea BUT instantly heard my mom correct the English to “Do something today for which your future self will thank you.” Either way, it’s a great idea. It also started me thinking about what from the past makes me thankful today.

I may have mentioned before that our mom was an amazing teacher: at home, in our local schools, and in the community. Like St. Francis, much of what she taught was through her actions, not just her words.

It was a short trip for my mind to go to the idea of legacy and influences that have guided me to where I am today. It was even a shorter trip to think about the legacies that have made our diocese what it is.

Let me tell you about our second bishop. John Ambrose Watterson was born in Blairsville, Pennsylvania, in 1844. He was ordained a priest on Aug. 9, 1868, and was consecrated as the second bishop of Columbus on Aug. 8, 1880.

Bishop Watterson worked to provide all the things necessary to give the diocese a fitting character and dignity, and he worked to provide more priests to support the growing Catholic population and to support emerging Catholic schools.

He taught the people in our diocese to be true and loyal to their faith. As the number of parish schools increased, he saw his duty to be the preservation of the faith of the children and their training and discipline as moral men and women. He continued Bishop Rosecrans’ policy of mandatory attendance at Catholic schools.

Today, our Catholic schools represent a vital part of our society and are a major source for developing the wisdom and culture that is to be passed on to new generations.

Our schools reflect the importance of integrating the Catholic faith into the educational process.

In 1886, the goals of our Catholic schools were defined in a speech by Bishop Watterson.

The students, he said, “are instruct-

### FAITH IN ACTION

Erin Cordle

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ed to love truth. They are grounded in correct principles. They are trained in uprightness.

“It requires but a glance at the life around us to see that there is much ignorance, darkness and corruption to be cleared away, and this can be done only by the enlightenment of the intellect and banding the will in the ways of integrity. ...

“We teach that through education all the faculties should be developed – the soul sanctified, the intellect expanded, the heart cultivated and the physical being strengthened.”

These statements are as relevant and true today as they were then.

The current mission statement of our Catholic schools is to serve the Catholic community in the shared ministry of education, through mission, academic excellence, leadership, governance, financial viability and advocacy, to form disciples who live fully the message of Jesus Christ.

In April 1899 on a trip to Washington, Bishop Watterson became exhausted, and yet, on his return to Columbus he confirmed a large class at St. Mary Church in German Village, retired to his residence, and died that evening.

As a man, an American citizen, a scholar, an orator and a bishop, John Ambrose Watterson had few equals and fewer superiors.

On Friday, Sept. 27 at noon, an event at the Washington Gladden Social Justice Park (at the corner of East Broad Street and Cleveland Avenue in Columbus) will honor Bishop Watterson. Students from Bishop Watterson and Cristo Rey high schools will participate.

Please come to learn about the impact of Bishop Watterson’s legacy on our diocese, our communities and today’s students.

*For more information, feel free to contact me at socmailbox@columbus-catholic.org or (614) 241-2540.*

## Evening prayer and conversation with jail, prison and re-entry ministers at Immaculate Conception



**Bishop Robert Brennan joined nearly 100 jail, prison, and re-entry ministers from around the diocese on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church for Evening Prayer and discussion. Bishop Brennan shared his own experiences in the ministry and heard about the joys and challenges of this corporal work of mercy from those who encounter and accompany prisoners, returning citizens and their families. The event was sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.**

*Photo courtesy Office for Social Concerns*

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Pease of Columbus and had held volunteer leadership roles with several diocesan and civic organizations, including the chairmanship of Catholic Social Services.

Cristo Rey Columbus High School opened in August 2013 with a freshman class of 85 students at a temporary location in the former Diocesan Child Guidance Center, 840 W. State St. One year later, it moved to its permanent location in the restored former Ohio School for the Deaf at 400 E. Town St.

One class of students was added in each of its first four academic years, with 48 of the original 85 students graduating in 2017. That number increased to 72 in 2018 and 82 this year, for a total of 202, all of whom were accepted to attend institutions of higher learning. Members of the three graduating classes have combined to earn \$16 million in scholarship money, including \$8 million this year.

“The single greatest satisfaction I’ve had from eight years at Cristo Rey has come from the students,” Foley said. “They’re a talented, hopeful, resilient group of young people who have achieved great success and overcome obstacles along the way and continued the Cristo Rey tradition of having every graduate accepted by a college. That’s hands down what I’m proudest of. These students are going

to change the community and their professions for the better. They are the hope of the future.

“To get to where we are, we had to accomplish many goals and go through extensive procedures mandated by the Cristo Rey Network and the state before we even opened. Then in Year Two came the big move to our current location. Enrollment has been up every year since we opened and now stands at 415. The building has a capacity of 425 to 450 students, so there’s still a little room to grow.

“We’ve also increased the number of business sponsors every year, and now it’s at 134. We combine that with a staff of smart, hard-working people who are passionate about our mission and students,” he said.

Kennedy, the school’s board chair, said Foley “has been a remarkable inaugural president for Cristo Rey. It was a true blessing that he was willing to leave his successful law practice and lead what amounted to a startup venture. Over the last eight years, Jim has been at the center of transforming the school from a novel idea into one of the most successful Catholic school stories in Ohio.

“His robust knowledge of legal matters, appreciation for an organiza-

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## Local news and events

## Bishop Brennan to speak at Family Rosary Day in October

Bishop Robert Brennan will be the presider and homilist at the annual diocesan Family Rosary Day at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13.

This will be the 50th anniversary for the event. The first such program was in 1969 at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School. It has taken place at several locations over the years, usually on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. This year, that Sunday is on the feast day itself.

The event needs financial support, so its organizers are asking for donations of \$25 or more. Patrons who contribute will be listed in the event's program booklet. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Columbus and sent to Family Rosary Day, 198 E. Broad St., Columbus OH 43215. The program's printing deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 1.

## ODU, Columbus State partner for insurance degree program

Ohio Dominican University and Columbus State Community College have partnered to create a pathway to help students in preparing for and securing employment in the insurance industry.

Through the CSCC-to-ODU risk management program, students who complete a two-year associate degree in business management at Columbus State, and who meet certain academic requirements, will be guaranteed admission to ODU to pursue a bachelor's degree in risk management and insurance.

In addition to receiving guaranteed acceptance at Ohio Dominican, eligible CSCC students will receive the ability to complete all of the courses online for their ODU bachelor's de-

gree from the program; guaranteed on-site and/or off-site interviews with central Ohio insurance employers on completion of their degree; scholarship assistance to attend ODU; ability to participate in ODU's 4+1 program, in which they can earn a master's degree with a risk management concentration during a third year of study at ODU; automatic membership into ODU's Gamma Iota Sigma chapter, an international collegiate professional fraternity for students pursuing careers in the risk management industry; access to Ohio Dominican's career development center for guidance while seeking internship and employment opportunities; and personalized assistance during their transition from CSCC to ODU.

According to a 2016 study by Regionomics, Ohio's risk management and insurance industry will need to add 29,000 jobs to its workforce by 2025 to maintain current levels of service.

This shortage will be caused by retirement and the expansion of positions within the industry, which include the areas of actuary, claims, information technology, marketing and sales.

Students who are interested in learning more about the partnership can visit [csc.org/ODU](http://csc.org/ODU) or contact Mary Whitt at [mwhitt@csc.org](mailto:mwhitt@csc.org). For more information on Ohio Dominican's risk management and insurance program, visit [ohiodominican.edu/RMI](http://ohiodominican.edu/RMI).

## St. Aloysius Church to host free suppers starting Sept. 29

Columbus St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St. in the city's Hilltop neighborhood, will host a free supper

in its family center from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. This is the first of what the parish hopes to be a series of community suppers on the last Sunday of each month.

"As many are aware, much of the Hilltop community is in distress," said dinner committee coordinator Sandy Bonneville. "Families are hungry, displaced, unemployed, underserved and unchurched. St. Al's has been a beacon of hope on the Hilltop and is continuing to provide avenues of outreach in the community to welcome, assist and evangelize families in need.

"The annual St. Al's free community Thanksgiving Day dinner is proof of how a shared meal can build relationships. Deeper relationships with others enable us to know and understand our brothers' and sisters' basic needs. This fellowship will assist us in providing resources that build the bridge from the 'haves' to the 'have nots.'"

The parish is looking for donations and sponsors to ensure the dinners will become a sustaining event. For more information, contact Bonneville at (614) 875-5669.

## Red Wagon Fare set for Oct. 16

The annual Red Wagon Fare luncheon of the Christ Child Society of Columbus will take place Wednesday, Oct. 16 at The Exchange at Bridge Park, 6520 Riverside Drive, Dublin. Shopping will begin at 10 a.m.

The luncheon will include a style show with clothing from Von Maur. Author and fashion consultant Jackie Walker will be master of ceremonies. Products from area merchants and artists, along with homemade sweets and treats, will be featured in the market-

place that precedes the luncheon.

All proceeds go directly to the society's projects throughout central Ohio that meet children's basic needs, enhance literacy skills and encourage education.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Make checks out to Christ Child Society of Columbus, and send them to Red Wagon Fare, in care of Cindi Harmon, 7133 Coventry Woods Court, Dublin, OH 43017. Tickets also are available online at [www.christchildssociety.org](http://www.christchildssociety.org).

## Renewal organization to sponsor women's retreat

The Columbus Catholic Renewal is sponsoring a women's retreat on the theme "Walking in the Excellence of God" from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 18 to 20 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The retreat will focus on the words of prophecy in Scripture and will be led by Lois Ann Mader, who is a member of the Unbound ministry, a spiritual director and a Eucharistic apostle of the Divine Mercy.

For more information or to register, contact the Columbus Catholic Renewal at [info@ccrcolumbus.org](mailto:info@ccrcolumbus.org).

## Bottoms Up diaper drive sets fundraiser for Oct. 2

The Bottoms Up diaper drive is sponsoring a fundraiser featuring food, drinks, music and raffles at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2 in the Combustion Brewery and Taproom, 80 W. Church St., Pickerington.

Bottoms Up distributes donated diapers to families and mothers in need in partnership with food pantries and child care centers. For more information, call (740) 808-6131.

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tion's fiscal strength and passion for social justice combined to ensure the school was built on a strong foundation that will enable it to continue in perpetuity."

"I firmly believe the Holy Spirit sent Jim Foley to us," said McQuaide, who was instrumental in hiring him. "His skill set was perfect. He had a background that helped him understand and embrace the mission of Cristo Rey. He was familiar with the diocese and known because of his work with Catholic Social Services. His law background was a valuable asset.

"Over the years, I have known him

to be a quick learner and to have the ability to understand the Catholic education and corporate work partnership. He has proven to have limitless energy, but most of all, he is a faith-filled man and a true example of Catholic leadership."

The first Cristo Rey school was founded in 1996 in Chicago. There are now 37 Cristo Rey high schools in 24 states, including locations in Cleveland and Cincinnati.

The school's unique work-study program allows students in need of an affordable education to gain real-world business experience at par-

ticipating employers for one day each week. The jobs are standard entry-level positions with appropriate responsibility, and the money the students earn goes to the school to help reduce tuition. Several business partners in Columbus and elsewhere have hired Cristo Rey students for continuing work during summers after the school year ended.

Foley said the school is in the midst of a strategic planning process in which representatives of all its stakeholders are looking ahead to where they would like to see it five years from now, with the goal of increasing

the number of students and business partners and the amount of financial aid available. His successor will be part of the process.

"Cristo Rey is God's work, the Sermon on the Mount in Columbus," he said. "I feel the Holy Spirit will continue to guide the success of the school in the future. That belief, combined with a great staff, makes it possible for me to walk away from an extraordinary job and mission. It's challenging to leave people you love, but I feel the school is in good hands and, with God's grace, it will continue to flourish."

## What to say in confession; reverence needed in church

**Q**I have not been to confession in at least 10 years. I want to go, but I have no idea what to say. How am I to remember all of my sins and the number of times that I have committed them? (Columbus)

**A**Don't worry; the priest is there to help you, and he will try to make things easy. (He will also have heard the confessions of a number of others in your same situation.)

Tell the priest that you haven't been to the sacrament of penance in many years and worry that you cannot remember the exact number of times you have committed each specific sin. (The priest has the right to lift the penitent's obligation to do so.)

Tell him that you would like to make this a "general confession," that you are sorry for any and all sins, including those you don't remember. He may ask you whether there are any particular serious sins that you do recall, and you will mention those, if any.

The absolution to follow will cover all sins – whether mortal or venial – committed in the past. I am pleased that you are considering this, and I believe that the experience will leave you with a feeling of relief, a new spiritual energy and a sense of the closeness of a loving God

### QUESTION & ANSWER

Father Kenneth Doyle

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Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.



**Q**Can we please begin to restore reverence at Mass? I see young women wearing short shorts, men in flip-flops and other inappropriate clothing. Shouldn't we dress nicely while visiting God in his house?

Also, parishioners socialize – laughing and talking loudly – while others are trying to pray prior to Mass. I do not consider myself old-fashioned, but I go to Mass to interact with God. These distractions may seem small, but to me they take away from the dignity that should prevail at the Eucharist.

Though I try to rise above these things and look for the goodness of the celebration, I still leave church feeling disappointed. There must be some churches somewhere that have established guidelines for the conduct they expect. (Fishers, Indiana)

**A**The Catholic Church has no universal dress code for attendance at Mass – perhaps necessarily so, given the diverse cultural standards in a worldwide church. The church does say in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that “bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest” (No. 1387).

Over the last half-century of my priesthood, I have observed a pattern of more casual dress at Mass – no longer the “Sunday best” – with the result that a number of parishes, even dioceses, have chosen to publish more specific guidelines.

Some of the Roman basilicas require that women should not wear sleeveless blouses, men should not wear shorts and women's skirts should reach below the knees. In 2007, the Archdiocese of Manila in the Philippines asked men to wear collared shirts with sleeves at Mass and provided examples of “improper” attire for women, including miniskirts or skimpy shorts.

As to socializing in church before Mass, some parishes encourage parishioners to greet each other and converse in the vestibule or gathering area, but note that once inside the church proper, a respectful silence should prevail to allow for quiet prayer in preparation for the Eucharist.

## Zanesville reception to honor Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

A reception to honor the 150th anniversary of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 in the social hall of Zanesville St. Nicholas Church, 925 E. Main St.

Light refreshments will be served at the event, which is sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella Circle 586.

The congregation was founded in 1869 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Since 1893, about 560 of its sisters have served in the Diocese of Columbus in Zanesville, Delaware, Wellston, Chillicothe, Tuscarawas County and areas that now are part of the Diocese of Steubenville, said Sister Laura Wolf, OSF.

Sister Laura, along with Sister Bernadette Selinsky, OSF; Sister Maureen Anne Shepard, OSF; and Sister Mary Ann Nugent, OSF, serve the Genesis HealthCare System in Zanesville. Their congregation has been associated with the system since 1900, when Father Anthony Leininger, pastor of St. Nicholas Church, asked them to run what then was known as the Margaret Blue Sanitarium.

That facility became Good Samaritan Hospital in 1902 and merged with Bethesda Hospital in Zanesville to form Genesis in 1997. The Genesis website says that as many as 60 sisters at one time were on the Good Samaritan staff.



Members of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity serving the Genesis HealthCare System in Zanesville, pictured with Bishop Robert Brennan, are (from left): Sisters Mary Ann Nugent, Laura Wolf, Maureen Anne Shepard and Bernadette Selinsky, OSF.

Photo courtesy Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

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Members of Deacon Eugene Joseph's family at his ordination on Saturday, Sept. 14. CT photo by Ken Snow

Joseph professed his commitment to perpetual celibacy, followed by a promise of respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors.

Because he is unmarried, his promise to remain celibate is a permanent one. Married men may serve as deacons, and most deacons of the diocese are married. These men must be celibate should their wives precede them in death. They need permission from

the Church to remarry.

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

Unlike members of religious orders, members of the diocesan clergy, including deacons, do not make a vow or a promise of poverty. However, they

are expected to live a simple lifestyle, without an excess of material goods.

Deacon Joseph's ordination to the diaconate permits him to baptize, assist a priest at Mass, proclaim the Gospel and give homilies, witness at marriages, preside at funeral vigils and graveside committal services and give certain blessings. He cannot celebrate Mass, hear confessions or anoint the sick until his ordination as a priest.

## Building spiritual endurance with Jesus as our coach

Endurance in sport is cultivated with patience and time, training and conditioning under the guidance of a good coach.

In the same way, we seek to build endurance in our spiritual lives with Jesus guiding us. Our journey to spiritual maturity is a lifelong process of growing in virtue. This quest for holiness requires patience and time, training and conditioning with an unwavering commitment to a sacramental life, prayer, study and service to others. It isn't easy, but there is no greater goal for the Christian.

Psalm 136 reminds us that God is endurance, for his love and mercy endures forever. He never gives up on us and desires only to bring us closer to him:

Praise the LORD, for he is good;  
for his mercy endures forever;  
Praise the God of gods;  
for his mercy endures forever;  
Praise the Lord of lords;  
for his mercy endures forever.

In the lives of the saints, we see amazing people who endured temptations, difficulties and trials of every kind. We could use the words "saint" and "endurance" as synonyms, since all the saints ended their lives with an enduring love of God and neighbor.

St. Gregory of Nyssa said about endurance, "He who climbs never stops going from beginning to beginning, through beginnings that have no end. He never stops desiring what he already knows."

When we reflect on St. Gregory's words, we see that spiritual endurance is just that – going from

### HOLY AND HEALTHY

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beginning to beginning. Every day, every situation, every conversation, every interaction, literally every moment of every year is a new beginning for us to do what we know we should do – love more fully to become the person God desires us to be on our journey from this world to the next.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque said, "Let us begin in earnest to work out our salvation, for no one will do it for us, since even He Himself, who made us without ourselves, will not save us without ourselves."

We work side by side with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, with the loving intercession of Our Lady, to grow in holiness, to love more perfectly, to forgive ourselves and others and to share the truth of the Gospel, each as we are called.

Just as endurance in sport requires mental and physical work, there is great work for us to do in the spiritual life. Let us see that each day is an opportunity to grow closer to God as we train to have more faith, hope and love. May each day be filled with training in virtue so that we persevere with love when the going gets tough.

As athletes depend on their coaches, peers, tools and training methods, we, too, in the spiritual life, have help – from the Holy Trinity, our sisters and brothers in Christ, the great communion of saints, and all that Holy Mother Church gives us so we can grow and endure with love.

We can be inspired by the subject of endurance in Scripture. From Deuteronomy 31: "Be strong and steadfast; have no fear or dread of them, for it is the Lord, your God, who marches with you; he will never fail you or forsake you."

We do not run this race alone. God is with us to aid us in this pursuit.

Let us pray: Father God, give us endurance in the spiritual life and help us trust in the strong and mighty shield of your love, which endures forever, Amen.



## Fall into history as the fall season gets underway this month

In one of my former lives, I taught religion and social studies in high school. I always have loved both subjects and still do. Back then, I did my best to provide good information and help shape the minds of 14- to 18-year-olds, while trying to maintain and retain their attention. These days, I solicit donations from many good people for the Women's Care Center. I am still not sure which is more challenging.

At 3:50 a.m. this Monday, Sept. 23, the autumnal equinox occurs and fall begins. In an attempt to connect history and our faith, I have some interesting things that happened on the date of this *Catholic Times* issue (Sept. 22). At the equinox, the length of day and night are not exactly the same, but close. Throughout history, there have been so many good things and a lot of bad things. While not equal, both types of occurrences have resulted in a big impact on our lives. Throughout Jesus' life, He saw many good and bad things. He witnessed life and death, Roman oppression, building and destruction, sickness and disease, lack of sanitation and hygiene because the medical advances of today did not exist, and so on. How difficult this must have been for Jesus the man, given all the perfect love and compassion He has for every person and all the perfect knowledge He has on all

### EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Rick Jeric



things. There must have been so many times when He yearned to help everyone in an earthly way. But Jesus our God knows His own plan.

On Sept. 22, 1789, Congress authorized the office of postmaster general. Congressmen of that era could not have foreseen the cost of a stamp today, or things such as air mail and email. Imagine what Jesus could have done with a computer, social media and instant live worldwide communication. It's all the more amazing and divine that the Church was able to spread throughout the world so quickly and so solidly. On Sept. 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, stating all slaves held in rebel states would be free as of Jan. 1, 1863. We can pray and reflect upon the state of race relations in 2019. It remains so important that each of us does

and says the right thing and stands up for our brothers and sisters, no matter their race or origin.

On Sept. 22, 1903, Italo Marchiony was granted a patent for the ice cream cone. Simple pleasures such as ice cream are always taken for granted. Next time you see a beautiful sunrise or sunset, witness the powerful beauty and splendor of God's creation in nature, experience the feeling of awe and satisfaction that comes from a wonderful human occurrence such as the birth of a child, or see God in your spouse's or child's eyes, take a moment to thank God for all of these things. Ice cream cones and all these other things are great, and God provides them all. On Sept. 22, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed an act of Congress that established the Peace Corps. God bless those who choose programs such as this as a temporary way to serve others in need throughout the world. And some do it for their entire lives. Our own lives provide countless opportunities to serve our own neighborhoods, workplaces and parishes. Service opportunities in our communities abound. We never can say there is nothing to do. Do not wait for someone else to invite you. Take the initiative and volunteer. Start with your parish. Fall into the lessons of history while making some history yourself.

# Sister urges others to trust God's vocation plan for them

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

A record sellout crowd of 160 attended the annual Marian Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 12 to learn about religious life and hear the vocation story of one of the diocese's own daughters.

Sister Maria Gemma Salyer, OSF, a Newark Catholic High School and Ohio Dominican University (ODU) graduate, was the featured speaker at Columbus St. Andrew Church's Bryce Eck Activity Center. Bishop Robert Brennan hosted the gathering for the first time and led evening prayers.

Representatives from 21 congregations, many with a presence in the diocese, were on hand. The program also included dinner, information tables staffed by various orders, and dialogue with the religious sisters.

They spoke with attendees from Columbus Bishop Hartley, Bishop Ready and St. Francis DeSales high schools; Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Columbus St. Matthias and New Lexington St. Rose schools; Columbus Christ the King, Holy Family, St. Stephen the Martyr, Sts. Augustine and Gabriel, and St. Thomas More Newman Center parishes; New Albany Church of the Resurrection, Delaware St. Mary and Chillicothe St. Peter parishes; home-schoolers and other individuals.

Orders represented included the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm; Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes; Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross; Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy; Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist; Dominican Sisters of Peace; Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception; Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity; Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception; Order of the Most Holy Savior; Missionaries Sisters Servants of the Word; Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati; Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate; Sisters of St. Francis, Holy Name Province; Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity, Cleveland; Sisters of the Precious Blood, Dayton; Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky; Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, Steubenville; Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Youngstown; and Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Sister Maria Gemma entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in 2006, a few months after

graduating from ODU, and made her final profession of vows in 2014.

As a sister, she has served in various ministries and currently is located at the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she is pursuing a doctorate in higher education administration.

She told the young women in attendance to listen to God and be open to the Holy Spirit.

"There's a lot of fear and anxiety that comes up because of the unknown that lies before us, (but) God knows your heart so well," she said. "He's known you for all eternity.

"We have this desire to be loved, but we also have this desire to give of ourselves in love. A lot of times those discerning religious vocations say 'I want to help people. I want to be a religious sister to help people.' OK, great, but first you just have to sit and rest in God's love and accept that, and then it just flows out from us, and we can't even hold it back. It just flows. I just encourage you to let yourself sit before the Lord and be loved by Him. That's your first step for discernment – know yourself in His eyes."

She described her vocation story as one that took several twists and turns before she found her calling.

Sister Maria Gemma traced the roots of her vocation to her time at Newark Catholic and her home parish, Newark St. Francis de Sales. A high-school scripture class and the parish youth group initially lit a spark that enkindled her faith.

"I fell in love with Scripture, and the youth group kept feeding me," she explained. "I realized God is speaking to me through the Scriptures. I never realized that before. I think I really didn't know that God was alive and active. I didn't know that He's alive and He's speaking to each one of us every day."

She recalled going with the youth group to Eucharistic adoration and the profound impact it had on her.

"In those moments of silent adoration and just gazing at God, who loves me so much, and letting Him love me, I realized that He's a person," she said. "I can have a relationship with this person. God is a person. He's here. He's present in the Eucharist, and I just fell in love with Him. I just wanted to spend so much time with Him."

During her senior year of high school, her parish began perpetual Adoration. Parishioners were invited to watch for one hour with the Lord. So she took an hour.

"I thought to myself, 'I can do that



Sister Maria Gemma, OSF, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, Indiana, speaks with young women from the diocese about vocations at the annual Marian Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 12 at Columbus St. Andrew Church's Bryce Eck Activity Center.  
CT photos by Ken Snow



Sister Ignatia, OSF, talks with Laura Ruffner (center) of Columbus Holy Family Church and Nikki McFadden of Hilliard St. Brendan Church during the Marian Dinner.

for Jesus.' I just felt my heart was beating so heavy within me that I couldn't resist it. Who could say no?"

When Sister Maria Gemma left home for college, she tried to keep her holy hour but realized it wasn't feasible, and "I felt the difference."

In college, she said she fell away from the practice of the Catholic faith for a year or two. "I forgot the Lord," she said. "I forgot the things that He had done in my life. Often, I would go into the chapel (in the dorm) and I would just cry. I knew that He was there and that He was God and that He loved me."

Persistent friends kept trying to draw her back to God. Finally, they hounded her into coming to a prayer group, and "my life was changed forever."

"I went to confession for the first time in a few years," she said. "Immediately after confession, this question came into my mind: 'Have you thought about being a religious sister?'"

It wasn't the first time she heard that question. A theology professor had asked a group of students the same

thing during her freshman year and "I just completely blocked it off."

Sister Maria Gemma went back to that professor, and "he told me I could discern by living a holy life. So I started going to Mass and praying, and started visiting some sisters" at their convents "to see what their life was like."

"And I was astounded by what I saw," she said. "It was such a beautiful life."

At ODU, she lived with other faithful women who prayed together and went to Mass and Adoration and ate meals together "because community life is so important."

During her senior year at ODU, she remembered opening her Bible and pulling out a pamphlet from the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration which a seminarian gave her a few months earlier. She noticed that a retreat was coming up, but thought it was too late to register. To her sur-





## At annual Blue Mass, bishop recalls 9/11 sacrifice of first responders

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

The annual Blue Mass on Sept. 11 to recognize law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical service personnel and first responders in the diocese always takes on added significance because of what happened on that date in 2001.

This year's Blue Mass at Columbus St. Timothy Church, on the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, was celebrated for the first time by Bishop Robert Brennan, who on Sept. 11, 2001, was a priest in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York.

His memories of that chaotic day, one of the most solemn in U.S. history, remain vivid.

"Coming from New York, today, Sept. 11, is one that replays over and over and over again in my mind and in so many others'," Bishop Brennan told the assembly of representatives and family from the public safety community. "We think of those who lost their lives, those who gave their lives on that day. I'll never forget some of the scenes.

"From the office, we could see in the distance the Manhattan skyline and the smoke coming from the (World Trade Center) towers. I remember how eerie it was."

Bishop Brennan, who was installed as bishop of Columbus in March, can empathize with those who put their lives on the line for the safety of others because of his strong family connection to law enforcement.

His father, Robert, served 23 years in the New York City Police Department, and one of his brothers is currently with the NYPD. Another brother just completed 24 years as a federal agent.

"The Blue Mass is one that's very important to me and, indeed, very, very personal," Bishop Brennan said.

Before Mass, Jim Connors of the



(Top photo) Participants in the annual Blue Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 11 for various branches of law enforcement, firefighters and first responders gather outside Columbus St. Timothy Church. (Above) Drums from the Columbus police and fire divisions and the Franklin County sheriff's office pass Bishop Robert Robert Brennan during the procession before Mass.  
Photos courtesy Larry Pishitelli



Representatives from law enforcement and firefighters and members of the Knights of Columbus process to the altar at Columbus St. Timothy Church with the bread and wine to be consecrated at the Blue Mass.

Knights of Columbus said in his welcome, "Faith is often tested by the darker side of human life. Fortunately, our faith firmly assures us that God saves us from the darkness of the world. As John's Gospel reminds us, 'Greater love than this no one has than to lay down his life for his friends.'

"Today, we remember our fallen brothers and sisters whose memories we honor, who laid down their lives with the ultimate loving sacrifice. We pray for them and their families, and we also pray for you, the living, that none of us, or you, will ever have to make that ultimate sacrifice in the service you continue to render."

The Blue Mass originated in Washington, D.C., in 1934, for police and firefighters, who then dressed predominantly in blue uniforms, and has expanded to other parts of the country through the years, particularly after 9/11.

The diocesan Blue Mass, supported by the St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345, included honor guards, bagpipes and drums from the Columbus police and fire divisions and the Franklin County sheriff's office, seminarians from the Pontifical College Josephinum, the St. Timothy choir, priests and deacons.

"The sacrifices you make every day for our well-being mean more than you will ever know," the bishop said. "I'm not just talking about the acts of great courage. I'm talking about the little things you might say, the day to day ... so that we might be safe, not only to be safe but that we might live good lives, healthy lives."

Reflecting on the reading for Mass from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians and how it relates to 9/11 and the work of public servants, Bishop Brennan said, "We're not about violence and sin. ... There's something inside us that overcomes even that," he said. "That is a gift that has been given to us

## Church architects aim to restore beauty to sanctuaries

By Tim Puet  
Catholic Times Reporter

Very early in its first chapter, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, after expressing the essential belief that every person is created in the image and likeness of God, speaks of “the manifold perfections of creatures – their truth, their goodness, their beauty” as “reflect(ing) the infinite perfection of God.”

One way of attempting to display God’s beauty is through the houses of worship where people gather to glorify him, to hear his word and to receive him through Jesus in the Eucharist.

As Columbus church architect Wil-

quite different.

St. Paul is the largest church in the diocese both in number of families (about 3,500) and in seating capacity. Because it can hold 1,400 people – about twice as many as Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – the 37,000-square-foot building often is used for diocesan events such as ordinations of priests. Sacred Hearts has room in the pews for about 240 people in a building of about 12,000 square feet and has a membership of about 140 families.

But both churches are similar in the way they combine classic ecclesiastical architecture with contemporary touches distinctive to their locations.

“The great 20th-century theologian Hans von Balthasar put it this way: ‘We no longer dare to believe in beauty, and we make of it a mere appearance, the more easily to dispose of it,’” Heyer said. “It struck me many years ago that what von Balthasar said about beauty in general was true for sacred architecture. The lack of emphasis on beauty over recent generations has led to a lack of education for laypersons on sacred architecture.

“It’s part of how certain aspects of the state of the Church as a whole have been neglected beyond architecture. We’ve neglected passing down beauty from generation to generation. It’s an architect’s job to educate layper-

That’s beautiful.”

Earlier this year, Meleca, 58, joined the Columbus firm of Moody Nolan as a principal architect and director of classical architecture. He had founded his own firm, David B. Meleca Architects, in 1996. “That business is staying open for a while to wrap up work on a couple of projects,” he said, including the faith and family center at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church that is expected to be completed by Christmas. Meleca also said the firm’s one full-time staff member and two people it employed on a part-time basis all have found positions with other architects.

“This was a good time to relaunch



**Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish underwent extensive remodeling in 2012, with Columbus architect David Meleca in charge of the design. The church was only 20 years old, but had multiple design problems. The altar, tabernacle and baptismal font were placed along the major axis of the church to emphasize their importance, and a new, much larger Adoration chapel was added.**

*Photo courtesy David Meleca*

liam Heyer puts it, “Every Sunday, we get to hear sermons about truth and goodness, but beauty is the part of the triad mentioned in the *Catechism* that’s often forgotten. Truth, goodness and beauty reinforce each other. When beauty is missing, truth and goodness are incomplete.”

Heyer and fellow Columbus church architect David Meleca offer striking representations of that beauty in the churches they have designed or remodeled in the Diocese of Columbus. These include the diocese’s two most recently built churches – Westerville St. Paul, designed by Meleca and dedicated in 2011, and Cardington Sacred Hearts, which had Heyer as the architect and was dedicated in 2015.

In some ways, the churches are

St. Paul has a mural behind the sanctuary that includes representations of the church itself, the Ohio Statehouse and the LeVeque Tower, and of contemporary saints such as St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Katharine Drexel and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Sacred Hearts, built in the middle of farmland, has a tower that Heyer said was designed in reference to ancient church towers and also as a sacred parallel with the silos of nearby farms. “A church should relate to the people of the parish and be a place where they can feel at home and in a real church. The tower provides a strong visual representation of that,” he said.

Both architects said that for much of the 20th century, beauty seemed to be a forgotten element of church design.



**Cardington Sacred Hearts Church, designed by Columbus architect William Heyer and dedicated in 2015 to replace a church that burned down in 2013.**

*CT file photo*

sons about the importance of beauty. There’s trouble in the water when we don’t put beauty in its proper place.”

“In our profession, it seems beauty has not been a consideration for many years,” Meleca said. “It’s as though it’s not the ‘in’ thing to design a beautiful building of any type. The Catholic churches I went to while growing up were not appealing; in fact, the church I attended the most was in a gymnasium.

“My vision of good architecture involves the idea that if a building wasn’t there anymore, would you miss it? Some buildings just resonate. There’s nothing I enjoy more about churches I designed than hearing the response that ‘This feels like a church. I didn’t think they could build churches like this.’ At St. Paul’s, one woman told me she actually cried when she saw the interior for the first time.

my career,” he said. “I had just been elevated to the title of fellow of the American Institute of Architects because of my Catholic church work. I wanted to expand my design work, but having my own small firm meant I also had to be its marketing director and administrator, and I wanted to get rid of a lot of the administrative things I was less interested in. I knew Curt Moody (founder of Moody Nolan) because he and I had been talking for a number of years about a joint venture, and this seemed like a good time to discuss a more permanent arrangement.”

Meleca grew up in Columbus and graduated from Ohio State University’s architectural school in 1985. He was part of the Sullivan Bruck architectural firm from then until begin-

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ning his own firm. He said spending a summer in England while studying at Ohio State and taking part in another summer program in Italy a few years later introduced him to the beauty of classical architecture.

He and Heyer both said they felt an affinity toward their profession at an early age and would design buildings and houses as play. Heyer said he did a perspective drawing of St. Peter's Basilica in fifth or sixth grade.

Like Meleca, Heyer was not inspired by the Catholic churches where he grew up. "We went to a beautiful Gothic church in upstate New York that was ruined by renovation in the '70s and '80s," he said. "I knew that was wrong, even if I couldn't explain

ular, from a trip to Rome during the jubilee year of 2000, when he studied that city's 50 principal churches.

Heyer came back to Columbus in 2002. Two years later, he was commissioned to do beautification and restoration work throughout the Pontifical College Josephinum, where he also has been an adjunct professor of fine arts. One of his greatest satisfactions involved the restoration of the college's St. Turibius Chapel and the re-creation of its magnificent sanctuary mural, painted by German artist Gerhard Lamers.

The mural, depicting Christ the high priest surrounded by angels at its apex, with saints and more angels below, was painted over in the 1980s



**Westerville St. Paul Church, dedicated in 2011 and designed by David Meleca, is the largest church in the Diocese of Columbus. The 37,000-square-foot building's sanctuary can hold about 1,400 people.**

*CT file photo*

why."

Heyer, 49, graduated from the School of Architecture at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, in 1993, then came to Columbus, his wife's hometown, for four years, working in the office of architect John Reagan. In 1997, he became associated with the firm of Thomas Gordon Smith, founder of the classical architectural program at the University of Notre Dame. "Working with him formed my understanding of classical and sacred architecture," Heyer said. He also gained inspiration from graduate studies at Notre Dame and, in partic-

because it was not considered relevant to the liturgical renewal of the time. Heyer said discussions on restoring the mural began as early as 2004, but because of budget considerations and varying interest in the project as college administrators changed, it took until 2017 to complete the work.

Cardington Sacred Hearts, where a new church had to be built because the former church burned down in 2013, was the first church Heyer designed from the ground up for the Diocese of Columbus. Before and since then, he has been involved with renovation at Columbus St. Stephen, Plain City



**The St. Turibius Chapel of the Pontifical College Josephinum is highlighted by a mural behind the sanctuary which depicts Christ the high priest surrounded by angels at its apex, with saints and more angels below. The mural was painted over in the 1980s because it was not considered relevant to the liturgical renewal of the time, but was restored as part of a restoration of the chapel by architect William Heyer.**

*CT file photo*



**Granville St. Edward Church was the first church to be renovated by architect David Meleca. In 2002, he designed a 900-seat worship space to surround the 300-seat country chapel-style building, which the parish had outgrown. The original building became the gathering space of the new church, and options for future balconies were included to allow for possible growth.**

*Photo courtesy David Meleca*

St. Joseph, Sugar Grove St. Joseph, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne, Newark Blessed Sacrament, Marion St. Mary and Lancaster St. Mary churches. The Lancaster restoration was dedicated this past Aug. 15. He is working on restoration at Coshocton Sacred Heart Church and on plans to expand Powell St. Joan of Arc Church and is consulting with several other parishes.

"Sacred Hearts is a good example of how I work with pastors and building committees in parish design," he said. "For any project, you need to know

the identity of a parish – who the people are, their background in that particular location. It's also important to know the unique regional aspects of a location and how all of this can be tied together with the language of sacred architecture.

"The parishioners wanted the church to stand out and serve as 'a beacon on a hill' because it's Morrow County's only Catholic church and is on a busy highway, U.S. 42. It faces

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the road, to symbolize the dialogue between the Church and the world.” It’s laid out in a Romanesque design, with simple gables and a bell tower that seemed to Heyer appropriate for a rural area. “Like the previous church, it combines the sanctuary and social hall in the layout, but unlike its predecessor, the two are now separate spaces,” Heyer said.

“At St. Stephen’s, we took what had been a basement area and refocused the liturgy on a real church-like sanctuary with a central altar, which the area didn’t have in previous manifestations,” he said. “We used simple, classical themes for the raised sanctuary and a canopy over the altar. The parish is primarily a Latino congregation, so the design included decorative motifs including repeating symbols of octagons, Greek crosses and hexagons in the ceiling, which are more common in Latin American and Mediterranean churches. The altar rail design is similarly modeled on Spanish baroque designs.

“After the renovation, Father (Thomas) Buffer (the parish’s pastor at the time) sent me a wedding picture where the wedding party displayed such joy, and I just sensed the design had fulfilled its purpose of expressing the parishioners’ identity, not just as Catholics, but as people of a particular culture, giving them something to hand on to the next generation.

“Many of the projects I’ve done involved limited finances,” he said. “In those cases, you can’t try to do everything, so you start the sanctuary beautification process with the most essential needs, with the hope this will get parishioners excited and they’ll



**Westerville St. Paul Church features a sanctuary mural depicting local landmarks and contemporary saints. CT file photo**

continue with the next phases. At Co-shocton, for instance, we’re using a new decorative paint scheme, putting in new or slightly used liturgical furnishings, two new side shrines and a new main altar, and moving the tabernacle to the center of the altar. There’s also a new *reredos* (altar screen) that previously had been at Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church, which has been renovated.” Heyer said the cost for those changes would be between \$150,000 and \$250,000.

Meleca has been the architect for renovations at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, Columbus Sacred Heart, Columbus St. Patrick, Columbus St. John the Baptist, Pickerington St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and German Village St. Mary churches; Christ the King Chapel at Franciscan University of Steubenville; and the Columbus St.

Joseph Montessori School. He also redesigned the building on East Broad Street in Columbus that now serves as offices for The Catholic Foundation. It had been the location of the original Wendy’s restaurant and began as an auto dealership.

Meleca’s first church assignment was Granville St. Edward, where in 2002 he designed a 900-seat worship space to surround the 300-seat country chapel-style building that the parish had outgrown. “There was a lot of emotion attached to the original building, so we repurposed it and made it the narthex (vestibule or gathering space) of the new church,” he said. Options for future balconies also were included in the new structure to allow for growth.

The way in which Meleca seamlessly blended new and old traditions in Granville led to commissions from

other churches, most notably St. Paul. “That was a construction challenge – to create something with some intimacy, yet holding so many people,” he said. “We built it according to the traditional cruciform (cross-shaped) plan, but divided the seating into three areas, one facing east-west, the same direction as the altar, and the other two facing north-south. This gives the entire congregation the sense of being close to the altar.

“We also raised the altar and the *ambo* (pulpit) off the pew floor level, making the acoustics better in the process, placed a private chapel behind the altar, and repurposed salvaged stained-glass windows from churches in the Cleveland diocese that had been closed.

“The contractor for the church, Corna Kokosing, told us of a type of limestone sourced and mined in Jerusalem which it had used in building a synagogue,” Meleca said. “The price points were very good when compared with a traditional tile floor. It was custom-made, shipped here and assembled in the church for our flooring and walls.

“The ‘Jerusalem stone’ has a golden tint to it with white accents and is meant to evoke the Biblical image of the New Jerusalem, with streets paved in gold. In addition, plans called for a mural, and EverGreene studios in Brooklyn provided St. Paul’s with one you’ll find nowhere else because of all the local symbols.”

The church’s combination of size and simplicity led *U.S. Catholic* magazine to select it as one of 10 “national

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**Sister Maria Gemma Salyer, OSF, a Newark Catholic and Ohio Dominican University graduate, tells her vocation story.**



**Bishop Robert Brennan talks to students attending the annual diocesan Marian Dinner for girls. CT photos by Ken Snow**

prise, she called and was told to come to Indiana.

She brought a friend with her, but confided in her during the trip that “I’m not called to this order. I just wanted to go on a retreat.

“(But) as soon as we get there into the driveway of the sisters’ convent, this flood of grace overwhelms me, and I just knew in that moment, ‘This is your home,’” Sister Maria Gemma said. “That whole weekend was so overwhelming. I know that the Lord was so present in that moment, that His grace was almost palpable.”

She returned to Columbus, graduated with a degree in theology from ODU in May 2006 and entered the order in September.

“A lot of times, we have all this fear

and anxiety because we give up so much for religious life,” she said. “We think we have to be 100 percent sure. ‘Let me be 100 percent sure before I give all my clothes away, my music away.’ Does God work that way? None of us grew up in a convent, right? So can we really know what it’s like without living there?”

Sister Maria Gemma encouraged anyone who is unsure about a vocation to be open to listening to God.

“He splashes you with grace,” she said. “That happens after you’ve taken a step toward your vocation. It happens when you get married. You’ve never been married before. You don’t

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# New athletic fields called 'game-changers' at Bishop Watterson

By Doug Bean  
Catholic Times Editor

Having brand-new athletic fields next to the high school to practice and play games on might best be described as a surreal experience for athletes and coaches at Columbus Bishop Watterson.

Watterson's fields of dreams are a reality, and several outdoor sports teams no longer need to use offsite venues after the completion of the school's \$3 million back-field project this month.

In early September, two artificial turf fields were finished behind the school at 99 E. Cooke Road. Soccer and field hockey teams played their first home games there this month.

The project was funded through private donations as part of a campaign that began last year with the help of real-estate developer Bob Hoying, a former Ohio State University and NFL quarterback who also is an assistant football coach at the school.

Work to transform the space behind the school building, where some of the teams previously practiced and the baseball team played its games, began after completion of the baseball season this spring. Late spring rains led to delays that pushed back completion of the complex several weeks past the Aug. 1 target.

Boys and girls soccer and field hockey were the first teams to play games on the turf fields. Two artificial surface fields will accommodate games and practices for soccer, field hockey, junior varsity/freshman football and marching band in the fall, and lacrosse, baseball and track and field in the spring. Students also will use the fields for physical education classes.

"It's really a testament to what can be done with a dedicated and committed group of people," said Janet Baird, longtime Watterson field hockey coach.

When the field hockey team played its first game at its new home this month — a 3-0 victory over Olentangy Orange — Baird, her current players, former players, parents and alumni could hardly believe what they were experiencing.

"I'm actually still a little in shock because we've played off campus during my entire coaching career," she said. "It's truly, truly a blessing. It was a pretty awesome moment. ... It was very moving, a family atmosphere."

"It's a game-changer," said senior field hockey player Emily Dixon.

Despite the difficulties the field hockey team faced for years without a home to call its own, Watterson had a highly competitive program. Its long



New athletic fields for practice and competition at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School recently were completed. Photos courtesy Bishop Watterson



Bishop Watterson's girls soccer team played its first home game on the new field at the school on Saturday, Sept. 7 against Olentangy Orange.

history of excellence includes three state championships and five runner-up finishes. The team last reached the state final four in 2014.

"The last two years were particularly challenging," Baird said. "None of my teams actually held a practice on a full-size field. We've been all over the place. We rented turf. We wouldn't practice with the ball. We went to the park and conditioned."

Without a home venue, the Eagles played 18 road games each year. Last year's seniors, some of whom came back for the first game on the new field, never had a home game in their four years of high school.

"The girls actually feel like they now have a home," Baird said. "They're getting used to how the field plays. Small things are creating big smiles. We actually have our own bench. They are truly enjoying everything about it."

Dixon can attest to that. She's one of the Watterson student-athletes who never had played a home game until

now.

"Now our fans can actually come to our games," she said. "We get to practice on the field we actually get to play on. Other schools were so used to walking outside and stepping on their own field, and now we get to walk outside to our field, and we're so thankful. The team really appreciates it."

At that first home game, she said more students, staff, administrators, parents and relatives came out to watch than the team had ever seen.

"It really doesn't feel real sometimes," she said. "I never thought it would actually happen. It's really amazing."

Baird is hoping that Watterson can host postseason tournament games this year for the first time. Home games are determined by seeding.

"That's one of our goals," Baird said.

Beyond games and practices, a quality facility provides additional benefits such as preserving the health of athletes, saving transportation dollars and reducing missed practice time

because of weather.

"It's actually made a huge difference as far as injuries," Baird said. "Every other practice (in past years), somebody was twisting or turning something."

Girls soccer coach Scott Dempsey shares Baird's enthusiasm. "It's a wonderful gift from our soccer community and the Watterson community," he said. "It's such a huge game-changer for field hockey and soccer."

In previous years, Watterson's soccer teams played a limited number of home games at neutral sites such as Otterbein University or Hagely Field in the Clintonville neighborhood, but it was difficult to get other teams to come to Hagely because its surface was not regulation size for soccer.

The new facility "definitely gives teams a reason to come to us," Dempsey said.

The benefits of playing on a quality surface became evident last year when the Eagles played all their "home" games on the artificial turf at Otterbein and wound up winning a Division I regional title and advancing to the state semifinals for the first time in 20 years.

This year's debut game on the new field was played on Saturday, Sept. 7 against Olentangy Orange. It ended in a 1-1 tie. Since then, Watterson has hosted rival Columbus St. Francis DeSales and Dublin Coffman.

"We're ecstatic, absolutely ecstatic," Dempsey said. "We talk about servant leadership and giving back, and it's a great, concrete example when you have people who care about something to make the effort to make it happen."

The only teams not playing there are softball and varsity football, which practices at the school but is playing its games this fall at Ohio Dominican University. There's simply not enough room for softball or for expanded bleacher seating and parking to accommodate the crowds that high school football attracts.

Senior tight end and linebacker Chris Crane is appreciative of having the modern practice facility after previously using the grass field behind the school. The field sometimes turned into a "mud pit" when it rained.

While the Eagles' 3-0 start this season might not be attributable to the new field, younger players will benefit for years to come. Crane said it could result in more potential students choosing to attend Watterson in the future for football and other sports.

"As a program, it's really big," he said.

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Listen to God, do what he says and tell others

**Amos 8:4-7**  
**Psalm 113:1-2,4-8**  
**1 Timothy 2:1-8**  
**Luke 16:1-13**

## Father Timothy Hayes



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

Each unique human being has a place in the world that no one else can fill, a task that is necessary for the world's salvation. We discover our place through our response to the Word of God.

The Scriptures call us first to be hearers of the Word. God speaks to us and we must allow His Word to penetrate into our awareness.

This is not a mere intellectual act. It is an act of being. We are vessels, recipients, "containers" that are meant to open ourselves – body, mind and spirit – to God and His plan for the world.

We must also be *doers of the Word*. The Word that God speaks is meant to be put into practice by those who receive it.

This involves a choice. It involves an act of discernment – whether we will truly accept what we have received into our lives. The Word that has penetrated our awareness, having entered into us interiorly, must be given a place in our way of living.

This is what it means to practice our faith. So many fail to reach this point of involvement. We hear the Word and even approve of it, but we do not let it flow.

We are the "cafeteria Catholics" that we hear so much about, saying to ourselves by inaction, if not by word, "I accept this, but not that. I will do this, but the Church cannot honestly expect me to do that. I will choose my own way rather than God's way." With this manner of action, we "*trample upon the needy*"; that is, those who need our witness of faith in order to come to believe it.

We must finally also be *proclaimers of the Word*. This part is actually rather easy if we have become hearers and doers of the Word. Our very lives become an avenue for God to speak in us and through us.

However, if we fail to allow for an open channel by *hearing* and *doing* the Word, there is much static. We

say to the world, "Can you hear me now?" But the signal has been lost or it is very weak.

Our Gospel today calls us to make the choice: God or Mammon. "*No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Mammon.*"

Jesus does not offer any middle ground here. He is loving and gentle and kind, but He is also truthful about the matter of choice. Choose. Who is your God? Is it God, who has the right to be God because He IS God? Or is it Mammon — the god of this world, which is not truly god except by our act of submission?

Money can control us, whether we have it or not. Our actions that leave out the most vulnerable are the charge that is laid against us "*who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land.*" We fail to put God first and we seek our own pursuits without reference to their effect on others.

This charge has to sting, or we have not heard it. We who have received the Word are guilty if we do not *hear it and do it*.

We who are involved in all the pursuits of our time, both in our work and in our leisure, fail to live our call if we do not consciously seek to proclaim the Word to those who share these pursuits with us.

The Lord wants to find us trustworthy and to give us true riches – His Kingdom. We are invited to open our hearts to Him and Him alone. If we do so, He promises, we will be *welcomed into eternal dwellings*. Making friends by using the riches of this world for God's purposes, we share in the task entrusted to us: building up a place in our world for God's Word. Let us hear it, do it and proclaim it by our lives.

## PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in necessity. Oh, star of the sea, help me and show me herein, you are my Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your powers. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee. (Repeat three times) Oh, Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand. (Repeat three times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and in all instances in my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days, after three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor has been granted. MS

## THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

**MONDAY**  
 Ezra 1:1-6  
 Psalm 126:1b-6  
 Luke 8:16-18

**TUESDAY**  
 Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  
 Psalm 122:1-5  
 Luke 8:19-21

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Ezra 9:5-9  
 Tobit 13:2-4, 7-8 (Ps)  
 Luke 9:1-6

**THURSDAY**  
 Haggai 1:8  
 Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9b  
 Luke 9:7-9

**FRIDAY**  
 Haggai 2:1-9  
 Psalm 43:1-4  
 Luke 9:18-22

**SATURDAY**  
 Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a  
 Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Ps)  
 Luke 9:43b-45

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF SEPT. 22, 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](http://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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

We pray Week I, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

## St. Anthony study skills course



Junior high students at Columbus St. Anthony School, with teachers Stephanie Hopson, Brandon Garrick and Kelly Buzenski, have started a new study skills course. The class meets twice a week and will focus on six main topics: goals and priorities, getting organized, managing time, reading and note-taking, research and planning projects, and taking tests.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

# A different way of looking at Catholicism's reaction to the modern world

The eminent sociologist Peter Rossi was a world-class punster whose scholarly accomplishments fed a sometimes-whimsical view of the human condition in which, Rossi memorably observed, “there are many ironies in the fire.”

That's certainly true of the interaction between Catholicism and cultural, social, and political modernity for the last 250 years. The multiple ironies in that complex relationship, and their surprising results, are explored in my new book *The Irony of Modern Catholic History: How the Church Rediscovered Itself and Challenged the Modern World to Reform* (Basic Books), in which I turn the conventional telling of this tale inside out and upside down.

Why the inversion? Because I believe the way the story is typically told – modernity acts, Catholicism simply reacts – is wrong. Things were much more complicated and much more interesting than that. So were the outcomes.

It is certainly true that, at the beginning of what we think of as the “modern world,” thinkers like Voltaire declared Catholicism an “infamy” that must be “crushed” – a demolition project taken up with relish by the French Revolution, the German *Kulturkampf*, the Italian *Risorgimento* and other quintessential expressions of political modernity. That assault provoked a sharp reaction, with Popes Gregory XVI (1832-1846) and Pius IX (1846-1878) lambasting the modern project in its various expressions.

But then came the pivot of my story: the election of Pope Leo XIII, who at the beginning of his pontificate in 1878 took a bold, grand-strategic decision – the Church would engage the modern world with distinctively Catholic intellectual tools in order to convert it. That decision set in motion what I call the “Leonine Revolution,” the search for appro-

## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

Geroge Weigel

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appropriate Catholic methods to engage and convert the new world being built by science and technology, post-monarchical politics, and skepticism about the Bible and Christian doctrine. Had Leo made the right decision? If he had, how should it be implemented? Those questions were hotly contested in the Church for 80 years, not without a fair amount of ecclesiastical elbow-throwing.

Then, in 1959, the newly elected Pope John XXIII took another bold, grand strategic decision: he would gather the energies set loose by the Leonine Revolution and focus them through the prism of an ecumenical council. And as he made clear in his magisterial opening address to what we know as Vatican II, the council's purpose would be conversion: The Church would engage the modern world in order to offer it truths essential to satisfying the modern quest for freedom, solidarity and prosperity.

That Johannine intention got lost in the 20-year brawl that followed Vatican II, as some Catholics interpreted the council as a call to embrace the modern world unreservedly, just as the late-modern world was slipping into incoherence: freedom was misconstrued as license and human beings were

considered as nothing more than twitching bundles of desires. Beginning with Paul VI's 1975 apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (Proclaiming the Gospel), however, the Church's teaching authority began to reclaim the evangelical, missionary imperative that had animated Leo XIII and John XXIII. That recentering on the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20 was given depth and breadth by John Paul II and Benedict XVI, two men of Vatican II whose authoritative interpretation of the council summoned the Church to a springtime of evangelism, sharing with the world the gift of friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ that every Christian is given in baptism.

So what were the ironies in this particular fire? The first and most important is that through the twists and turns of its encounter with modernity (which began with both sides hurling condemnations and anathemas), the Catholic Church rediscovered the basic truth about itself: that we are a community of disciples in mission, whose purpose is to convert the world. The second related irony is that, in the course of that rediscovery, the Catholic Church developed a social doctrine – a way of thinking about freedom, solidarity and prosperity that could help save the post-modern 21st-century world from self-destructing.

And today's crisis of Catholic self-confidence? Viewed through this interpretive lens, the abuse-and-leadership crisis comes into focus as a time of essential purification, so that the Church can be a persuasive evangelist and a compelling advocate for the truths that make us truly free.

There are, indeed, many ironies in the fire. Grasping their providential character, as I try to do in *The Irony of Modern Catholic History*, suggests grounds for hope in this wintry Catholic season.

## St. Michael students, staff go roller skating



Worthington St. Michael School families and staff participated in a skateathon to show their school spirit on Thursday, Sept. 5 at Skate Zone 71 in Columbus.

*Photo courtesy St. Michael School*

## St. Bernadette sandwich makers



Lancaster St. Bernadette School students help provide for the hungry and homeless through a service project known as Sandwich Saturday. Each month, a different class assembles sandwiches and donates them to Lancaster's Foundation Dinners program, which serves two meals every day to those in need. Sharon Elder's kindergarten students are shown making sandwiches earlier this month. *Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School*

# PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

**ANDERSON, Rita (Hardy), 96, Sept. 7**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**BLAKEMAN, Martha J. (Wiss), 91, Sept. 8**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

**BURTSCHER, John, 85, Sept. 12**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**DEMPSEY, Barbara, 82, Sept. 6**  
Holy Cross Church, Columbus

**DOOLING, Ann (Kaplan), 98, Sept. 11**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**EBERT, Mark E., 67, Sept. 10**  
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

**EVANS, Diana R., 90, Sept. 9**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**FLESHMAN, Josephine P. (Caito), 79, Sept. 9**  
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

**GREEN, Herma T. (Coffey), 95, Sept. 6**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**HARRIS, Betty (Fox), 98, Sept. 8**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**IRWIN, Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Kiener), 97, Sept. 4**  
Holy Family Church, Columbus

**KELLEHER, Katherine P. (Mullen), 82, Sept. 3**  
Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel, Pataskala

**LENNON, Janet (Davis), 90, Sept. 10**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**McBRIDE, Samuel J., Sept. 15**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**MELVIN, John L., 84, Sept. 13**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**METHENEY, Irene (Tucci), 78, Sept. 9**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,  
Grove City

**MILLER, William A., 59, Sept. 7**  
Corpus Christi Church, Columbus

**SCHNEIDER, Mary A., 95, Sept. 7**  
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

**STRETTON, Norma (VanBuren), 82, Sept. 8**  
St. Mary Church, Bremen

**WEGER, Martha (Murphy), 68, Sept. 12**  
Christ the King Church, Columbus

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know how the Lord is going to use your gifts and develop them through your vocation. It's the same with religious life.

"I have no idea how the Lord is going to unfold our personhood, how He's going to make us flourish as women, as His daughters. But I can tell you, He does do it, to have no fear, to put our trust in Him that whatever He has called us to and whatever He has created our hearts for and whatever He has shaped us for, it's going to fulfill us."

Bishop Brennan wrapped up the evening by thanking those in atten-

dance before offering a final blessing. "You gave God a tremendous gift, probably one of your more valuable gifts," he said. "You gave God the gift of time. One of the things that St. John Paul II would actually say a lot is 'Never be afraid to give God time.' When you give God time, it's not time lost. God gives it back to you and transforms you.

"I do know that the Lord will speak to you. Sometimes it's slow and over time, but God will be speaking to you, and He will lead you in wonderful, wonderful ways."

## BLUE MASS, continued from Page 9

by God. That something greater is ultimately going to be victorious. We say that every single time when somebody lives their life not for themselves, but for God and other people.

"We see it in your courage and your generosity and your fidelity to service to the greater community. There's something more, something greater, something deeper, and we all see it in the way you exercise your vocation.

"We pray for all who are watching over us and protecting us even now. And we ask God to receive not only those who have given their lives in the line of duty, but all those who have gone before us."

Before the closing prayer and dismissal, Father Leo Connolly offered his reflections.

A longtime chaplain for the Franklin County sheriff's office and pastor of Columbus St. Cecilia Church, Father Connolly was recognized on Sept. 7 in Ohio Stadium during the first quarter of Ohio State University's football game against the University of Cincinnati for his service to law enforcement. The priest had traveled to ground zero after 9/11 and remained for several weeks to offer assistance.

"On Sept. 11, 2001, it was the best of the worst of times," he said. "Of course, whenever we think of that date, we immediately think of the worst of times.

"We remember where we were that day. The videos constantly playing of what we were watching unfold live for us through the modern technology, and we kept on asking questions and responding with all sorts of feelings and the like.

"And now it's hard to believe it is 18 years later, and we still can remember exactly where we were and many of the feelings we were experiencing and the sights we were looking at.

"But even in the worst of times, I'm a firm believer that even good can come out of it. And as the bishop

mentioned in his homily, we are now aware some 18 years later of so many stories of so many heroes, and indeed, many of them were first responders."

Amid the confusion before the giant skyscrapers collapsed, Father Connolly said, "more often than not, there was not that scurrying to save oneself, but there was that sense that they were in it together.

"We hear in the words of St. Paul (that) we are all one. We indeed are one. First responders and non-first responders, civilian and military, all of us share the human condition, and in the worst of circumstances, the best of us came out."

Father Connolly added that the civilians who came to the rescue of others on 9/11 are also heroes. He pointed out that the first casualty that day was Father Mychal Judge, a Franciscan priest who was chaplain for the Fire Department of New York and was with the command staff at the base of the towers as firefighters and police attempted to figure out how to respond.

"He knew this was the worst of the worst," Father Connolly said. "He began to pray, walking back and forth. As the tower came down, he was crushed to death, and the firefighters picked up his body, took it to the nearby Catholic church and laid it in front of the altar, the altar of sacrifice.

"Indeed, people ask, 'Where was God that day?' God is the one who leads us into the kingdom of heaven.

"Father Judge celebrated those mysteries and was the one who led those in line to the glorious kingdom of heaven. It didn't matter who you were, what department you were with, what your nationality was, what your faith was, but simply because you were creatures of God. Thanks to all of you."

At the close of Mass, the bagpipers played *Amazing Grace* and the names of first responders from Ohio who died in the line of duty during the past year were read.



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## SEPTEMBER

**20, FRIDAY**  
**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**

**21, SATURDAY**  
**Josephinum 4-Mile Run/Walk**  
9 a.m., Glacier Ridge Metro Park, 9801 Hyland-

Croy Road, Dublin. Annual Friends of the Josephinum 4-mile run/walk, benefiting Pontifical College Josephinum seminarians. Bishop Robert Brennan will be starter. All participants receive bread and either a bottle of wine or a jar of Trappist jam. Entry fee \$45 per person; \$40 for groups of three or more. Register at M3Sports.com.

**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**

**Birthing of Columbus Luncheon**  
Noon, Mozart's Cafe, 4784 N. High St., Columbus. 47th annual luncheon of Birthing of Columbus, providing compassionate care for women and their babies. Includes Dress Barn style show, silent auction and raffles. Tickets \$35. **614-404-8106 or 614-235-7465**

**Shepherd's Corner Open House**  
Noon to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Annual open house at farm and gardens operated by Dominican Sisters of Peace. Participants may walk the grounds, including meditation trail and labyrinth walk. Program includes hayrides, art demonstrations, a fire truck and a food truck. Donation \$5 per car. **614-866-4302**

**22, SUNDAY**  
**Frassati Society Sunday Mass, Brunch**  
10:30 a.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults attends Mass, followed by brunch at City Egg, 1478 Bethel Road. **614-224-9522**

**Diocesan Faith Formation Leaders Meeting**  
1 to 5 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Meeting of diocesan faith formation (RCIA, catechetical, youth ministry, adult education) leaders. Includes presentation by Bishop Robert Brennan, recognition of service milestones, prayer and lunch. Cost \$10. Registration required. Visit [www.columbuscatholic.org/leadership](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/leadership).

**Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry**  
2 to 4 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Second 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**

**St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans**  
2 to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Prayer followed by ongoing formation, general meeting and fellowship. Visitors welcome. **614-895-7792**

**Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King**  
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets. for praise, worship, ministry and teaching. **614-886-8266**

**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. Third of weekly series of sessions with Father Adam Streitenberger through December on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. **614-224-1295**

**23, 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**  
**Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry**  
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of church). **614-718-0227, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157**  
**Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study**  
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday's readings.

**24, TUESDAY**  
**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.  
**Taize Prayer Service at St. Brigid of Kildare**  
6:30 p.m., St. Brigid of Kildare Church, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin. A meditative candlelit prayer service of song and silence in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community. **614-761-3734**

**25, 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 Powell**  
7 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. 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

**25-28, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY**  
**Three Bags Full Consignment Sale**  
6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 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), Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. **614-561-5300**

**26, 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 "The Truth About Labeling: Advocating for Inclusion" with Dr. Kristall Day, ODU associate professor of education. 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.

**Pregnancy Decision Health Centers Banquet**  
7 p.m., Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. Annual Celebration of Life banquet sponsored by Pregnancy Decision Health Centers. No charge; freewill offering will be taken. **614-444-4411**

**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 Pat and Gracie's restaurant. **614-224-9522**

**27, FRIDAY**  
**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**

**28, SATURDAY**  
**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**  
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.  
**St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk**  
9 a.m. to noon, St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Annual one-mile Friends of the Poor Walk benefiting diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Register at [www.svdpcolumbus.org](http://www.svdpcolumbus.org) or **614-221-3554**  
**Frassati Society Horseback Riding**  
2 to 8 p.m., Meet at St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Columbus. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults goes horseback riding from about 3 to 5:30 at Marmon Valley Farm in Zanesfield (near Bellefontaine), followed by food at Firehouse Pizza and Subs in Zanesfield. Cost for horseback riding: \$27. **614-224-9522**

**29, SUNDAY**  
**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "A Local Witness," a discussion by Deacon Tom Rowlands of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church on the joy of an arms-length faith and a near horizon.  
**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**

**Reception for Franciscan Sisters in Zanesville**  
Noon to 2 p.m., Social hall, St. Nicholas Church, 955 E. Main St., Zanesville. Reception for the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in honor of the congregation's 150th anniversary, hosted by Daughters of Isabella Circle 586. Light refreshments will be served. **740-453-0597**

**Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry**  
2 to 4 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Third 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**  
**Community Supper at St. Aloysius**  
2 to 4 p.m., Family center, St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St., Columbus. Free community supper, open to all. Parish plans to continue the suppers on the last Sunday of each month. **614-875-5669**

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## Volunteers build cross country course at Fisher Catholic

Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School has a cross country course for the first time in many years, thanks to the efforts of about 40 volunteers who built the 3.1-mile course on a hill on school property behind the soccer field.

Building it did not cost the school anything because of the volunteer work.

The course's first event, an invitational hosted by the school's cross country team, took place on Tuesday, Sept. 17, with seven high school and seven junior high teams participating.

The event was known as the Be Moore Invitational in honor of Fisher cross country coach Gary Moore, who has been at the school for nine years. His coaching career began in 1977 and includes stops at Fisher, Gallipolis, Coshocton Sacred Heart and Amanda-Clearcreek.

Laura Bee, whose son Vin, a sophomore at the school, is a team member, said efforts to get the course built began in the spring of 2018, when he and teammate Sam Gundelfinger asked why the school had no cross country course.

She said she promised the two that

a course would be built before they graduated, then asked assistant athletic director Cathy Henry for help.

Bee said the school had a two-mile cross country course that was abandoned after the Ohio High School Athletic Association mandated in 1982 that all such courses be 3.1 miles long. Until recently, the team had practiced for a number of years on bike paths and roads near the school.

Bee said the course was overgrown with grass and vegetation of all sorts and full of debris.

Work started in June 2018 and it took more than a year to clear and reseed the area, do excavation, install culverts and fencing and put in directional arrows. The effort continued until days before the invitational.

"It's a picturesque, challenging course, providing plenty of variety with flat areas, rolling hills and a canopy of trees," she said.

"We're hoping to host more invitationals and OHSAA district or regional events. If we're able to do that, it could be one of the school's biggest revenue producers."

Funds to pay for building the course



Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School cross country coach Gary Moore (far left) and team members pray before a practice on the school's new 3.1-mile cross country course, which opened on Tuesday, Sept. 17 with an invitational event featuring seven high school and seven junior high teams.

*Photo courtesy Laura Bee*

were raised through individual donations and the school's annual Bid O'Luck dinner and auction in the spring. It has been named for St. Stylianos, a seventh-century hermit venerated as a protector of children.

Bee said that besides those already

mentioned, those who played a significant role in preparing the course include school principal Jim Globokar, athletic director Jason Roush, Al Beavers, Tony Vogel, Scott and Sharon Hill, Will and Tasha Sharp and the Mooney family.



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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	Steubenville @ St. Francis DeSales
November 1	Bishop Watterson @ St. Charles

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

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treasures” in 2014.

Meleca also used the Jerusalem stone when renovating Seton Parish in 2012. “The building was only 20 years old, but had multiple problems – a leaky roof, pews chipped because they weren’t of good quality, sloped floors, concrete cracking in the floors, multiple platforms, a baptismal font with leak issues. It was ‘value engineered’ to a point where the construction wasn’t done very well,” he said.

“We moved the altar, tabernacle and baptismal font, placing them along the major axis of the church to emphasize their importance. The altar and the ambo were elevated onto a platform dedicated with red stone to represent the blood of Christ. That red flows down to the sanctuary floor and eventually to the baptismal font, representing Christ’s sacrifice.

“The Adoration chapel was like a closet,” he said. “We added a new, much-larger chapel behind the altar, with a two-sided tabernacle shared by the chapel and the sanctuary, and we decorated the ceiling with stars.

“We stripped everything off the roof, which was made of asphalt and only 4 or 5 years old, and we replaced it with pressed metal which looks like Spanish tile and is similar to the roof at St. Paul’s. There also were a lot of issues with the flashing on the roof, so



**The sanctuary of Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr Church, remodeled by Columbus architect William Heyer. He added decorative motifs including repeating symbols of octagons, Greek crosses and hexagons to reflect the parish’s Latino heritage. CT file photo**

we changed that. The result of all this should be an end to the roof leaks.”

Besides their work with churches, both architects have been involved with designing and renovating other central Ohio buildings. Meleca designed The Cap at Union Station and the 191 W. Nationwide Blvd. office

building in downtown Columbus, as well as buildings at Easton Commons. Among the projects his firm is completing before being closed are two high-rises being built at Rich and

High streets in downtown Columbus for Lifestyle Communities. Heyer has been involved with renovating the Morrow County Courthouse in Mount Gilead and restoring the Robbins Hunter Museum in Granville. His office is located in Bexley, and he is on that city’s architecture review board.

“I want to help people reintegrate their understanding of the language of architecture at both the secular and the sacred levels so we can have a revival of beauty in our neighborhoods and civic buildings, as well as our churches,” he said.

In addition to classes at the Josephinum, Heyer has presented one-night talks or multiple-part programs on church architecture at Blessed Sacrament, St. Joan of Arc, Lancaster St. Mary and Columbus St. Catharine churches.

“I talk about common threads running through sacred architecture from ancient pre-Christian temples to the churches of today,” he said. “We have diluted the rich tradition of church architecture, but we now are reconnecting with it and moving forward with it. It’s something not old, but continually renewed as sacred language is re-presented in a contemporary way.”



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