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The Editor's Notebook*It's about the children*

By David Garick, Editor



I recently was reading a newspaper column about how modern society is becoming increasingly self-centered. We first started hearing about the “Me Generation” in the 1970s. It was not a passing phase. Another generation has passed and the trend of inward focus is greater than ever.

We are surrounded with people who have a world view that begins and ends with “What’s in it for me?” Social media, a wonderful new tool that can do great things in keeping people connected, is all too often used as a bully pulpit of self-aggrandizement and self-promotion. Reality television replaces thoughtful, well-scripted drama and comedy with banal exercises of craven efforts by one-dimensional people to win their 15 minutes of fame.

As Catholics, we know – or we should know – that our lives must be focused on the love of Christ and reflecting that love on those around us. Happiness and fulfillment in life does not come from how big a name we make for ourselves. As St. Paul wrote: “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful.”

Nowhere is this call of self-denying love more important than in the family. We are called to raise the next generation to live a successful life in God’s love. Far too many children are struggling with the “noisy gong and clanging cymbals” of our secular society because they lack the spiritual foundation that holds them to the foundation of Christ’s love.

We must teach them. First and foremost, that falls on the family. Parents must get past the modern notion of being pals to their children and teach them from the earliest years the things they need to know to live successfully. Most importantly, they need to model strong Christian values and ethical living. This is not always a comfortable thing to do, but it is vital. Fortunately, parents have lots of resources to help them instill Catholic values and thought processes in their children. Our Catholic schools do a wonderful job of combining spiritual and academic knowledge for our children. For those children who can’t attend a Catholic school, we also have wonderful religious education programs in our parishes, outstanding youth programs that teach virtues, along with having fun, and an array of faith-based organizations that instill real values as young people pursue activities that match their interests.

Sometimes, none of these are enough. Some of our children whose parents cannot give them the direction they need, or who suffer from physical or psychological disorders that inhibit them from developing positive social habits. This issue of *Catholic Times* looks at the St. Vincent Family Center, which exists to give parents extra resources to guide these children in directions that will enable them to live happy, successful lives. You can read that story on Page 10.

Let’s teach our children to seek happiness in the faces of those around them, not in a mirror. Through the joint efforts of family, school, parishes, and Catholic organizations, we are all called to live the words of Christ: “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Asbestos delays St. Michael School opening

The opening of classes at Worthington St. Michael School has been delayed until Friday, Sept. 22. The delay was caused by the release of asbestos dust, a known cancer-causing material, when the school’s tile floors were damaged slightly in late June while being stripped and waxed as part of annual summertime maintenance.

The entire school is being cleaned and the asbestos floor tile, ceiling tile, and other items are being removed and replaced. The school will be tested for asbestos and radon when the work is complete. Insurance is covering the project. Classes had been scheduled to start on Wednesday, Aug. 23. Preschool classes will begin on time because they are in another building. After-school care will begin when school starts.

An email to parents from Sister John Paul Maher, OP, school principal, said the delayed opening means all unrequired school breaks will be eliminated and the school year will be extended until June

15. She said the diocesan Schools Office granted a one-week special exemption from its requirement of 175 instruction days. Teacher development programs have been moved to days before and after the school year. The school will work with parents who face financial difficulty because of unexpected child care costs related to the delayed opening.

Sister John Paul told parents that options which included having classes at a temporary site were considered, but it was determined the late start was preferable “to best focus time and resources on getting the whole school operational faster.”

She also said parents have sent many expressions of support since learning of the situation. She appreciates their “embracing what the Lord has allowed to take place with great trust, even amidst the unique challenges. God is with us and He is bringing us the gift of strengthening our community by the public witness of faithful and generous parents.”

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation Tuesday, Aug. 15

Check individual parishes for schedule of Holy Day Mass times



Front Page photo:
St. Vincent Family Center has been in the same Columbus location since 1875. Its expansion in 2015 allows it to provide more children with behavioral health care.

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ODU president hopes to strengthen ties to diocesan schools

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, *Catholic Times*

Dr. Robert Gervasi says one of the first things he wants to do as Ohio Dominican University's new president is strengthen ODU's ties to the school system of the Diocese of Columbus.

"I have many long-term goals for the university, but as I begin my tenure at ODU, I'm working in particular on developing two initiatives which could be in place for the 2018-19 academic year," he said. "ODU is central Ohio's only comprehensive four-year Catholic educational institution, and these would bring us significantly closer to the diocesan schools."

"I hope to work with all the diocesan high schools to develop a program in which interested juniors from a school could come as a group and visit the campus for a day," he said. "This would involve the full campus experience, with students observing classes, seeing and using our recreational facilities, having a meal here, and getting a chance to talk with students."

"All of this would be a way of welcoming them to the ODU community. Each school could decide what works for them, whether students would come for a full day, a morning or an afternoon. We'll follow whatever format the school desires."

"The other thing I'd love to do in conjunction with the schools is have us host a symposium every year or every other year for all Catholic educators in the diocese. The theme I'd propose for the first of these events is 'what Catholic education has meant to me,'" Gervasi said.

"It would be good to have Catholic educators from all levels, pre-kindergarten to high school, get together for an ongoing dialogue involving the values of formation and transformation that are part of the Catholic educational experience. The earlier grades are mostly for the formation of students and the upper grades are where they begin their transformation to an adult life."

"An active discussion of these goals would help teachers and students better embrace both the spiritual and the apostolic dimensions of faith life. It would enliven all students in Catholic schools, whatever their faith tradition."

The selection by a search commit-

tee of Gervasi, 66, as ODU's 16th president was announced in March. He succeeds Dr. Peter Cimolic, who retired after seven years in the position.

Gervasi had been president of Quincy (Illinois) University, a Franciscan liberal-arts institution with about 1,300 students. He was in contact by phone and mail with ODU trustees and staff for four months before moving to Columbus on June 22 and officially taking over from Cimolic four days later. A formal presidential inauguration ceremony will occur during the 2017-18 academic year.

Gervasi and his wife, Jen, live in a university-owned home which he said is a one-minute walk from campus. The couple have three adult daughters and two grandchildren. Gervasi is the first ODU president to live on campus since Dr. Jack Calareso, its 13th president, became the first layperson to lead the institution in 2001.

The university had purchased the home several years ago as a residence for the president, but Calareso and Gervasi's two other predecessors chose to live elsewhere.

"Jen and I wanted to live on campus to be as close as we could to the ODU community," Gervasi said. "This makes it easy to be as much a part of the campus as possible and to host special events such as talks, receptions, or celebrations connected to what's occurring on campus."

Gervasi said that since his selection as president was announced, he has talked to more than 50 members of the university's faculty and staff, in addition to the board of trustees.

"What impressed me most in all my conversations was the consistent passionate response I heard and observed from all members of the ODU community, and their enthusiasm and commitment to its mission as a top-quality institution in the Dominican tradition," he said. "This gives me great enthusiasm to move the university forward."

He said the university's greatest strengths are "the culture of warmth and welcome I have sensed and the history and tradition of the Dominican Sisters



of Peace, who continue to support us with their time, talent, and treasure. The 800 years of Dominican educational tradition since the order was founded in 1216 continues to be vital to contemporary education. One of my responsibilities is to articulate its continuing impact.

"I'm also proud of the university's academic

excellence. We are listed by Victory Media among the nation's top five military-friendly schools for 2017 and have been named a military-friendly school for eight consecutive years. Our insurance and risk management program is among the nation's top 10, and the Class of 2016 in our physician assistant program achieved a 98 percent first-time pass rate on the national certifying exam. The class now has a 100 percent pass rate and 100 percent employment."

"Something that's both a great strength and a great challenge is our location in Columbus," he said. "This is a highly competitive educational market and we're in the center of it, just a few miles from downtown. One of the things I'm striving for is to do better on getting the word out on who and where we are, what we offer, and why students should choose us."

"Another ongoing challenge is the dwindling amount of state and public support for higher education, while at the same time, it's coming under increasing public scrutiny. Part of ODU's mission is to continue to make a case for a broad-based liberal arts education as a good investment and to continue to develop high-impact, high-demand majors."

The university continues to deal with a large debt resulting from a building boom in the 2000s that included construction of a student center, a new science building, and several dormitories. Gervasi, a member of the board of directors of the Council of Independent Colleges, said this is a common problem for most privately run universities that don't have large endowments.

"The situation is definitely front and center, and we've always been up front about it," he said. "The trustees and I will be looking in the coming months

at ways to deal with it. The plan we ultimately decide on probably will involve enrollment growth, which would provide the largest percentage of new revenue; strategic investment in new initiatives for growth; and some cost reductions or reassignments."

He said he does not expect any spending cuts to include layoffs. "I'll know better where we stand in a couple of months after meeting with the trustees," he said. "Resignations or retirements are part of the usual cycle of staff changes at a university. As these occur and we find creative ways to fill those vacancies, it will help stabilize things."

Classes for the 2017-18 academic year begin on Monday, Aug. 21. Gervasi and university spokesman Tom Brockman said they won't know until then how many people will be enrolled at the university, but are expecting enrollment to be similar to last year's total of about 1,900 undergraduates and graduate students. Gervasi said his long-term enrollment goal is for that number be around 2,500.

Online education is becoming more important at ODU, as it is at many universities. Brockman said the number of undergraduate and graduate students taking online courses exclusively or taking a combination of on-campus and online courses at ODU was 582 in the fall of 2016 and was significantly higher in the spring of this year.

"One of our growing strengths has been the success of our graduate and online programs," Gervasi said. "We anticipate that continuing growth there also will be of significant assistance in helping us attain financial stability."

Athletics has become more important at ODU in recent years, especially since the addition of football in 2004 and the Panthers' appearances in the 2013 and 2014 NCAA Division II playoffs.

This year, ODU has joined the Great Midwest Athletic Conference, a 13-team league which includes Ohio rivals Cedarville, Findlay, Lake Erie, Malone, Ursuline, and Walsh, as well as schools in West Virginia, Michigan, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Tiffin will join the league in 2018.

"We have a lot to be proud of athletically," Gervasi said. "In the past academic year, more than 60 percent of our

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Faith in Action

By Erin Cordle

St. Peregrine Fund – A diocesan opportunity to support cancer patients and their families

In 2010, Bishop Fredrick Campbell and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women launched a cancer response initiative – Catholics for Cancer Prevention and Cure. In 2016, this initiative was renamed the St. Peregrine Fund, for the patron saint of cancer patients.



The purpose of the fund is to provide resources for cancer screening, ethical research, and outreach to individuals and families dealing with all forms of cancer in the Diocese of Columbus.

In Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel), we are reminded of our call to respond to the Gospel, to live it more fully and more deeply, to reach out to the poor and broken, to end injustice, and to build peace. And to find the joy in all of it.

The transformative power of Gospel living is manifested in the lives of everyday believers and in the church's many ministries. Pope Francis writes, "An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, and to leave this earth somehow better than we found it."

It is for this reason that the St. Peregrine Fund will help cancer patients and their families with unmet needs, aided by the Catholic hospital systems in our diocese, the Stefanie Spielman research and patient outreach funds, and a fund available to parishes outside of Catholic hospital system networks through the diocesan Office for Social Concerns and Catholic Social Services. Last year, \$10,000 was distributed to our named partners.

The fund also may be able to provide opportunities for acts of kind-

ness (such as prayer shawls and chemo caps) to connect those dealing with cancer to our parishioners. There are many low-income and underserved people in our 23-county diocese in need of such items as compression garments, wigs, prosthetic breasts with bras, genetic counseling and testing, comfort bags, transportation, breast reconstruction, mammograms, medications, diet counseling, lymphedema treatment, etc. In the last year and in cooperation with our St. Vincent de Paul conferences, the fund provided utility and rent assistance, a pocket-talker for a patient with hearing issues, a stove for a single mother with children, gas gift cards, and food gift cards. The fund also has distributed chemo hats, shawls, and activity bags that were created by our diocesan fiber and prayer shawl ministries and our elementary schools.

The St. Peregrine Fund seeks the active involvement of all the diocese's 106 parishes, 11 Catholic high schools, and 42 Catholic elementary schools by challenging them to create small, medium, and large moneymaking events. All donations will be distributed through the St. Peregrine Fund. There will be no administrative costs.

The St. Peregrine Fund is being administered through the diocesan Office for Social Concerns. New fund posters and prayer cards will be distributed to all parishes in the coming weeks. For more information, please contact Erin Cordle at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or (614) 241-2540.

Erin Cordle is associate director of the diocesan Social Concerns Office.

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Diocesan Council of Catholic Women: Who are we?

By Katie Boesch

It was 1920 and the United States was recovering from the effects of World War I. The American bishops had witnessed and took note of the important work done by Catholic women's organizations around the nation during the war. They had the wisdom and were forward-thinking enough to unite and bring various women's groups together so they would speak as one voice, unified in purpose and service to our church.

A wonderful book titled *The First 75 Years* chronicles the history and challenges of the National Council of Catholic Women. Two items of note stood out about this national organization. First, it has both a voice and representation at the biannual meetings of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Secondly, our national organization was one of only two women's groups allowed to be present during the meetings of the Second Vatican Council.

You may be saying: "That is very interesting, but what does that have to do with Columbus?" According to Mary Sheeran, writing in her booklet *First Fifty: A History of the Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women*, "His Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael J Ready, who had been installed as Bishop of Columbus in January 1945, founded the Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW), designating it the official federation of all existing and potential laywomen's organizations with the Diocese. By the end of October of that year the first Diocesan wide general meeting of lay-women, made up of representatives of the deaneries, was held in Columbus and the Council officially emerged."

From its beginning, Bishop Ready made it clear that the diocesan council would be an affiliate of the national council, with the purpose of uniting all the various parish women's groups. Every bishop of Columbus has supported and reiterated the importance

of the DCCW. It is an official organization of the Diocese of Columbus, and, as such, answers to the bishop.

What is less known or understood is the fact that every Catholic woman age 18 and older in the diocese is already a member of this organization, whose purpose is to empower, lead, serve, and enrich the spirituality of all Catholic women, locally and nationally. We stay current with the problems plaguing our families and nation. We are the voice of the voiceless.

During the last 75 years in Columbus, we have served the body of Christ through soup kitchens; collected reading materials for prisons; sponsored forums on domestic violence, human trafficking, pornography, and addiction; supported projects of the Ronald McDonald House and St. Jude Hospital; sewn pillowcases for women's and children's shelters; assisted the Marriage and Family Life Office with the Jubilee of Anniversaries; supported pro-life issues; conducted Bible studies; welcomed and presented gifts to newly ordained priests; hosted dinners recognizing the achievements of women in our diocese; provided days of spiritual reflection and an annual silent retreat; worked with the Diocesan Women's Conference; and partnered with the Office for Social Concerns on the St. Peregrine Fund project.

These are a few of the many ways Our Lord is calling us to serve through the DCCW. Pope Francis, in his many audiences and travels, has called for everyone to become evangelizers. The easiest way to achieve this is through action and involvement. Our board is small in number, and we sincerely invite you to discern your many talents and join us in serving the Diocese of Columbus. Please call the DCCW office at (614) 228-8601 for more information.

Katie Boesch is vice president of the DCCW and will become its president in November. She is also a pastoral minister at Chillicothe St. Mary Church.

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Do both parties apply, pay for annulment? Non-Catholics in heaven?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Our coffee group wants to know why, when a divorced couple wants a church annulment, both parties need to apply. If a marriage is annulled, isn't it over and done with for both the husband and the wife? Is it just for the money, we wonder, that each of the two former spouses must apply? (Omaha, Nebraska)

A. Please let your coffee group know that they are wrong on two counts. First, only one of the former spouses need apply. And yes, when an annulment is granted, the marriage is (in your words) "over and done with" for both spouses.

When an application is submitted, the other spouse is notified by the diocese and offered the opportunity to give his or her own "take" -- what led up to the marriage, any special circumstances (pregnancy, family pressure, faulty views of marriage, etc.) and what "went wrong" with the relationship.

Often enough, that second spouse chooses not to respond, but the case still moves forward on the testimony of only one spouse.

As for it being "just for the money," it is true that in the past most dioceses attached a rather nominal fee -- particularly when there was a need to cover the cost of hiring

professional psychologists or lay canonists to evaluate the testimony. (That fee was regularly waived in cases of financial difficulty.)

In 2015, Pope Francis recommended that the annulment process be completely free of charge, and many dioceses have implemented this -- even (as my own diocese has done) swallowing the expense of bringing in outside experts.

Q. Has the Catholic Church ever considered for canonization an individual who had not been a Catholic? If not, why not? Are we still suggesting that only Catholics go to heaven? (Heber Springs, Arkansas)

A. Let me answer your last question first. The Catholic Church's teaching is most clearly expressed in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Quoting from the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, the catechism states: "Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of

their conscience -- those too may achieve eternal salvation" (No. 847).

This was not a new idea dreamed up by the fathers of Vatican II; St. Paul had taught in the Letter to the Romans (2:6-7) that God "will repay everyone according to his works: eternal life to those who seek glory, honor and immortality through perseverance in good works."

As to the question of the church's proclaiming non-Catholic saints: Theoretically, the church could do that, could declare its firm certainty that a particular non-Catholic is in heaven -- but it has not done so to date.

Why not? Well, the church formally canonizes saints (normally after a lengthy study) when it declares that the person's life has demonstrated extraordinary virtue and that miracles can be documented following that person's death. In making this declaration, the church is offering to the Catholic faithful a model worthy of imitation.

It may seem unlikely that a non-Catholic faith community would acknowledge the Catholic Church's authority by submitting one of its followers to this rigorous Catholic scrutiny, and for the Catholic Church to seize this role on its own might be resented as an overreach. But in theory, it is possible.

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

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400 participants in 16 sports had a grade point average of 3.0 or better, and the cumulative of our student-athletes was 3.1.

"We hosted the NCAA Division II women's basketball finals before sellout crowds in Alumni Hall in 2017. Because of its success, the event will return to ODU in 2019 and 2021.

"Next month, the football team opens the season against the University of Pennsylvania at historic Franklin Field in Philadelphia. I'm really anxious to see that game because I'm a master's graduate of Penn's Wharton School of Business."

Gervasi said that when he appeared before the search committee which chose him to be ODU's president, he explained his interest in the position by looking at the three words in the institution's

name. "It's a university," he said. "This means it's grounded in the liberal arts, while at the same time preparing students for successful careers.

"It has 'Ohio' in its name, meaning it's specifically committed to educating the students of this state, while also encouraging students from other states to be part of its community. And at the center of its name is 'Dominican,'" he said. That shows it's part of a great 800-year Catholic educational tradition grounded in a philosophy of common sense, as represented in the works of St. Thomas Aquinas and other great Dominican scholars.

"In that tradition, I want this to be a university of common sense. This is something I look forward to explaining to our students, staff, and the larger community for many years to come."

Conference for Latino Catholics set

The inaugural diocese-wide Catholic Conference in Spanish will take place Saturday, Aug. 19 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Columbus St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road.

The main speaker will be Hector Molina. Also presenting will be Cristy Herrera and Father Juan Carlos Sack, IVE, of the Pontifical College Josephinum. Catholic songs and music in Spanish will be provided by Wilfredo Ortiz.

More than 500 Spanish-speaking parishioners from the Catholic Latino community in Columbus and surrounding areas are expected to attend.

The *Conferencia Catolica Latina de Columbus* will be sponsored by the Catholic Men's and Women's Ministries of Columbus, The Catholic Foundation, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Fund, and several Latino-owned businesses around Columbus.

Sunbury St. John Neumann sponsors retreat

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, will sponsor a retreat for men from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 in its faith and family center. The retreat will be led by Deacon Greg Kandra and the theme will be "Tell Me a Story: Being Evangelists in the New Evangelization."

The day will include Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and meals.

Register online at www.saintjohnsunbury.org, or contact parish adult faith formation director Paul Stokell at pstokell.saintjohn@gmail.com or (740) 965-1358 with any questions.

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Watterson hall adds eight members

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School will be inducting the fourth class into its athletic hall of fame in late August. The eight new inductees will join 33 individuals already in the hall.

The group will be honored at halftime of the Watterson-Whitehall football game at Hagely Field on Friday, Aug. 25 and at a Mass in the chapel of the school, 99 E. Cooke Road, at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, followed by a brunch and induction ceremony at 1 p.m. Tickets for the brunch and ceremony are \$30 per person or \$210 for a table of eight.

This year's inductees are Frank Biancone (Class of 1961), football and baseball; Bill Boyle (Class of 1970), basketball; Mike Durant (Class of 1988), baseball, football; Gracie Finnegan (Class of 2010), swimming; Dr. James Good, team physician; Lerron Moore (Class of 2002), football; Michael Mulligan (Class of 1988), baseball and basketball; and Andrew Theado, (Class of 1997), baseball, football.

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CONSIDERING THE OPTIONS FOR INFERTILE COUPLES



MAKING SENSE
Out of Bioethics
Father Tad Pacholczyk

When Catholic couples experience trouble getting pregnant, they often seek medical help and begin to research what options are available to them. A number of moral considerations and questions generally emerge during this process: Why are techniques like *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) considered immoral? What approaches will the Church allow us to try? What does our infertility mean, spiritually and personally, in the face of our fervent but frustrated desire for a baby?

When a couple, after having non-contraceptive sexual intercourse for a year or more, begins to investigate whether there are issues related to infertility, some medical professionals simply encourage them to turn to the infertility industry and try IVF or a related technique like artificial insemination. These approaches, however, raise a host of moral concerns, including that they substitute an act of “production” for the act of marital self-giving, allow a third party outside the marriage to become the cause of the conception, often require masturbation, and may result in significant “collateral damage,” including embryo destruction, embryo freezing and disruptive effects on a woman’s physiology from the powerful super-ovulatory drugs used during the procedures.

It can be helpful to keep in mind a particular “rule of thumb” for determining whether a procedure is morally acceptable: treatments that assist the marital act are permissible, while those that replace, or substitute for, the marital act raise serious moral objections. The ideal approach to resolving infertility involves identifying the underlying causes (endometriosis? fallopian tube blockage? problems ovulating? etc.) and addressing those causes so that marital intercourse can now result in a conception.

While this may seem sensible and even obvious, many obstetricians and gynecologists today do not offer much more than a cursory workup or exam prior to recommending that the couple approach a fertility clinic and employ their services to produce a baby via IVF. Couples ought instead to look into techniques that can methodically diagnose and heal the underlying reasons for infertility, like FEMM (Fertility Education & Medical Management, <https://femmhealth.org>), pioneered by Dr. Pilar Vigil, or NaProTechnology (Natural Procreative Technology, see <http://www.naprotechnology.com>), led by Dr. Tom Hilgers. Both are Catholic ob/gyns with great track records in helping to resolve underlying infertility issues and helping couples to conceive naturally.

NaPro has been around a little longer and employs a range of approaches which may include, for example, hormonal modulation of menstrual cycle irregularities; surgical correction of fallopian tube damage or occlu-

sions; fertility drugs to help a woman’s ovaries to release eggs; Viagra or other approaches to address erectile dysfunction; correcting penile structural defects such as hypospadias; addressing premature ejaculation; using NFP (natural family planning) to observe naturally occurring signs of fertility during the woman’s cycle to time intercourse; using LTOT (low tubal ovum transfer), in which eggs are retrieved and transplanted into the uterus or fallopian tube at a point likely to result in fertilization following the marital act; and surgical resolution of endometriosis. Dr. Hilgers has formed and trained a number of other physicians who work as independent NaProTechnology specialists in the U.S. and abroad. FEMM is building a similar network.

On the other hand, a number of other widely available techniques, instead of assisting the marital act, end up replacing it with another kind of act altogether, namely, an act of “producing” or “manufacturing” children in laboratories. These techniques — like IVF; intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI); artificial insemination; hiring a surrogate to carry a pregnancy; and cloning — obviously raise serious moral objections.

In some cases, a couple’s infertility will end up being ir-
resolvable. Even as a husband and wife face the grief and sorrow of not being able naturally to conceive children of their own, they can still realize their paternal and maternal desires in other meaningful, fruitful and loving ways. For example, they may discern a call to adopt a child, providing a mom and a dad to someone whose parents have died or felt that they could not care for the child. They might decide to become a camp counselor or a schoolteacher, or provide temporary foster care to a child in crisis, generously taking on an authentic parenting role. They may become a “Big Brother/Big Sister” to youth in the community who yearn for a father or mother figure in their lives.

Although these solutions do not take away all the grief, they are a means by which God helps to draw good out of their situation. By these means, couples are challenged to “think outside the box” and enter into the mysterious designs of God within their marriage. By stepping away from a desire to conceive and raise biological children of their own, couples facing irresolvable infertility can discover new and unexpected paths to marital fruitfulness, paths that bring great blessings to others, and that can lead to abiding joy and marital fulfillment.

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THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

By: Rick Jeric

Better Off Now



Here we are, once again in the last month or so of summer. Whether you go by the Julian calendar and use a particular date such as Labor Day, or if you use the lunar calendar and make Sept. 22 the last day of summer, it is almost here. In my musings, which tend to be more random in summer as the sun affects my head, I have been asking myself "Are you better off now than you were on June 21, the first day of summer?" I suppose I learned that general question from people like presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. In the election of 1980, Jimmy Carter was coming off a horrible streak of unfortunate events and an economy that was imploding. Energy prices had skyrocketed, and the price of gasoline had surpassed \$1 per gallon. Imagine that. Interest rates were near 20 percent thanks to out-of-control inflation – good news if you had a lot of cash to stash away in a bank certificate of deposit, not good news if you needed to borrow money for a home or a business. The Panama Canal was given back to the Panamanians, which was very controversial. And our American hostages had been held by extremists in Iran for more than 400 days when the election rolled around. It was not that simple, but all Reagan had to do was ask us if we were better off than we were four years ago. Twelve years later, George H.W. Bush had inherited a great period of recovery and economic prosperity from Reagan. Of course, it was not without its blemishes, such as Iran-Contra. Remember Ollie North? But Bush stirred the pot with military action in the Arabian Peninsula. To top it off, we all read his lips and then endured a tax increase. It was not that simple, but all Clinton had to do was ask us if we were better off than we were four years ago. Unfortunately, the answer to that same question today is too polarized and tainted by political extremism.

Without waiting for Advent and Lent, this seems to be a good time for us to ask that very question about our Faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Are we better off now? Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy our family and friends. I hope my love for my Catholic Faith has remained strong. Just as our love for our family grows, and everyone is better off after a fun and rejuvenating summer, so should we embrace a lifestyle that shows we are better off with our Christian actions. It seems a little strange, because that is why we have Advent and Lent. They allow us to reflect, repent, and prepare. It is all a part of the great circle of our spiritual lives. So as we find ourselves between Lent and Advent, enjoying good weather and good times, let us take a few moments to reflect, repent, and prepare. Reflect on our lives overall. Have we done our best to do what is right, and have we been a good example to our children, grandchildren, friends, and even strangers? Repent because we are all sinners and we need reconciliation and forgiveness. Prepare for life after Labor Day. Vacations are over, school begins, our jobs seem to get more demanding as the end of the year approaches, and Advent is only three months away. Are we better off now than we were at the start of summer? Let us hope so. But if not, we have plenty of time to joyfully and practically solidify an affirmative answer. I have an idea. This Tuesday, Aug. 15, is the Feast of the Assumption and a holy day of obligation. Let us all go to Mass. After all, we are obligated. I wonder if the number of people attending Mass on Tuesday in all 106 parishes of the Diocese of Columbus will be larger than the number attending the first Buckeye home football game. Nothing against Ohio State football, just a comparison. There are plenty of ways we can reflect, repent, and prepare. Let us be sure that we are better off now than we were before, always.

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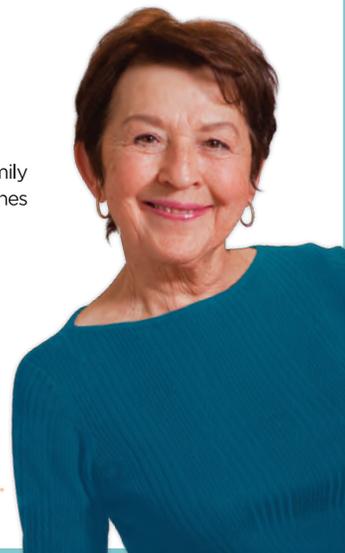
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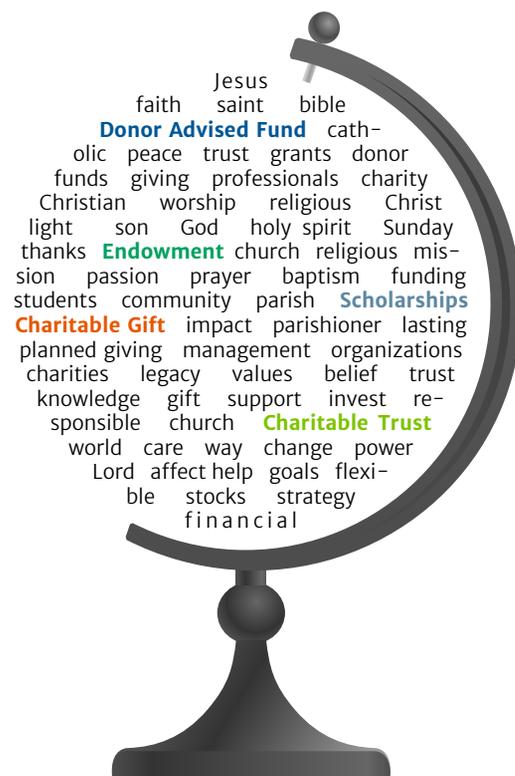
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St. Bonifacia's ordinary way

This week's liturgical calendar celebrates the lives of three women saints: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), St. Clare, and St. Bonifacia Rodriguez y Castro. If you're like me, you're familiar with the first two. But who was the third, St. Bonifacia?

Her memorial is listed as Aug. 7, 8, or 9, depending on where you look. A little research provided an inspiring portrait of the woman. Bonifacia was born in 1837, the oldest of six children, to a poor couple in Salamanca, Spain. Her father was a tailor who worked in his shop at home. Bonifacia not only learned his craft, but she and her siblings also witnessed the deep faith of both parents, lived simply in their home and community.

Her father died when she was 15, and Bonifacia began working for others outside her home. Eventually, she set up a shop in the family home, making and selling cords, lace, and other trimmings to support herself and her mother. Inspired by the quiet life of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, she saw her home and shop as a little Nazareth where work and prayer were intertwined. Along with her mother, Bonifacia made daily visits to a nearby Jesuit-run church.

Other young women, attracted to her and her way of life, began to gather at her home on Sundays and feast days, finding it to be a safe place to gather and support one another with prayer and Scripture, listening and encouraging as women do. The house-shop became a safe haven for women to work and pray.

Though Bonifacia longed to become a Dominican, the Jesuit priest at her church, Father Francisco Javier Butiña y Hospital (her spiritual director), had another

idea. His deep concern for the plight of post-Industrial Revolution factory workers and his respect for the path to holiness through ordinary work resonated with Bonifacia. He suggested that together, they establish a congregation to protect the women workers and promote a spirituality that embraced manual work as a way to holiness, not an impediment. The congregation became known as the Servants of St. Joseph.

This was a new form for a women's congregation. While supported by some of the faithful and by the local bishop at the time of its foundation, it later met with resistance from those more comfortable with women in convents. Like many before her, she suffered for her vision and determination to remain faithful to it.

As St. John Paul II said in his homily at her beatification, "It was a form of religious life too daring not to have opposition. Immediately, it was attacked by the then-traditional diocesan clergy of Salamanca, who did not grasp the evangelical depth of this form of life, which is very close to the world of work."

While this column doesn't provide space to tell all her story, I can emphasize the importance her life and vision have for us today. Despite Vatican II's insistence that the call to holiness is given to everyone and is found in all walks of life, many of the faithful – clergy and lay alike – still think the path to sanctity is somehow separate from ordinary life. Holiness is seen as being best pursued in convents, monasteries, or rectories. Or at least in occupations connected with church or overtly religious activities.

Bonifacia knew better. Through prayer and reflection,



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary van Balen

she recognized God's call deep within and trusted it, remaining faithful when others opposed and mistreated her. It's easy to doubt the word that God speaks in our hearts, the call that directs us to bring God into the world in a way uniquely given to each of us, right where we are.

Bonifacia also knew that we don't walk the path to God alone. We walk together. As she said, "We should be all for all, following Jesus." But trusting God's indwelling in the "other" is a challenge, especially if the "other" looks different than we do, speaks a different language, or has views different than our own. Despite its difficulty, this ordinary path transforms the world by our taking God's presence into it.

The world needs people committed to this simple way of prayer and to bringing the God we come to know within into the streets and workplaces. Not by heavy-handed evangelizing and dogma, but by living with love and joy, responding to the needs of those we encounter. By truly listening to "others," open to recognizing and receiving God who dwells in their hearts. And, like Bonifacia, by having the courage to speak our truth to power, to do something different in familiar places.

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Snow in August? Not impossible for Mary!

There's something magical about snow, and it can't just be because of the Christmas songs. In my part of Ohio, the snow seems to come in cycles – a few years of good snowfall, a few years of poor snowfall. Those cycles keep us from taking it too much for granted, I suppose, but there's still something about that first snowfall, or a snowfall that seems to mark a special occasion like Christmas or a birthday.

For people in parts of the world where it doesn't snow, I imagine their delight is greater than ours when it comes to snow. I imagine the shock – and the children's shouts of glee – in Rome in the year 352 was much greater than my family's. Snow is a rare event in Rome, where many winters pass with no snow at all. When there is snow, the residents enjoy it at least as much as my nieces from the South enjoyed our Christmas snow in Ohio.

But that snowfall in 352 happened in the heat of summer, on Aug. 5, in answer to a childless couple's

prayer for Mary's intercession.

The couple was pious, and I wonder if they longed for children the way so many couples I know do. I picture them, and they are an example to me of what to do when I don't seem to be blessed in the way I want to be. They talked to a priest – Pope Liberius, in fact – and, on his counsel, took their petition to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

They were elderly and had accepted their childless state. Though they had not been blessed with children, they were blessed with wealth, and since they had no heir, they wanted to use their significant fortune for God's glory. They took this intention to Mary, asking for a sign of what God wanted them to do.

Can you see Mary, so soon after her Son's life and death, sitting in heaven and hearing this plea? I wonder if she smiled at their trust that she would guide them, if she felt proud of their openness to God's will, if she did a little happy dance at having



Finding Faith in Everyday Life

Sarah Reinhard

such a fun designation of funds.

What would you do with all that money? It was enough to build a church. Should it go to the Church, to the poor, to a specific cause? With no one to leave it to, the couple could have bought a vacation home and had many more servants, a life of luxury, and everything they desired.

Isn't it just like a mother to think of some way of delighting her children? There they were, praying fervently and completely devoted to God's will for their lives, asking for her help. And so, instead of just

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NEW LOOK BRIGHTENS ST. VINCENT FAMILY CENTER

BY TIM PUET
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St. Vincent Family Center has represented new beginnings and hopeful futures for children for 142 years. What began as an orphanage founded by the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in 1875 has evolved into an agency which annually provides pediatric behavioral health care for 3,000 young people from ages three to 18.

The center sums up its mission in a simple five-word phrase – “We make good kids better.” It offers a continuum of care which starts with efforts to prevent behavioral problems before they occur and extends to a full-time residential program for children ages five to 13. For the past four years, it has offered a program which trains and supports foster parents of children from birth to age 21.

Most of the families it serves are from Franklin and surrounding counties, but it collaborates with county children service agencies throughout Ohio on the residential program, foster care, and in other areas.

The old orphanage is long gone, but its cornerstone remains a part of the building which has replaced it in the same location on the east side of Columbus at Main Street and Kelton Avenue. That building grew dramatically in 2015 with completion of a \$5 million, 20,000-square-foot addition which gave it a brighter, more open look and made it more visible to people driving by on East Main Street.

The renovation allowed the center to add 100 students to its therapeutic school-age program for children ages five to 12. This program provides structured classrooms for children who are experiencing emotional and behavioral problems and have not succeeded in regular and special classrooms. A similar program is offered for preschool children ages three to six. The two programs usually have about 200 students attending at any given time.

Both are designed to address children’s behavioral problems and allow them to return to their schools, once it is determined they can do so successfully. More than nine out of 10 are able to return within a few

weeks. St. Vincent is the only behavioral health agency in central Ohio with both therapeutic schools and residential treatment for children younger than 10.

The 17 new classrooms that are part of the addition have natural light that make them more conducive to learning than the rooms they replace. The new wing also eliminated the need to have classes in the basement.

“The classrooms are perfect for children,” said Susan Lewis Kaylor, president and chief executive officer of the center. “They’re airy, with SMART boards and a bathroom in every room, and are designed for small groups of nine or 10 children.” They also have special sensory equipment to ensure that children can move and learn.

In addition, a technology room was added to ensure that students are keeping up with testing requirements, and the cafeteria was expanded, with sound reduction equipment added to reduce noise and new lighting installed. It serves breakfast and lunch to about 200 children a day. The renovation also allowed for addition of more staff offices, enabling more children and families to receive outpatient and clinical services. The bus dropoff area was restructured, and a courtyard was created to increase safety for children and provide more play space.

Instead of concrete or grass, the courtyard’s surface area is made of a soft material that springs when walking or running on it, giving it a “bounciness” effect enjoyed by children and adults. At one end of the courtyard is a renovated statue of St. Vincent de Paul, the center’s namesake, which has been part of the site since 1884.

The center has an annual budget of about \$12 million, with most of the money coming from government grants for specific programs, and the rest from private donations, the United Way, and other sources. It has about 200 full-time and part-time employees, led by Kaylor, who just finished her sixth month as its president and chief executive officer. She succeeded Shawn Holt, who had been director for six years before being chosen to become president and CEO of Maryhaven, central Ohio’s



Clockwise from left: St. Vincent therapeutic program classes for elementary school and preschool children; sensory room to help calm children in stressful situations; courtyard and exterior view of center. CT photos by Tim Puet (top left, bottom 2); photos courtesy St. Vincent Family Center



Above: Center president and CEO Susan Lewis Kaylor. CT photo by Tim Puet Below: Students at a SMART board. Photo courtesy SVFC



oldest and most comprehensive behavioral health center for adults.

Kaylor came to St. Vincent after 19 years with the Franklin County ADAMH (Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health) Board, the last five of them as chief administrative officer. In 2015, she led a campaign for successful renewal of the board’s 2.2-mill levy. Her background is in strategic planning and marketing, and she said one of her chief goals is to make the public more aware of everything St. Vincent offers.

Her knowledge of the center’s work comes in part from personal experience. More than 10 years earlier, she and her husband, Gordon, took part in an eight-week parenting program at St. Vincent known as The Incredible Years, which teaches parents strategies for reducing children’s behavior problems by strengthening their social, emotional, and academic competence.

“St. Vincent holds a special place in my family’s heart,” she said. “I’d been with the ADAMH board for many years and wasn’t necessarily looking for a new position when I was recruited last year as a possible successor to Shawn. Coming here, walking into this beautiful new building, and knowing what St. Vincent had done for my family and the difference it can make to so many children are what persuaded me to

take the job.”

Kaylor said the dramatic increase in opioid addiction during the last two years is having a major impact on St. Vincent and other providers of service to children.

“It’s made the need greater than ever for what we do and for the wide range of programs we provide,” she said. “So many more children are experiencing issues related to neglect and trauma. We can be with them every step of the way. We see many parents working hard trying to overcome their addiction issues, and we know the kids need all the extra support possible, both for them and their parents.”

“Through its continuum of care, St. Vincent can provide what’s described as wraparound care, which enables it to provide assessments of a family’s situation and to respond with its own programs and referrals to other agencies,” said Mark Huddy, moderator of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, a member of the St. Vincent board of directors.

“Treatment programs for children and families constantly evolve. Today, they are focusing on trauma-informed care, which not only looks at a behavior problem itself, but also examines what a child has gone through in his or her environment. It recognizes that a child’s experience affects everything about his or

her life and helps determine how the child may react to different methods of treatment.”

“We treat both the child and the family at St. Vincent,” Kaylor said. “All the families we serve make a commitment to family therapy. It doesn’t have to last long, and usually it is a short-term program, but it makes sure the whole family is involved. The only exceptions to this are the children in our residential and foster care programs who are in the custody of a child welfare agency.”

The center began a program to train foster parents in 2013. Foster parents must be at least 21 and can be single or married. Once the first contact is made, potential foster parents are sent a packet and a meeting is scheduled.

If they decide to take part in the pro-

gram, potential foster parents receive 36 to 40 hours of training, which includes the Protecting God’s Children program required of the Diocese of Columbus for all its employees and volunteers who work with children.

The process also includes a family assessment by a St. Vincent staff member who makes two or three visits to the homes of potential foster parents to interview anyone living there.

This enables the center to complete criminal background checks on all adults 18 and older living in a home and to ensure that foster parents will be able to provide a stable, nurturing environment.

The documentation is submitted to the Ohio Job and Family Services Department, which grants a foster care license. The center receives the

license, then begins looking to match a child to a particular home.

Foster parents receive a predetermined tax-free amount monthly through direct deposit to pay for a child’s basic needs. The amount deposited is based on the number of days a child is in foster care. Most foster children receive health care through the Medicaid program. The St. Vincent foster care program currently is serving 25 children and will be able to assist many more once more people complete it.

The center’s residential program is for children who need treatment beyond the level of therapeutic schooling. Participants can be from anywhere in Ohio and stay for as few as 10 days and as long as nine months or more. It can house a maximum of

35 children. Huddy said the number of children who are residents constantly fluctuates as participants go in and out of the program.

The center’s renovation added an art room, sensory room, and technology room to the residential program. The television room, multipurpose room, and bedrooms were improved. (See picture on Page 12.) The Catholic Foundation granted the money for the television room.

Foster and residential care represent the most-intensive services on the center’s continuum. Most children it serves can be successfully treated through family-centered counseling at school or at home.

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These activities, from least to most intensive, include skill-building groups, consultation in day care centers and preschools, therapeutic support services, individual family outpatient treatment, short-term intensive home-based services, and the therapeutic preschool and school-age programs.

Kaylor said the center's Hispanic/Latino program has been growing steadily. She said it is unique in central Ohio because it offers programs delivered by one of four Spanish-speaking professionals. She said about 14 percent of the families the center served last year were Latinos.

Children are referred to the center by their families, teachers, pediatricians, or mental health professionals. Their parents take part in a preliminary screening over the phone and a short, adults-only meeting with the center's intake department to determine which services may be appropriate for a child. The intake number is (614) 824-KIDS (5437) and is accessible at all times, with a response within 24 hours when the intake department is not staffed.

The cost of the center's services to a family is based on ability to pay, income, and number of dependents. No one is refused service, and St. Vincent accepts Medicaid and many commercial insurance plans.

This is a relatively slow period at the center, but that soon will change as schools reopen. A day camp program in June and July attracted about 130 children at its peak and is continuing for children who need the consistency and stability such a program provides



to give them the structure which will allow them to return to school and succeed in a classroom setting.

"We invited families to celebrate their children's successful graduations in July on what was the last day of camp for some of the students," Kaylor said. "One little guy about eight to 10 years old said how hard he was working so he could be ready to go back to the classroom in the fall. He said this was the best summer of life, and he felt his teachers were like rock stars. He personally thanked specific classmates and teachers for their part in his journey. He not only was learning, but also was having fun. Hearing that makes you know what you're doing is important."

This Friday, Aug. 11, the center will continue a longstanding tradition by hosting a community picnic from 3 to 6 p.m., with free food, entertainment, and games and prizes for children. Deb Huff, development manager for the center, said the event has drawn anywhere from 300 to 3,000 people since its revival in 2011. When the center was an orphanage, it hosted an annual July 4 picnic to benefit the orphans, and the event attracted thousands of people every year.

Other fundraising activities include an Adopt-A-Family program during the Christmas season and a school supply drive which took place last month.

Mass in Spanish planned at Cultural Arts Center

A Mass in Spanish will be celebrated at noon, Sunday, Aug. 13 in the garden of the Columbus Cultural Arts Center, 139 W. Main St., as part of the city's Festival Latino. Father David Schalk, pastor of Columbus Christ the King Church, will be the celebrant. Parking will be available across from the center at the corner of Second Avenue and Noble Street.

"Christ the King will bring the choir and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist from its Sunday noon Mass," said Ramona Reyes, director of the Catholic Social Services Our Lady of

Guadalupe Center. "Having this Mass was a dream of the late Bill Conner, who was chief executive officer of the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts, which sponsors the festival, and of CAPA's Latino advisory committee.

"This will be the first time for such a Mass at the festival, and we hope it will continue yearly. It is a great opportunity for Latinos from Columbus and the surrounding states who come to the festival and for parishioners from throughout the diocese who may never have seen a Latino Mass."

"We collect items for about a month, then the teachers for our residential and therapeutic programs come in for two days of shopping to choose what they need," Huff said. "We also filled about 400 bags for students in the outpatient program and their brothers and sisters. This is a great help to them, because many of those families have difficulty affording school supplies."

The center's largest annual fundraising event is the annual Corcoran Awards dinner in May. The awards honor the late Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran, who

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sending an answer in some commonplace manner, Mary arranged the sort of thing that delighted everyone.

Sometime during the night of Aug. 4, snow fell in a specific spot on Esquiline Hill in Rome. It was in the shape of a church that was to be built in Mary's honor.

Can't you just hear the word spreading throughout the city during the early hours of the morning? August is a steamy time in Rome, and the snow, miraculously, did not melt immediately.

I think it probably started as a shocked sort of whisper, and then as a jolly shout, and then as a clamor of voices. The couple and Pope Liberius had a dream through the night that Mary appeared and told them that Jesus' will was that they use their treasure to finance building a church on Esquiline Hill, at a place they would see clearly marked in the morning. They went to the spot and the pope arrived not long after them, in a solemn procession. The snow remained, despite the stifling temperatures, until the area was staked for the church.

Mary became, after that, Our Lady of the Snows, and the church that was built became known as St. Mary Major, the first church – later a basilica – dedicated in her honor. It

was known nationwide for his service work. This year's recipients were: Megan Warren, young leadership; Derek Davis, education and behavioral health; Steven Fields, charity and justice; David Royer, lifetime service; Cindy Rasmussen, hope and inspiration; and Bank of America, community partner.

Kaylor said that there are immediate openings in many of the center's programs and that the need for foster parents is constant. For more information, go to the St. Vincent website, www.svf.org, or call (614) 252-0731.

has been rebuilt and remains a place of pilgrimage in Rome.

Our Lady of the Snows reminds me that there's nothing too small to pray for, to ask for God's help with, to take the time to mention to God or Mary. She understands how much the small details matter and how big a difference the tiny parts of my life make to the final whole.

Perhaps the lesson for me is to go to her, Our Lady of the Snows, when I'm filled with pain, when I'm longing to know God's will. Like the couple from Rome more than 1,600 years ago, I can offer my treasure – money, time, aptitude – and look for the direction she gives me. Maybe I'll wake up to find the answer outlined as clear as snow.

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Seven members of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity with ties to the Diocese of Columbus were among 26 sisters honored at the congregation's Stella Niagara, New York, provincial house as they celebrated significant anniversaries of their profession of vows.

Sister Barbara Holtzinger, OSF, of the St. Leo Convent in Columbus marked 75 years as a Stella Niagara Franciscan. She served in the business office and as a pastoral minister at St. Ann's Hospital in Columbus. She also was principal of the former Columbus St. Peter and Sacred Heart schools. She also taught at Columbus St. Leo School.

Sister Christina Kraus, OSF, of Somerset celebrated her 65th anniversary.

She ministered at the St. Francis Center in McArthur for 16 years after doing religious education work in Junction City and Somerset. She taught at the former Columbus Holy Rosary School and at St. Aloysius Academy in New Lexington.

Sister Marilyn Sue Hopkins, OSF, a Columbus St. Patrick Church parishioner, is a diamond jubilarian, having been a member of the congregation for 60 years. She worked at St. Ann's Hospital as a radiation and pharmacy technologist before becoming director of the radiology department for 10 years. She also did internal auditing for the hospital and worked at the Cathedral Book Shop in Columbus for 17 years.

Sister Marie Altier, OSF, celebrating her 70th anniversary, entered the convent from Corning St. Bernard Church. She taught in the Diocese of Columbus at Lancaster St. Bernadette Church, where she was principal.

Sister Therese Kinsel, OSF, of Stella Niagara, marked her 60th anniversary. She entered the Franciscans from New Lexington St. Rose Church, where she later taught. She also taught at Columbus Sacred Heart and Marion St. Mary schools and St. Aloysius Academy. She was a teacher's aide at Columbus Pope John XXIII School, secretary at St. Therese's Retreat Center in Columbus, spiritual director at Columbus Father Wehrle High School, and a member of the inner-city task force for the diocese.

Celebrating 50 years as a Franciscan, **Sister Beth Brosmer, OSF**, directs Heart, Love & Soul, a dining room and service center for the poor of Niagara Falls, New York. After entering the congregation from Columbus St. John the Evangelist Church, she taught and was principal of the former Columbus Holy Rosary and Pope John XXIII schools. She also was director of mission and sponsorship and director of volunteers at St. Ann's Hospital.

Another golden jubilarian, **Sister Patricia McMahon, OSF**, is a member of the order's general council in Rome. She recently was a pastoral ministry at Hilliard St. Brendan and Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare churches after being a chaplain at St. Ann's Hospital.

**Are You Walking with Christ?
A Live Seminar with Jeff Cavins**

WALKING TOWARD
Eternity
Making Choices For Today



September 29-30, 2017

Location: Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin
Granville Road, New Albany, OH 43054

As Catholics, our faith is meant to be put into practice. Christianity is more than a set of beliefs; it is a way of life. *Walking Toward Eternity* is a powerful seminar that will help you put your faith into practice, draw closer to Christ, and challenge you to make real and lasting changes in your life, changes that will help you become the person you hope to be.

Friday Night Talk:
Christ Looks at Us with Mercy...
and Calls Us to Discipleship

Saturday Seminar:
Walking Toward Eternity...
Making Choices for Today

Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 **Date: Saturday, September 30, 2017**
Talk: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Seminar: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Check-in Begins: 6:00 pm Check-in Begins: 8:00 am
Location: Main Church Location: Ministry Center

Cost: \$45 Includes: registration, seminar materials, light breakfast and boxed lunch

Online Registration: www.cotrna.org,
or contact Gayle Kerkman: 614-429-7308, email:
gkerkman@gmail.com
Deadline to register is September 15, 2017

Grove City students finish first in Invention Convention

Two Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School students won first place among third graders in the state Invention Convention competition at the Ohio State Fair.

The invention by Ava Palka (left) and Kayden Willig, "A & K's Sucker Holder," slips into a toddler's booster car seat and provides a place for little ones to keep suckers between licks. The device frees hands and prevents lost suckers from sticking to car seats and floors.

"I am so proud of these ladies," said school's principal Julie Freeman. "I continue to be impressed by their creativity and technology. We surely have



future scientists and budding engineers."

Invention Convention is a program for students in grades kindergarten through eight presented by Invention League, an inclusive, educational, nonprofit organization which provides educational support, inventor experiences, and the invention and entrepreneurship state final competition to students and school districts

of Ohio, at no cost to the families or districts.

The invention will compete for national honors at the National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo from May 31 to June 2, 2018 in Dearborn, Michigan.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

The Lord God is master of the wind, sea and storms



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Aug. 13 -- 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33**

In Sunday's first reading, Elijah finds himself on Mount Horeb because he is fleeing a woman's wrath. We will get to the woman in a moment, but first we need to say a word about Mount Horeb. It is the same site which is used in some Old Testament places for *Mount Sinai*. "Mount Horeb" was used in literature from the seventh and sixth centuries BC to speak of this place, which was in the Sinai desert.

Part of the prophet Elijah's mission was devoted to the task of opposing the idols which Queen Jezebel had brought into Israel (the northern kingdom) when she married Israel's King Ahab. It happened that Elijah, the prophet of Yahweh, Israel's God, had challenged the prophets of Ba'al, Jezebel's main god, to a show of strength (see 1 Kings 18:20-40). In the end, Elijah won, and he had the 450 prophets of Ba'al slaughtered. Jezebel swore to avenge their deaths by killing Elijah, so Elijah, fearing her, fled.

He winds up at Mount Horeb hiding in a cave, hoping for death. The Lord calls to him to bolster his spirits, but after experiencing a windstorm, an earthquake and fire, Elijah still looks for the Lord and does not see him. But when there is a "tiny whispering sound," Elijah buries his head in his cloak because he knows it is the Lord. In line with the ancient belief that no one could look upon the face of the Lord and live, Elijah buries his head in his cloak to prevent that from happening. This encounter with the Lord is a general background for Peter's encounter with Jesus on the water.

The account of Jesus "walking on the water" also is

reported in Mark and in John. Matthew expands the incident (11 verses) compared with Mark (seven verses) and John (five). Matthew alone adds the detail about Peter jumping into the water to come to Jesus, then sinking. The only thing all three accounts agree on is that the incident followed the feeding of the 5,000 (John simply says "a large crowd," but never gives the number of people who were fed).

The dramatic action on the water (specifically "the sea") had its roots in the Old Testament, where the Lord God is master of the wind and the sea, both of which appear in this "sea rescue." Many elements of nature (wind, sea and storm) were worshipped as gods by ancient people, including the Canaanites. In the Old Testament, in Psalm 77 (Psalm 76 in some Catholic Bibles), God is the one who rescues Israel from some kind of crisis, but it is described in natural terms: "Through the sea was your way, your path through the mighty waters, though your footsteps were not seen." In Job 9:8, God alone "treads upon the back of the sea." Many other passages demonstrate God's power over the sea.

Now as Jesus walks upon the water, he shares in that divine power by rescuing the disciples, who are frozen in fear. Peter starts to walk on the sea to meet Jesus, but falters and begins to sink, as he cries out in fear, "Lord, save me!" Jesus admonishes him: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they return to the boat, the wind dies. This is enough for the rest of the disciples to confess "Truly, you are the son of God." It will take Peter a while to confess Jesus as "the Christ, the son of the living God." This will be covered on the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Those who find themselves in dire straits (who cry out "Lord, save me!") may well recall this story of faith and look for their own "sea rescue" from Jesus, who is savior and Son of God. Matthew thought enough of it to include it in his Gospel.

Father Hummer, pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary Church, may be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

Streitenberger appointed interim director of education

Bishop Frederick Campbell has appointed Susan A. Streitenberger as interim director of Catholic education for the Diocese of Columbus, effective Saturday, Aug. 5.

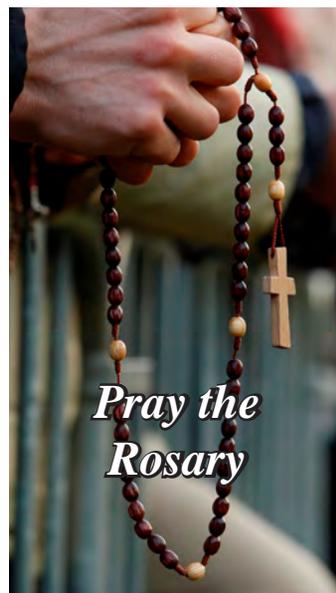
She will hold this position while the diocese searches for a new superintendent of schools and episcopal moderator of Catholic education to replace Dr. Joseph A. Brettnacher, whose tenure concludes Friday, Aug. 4.

Streitenberger has been associate director of high school curriculum, instruction, and assessment in the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools

since 2012. She earned a bachelor of science degree in education from The Ohio State University and a master of science degree in educational administration from the University of Dayton.

Before working at the diocese, she was executive director of the Ohio School-to-Work Initiative and assistant director of the Ohio Department of Education. She also has been a teacher, instructional coach, and business owner in central Ohio.

She is a member of Westerville St. Paul Church.



Pray the
Rosary

The Weekday Bible Readings

8/14-8/19

MONDAY

Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20
Matthew 17:22-27

TUESDAY

Revelation 11:19a;
12:1-6a,10ab
Psalm 45:10-12,16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

WEDNESDAY

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 66:1-3a,5,8,16-17
Matthew 18:15-20

THURSDAY

Joshua 3:7-10a,11,13-17
Psalm 114:1-6
Matthew 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY

Joshua 24:1-13
Ps 136:1-3,16-18,21-22,24
Matthew 19:3-12

SATURDAY

Joshua 24:14-29
Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,11
Matthew 19:13-15

8/21-8/26

MONDAY

Judges 2:11-19
Psalm 106:34-37,39-40,43ab,44
Matthew 19:16-22

TUESDAY

Judges 6:11-24a
Psalm 85:9,11-14
Matthew 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY

Judges 9:6-15
Psalm 21:2-7
Matthew 20:1-16

THURSDAY

Revelation 21:9b-14
Psalm 145:10-13,17-18
John 1:45-51

FRIDAY

Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22
Psalm 146:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40

SATURDAY

Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17
Psalm 128:1-5
Matthew 23:1-12

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF AUG. 13 AND 20, 2017

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

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

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

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville);

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

We pray Weeks III and IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Ecumenism, influence-envy, etc.

Defending the indefensible is never pretty. Or so we're reminded by recent attempts from the portside of the Catholic commentariat to defend the madcap analysis of America's alleged "ecumenism of hate" that appeared last month in the Italian Catholic journal, *La Civiltà Cattolica* (edited by the Jesuits of Rome and published after vetting by the Secretariat of State of the Holy See). The more sober-minded defenders admit that the article, jointly authored by Father Anthony Spadaro, SJ, and Pastor Marcelo Figueroa, contains errors of fact and tendentious interpretations of recent history – but then go on to suggest that it raises important questions. How, though, are serious questions raised, much less clarified or answered, by falsifications of both history and contemporary reality?

Other defenders of the Spadaro/Figueroa article, less chastened by the self-evident fact that the article would receive a thumping "F" in a freshman religious studies course at any reputable college, have taken the occasion of the article to scrape their various boils and indulge in the very Manichean division of the ecclesial world into children of light and children of darkness the article condemns. One of these boils involves a project I helped launch and in which I've been engaged for over two decades: the study group known as "Evangelicals and Catholics Together."

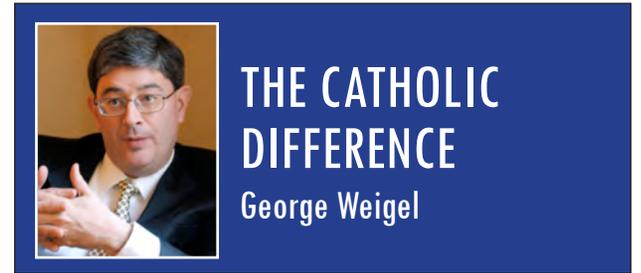
A post Spadaro-Figueroa editorial in the *National Catholic Reporter* charged that ECT, as it's widely known, is a prominent example of "Catholic complicity in the politicization of faith"; that the participants in the original ECT statement, from which the study group takes its name, were on the "outer conservative edges" of their communities "before the landscape fades to irrational extremes"; and that the original

statement "ill-served" Catholics, evangelical Protestants, the cause of the Gospel, and the health of American public life. Moreover, the *NCR* grimly warns "bishops and those who staff their offices" against conceding to "the visions of ideologues in think-tanks and institutes with an absolutist and narrow agenda." For in doing so (by, presumably, embracing the ECT agenda) these bishops and staff "have squandered their standing and credibility in the wider culture."

Oh, dear. Where to begin?

ECT is an ongoing project, which has now produced nine joint statements, with a tenth, an explanation of Christianity to its contemporary cultured despisers, coming soon. Five of the first nine – on justification, Scripture, the communion of saints, the universal call to holiness, and the Blessed Virgin Mary – were entirely theological in character and had nothing to do with political controversies. Those that touched on contested issues – the statements on the sanctity of life, on religious freedom, and on marriage – set the discussion of public policy in an explicitly biblical and theological context (as, indeed, did the initial ECT statement the *Reporter* editorial deploras).

The five theological statements measure up well against similar documents from other ecumenical dialogues of the past half-century; an honest Catholic liberal, Notre Dame's Lawrence Cunningham, recommended all the ECT statements for "the pertinence of their concerns and the sophistication of their theological argument." From the very outset of our joint work, ECT participants have made it clear that we speak from and to our various Churches and ecclesial communities, not for them. We have also scrupulously described our differences, with a concern for



expressing the "other's" views accurately.

But don't just take my word for it. Get the book that collects the first nine ECT documents and explains both the genesis of the project and of each statement: *Evangelicals and Catholics Together at Twenty: Vital Statements on Contested Issues*, edited by Timothy George and Thomas G. Guarino (Brazos Press). Read it. Then compare what you read with the *NCR* editorial.

In his June address to the U.S. bishops, Archbishop Christoph Pierre, the apostolic nuncio to the United States, appealed for a Church that listens more, "even to those with whom we disagree," because the honest engagement of differences helps us all "propose the... Gospel in a more persuasive, life-changing way." True enough. The honest engagement of differences in service to evangelical vigor is not advanced, however, by the systematic misrepresentation of others' views, by the puerile bullying of bishops, or by indulging in spasms of influence-envy. Moreover, the Nuncio's welcome appeal to become a Church of missionary disciples -- Pope Francis's "Church permanently in mission" -- will only be answered if we see today's challenging, but evangelically exciting, situation clearly; and such clarity of vision requires something other than lenses ground in the 1970s.

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

Retreat to explore the keys to love and fulfillment in marriage

By Kathleen Hall

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Coordinator

St. Augustine said, "The deepest desire of every human heart is to be seen and to see another in this same way." The well-known theologian and philosopher was not simply stating that a person's deepest desire is to be visible to others. St. Augustine was touching on something much deeper.

What does it mean to be seen by another? In my opinion, being seen is receiving unconditional love and affection. Human beings cannot live well without love, and each person inherently desires to know that he or she is unique, unrepeatable, and irreplaceable. People long to feel loved and accepted for who they are, as a gift of God, and not because of what they do or accomplish. Imagine, if all human

persons were truly seen, accepted, and loved unconditionally, how much better of a world we would live in.

St. Augustine takes it a step further, though. He doesn't only note the desire for every human heart to be seen, but also for every human heart to see another in the same way. St. Augustine was saying that it isn't enough for us to be loved and to keep that love for ourselves. We also must love another – unreservedly, unconditionally, and without regard for cost. We must engage in a mutual exchange of unconditional love to fulfill the deepest desires of our hearts.

I don't know about you, but I think St. Augustine was right. When I look back at the moments of my life when I felt utterly fulfilled, as if my heart was overflowing with joy, a mutual exchange of love was taking place. Childhood hugs

from my parents, playing with my siblings in the backyard, and growing up knowing Jesus all make the list. More recently, meeting my husband and celebrating our wedding day both come to mind.

This mutual exchange of love St. Augustine was talking about is something that is apparent in many relationships, but is exemplified in marriage. Christ desired for earthly marital love to be a reflection of His love for the Church, so He raised marriage to the dignity of a sacrament. On their wedding day, bride and groom come together freely and without reservation, to love and honor each other for the rest of their lives and to accept children lovingly from God. They choose to live, with God's help, the commitments that marriage entails.

If you have been called to the vocation of marriage, the diocesan Marriage

& Family Life Office wants to support you in your mission to love your spouse, to be loved, and to fulfill the deepest desires of your heart.

All married couples are invited to the diocesan retreat for married couples on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Columbus St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road. Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate Mass and offer a morning reflection. Greg Schutte, director of Marriage Works! Ohio and marriage enrichment author, will continue with presentations on enhancing the intimate relationship of husbands and wives. A guided Holy Hour will be included in the day's schedule, and a continental breakfast and warm lunch will be provided.

The cost for the event is \$65. Please register by Sept. 1 at columbuscatholic.org/retreat or call (614) 241-2560.

Pray for our dead

ANDERSON, George F. "Pete" Jr., 73, July 8
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake

ANDREWS, Robert T., 65, July 23
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

BAKER, Mark W., 57, July 25
St. Michael Church, Worthington

BIRCH, Mary T., 54, July 27
Christ the King Church, Columbus

BIRD, Steven J., 33, July 31
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

BONNEVILLE, Russell E. Jr., 65, July 26
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

BRINKMAN, Delayne K. (Emmelhainz), 63, Aug. 2
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

CARNEVALE, Lori M., 57, Aug. 2
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

CIVIELLO, Guido, 98, July 20
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

CLARK, Derek, 27, July 21
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

COLLURA, Samuel P., 96, July 14
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

CROWLEY, Mary M. (Enright), 75, Aug. 3
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

D'ANDREA, Sonny, 66, Aug. 4
St. Paul Church, Westerville

DININNI, Robert, 61, July 26
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

ESTES, George M., 73, July 30
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

FEERICK, Dr. Frances T. (Ugis), 93, July 30
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

FINKLE, Richard J., 94, July 27
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

GAY, Joy E. (Russell), 90, July 28
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

GIBBONS, Erin E., 53, July 29
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

HALEY, Patricia (Rife), 75, July 28
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

HALL, Althea J. "June," (Schifflett), 76, June 10
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

HENDERSON, Mary E. (Lehr), 70, July 30
St. Paul Church, Westerville

HIGHFILL, Margaret L., 73, July 28
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

HORAN, Cicily A. (Bostwick), 86, July 25
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

HUTCHINSON, Donald E., 78, Aug. 2
St. Leo Church, Columbus

KEEFER, Elizabeth S. "Betty" (Schlichtig), 78, July 31
St. Joseph Church, Plain City

MACULAITIS, Betty L. (Colvin), 80, Aug. 2
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

MAZZOLI, Louis A., 75, July 26
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

McGUIRE, Kevin W., July 29
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MENTEL, James M., 78, July 23
St. Michael Church, Worthington

MIMNAUGH, Ellen (Nulty), 76, July 23
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

PEIRSOL, Frank E., 73, Aug. 2
St. Mary Church, Delaware

POPICH, William F., 84, July 25
Holy Family Church, Columbus

POSTON, Thomas J., 71, July 25
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

RAGGIO, Agostino J. "Gus," 82, Aug. 2
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

RIDENOUR, Sharon (Ghezzi), 74, July 22
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

RITZER, Rose M. (Krajewski), 83, July 26
Christ the King Church, Columbus

RYAN, Mike, 66, July 13
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

SCHWOPE, Bettie L. (Long), July 30
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

SHAW, Gisela T. (Bero), 95, July 24
St. Leonard Church, Heath

SHEA, Kathleen M., 71, Aug. 4
St. Leo Church, Columbus

TAYLOR, Linda (DeFrancisco), 73, July 19
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

WHITE, Richard, 60, July 20
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

WHITEHEAD, Marie C. (Lonteen), 91, Aug. 1
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

WHITTINGTON, Carl C., 79, July 29
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

YOUNG, Mark S., 60, Aug. 2
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

Father R. Regis Heuschkel, OP

Funeral Mass for Father R. Regis Heuschkel, OP, 94, who died Wednesday, July 19, was held Monday, July 25, at Youngstown St. Dominic Church. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown.

He was born July 17, 1923, in New York City to Paul and Claire (Moisson) Heuschkel, was a graduate of Fordham University, and entered the Dominican novitiate in 1943. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1950, at St. Dominic Church in Washington.

He was a teacher at Columbus Aquinas High School from 1951-61, served as director of the Infant of Prague shrine at St. Mary Priory in New Haven, Connecticut, from 1961-77, was pastor of Somerset Holy Trinity Church from 1977-83 and Columbus St. Patrick Church from 1983-89, then served at Youngstown St. Patrick Church from 1989 until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Richard; and a sister, Solange Van Heusen.

Sister Joanne Seiser, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Joanne Seiser, SNDdeN, 89, who died Friday, July 28, was held Tuesday, Aug. 1, in Mount Notre Dame Convent, Cincinnati.

She was born on Jan. 29, 1928 in Muncie, Indiana, grew up in Dayton, and entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1945, taking the name Sister Mary Gregory.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Columbus St. Joseph Academy (1949-51) and Columbus Bishop Hartley high school (1960-63). She also taught at schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and in Chicago.

From 1968-88, she served in various positions with the Archdiocese of Chicago, including director of the Catholic teacher education program and director of lay ministry. She was ministry director of the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart in St. Louis from 1988-2000 and director of an Alliance for Work-Based Education program in Dayton from 2002-09. She did volunteer work in Dayton from 2010-15 and moved to the Mount Notre Dame Health Center in Cincinnati in 2015.

She is survived by a sister, Mary Ellen Pfeiffer.

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H A P P E N I N G S

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St. Anthony Corn Roast Festival

1300 Urban Dr., Columbus

Aug. 25, 6-11pm; Aug. 26, 5-11pm

Carnival Rides, Roasted Corn, Ribs, Pulled Pork, Fair Food, Games and Activities for kids of all ages, Silent Auction, Cake Wheel, Raffles, Live Entertainment Both Nights

Rummage Sale

Aug. 18, 9am - 5pm; Aug. 19, 9am - 3pm

The Festival at St. Andrew

August 18 & 19 - 5:00 p.m. - Midnight

1899 McCoy Rd., Upper Arlington

Free admission

Rides, games of chance, silent auction, raffle. Grilled foods & Saturday dinner by Berwick.

Entertainment on Fri:

5 p.m. rock band EKG,

8 p.m. rock band Conspiracy,

Entertainment on Saturday:

6 p.m. animals from Columbus Zoo,

8 p.m. The Buzzard Kings

AUGUST

10, THURSDAY

Evening Mass and Prayer Ministry at St. Mark
6 p.m., St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Recitation

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

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

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

'Happenings' submissions

Notices for items of Catholic interest must be received at least 12 days before expected publication date. We will print them as space permits.

Items not received before this deadline may not be published.

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E-mail as text to tpuet@columbuscatholic.org

of the rosary, followed by praise and worship led by Living Stones band, with individual prayer ministry available. Mass at 7:30 celebrated by Father Peter Gideon, followed by potluck. Sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal. 614-582-1721

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.

Theology on Tap Kickoff

7 to 9 p.m., Cafeteria, St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Kickoff for 2017-18 for Theology on Tap discussion group for young adults. Main dish, drinks provided. Bring side dish or dessert, posting what you will bring on TOT Facebook page. \$5 per person donation.

'Into the Deep' Talk at Columbus St. Patrick

7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly "Into the Deep" series on the Catholic faith continues with talk on "What Is The Bible? What Does It Show?" 614-224-9522

11, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting. 614-866-4302

St. Vincent Family Center Community Picnic

3 to 6 p.m., St. Vincent Family Center, 1490 E. Main St., Columbus. Community picnic with free food, entertainment, games, and prizes. 614-252-0731

St. Mary High School Class of 1957 Reunion

3 to 8 p.m., Dempsey's Food & Spirits, 346 S. High St., Columbus. Columbus St. Mary High School Class of 1957 60th anniversary reunion. Dinner around 4 p.m. 614-581-4684

12, 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.

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by Shawn Scott and Nancy Cameron, with "first harvest" theme. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Aug. 10. 614-866-4302

13, SUNDAY

Spanish Mass at Columbus Cultural Arts Center

Noon, Garden of Cultural Arts Center, 139 W. Main St., Columbus. Mass in Spanish, celebrated by Father David Schalk, pastor, Columbus Christ the King Church, as part of Columbus Festival Latino.

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

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

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting

1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

'Music on the Hill' at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes

3 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville. Parish "Music on the Hill" series concert with

young brother-sister duo of pianist Rachel Jackson and violinist Matthew Jackson. 937-644-1020

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

14, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

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

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

15, TUESDAY

200th Anniversary Mass at Lancaster St. Mary

7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell, marking the 200th anniversary of celebration of the first Mass in Lancaster by Father Edward Fenwick, OP. Homilist: Father Thomas Blau, OP. Ice cream reception to follow. 740-653-0997

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 7:30 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

16, WEDNESDAY

Abortion Recovery Network Group

9:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for those recovering from abortion or who have been through a recovery program and want to stay connected. 614-721-2100

ODU Adult and Continuing Education Info Session

6 to 7 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Ohio Dominican University information session for adult and continuing education programs. 614-251-7400

17, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for those recovering from abortion or who have been through a recovery program and want to stay connected. 614-721-2100

Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. "Mass and a Meal" monthly event. Bring side dishes, desserts, or beverages. Theme: Mexican Fiesta. 614-224-9522

18-19, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Marriage Preparation Program at St. Elizabeth

6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. "The Joy-Filled Marriage," diocesan Marriage & Family Life Of-

fice marriage preparation program. 614-241-2560

19, SATURDAY

Columbus Latino Catholic Conference

7 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Inaugural Columbus Latino Catholic Conference, sponsored by diocesan Catholic Men's and Women's Ministries, The Catholic Foundation, and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Fund.

Men's Retreat at St. John Neumann

8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Faith and Family Center, St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Men's retreat led by Deacon Greg Kandra. Theme: "Tell Me a Story: Being Evangelists in the New Evangelization." 740-965-1358

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.

Field Day at Shepherd's Corner

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Field day featuring a look at the many uses of garlic, plus walks through center's garden, meditation trail and labyrinth, a chance to meet the animals, and other activities. 614-866-4302

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

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

20, SUNDAY

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

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

Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick

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

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676

Polish Mass at Holy Family

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

Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi

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

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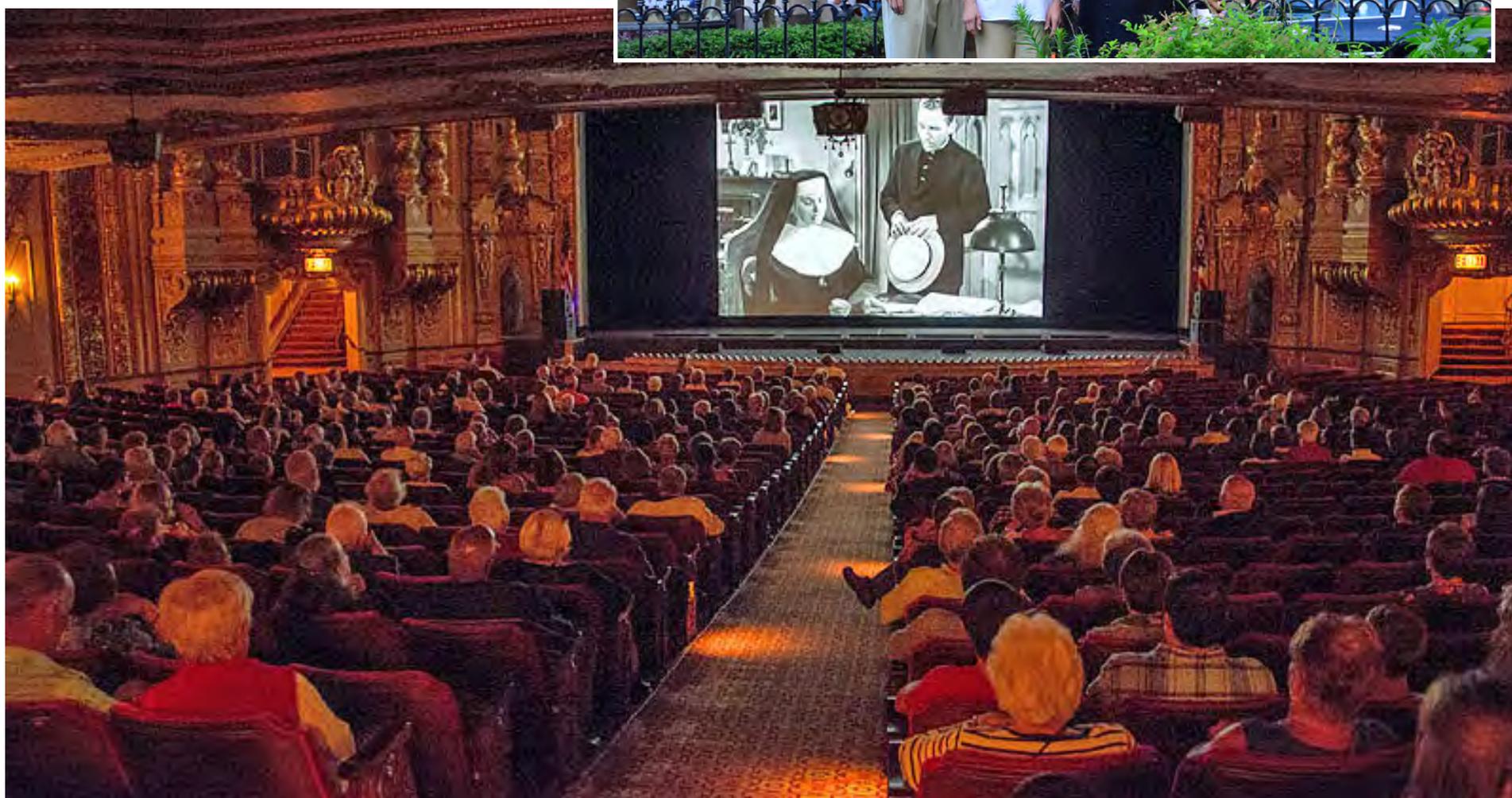
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BELLS OF ST. MARY

The capital campaign kickoff for the restoration of St. Mary Church in Columbus' German Village took place in grand style on Monday, July 31 at the Ohio Theater. Preliminary events concluded with the showing of the classic movie "The Bells of St. Mary's."

Damage from a lightning strike revealed major structural problems in the roof of the more than 150-year-old church, which is closed pending extensive repairs.

Depicted in the attached photo are campaign co-chairs Mike and Peggy Hartshorn and Father Kevin Lutz, St. Mary pastor, wearing the type of straw hat Bing Crosby made famous in the movie. Photos by John Rees



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Holy Land Festival unites Muslims, Christians in hope for restored peace

By Josephine von Dohlen

Catholic News Service

Along the western banks of the Jordan River, the place of Christ's baptism and today known as Qasr al-Yahud, numerous churches and monasteries of different religions sit vacant and silenced due to the dangerous landmines that lie beneath them.

For almost 50 years, Qasr al-Yahud has been empty due to the landmines installed during the 1967 Six Day war between the Arabs and the Israeli people.

Halo Trust, a nonprofit organization, has worked to remove the landmines in the Qasr al-Yahud area since 2012. The group is dedicated to providing safe environments for those living in areas surrounded by landmines through landmine removal, as well as assisting in local community rebuilding in the aftermath of war.

Their work has brought together various religious denominations in efforts to preserve the sacred churches, such as the Coptic church, the Franciscan church and the Syrian church, that all sit on the site of Qasr al-Yahud.



Members of the Al-Amal Dabkeh Dance Troupe (left) and Franciscan Friar Jim Gardiner at the Holy Land Festival. CNS photos by Jaclyn Lippelmann



"We've got agreements with the eight churches, we've got agreements with the Israeli government, and we've got agreements with the Palestinian authorities," said Adam Jasinski, executive

director of Halo Trust, in an interview with Catholic News Service July 15.

Jasinski spoke about the Jordan River landmine removal in a seminar at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America as part of its fourth annual Holy Land Festival held July 15.

The festival cultivates a conversation of hope around the Holy Land, with many groups coming together to engage visitors with the situation of Christians and of peace in the Holy Land.

Father Jim Gardiner, a Franciscan Friar of the Atonement as well as a member of the Holy Land Committee of the Archdiocese of Washington, spoke to CNS about how the festival brought together so many different groups of people.

"Nobody knows who is Christian, Muslim or Catholic," Father Gardiner said.

The interdenominational environment at the festival was a mere taste of what takes place at Bethlehem University, the first Catholic university in the Holy Land. Two Bethlehem University students, Lela Abu Ayyash and Lara Kasbari, spoke about their experiences living and going to school in Palestine in a seminar during the Holy Land Festival.

Bethlehem University contributes to a peaceful conversation among its 3,200 students, 77 percent of whom are Muslim and 23 percent, Christian.

"The atmosphere that the university provides is very welcoming," said Kasbari, a senior business administration student at Bethlehem University who

is interning with the Christian Brothers Conference this summer. "There are students coming from villages or towns that don't have Christians in them, when they come to Bethlehem University, (it) might be the first time that they actually meet a Christian, and they are surprised. ... Bethlehem University really opens up that chance for Muslims to meet Christians and a chance for dialogue, for interreligious dialogue."

Kasbari also mentioned how Bethlehem University further promotes this dialogue through mandatory courses where Muslims can learn more about Christianity and Christians can learn more about Islam, providing peaceful "tolerance."

The university also hosts several prayer hours throughout the week where Christians can go to a church and Muslims can go to a mosque, all to engage in prayer at the same time.

The festival engaged visitors in an authentic atmosphere as the smells of Middle Eastern food lingered on the sunny Saturday afternoon and the traditional music and dancing took place in the center of the square. Visitors also went inside to tour the monastery's church and catacombs which hold many replicas of Holy Land sites.

"This is a celebration of culture," Father Gardiner said. "Religion and faith are the basis of culture, and what better place to have this festival than at the monastery."



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Continuing Rosary for Anniversary of Fatima

Parishioners of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church are gathering to pray the rosary every Sunday at 8 p.m.

and on the 13th day of each month to mark the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Photo/Immaculate Conception Church

Columbus represented at Black Catholic Congress

About 30 people representing the Columbus diocesan Black Catholic Ministries were among more than 2,200 Catholics who gathered in Orlando, Florida, in early July for National Black Catholic Congress XII. Pictured are Columbus representatives (from left) Bernadette Neal, Lynn Chavers, Ryenne Rowan, Morgan Rowan, Jackie Rowan, Charles Rowan, Odessa Rowan, Valerie Fields-Hodges, Andrea Pannell, and Gabrielle Holland.

The event had the theme “The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me: Act Justly, Love Goodness, and Walk Humbly With Your God.” Bishops, priests, women religious, and laypeople attended from the United States, the Caribbean, Uganda, Nigeria, and Europe.

The congress program included daily Mass, continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, workshops, youth activities, and keynote speakers who focused on the topics of justice and issues relevant to the African American community within the context of Catholic social teaching.

The keynote speaker was Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana, who has been



prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development since Jan. 1.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican’s apostolic nuncio to the United States, read a message from Pope Francis to all participants in the congress. Cardinal Turkson and Archbishop Pierre both attended the entire congress.

Bishop Edward Braxton of Belleville, Illinois, spoke on the racial divide in the United States.

The congress highlighted the causes for canonization of five African Americans: Servant of God Julia Greeley (a former slave known as Denver’s “Angel of Mercy”), Servant of God Father Augustus Tolton (a former slave who became the first African American priest in the United States), Servant of God Mother Mary Lange (foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence), Venerable Henriette De Lille (foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family), and

Venerable Pierre Toussaint (a former slave who became a philanthropist to the poor in New York City).

Morgan Rowan, a 2017 graduate of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, gave the closing address from youth participants in the congress.

“This was my fifth time attending the NBCC. I believe each one has been an incredibly spiritual experience for me. I want to add that I am proud to be black and Catholic,” said Beverly Thompson of Columbus St. Dominic Church. A grant from The Catholic Foundation provided bus transportation for the Columbus group.

At the close of the event, all dioceses were asked to implement the Congress XII Pastoral Plan of Action, which is focused on evangelization, Catholic education, social justice, religious vocations, strengthening of the family, and support of youth.

Daniel Rudd, a Catholic journalist and civil rights leader, organized the first National Black Catholic Congress in 1889. Congress XIII is planned for 2022.

Photo courtesy Black Catholic Ministries.