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The Editor's Notebook*To give and not count the cost*

By David Garick, Editor

Teach us to give and not count the cost.

– St. Ignatius of Loyola

There is not a day that goes by when I don't reflect on how blessed my life is. I have seen my share of disappointments and sorrows, but I rejoice daily in the life God has given to me. You will never find my name on the *Forbes* list of the richest people on the planet, but my needs are met and I truly feel that, in the words of the Psalmist, "my cup runneth over."

Our Lord taught us that the blessings of this life are not ours to hoard. We are to use what he has given us in a manner that expands the Kingdom of God on Earth. He spells this out in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), in which a man going on a journey entrusted some of his wealth with his servants. Those who invested that wealth and returned a profit to the master on his return were praised and given more. The one who buried his share of the wealth and returned the original amount was castigated and lost everything.

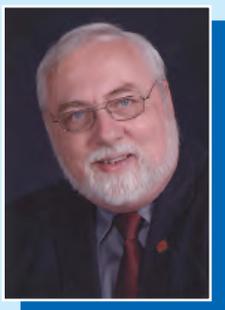
God expects us to be good stewards of his blessings. The U.S. Catholic bishops put it this way in their 1992 *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*: "Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another.

We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards. ... Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others."

I never have felt that a moment of the time I put into service to the Church or into ministry or assistance to those in need was wasted. I never have missed a dollar of the money I have put into a collection plate or have sent to support an important ministry.

We have many opportunities to share what God has entrusted to us. This is a good time to look at how we can help now through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which provides a wide range of assistance in our diocese and at The Catholic Foundation. The Foundation's endowment funds provide a means by which we can make possible continuing support to the many and varied missions of the Church.

St. Francis of Assisi tells us, "Let us have charity and humility, and give alms, for almsgiving cleanses our souls from the filth of sin. At death we lose all that we have in this world, but we take with us charity and the alms-deeds we have done, and for these we shall receive a great reward from God."

**"Living the Gospel in Faith, Hope, And Charity"**

By Michael Ames

Diocesan Office of Development and Planning

In living the Gospel, we are "creating a culture of care" which is at the heart of our Christian faith and connects us to one another. Pope Francis reminds us that "Compassion has a human face. It means ... to not remain indifferent to the pain and suffering of others." The Bishop's Annual Appeal enables the Diocese of Columbus to respond with compassion to the needs of many people within our community.

What does our support of the Appeal do in creating this culture of care? As part of our Catholic Charities programs, the St. Francis Center in McArthur helps families struggling with the effects of poverty and hunger. Through the coordination of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, our support helps furnish resources to parishes during the opioid crisis in our communities, and the office's prison ministry program provides spiritual support to prisoners during their incarceration. The diocese also helps support the St. Peregrine Fund, which addresses the unmet needs of cancer patients and their families.

Diocesan coordination with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development promotes "educating the non-poor in our parishes to effect a growth in compassion and a sensitivity to the needs of

those in want."

The Bishop's Annual Appeal also helps support the Women's Care Center, which provides assistance and education to women facing unplanned and challenging pregnancies. And as always, the Appeal promotes and supports the education of our seminarians and deacons, as well as the children in our Parish Schools of Religion and our Catholic schools.

These are a few of the many ministries and programs you help to support through a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. It is in good stewardship that we are "Living the Gospel in Faith, Hope, and Charity" – the Appeal's slogan for this year.

If you have not given your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, please consider doing so and know that whatever you give will be used for good purposes. Any amount received above an individual parish's goal will be returned to the parish to be used for its particular needs. Please know that Bishop Campbell appreciates your generosity in the support of this worthy cause.

Additional information about the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal is available from the diocesan Office of Development and Planning at (614) 241-2550 or toll-free at (877) 241-2550, by emailing devmailbox@columbuscatholic.org, or by logging on to www.colscatholic.org.

Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the Catholic Times. During June, July and August, we will only be publishing every other week. Look for the Catholic Times in your mailbox just prior to **July 30 and August 13 & 27**

We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September

**Front Page photo:**

Bishop Frederick Campbell and Loren Brown, president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation, stand next to an icon of St. John Fisher, the Foundation's patron, which the bishop blessed on June 22.

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Correction - The Theology of the Body program at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church on Saturday, July 29 is being presented by St. Brigid Church and is sponsored by The Catholic Foundation. A story in the June 18 Catholic Times incorrectly identified the presenting organization.

London hospital seeks another hearing in Charlie Gard case



CNA/EWTN News

Great Ormond Street Hospital in London is applying for a new hearing with the high court after new evidence suggests the critically ill baby could benefit from an experimental treatment.

The decision comes after a team of seven international medical experts alerted the hospital that fresh, unpublished data suggested that an experimental drug could improve Charlie's brain condition.

One of the signatories of the letter is a researcher and neurologist with the Vatican-owned Bambino Gesù Hospital in Rome, which offered to transfer Charlie to their facilities earlier this week. Great Ormond Hospital said they denied the transfer for legal reasons.

"Two international hospitals and their researchers have communicated to us as late as the last 24 hours that they have fresh evidence about their proposed experimental treatment," a hospital spokesman said, according to the BBC.

"We believe, in common with Charlie's parents, it is right to explore this evidence," they said.

"Great Ormond Street Hospital is giving the High Court the opportunity to objectively assess the claims of fresh evidence...It will be for the High Court to make its judgment on the facts," they said.

Charlie has been diagnosed with mitochondrial depletion syndrome, a rare genetic disease thought to affect just 16 children in the world. The disease causes progressive muscle weakness and can cause death in the

first year of life.

Charlie's case has caught international attention for the various legal battles that his parents, Chris Gard and Connie Yates, have fought in an attempt to save their son's life.

The current decision of the hospital to apply for the appeal comes as a surprise after Charlie's parents were denied their request by the High Court to take Charlie to a hospital in the United States to seek experimental treatment, even after they had raised over \$1 million to take him there. Charlie's parents were also denied their request to take their son home to die.

Both the Vatican pediatric hospital and Pope Francis have expressed their support for Charlie.

"The Holy Father follows with affection and emotion the story of Charlie Gard and expresses his own closeness to his parents," read a July 2 statement issued by Vatican spokesman Greg Burke.

"He prays for them, wishing that their desire to accompany and care for their own child to the end will be respected."

On June, the day the Charlie's life support was initially scheduled to be disconnected, the Pope also used his Twitter account to send a clear pro-life message in the infant's favor:

"To defend human life, above all when it is wounded by illness, is a duty of love that God entrusts to all."

Charlie's case will be heard by the high court on Wednesday July 12.

Photo from the Charlie Gard go fund me page.

Diocesan resident ordained as Franciscan friar

Father Colin T. King, OFM, was ordained as a Franciscan friar on Saturday, June 10, at Cincinnati St. Clement Church by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer of Cincinnati.

Father King's first assignment as a priest of the



Franciscan Province of St. John the Baptist will be at Mary Gate of Heaven Parish in Negril, Jamaica. He is the son of Tunney and Norah King of Canal Winchester and is a 1998 graduate of Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School.

He has been a member of Groveport St. Mary, Canal Winchester St. John XXIII, and Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton parishes. He is a graduate of Miami University in Oxford and was a special education teacher at Mason High School in the Cincinnati area before joining the Franciscans.

Top photo — Father King with his parents, Norah and Tunney King.

Left: Father King with Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer of Cincinnati.

Photos courtesy Franciscan Friars



Pope Francis appoints Auxiliary Bishop Nelson J. Perez to head Cleveland diocese

Pope Francis has named Auxiliary Bishop Nelson J. Perez of Rockville Centre, New York, to head the Diocese of Cleveland.

The appointment was announced in Washington July 11 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop Perez, 56, succeeds Bishop Richard G. Lennon, who resigned in December at age 70 citing health reasons. Bishop Perez has been an auxiliary bishop of Rockville Centre since 2012. He is vicar for the diocese's Hispanic Apostolate.

He will be installed as Bishop of Cleveland in September. Bishop Perez was born in Miami, Florida, June 16th, 1961 to parents David and Emma Perez. He has two broth-



ers: the late Doctor David Perez and Louis Martin Perez. He attended P.S. Number 4 in West New York, New Jersey and graduated from Memorial High School in West New York, New Jersey. Bishop Perez then graduated from Montclair State College. Prior to

entering the Seminary, Nelson Perez taught at a Catholic elementary school, Colegio La Piedad in Puerto Rico. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 1989. In 1998, Father Perez was named Chaplain to His Holiness Pope John Paul II with the title of monsignor. In 2009, he was made a prelate of honor. On June 8, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI named Msgr. Perez an auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Faith in Action

By Jerry Freewalt

Responding to the drug addiction crisis

Pain and suffering are in our community. The drug epidemic is sweeping through every corner of our 23-county diocese: rural, urban, and suburban. Age does not matter. Youth, adults, and the elderly are victims. The causes are many: overprescription of opioids, trauma, mental illness, social isolation, acceptance of the drug culture, etc. Families, first responders, and community resources are caught in the devastating web of an insidious darkness.

What can we do? Care. As church, we are obligated to respond. Jesus Christ instructed us to see him in the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned (Matthew 25). People who are caught up in the clutches of drug addiction have found themselves in these categories. We are to see Christ in all suffering from the trauma of the disease of drug addiction.

I recently was at a faith-based opiate crisis conference. An attendee said, "I am a mother from an affluent community. Our family goes to church. I have two children who are addicts. What I wish from the church is something as simple as a meal for families who are struggling. An invitation from the church to say we care about you. Families can help each other on this difficult journey."

She has a great point. As Catholics, we have a meal: the Eucharist. We come together with Christ at Mass to give witness that we care. At the end of Mass, we are called to go forth. A simple meal outside of Mass at church to offer support to struggling families is a great way to go forth. Through our vulnerability and compassion, we build community, a community of care.

In March, Bishop Frederick Campbell delivered a series of talks across the diocese to address the opiate addiction crisis. Much fruit is happening as a result of those talks and from the care and concern of Catholics throughout the diocese. For example, the Diocesan Pastoral Council has been animated to respond. There will be a diocesan drug awareness summit for leadership teams of all Catholic schools in September. Resources to respond were developed and sent to parishes. Presentation opportunities are available to parishes and schools. Some parishes are developing their own responses through connecting with local community programs or by developing support groups.

A handout from Bishop Campbell's talks includes these suggestions (for a detailed listing, visit www.columbuscatholic.org):

Home and Family

- Support individuals and families. Pray for and comfort those who lost a loved one because of a fatal overdose.
- Start talking. Keep family members informed about the dangers of substance abuse and opportunities for help. Visit www.starttalking.ohio.gov.
- Seek treatment and encourage ongoing participation in recovery programs.

Parish

- Host prayer vigils and support groups.
- Make referrals to community service providers and invite services to lead discussions.
- Train parishioners to respond to an overdose with Naloxone. Mount Carmel Health offers Project DAWN training.

School

- Help students have a regular encounter with Jesus Christ that can transform lives.
- Provide substance abuse education to all students (K-12). Integrate it in the curriculum and support youth-led programs.
- Survey students to monitor for warning signs and measure success.

Community

- Find out about local and state resources to fight drug abuse.
- Host a community forum at your parish.
- Partner with your local anti-drug coalition, law enforcement, emergency medical personnel, and community treatment programs. Advocate for resources.

In what seems to be a daunting challenge, Christians must be a hopeful people. This is an opportunity for the church to be church. Please pray and reflect on how you can use your gifts and talents to create a community of care.

Jerry Freewalt is an associate director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.



Black Catholic Ministries awards uniform scholarships

Black Catholic Ministries Columbus awarded uniform scholarships to Maleah Shaffer and Darius Parham, both students at Columbus St. Mary School. Since 2013, the organization has awarded \$100 uniform scholarships to a male and a female student who will attend a Catholic high school. Shaffer will attend Columbus Cristo Rey High School and Parham will attend Columbus Bishop Ready High School. The award is in memory of Black Catholic Ministries founding member Jean Wright, whose five children and her grandchildren graduated from St. Mary.

Photo courtesy Black Catholic Ministries



Craft bazaar will return to St. Pius X

After an absence of 12 years, a holiday tradition will return to Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church and School when the parish hosts a Christmas craft bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at the school gymnasium, 1061 S. Waggoner Road.

The event will include about 50 independent craft vendors. Father Hohman Council 5253 of the Knights of Columbus will have refreshments available for sale. There will be a \$2 admission fee.

Proceeds will be used by the parish's pastoral advisory council for other parish activities and for the capital cam-

paign which is providing support for the renovation and additions taking place throughout the parish campus.

Vendors interested in renting a booth must complete an application available on the parish website and submit a rental fee by Tuesday, Aug. 1 to ensure their participation.

Vendors may download an application from the website at <http://spxreynoldsburg.com/downloads/SPX-Christmas-CraftBazaar-Forms-Nov2017.pdf>.

Questions concerning the bazaar may be directed to Ariana Yokum at SPX-craftbazaar@spxreynoldsburg.com.



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In the marriage case styled ROBERT MONTGOMERY WENTZEL - CATHIE ANN (MURTAUGH) PARRISH, 2017-0144, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of CATHIE ANN (MURTAUGH) PARRISH. The Tribunal herewith informs her of the case and invites her to contact REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN CODY, JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 31 JULY 2017. Phone: 614-241-2500 Extension 3. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of CATHIE ANN (MURTAUGH) PARRISH is herewith asked to make this Citation known to her or to inform the Tribunal of her current address. Given this 10 day of JULY, 2017. REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN CODY, JCL, Presiding Judge.

In the marriage case styled COFFMAN - WALKER, 2017-0125, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of CYNTHIA LOU WALKER. The Tribunal herewith informs her of the case and invites her to contact REVEREND DENNIS E. STEVENSON, JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 14 JULY 2017. Phone: 614-241-2500. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of CYNTHIA LOU WALKER is herewith asked to make this Citation known to her or to inform the Tribunal of her current address. Given this 26 day of JUNE, 2017. REVEREND DENNIS E. STEVENSON, JCL, Presiding Judge.

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The Diocesan Catholic Schools Advisory Commission (DCSAC): Providing expertise to promote and support Catholic education

By **Linda O'Horo**, DCSAC member

Members of the Diocesan Catholic Schools Advisory Commission (DCSAC) of the Diocese of Columbus meet on a regular basis with Dr. Joseph Brettnacher, diocesan superintendent of schools. We are volunteers who act as the eyes and ears of the consumers and sponsors of Catholic education, and provide support as requested.

We serve at the pleasure of Bishop Frederick Campbell for one or two three-year terms. The committee includes parents of current or former Catholic school students, as well as parish pastors and others who can provide professional expertise. Commission meetings take place five times between September and May, with additional committee meetings as needed. The bishop attends the concluding meeting each year.

Our responsibilities include recommending long-range goals and strategies to ensure that Catholic schools are accessible and affordable to all who seek a Catholic education. We review policies that give general direction for administrative action. The finance committee focuses on developing goals or strategies to fund education that include, but are not limited to, reviewing new tuition models, annual and capital giving, and enrollment management. The advocacy committee develops and helps establish channels of communication, within and outside the school system, to promote the values of a Catholic education.

The superintendent of schools joins the 15-member commission at each meeting, along with the director of the diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis, Barbara Romanello-Wichtman; the director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Michael Hall; and the associate director of school planning, development and advocacy, Kathy Wilson.

Dr. Brettnacher joined our diocesan staff three years ago and spent much of his first year as superintendent visiting all 53 parish schools in the dio-

cese and speaking with principals about important issues. He also met with pastors when possible.

During this time, DCSAC members worked with him to complete research, which included evaluating activities and practices in other dioceses. Members provided input related to enrollment, advocacy (marketing), branding and communications, school funding models, and policy review. There has been much discussion of the value and importance of Catholic education and of ways to increase school enrollment and student retention.

DCSAC members assisted in applying for a grant from The Catholic Foundation, which is being used with funds from the diocese to create a comprehensive communication plan for education in the diocese. This plan, which will benefit schools and provide a comprehensive message about the Diocese of Columbus, will be unveiled and put in use starting this fall.

DCSAC members include Father Anthony Dinovo (pastor of Worthington St. Michael Church); Terry Fairholm (Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare); Bob Horner (Columbus St. Andrew); Nick Iannito (Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona); Alvin Igwebuike (Columbus Christ the King); James Jilek (Gahanna St. Matthew); Linda O'Horo (Columbus St. Andrew); Tom Schindler (Columbus St. Catharine); Marissa Ward (New Lexington St. Rose); and Jamie Weiner (Columbus St. Patrick).

The diocese is seeking applications or nominations for five commission members. Applicants should be older than 18, practicing Catholics, and active members of their parishes – especially those who live outside the city of Columbus or are members of parishes in more remote areas. Expertise in finance, fundraising, and marketing is helpful. Meetings are on weeknights between 6 and 8 p.m. in downtown Columbus.

For information about applying, contact Leann Marie Leister at (614) 221-5829, extension 1334.

DeSales to host day of reflection for inner healing

"How to Survive and Thrive With Chronic Pain and Life-Challenging Conditions" will be the topic of a day of reflection on Saturday, July 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road.

The day will be structured to provide encouragement, relief, and support for people experiencing chronic pain, life-threatening illnesses, anxieties, and mental or physical incapacities, as well as for their families and caregivers. Topics of presentations during the day will include how suffering is a great teacher, how God brings good out of what we might consider bad, the difference between curing and healing, and how various forms of meditation can alleviate physical and emotional pain.

The featured speaker will be Father William Fai-

ella, CSC, a Holy Cross priest from Phoenix, Arizona. He was a member of DeSales' first graduating class and was the first alumnus to return there to teach. He served at the school from 1968-70. Before that, he taught seventh and eighth grades at the former Columbus St. Agnes School.

Besides Father Faiella's talks, the day of reflection will include discussions and a shared lunch and will conclude with a Mass for inner healing.

Attendance is limited. A donation will serve as your reservation. If you are unable to donate, then contribute prayer.

All must register to reserve a seat. For more information, call (614) 891-1177 or send an email message to reflectiontime17@gmail.com.

IMAGES OF MARY; ATTEND DAUGHTER'S WEDDING?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I am wondering how the common representation of Mary in art form came to be. Whether in Nativity scenes, statues or paintings, she is usually shown as being Caucasian (or at least European), with a pale complexion and hair that is almost blond. Shouldn't she be depicted instead as dark-skinned, dark-haired and Jewish? (Corydon, Indiana)

A. For many centuries, the focal point of Christianity was Europe, and a heavy majority of the world's Catholics lived on that continent. (In more recent years that has changed rapidly; according to the Pew Research Center, in the year 1910, 65 percent of all Catholics lived in Europe, but by 2010 only 24 percent did.)

Because most religious artists were European, it is not surprising that they portrayed Mary as looking like the people they knew; they were not trying to create a photographic replica of Mary of Nazareth but to appeal to the religious sensibilities of those most likely to view their work.

Had they wanted instead an exact likeness, they would have known even in the Middle Ages that Palestinian Jews at the time of Christ had darker skin, with darker eyes and a dark hair color. (What they might not have known then -- but what nearly all biblical scholars believe today -- is that, based on Jewish marriage customs of the

time, Mary was most likely 14 or 15 years old when she gave birth to Jesus.)

There is, of course, a range of artistic works that do portray Mary with non-European features.

Probably the best known of these is the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In 1531, Mary appeared to an indigenous named Juan Diego on a hill outside Mexico City.

When the local bishop was skeptical and asked for a sign, Mary directed Juan Diego to collect roses in his cloak and bring them to the bishop.

As he unfolded the cloak, dozens of roses fell to the floor and revealed the image of Mary imprinted on the inside -- with the dark skin of the indigenous people.

Q. My 23-year-old daughter has recently gotten engaged to a very nice young man. Our family had been planning the wedding, but I began to notice some reluctance on my daughter's part. After a frank discussion, she admitted that neither she nor her fiance have any wish to be married in the Catholic Church.

Both of them have issues with the church, particularly with regard to gay marriage.

This is breaking my heart and upsetting my husband as well.

I cannot find any clear answer on whether we are allowed to attend her wed-

ding next year; the articles I have seen from religious sources seem to differ in the guidelines they offer.

Can you tell me what I should do? (I don't want to commit a mortal sin but she is my daughter, and I've always told her I would love and support her no matter what mistakes she made.) (Suffolk, Virginia)

A. The first thing I would want is to have your daughter and her fiance talk with an understanding priest over their concerns with some of the church's teachings. He might be able to help them sort out whether their issues are fundamental enough to forgo the strength of the sacraments and the comfort they may once have felt with the church's prayers and practice.

If that suggestion doesn't work and they still decide to marry outside the church, I believe you should feel free to attend the wedding.

No doubt, you and your husband have made clear to your daughter your own feelings: the joy and security you experience from the Catholic faith and your hope to pass that on to your daughter as a lifelong gift.

As you said, she is your daughter, the child of your love. Not to attend the wedding, in my view, risks a permanent rupture and could eliminate any chance of her returning to Catholic practice through your gentle example.

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

Foundation supports street ministry

The Columbus street outreach ministry of Sister Nadine Buchanan, OP, has been awarded a \$4,000 grant by the Martha's Giving Circle, an initiative of The Catholic Foundation.

Sister Nadine takes food, clothing, and other aid to women on the streets of Columbus daily. She is an active volunteer with the Franklin County CATCH Court, which provides a therapeutic jurisprudence program for women dealing with the effects of human trafficking, and volunteers with Freedom A La Carte, a catering company that offers training, employment, and support to women who have escaped trafficking.

In 2014, she received the Ohio Liberators Award for her work with trafficked women.

The grant was presented at the Foundation's annual Martha's

Giving Circle award ceremony on Wednesday, June 14

"This wonderful gift will enable me to branch out to more areas where the women are in great need and will add to the services we can provide," Sister Nadine said.

"The Martha's Giving Circle is a perfect example of Matthew 25:40, when Jesus says 'Truly I tell you, whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me.'"

Amy Parker of the Catholic Foundation said, "The women in the Martha's Giving Circle were deeply touched by Sister Nadine's witness."

Sister Nadine is working with other community organizations on plans for a health care clinic for women on the street, which will take place in July.

St. Martha Circle award grants

The Catholic Foundation's St. Martha Giving Circle has awarded grants to nine organizations. The grants total a combined \$25,000.

All nine organizations nominated by the circle received grant money. They are Angels Nurture & Disciple, the Women's Care Center, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Catholic Social Services, the Christ Child Society of Columbus, Saint Paul's Outreach - Ohio, Hope Hollow, Run the Race, and the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference.

The St. Martha Giving Circle is a Catholic Foundation initiative which brings Catholic women together to raise awareness and funds for charities in the Diocese of Columbus. Its members gather periodically to learn about organizations and their needs, to join together in service, and to decide together

which projects to financially support.

For additional information about the circle, visit www.catholic-foundation.org/TheMarthas.

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. The Foundation fulfills its mission by seeking donors to establish endowment funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to diocesan priorities and donor intent.

It is one of the nation's oldest and largest Catholic foundations, distributing more than \$100 million throughout the diocese since 1985. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

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THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC



By Rick Jeric

Relational Reciprocity

I am a big believer in the fact that so much of life is a result of our relationships. It starts with our relationship with Jesus Christ. Our relationship with our spouse and family members comes next, and we are a direct result of those, becoming a product of that environment. We also have important relationships at work, in school, and in the greater community.

As individuals, the ebb and flow of these relationships have a huge impact on our lives each day. And in turn, the ways in which we choose to handle the great challenges of our relationships have a huge impact on our world. When any of those relationships are fractured or broken, and when a lot of pain and hurt are involved, what is the expectation? Can we ever forgive, even if I must initiate that? Can we ever forgive, even if there is no possibility of reconciliation?

Looking back throughout history, there are too many examples of broken relationships, making it impossible to list them all. Can there ever be, or was there ever, forgiveness? Adam and Eve. Cain and Abel. Jacob and Esau. Joseph and his brothers. David and Uriah. Israelites and Egyptians. Moses and Pharaoh. Israel and the Babylonians. Israel and Rome. Israel and the Palestinians. Israel and Nazis. Tribal and civil wars throughout the African continent. The U.S. Civil War. Slavery in the U.S. and throughout the world. Communist oppression in the world, with murderous genocide in Russia, China, Cambodia, and elsewhere. Pearl Harbor. North and South Korea. Vietnam. The Middle East. Syria. 9/11. Horrible acts of terrorism throughout the world. Legal abortion. Health care. Second Amendment. Morals and ethics. Liberal and conservative. Democrat and Republican. Rich and poor. Immigrants, both legal and not. Practicing our Faith. Husbands and wives. Parents and children. Friends and co-workers. Social media and addictions. Time and money. Going back to the original questions, can there be forgiveness in any of these? How can it happen? Are some relationships just too complicated and damaged, so as to be beyond repair?

Recently, I learned a new term called “relational reciprocity.” In its most simple form, it means “forgiveness without judgment.” I am convinced that this would bring immediate peace to our world, but, in reality, it is among the most difficult and seemingly impossible things we could ever do. Just think about the most broken and difficult relationship you have, or have ever had. How hard it is to repair that relationship by unconditionally forgiving the other person, and with no judgment whatsoever. Think about the most difficult relationships in the world today. Could anyone, or any group or nation, forgive one another and not judge them? Could they trust one another to be sincere? Jesus Christ forgives all. As sinful people, we have to dig deep and find a way to forgive and not judge, just as we would like others to do for us. That is precisely what can heal a damaged relationship. Just as Jesus forgave His killers and all of us who simply ask for His forgiveness, we must do the same. Relational reciprocity, forgiveness without being judgmental, begins with me and you. Start with your spouse or other family members. Include others from the past. Heal and forgive. Include those who hate us, and whom we do not even know. We can have a positive impact on our world, one relationship at a time. The relaxing and refreshing days of summer are a good time to contemplate this.

Former students surprise retiring teacher



After 42 years of teaching in the diocese, Columbus Our Lady of Peace School language arts teacher Susan Byrnes retired in June. In her last week at the school, members of the school's 1979-80 sixth-grade class, the first group of students she taught, made a surprise appearance at an all-school assembly to share memories and give the school a plaque naming the sixth-grade classroom in her honor. Byrnes (fourth from left) is pictured with former students (from left) Mike Gabalski, Kyleen (Robbins) Calabrese, Sarah (Benadum) Rabold, Melissa (Brennen) Maline, Carol (Bus-sard) Raphael, Jen (Kowalski) Iceman, Erin (Loughead) Whittaker, and Bryan Burke.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Peace School

Saint Paul the Apostle Parish

Director of Religious Education

Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, a 4,000 family Catholic community in Westerville, Ohio (Columbus) is in search of a Director of Religious Education (DRE).

The Director of Religious Education is responsible for the ministry of catechesis in the Parish School of Religious Education, oversees and offers policies and catechetical programs for children, and young adults. Specifically, this individual leads the day to day operations of an 800 plus student body PSR program ranging from pre-school through eighth grade with a staff of four coordinators and over 100 volunteer catechists. This individual is also a member of the parish liturgy committee and works closely with school administrators and pastoral associates.

The qualified individual will have an MA in Religious Education/Catholic Theology or equivalent, a minimum of 3 years' parish religious education or similar experience; familiarity with principles and dimensions of; catechist formation, children's ministry, young adult ministry, proven administrative skills including interpersonal relations, conflict resolution, management and supervision, budget preparation, and be a collaborative minister.

Compensation is open and commensurate with experience and education. Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course. All benefits are according to Diocesan policy.

For more information, please contact; **Deacon Dean Racine**, Director of Parish Administration at **614.882.2109**.

Résumés may be sent with a cover letter by e-mail to:
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Anthony Miller appointed to West Point

Anthony Miller, who graduated earlier this year from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, has accepted an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.



of soccer, two years of football, and three years on the Ultimate Frisbee team. He also was involved in all his four years at St. Charles in the theater program and was a cantor for school liturgies.

He served the community as a volunteer with the

Miller, a National Merit Commended Scholar, had a 3.98 grade point average, was a member of the National Honor Society, and tutored students in Latin, mathematics, and physics. He played one year

Special Olympics, muscular dystrophy camp, and Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, and was active at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church as an altar server and in various parish projects.

One-stop admission day at ODU

Students interested in enrolling or transferring to Ohio Dominican University will have an opportunity to begin and complete the admission process in as few as 60 minutes during ODU's one-stop admission day on Saturday, July 29.

Those interested are invited to sign up for a time to visit the Bishop Griffin Student Center, located on the ODU campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

During the event, attendees will have

an opportunity to complete ODU's free application, receive an on-the-spot admissions decision, learn about potential transfer credits, review financial aid options, have their deposit fee waived, and register for fall classes.

To register for the event, visit www.ohiodominican.edu/AdmissionDay.

For more information, contact admissions@ohiodominican.edu or call (614) 251-4500. Learn more about the benefits of transferring to ODU at www.ohiodominican.edu/Transfer.

Evening of worship at St. Mark

Father Peter Gideon, pastor of Lancaster St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., will host an evening giving participants the opportunity to draw closer to God on Thursday, Aug. 10.

It will begin with recitation of the rosary at 6 p.m., followed by praise and worship led by the musical group Living Stones. Prayer ministry will be available for individuals. Father Gideon will celebrate Mass at 7:30 p.m.,

and the evening will end with a potluck social.

It will be sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, also known as the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, under the authority of Bishop Frederick Campbell through his appointed liaison, Father Dean Mathewson.

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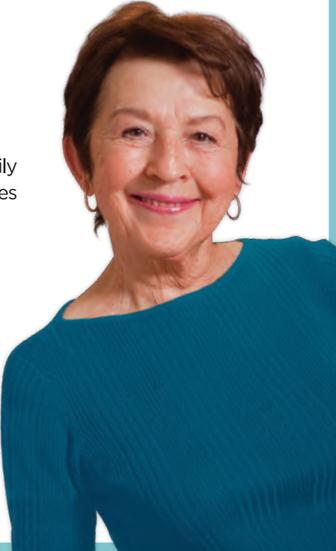
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Fountain-fullness and good stewardship

“And since the nature of goodness is to diffuse itself ... the Father is the fountain-fullness of goodness.”

– Sister Ilia Delio, OSF

“Yet access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival, and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights.”

– Pope Francis

“Standing Rock is everywhere.”

– Lakota elder Looking Horse

Water has been on my mind. As Sister Ilia Delio, OSF, writes in *Simply Bonaventure: An Introduction to His Life, Thought, and Writing*, the 13th-century saint whose feast we celebrate this Saturday, July 15 referred to the first principle of the Godhead as the fountain-fullness of goodness. (Bonaventure referred to this self-diffusive goodness as “Father,” not in a biological manner, but in the sense that God is generative, Sister Ilia explains.)

I first heard this phrase more than 15 years ago while attending a lecture by Sister Ilia. When she set aside time for questions, I was unable to formulate any, but sat in silence, allowing some of the imagery and expansive thought she presented to find a place within me. The image of God as infinite fountain-fullness, pouring out divine self, always has remained.

I’ve thought of it while standing at Niagara Falls getting soaked in a rainstorm, or while drinking a refreshing glass of water: God, ever-flowing outward, creating and sustaining all.

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, from the conviction that “... everything in the world is connected ...,” Pope Francis reminds us that fresh drinking water holds



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary van Balen

primary importance because “... it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.” As with the effects of other instances of environmental degradation, the lack of clean water and the consequences of that shortage fall most heavily upon the poor.

The pope addresses the people of the world, calling for a change from lifestyles of consumption and immediate gratification into lifestyles of sacrifice and sharing. Pope Francis quotes Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople’s eloquent words, saying that all of us need to repent, since, in some ways, we have all harmed the planet.

That realization deepened for me when I recently viewed a water bill for my apartment. The amount of water used was surprising.

I began to notice that water usually runs all the time I wash my hands and brush my teeth. Since I have no dishwasher, I often fill the sink with soapy water, even when only a few plates and glasses need cleaned. As weeks passed, water and my consumption of it became an exercise in mindfulness. I am a big water drinker and usually find two or three half-filled glasses on tables or counters at bedtime. No longer dumped down the drain, the excess now waters my plants. In a month, my water use decreased by half.

Who would have thought that such small efforts

would make a difference? Patriarch Bartholomew realized that we all “generate small ecological damage.” Some is unavoidable; some is not.

Water came to mind again this week when a longtime friend sent a copy of an article in the June 26 issue of *America* magazine. It is titled *The Spirituality of Standing Rock: Activists See a Moral Imperative for Protecting Our Water* by Eileen Markey, and begins with the historic gathering of Native Americans and their supporters from around the world at the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota, where they prayerfully protested the building of the Dakota Access pipeline under their water supply.

“Water is life,” the women at the gathering said. While oil now flows beneath their land, their stand to protect the environment, particularly the water, continues as groups and individuals across the nation carry on the protests, calling for action from governments, corporations, groups, and individuals. The setback at Standing Rock was not the end of the issue.

“Standing Rock is everywhere,” Lakota elder Looking Horse said in the article. Indeed it is.

Summer here in Ohio, with its long spells of hot, dry days interspersed with sudden storms or a day or two of soft showers, is a good time to reflect on water and how we use it, to change wasteful habits, and to stand with Pope Francis in his call to work together to move into lifestyles that reflect reverence for the earth and recognition of the importance of good stewardship, especially as it affects the poor. And it is a good time to join our voices with that of St. Francis in thanksgiving and in praise of the Creator, the fountain-fullness, the source of all that is.

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Men’s silent retreat at St. Therese’s

The annual fall silent retreat for men sponsored by the Catholic Laymen’s Retreat League will take place from 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 to noon Sunday, Sept. 10 at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, will lead men to appreciate the power of the Holy Spirit by developing the theme “To Have a Relation-

ship with the Holy Spirit, His Mercy Is Everlasting.”

The cost for the event is \$150, including two nights’ lodging and means.

For more information, contact Charles Kielkopf at (614) 268-0175 or email kielkopf.1@osu.edu, or call Eric Lutz at (614) 949-5905 or James Allan at (614) 403-7831.

DeSales classes announce reunion dates

Several Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School classes are getting together this summer and early fall to celebrate milestone reunions. Specific details for each reunion may be viewed at www.sfdstallions.org/reunions.

Reunion dates and classes are: **Saturday, July 15, Class of 1972 (45 years);**

Saturday, July 22, Class of

1987 (30 years);

Saturday, July 29, Class of 1997 (20 years);

Saturday, Aug. 5, Class of 1992 (25 years);

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18 and 19, Class of 1967 (50 years);

Saturday, Sept. 16, Class of 2002 (15 years); and

Saturday, Sept. 23, Class of 1982 (35 years).





BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The Catholic Foundation is appointing volunteers from parishes throughout the diocese as “parish ambassadors.”

These representatives have pledged themselves to a two-year commitment and have been given the title of St. John Fisher Steward in tribute to the Foundation’s patron saint. Their mission is to increase awareness of the Foundation’s work and to promote the growth of the parish endowments which enable it to provide for the long-term needs of the Diocese of Columbus.

Loren Brown, president and chief executive officer of the Foundation, said he hopes to appoint Stewards representing each of the more than 100 parishes in the diocese, plus its schools and other institutions.

More than 40 Stewards attended a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Thursday, June 22, the feast day of St. John Fisher, who died on that day in 1535, and St. Thomas More, whose death came the following July 6. Both were beheaded for their refusal to support British King Henry VIII’s divorce of Queen Catherine, his separation from the Catholic Church, and his self-appointment as head of the Church of England.

At a luncheon following the Mass, Bishop Campbell blessed an icon of St. John Fisher which will be displayed at the entrance to the Foundation’s library. The icon was written by iconographer Judith Hedge, a member of Danville St. Luke Church, who was on hand with members of her family for its unveiling.

Brown said the icon was a gift to Bishop Campbell for his constant support of the Foundation, which was founded by Bishop James Griffin in 1984.

“We are extremely grateful to Bishop Campbell’s continuing commit-



Loren Brown, Foundation president/CEO.

ment to the Foundation and to Bishop Griffin’s original vision of providing perpetual funding for the long-term needs of diocesan parishes, schools, and institutions, and to assuring the faithful that the assets they leave to the Foundation are stewarded for their intent,” Brown said.

The Foundation for some time had been considering a way of honoring Bishop Campbell before Brown learned during an unrelated conversation with Hedge’s husband, Mark, that she was an iconographer. “The screen saver on his tablet had one of her icons,” he said. “I was impressed by its quality. Within a short time, we arranged for Judith to write the icon of St. John Fisher.”

The work mixes Byzantine and Western Christian elements with symbols representing the Tudor dynasty of England, of which Henry VIII was a part.

St. John Fisher was the only bishop in England who stood with the Catholic Church in opposition to Henry VIII. The icon pictures him in the daily attire of a bishop of his time, wearing an expression that mixes joy and sadness. In his right hand, he holds a scroll with his words concerning the sanctity of marriage. In his left hand, he holds the gatehouse of St. John’s College in Cambridge, England. He raised the endowments to have the college built after the death of its foundress, Lady Margaret Beaufort, whom he served as confessor. She was the mother of King Henry VII and grandmother of Henry VIII.

Since 2012, the joint feast day of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More



From left: Bishop Frederick Campbell blesses St. John Fisher Stewards at St. Joseph Cathedral; iconographer Judith Hedge stands next to her icon of St. John Fisher; the bishop blesses the icon as Brown holds the book with the prayer of blessing. CT photos by Ken Snow

has marked the beginning of the U.S. Catholic bishops’ Fortnight for Freedom observance highlighting the importance of religious liberty. At the June 22 Mass, Bishop Campbell said in his homily, “Both John Fisher and Thomas More in their lives have shown us what is worth living for, and in their martyrdom, what is worth dying for. They have taught the profound meaning of the human person made in the image and likeness of God.”

The bishop chose St. John Fisher as patron of the Foundation a few years ago because of the saint’s stewardship of endowments. An endowment is a gift of cash, stock, real estate, or insurance which is established by a foundation that makes consistent withdrawals from the invested capital, usually for a specific purpose.

The Catholic Foundation manages more than 1,000 endowment funds, including nearly 200 donor advised funds. Nearly 90 percent of grants from these funds benefit parishes, schools, and ministries throughout the diocese. Other funds managed by the Foundation include charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and scholarships.

In fiscal year 2016, the Founda-

Brown (standing, far left) and The Catholic Foundation’s St. John Fisher Stewards at a luncheon in their honor at the Foundation’s offices on Thursday, June 22.

tion received more than \$24 million and distributed 1,360 grants totaling more than \$10 million. Since its inception, gifts to the Foundation have totaled more than \$200 million and it has granted more than \$110 million, with most gifts and grants coming in the last five years.

The Foundation has more than \$175 million in assets, making it the nation’s third largest organization of its type. Only the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and the Diocese of Dallas have larger independent Catholic foundations. Brown said the nation’s largest archdioceses,

such as New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, handle endowments directly through the diocese, rather than through a foundation.

The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Columbus is an independent corporation, part of the diocesan family and in harmony with diocesan goals, yet insulated from any liabilities the diocese may have. It is governed by a 25-member board of trustees. The board’s executive officers include Andrew Walker, chairman; Tom Caldwell, Christine Poth, Mike Haller, and Charles Rowan.

The trustees’ role is to interpret and improve upon Bishop Griffin’s vision for the Foundation as the central source of funding for normal operations and services of the diocese, and as a resource for diocesan organizations to turn to in moments of special opportunity or need.

The Foundation has 10 professional staff members. Besides Brown, who has been president and CEO since 2011, they include Scott Hartman, vice president of development; Steve Hagerdorn, chief operating officer; and Kristin Shuey, marketing and communications director.

In addition, nearly 200 professional advisers are affiliated with the Foundation, representing expertise in law, financial planning, banking, insurance, and funeral services.

Since 2010, its offices have been at 257 E. Broad St., in the building best-known as the location of the first Wendy’s restaurant.

Brown said cooperation from priests has been essential to the Foundation’s work. “I am very grateful for the partnership between our priests and The Catholic Foundation. They are a key reason for its success and growth. It is an honor to work

with Bishop Campbell and so many wonderful priests,” he said.

The Foundation’s first major infusion of assets came in 1987 from the Legacy of Catholic Learning campaign, which created a \$10 million endowment for Catholic education in Franklin and Delaware counties. In 2000, more than \$42 million was endowed in the Foundation through the Challenge in Changing Times campaign, which funded six major endowments for areas of diocesan needs.

In 2007, the Foundation established a series of responsive grants, in addition to endowments to support vocations, parishes, Catholic education, and social services. “This was a big moment for us, because not many diocesan foundations do this,” Brown said. “The responsive grants come from unrestricted funds and allow us to quickly meet parish needs with funds that are not part of our endowments.”

By 2010, it had awarded \$50 million since its founding. It provided \$6 million in grants for the first time in 2013. That number has steadily grown each year, as indicated by the figures for 2016 listed above. In 2015, it received its single largest gift – more than \$13 million.

In 2014, it established the St. Martha Women’s Giving Circle, which brings Catholic women together to learn about diocesan organizations

and their needs, to join together in service, and to decide which projects to financially support. The circle’s latest grants total \$25,000 to nine organizations. “Similar women’s giving societies exist, but this is the only one I know of locally where donors can be assured their money is going to organizations that are in harmony with Catholic teaching,” Brown said.

Gifts to the Foundation support what it describes as its four pillars – education, social services, vocations, and parish life. Of the more than \$10 million in grants distributed in 2016, \$4.4 million went for education, \$2.5 million for parish life, \$2.2 million for social services, and \$1.1 million for vocations.

“Many of the education grants went to individual schools for tuition assistance,” Brown said. “Some of the money also was used to commission a study requested by Bishop Campbell concerning the needs of individual schools. Results of that study, which covers all schools in the diocese, will be used to help us determine the most effective way the diocese can maintain its investment in students, faculty, and facilities in the years to come.

“Social services grants include funding for the new ARCH (Accompanying Returning Citizens With Hope) ministry which will help parishes welcome people who are leaving prison and attempting to reintegrate into society. Other recipients of these grants include the St. Francis Center in McArthur, the office opened by Catholic Social Services in Portsmouth as a one-stop center for various ministries, the recently expanded Our Lady of Guadalupe Center on Columbus’ west side, the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Center and St. Lawrence Haven in downtown Columbus, and the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs.

“Our vocations funding supports special needs of seminarians. For instance, it provided funds for a Spanish-language immersion course for Father Nic Ventura during his priestly formation. That helped him at Columbus St. Peter Church, which has a weekly Hispanic Mass, and

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EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS

Three of the four parishes in the Chillicothe St. Peter parish consortium conducted Eucharistic processions through their neighborhoods on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 18. In Chillicothe (bottom photo), Father William Hahn led the procession for St. Peter Church. At Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church (below), Father Michael Hartge led the procession. Zaleski St. Sylvester Church (above) had a procession led by Father Sean Dooley. Eucharistic processions are a centuries-old tradition to publicly profess the Catholic Church's belief of Jesus' real presence — body, blood, soul, and divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.



Photos courtesy St. Peter and St. Colman of Cloyne churches



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will continue to benefit him in his new assignment as parochial vicar at five parishes in Portsmouth, Wheelersburg, New Boston, and Jackson.

“Parish life covers everything from bricks-and-mortar projects to various programs. On the practical level, it included lighting projects for Columbus Christ the King and Our Lady of Peace churches and school safety improvements for Newark St. Francis de Sales, as well as items such as listening aids for the hard-of-hearing and parking-lot upgrades.

“It also includes support for attendance at Amazing Parish conferences and for the hiring of youth ministers. Both of these are things for which pastors have expressed a strong desire.”

Brown said Foundation grants enabled about one-third of the parishes in the diocese to send teams of five representatives, including the pastor, to an Amazing Parish conference in 2015 and 2016. “Amazing Parish isn’t a program-driven activity,” he said. “It’s a movement which has brought a spirit of leadership in parishes, allowing them to engage, welcome, and teach the faith in ways a specific parish community feels are most effective for that parish. It gives pastors the tools to focus more on teaching and catechetics while still paying the electric bill and taking care of other everyday needs.”

Also in 2015 and 2016, the Foundation awarded grants to establish full-time youth ministers at 15 parishes. “This resulted after Amy Parker (former Foundation vice president of grants management and diocesan partnerships) realized that half our parishes didn’t have a youth minister,” Brown said. “A solid youth ministry program is a necessity to keep young people’s faith strong at a time when they are determining the course of the rest of their lives. It’s essential for their future and for the future of individual parishes and the Catholic Church.”

Brown said the Foundation assists every parish and institution in the diocese in some way, with the benefits depending on specific needs.

Mark Cipriani, the Foundation’s St. John Fisher Steward for Zoar Holy Trinity Church, said that in his par-

ish, the Foundation helped provide money for a new sound system, parking lot paving, and roof repair. Cipriani said during the Stewards’ luncheon that he learned of the Foundation at a parish presentation and was inspired at the time to set up a donor advised fund.

“I saw this as a means both for charitable giving and for benefiting me by providing tax savings,” he said. “The timing was right to enable me to do this. I’ve been blessed financially and wanted to be a good steward of those blessings, and the Foundation allows me to do this in a fulfilling way.”

Carl Haaser, the Steward for Plain City St. Joseph Church, said his parish recently established an endowment fund named for its former pastor, the late Father Edward Fitzgerald, which will be used for general parish needs. He said some of the money will provide for growth in the Fitzgerald scholarship program of Knights of Columbus Council 12772, which he served as grand knight for the past year.

Nearly all parishes and schools in the diocese are beneficiaries of at least one endowment fund managed by the Foundation. Many parishes benefit from more than 20 endowment funds which have an aggregate principal exceeding \$1 million, which generates \$50,000 or more of annual income.

Anyone interested in providing for the future of the Catholic Church in central and southern Ohio can start an endowment with the Foundation with a minimal donation of \$10,000.

“What differentiates The Catholic Foundation from similar organizations is our knowledge of the needs in our Catholic faith and diocese,” Brown said. “We ensure our funding is in alignment with Catholic teachings and values. We are the only foundation or trust who can provide that peace of mind to donors.

“Our vision is to continually work with our dioceses, parishes, and schools to know their long-term needs and to annually provide \$20 million or more in support. By the grace of God, we will accomplish this vision and pass along to our future faithful this beautiful Diocese of Columbus.”

Beloved friar known for cures, wise counsel to be beatified Nov. 18

By Catholic News Service

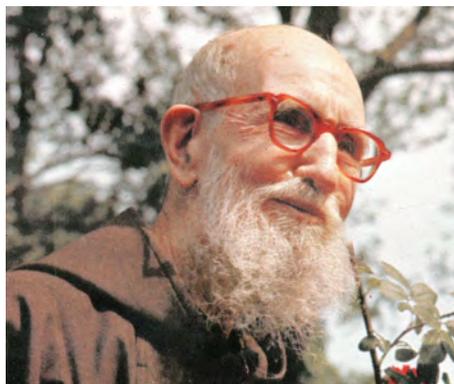
Father Solanus Casey, a Capuchin Franciscan “who would provide soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled and a healing touch for the ill,” will be beatified Nov. 18, the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph in Detroit has announced.

The ceremony will take place at Ford Field in Detroit, which the province said would be configured to accommodate 60,000 people.

A member of the Detroit-based province and one of the co-founders of the city’s Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Father Casey (pictured) was born Nov. 25, 1870, and died July 31, 1957.

He will be the second American-born male to be beatified, after Father Stanley Rother, a North American priest from Oklahoma who in 1981 was martyred while serving the people of a Guatemalan village and will be beatified Sept. 23. Father Casey also will be the first person from Michigan to achieve the designation.

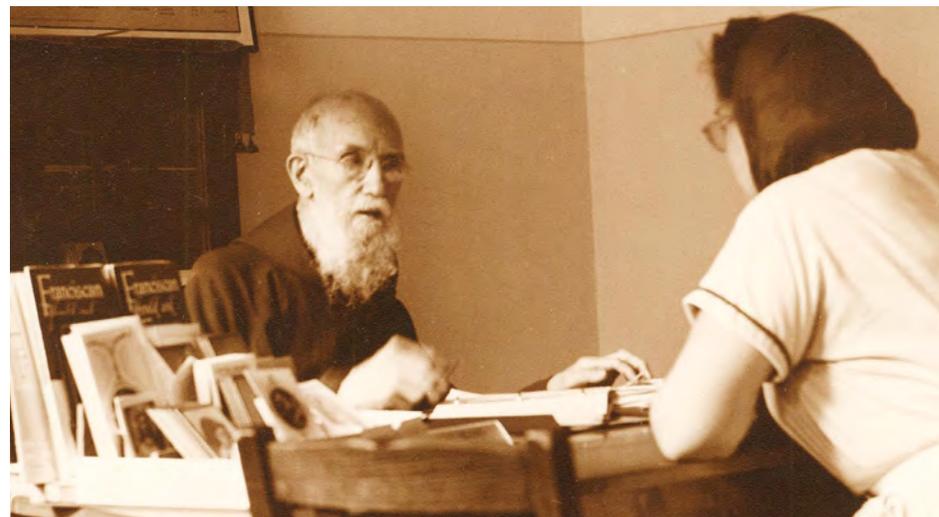
“We are filled with joy at receiving the final date of the beatification of Father



Solanus,” said Capuchin Franciscan Father Michael Sullivan, provincial minister of the Province of St. Joseph. “It is a beautiful way to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his passing.”

“The beatification of Father Solanus will be a tremendous blessing for the whole community of southeast Michigan, an opportunity for all of us to experience the love of Jesus Christ,” Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron said in a statement after the beatification date was announced June 27.

The province said details on the beatification ceremony, including ceremony time, will be released in the coming



weeks; those interested in receiving details by email can sign up at solanus-casey.org/beatification. Ticket information will be made available by Aug. 15.

Among the hundreds, if not thousands, of healings attributed to Father Casey during and after his lifetime, Pope Francis recognized the authenticity of a miracle necessary for the friar to be elevated from venerable to blessed after a review by the Vatican’s Congregation for Saints’ Causes was completed earlier this year.

The miracle involved the healing -- unexplained by medicine or science -- of a woman with an incurable genetic skin disease. The woman was visiting friends in Detroit and stopped at Father Casey’s tomb to pray for others’ intentions. After her prayers, she felt the strong urging to ask for the friar’s intercession for herself, too, and received an instant and visible healing.

The miraculous nature of her cure was verified by doctors in her home country, in Detroit and in Rome, all of whom confirmed there was no scientific explanation. Father Casey himself died of a skin disease in 1957.

In general, two approved miracles attributed to the intercession of the candidate are needed for sainthood -- one for beatification and the second for canonization.

Born in Oak Grove, Wisconsin, Bernard Francis Casey was the sixth of 16 children in the family of Irish immigrants Bernard James Casey and Ellen Elizabeth Murphy. He enrolled at St. Francis High School Seminary near Milwaukee in 1891, but because of academic limitations, he was advised to consider joining a religious order instead.

After reflecting before a statue of Mary, he felt the urging to “go to De-

troit” and heeded this advice, joining the Capuchin order in 1897. He was given the religious name Solanus.

Although he continued to struggle academically, Father Casey was at last ordained in 1904 by Milwaukee Archbishop Sebastian G. Messmer as a “simplex priest,” meaning he could celebrate Mass but could not preach doctrinal sermons or hear confessions.

He went to New York and served for two decades in friaries and churches there and was transferred back to Detroit in 1924, where he began working as the porter, or doorkeeper, of St. Bonaventure Monastery. He spent his life in the service of people, endearing himself to thousands who would seek his counsel.

Father Casey co-founded the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in 1929 and today it serves the Detroit metro area by providing food, clothing and human development programs to the people of the community. In addition to preparing and serving up to 2,000 meals a day, the facility has an emergency food pantry, service center and a tutoring program for children.

Its Earthworks Urban Farm harvests six tons of produce from a two-and-a-half-acre organic farm. The Soup Kitchen’s On the Rise Bakery assists individuals re-entering society after being incarcerated or recovering from substance abuse. In addition, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen’s Jefferson House -- a 12-bed residential treatment facility -- assists indigent males seeking to reclaim their lives from addiction.

The Detroit Capuchins, whose work is funded primarily by donations, also operate the Solanus Casey Center, which attracts 250,000 visitors a year.



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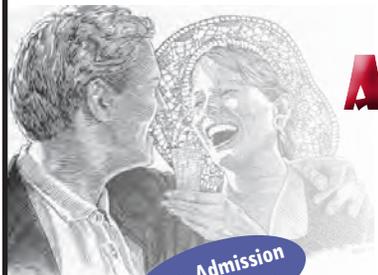
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

A familiar parable with multiple explanations



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

**July 16 -- Isaiah 55:10-11;
Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23**

For this Sunday and the next two, we will be spending time with Matthew's Parable Chapter. In all three weeks, we will be looking at various parables – some of which Matthew shared with Mark and Luke, others which belong only to Matthew.

Before we go to Sunday's Gospel, we need to look briefly at Isaiah. Isaiah compares the word of the Lord to the rain (or snow) which comes down from heaven to water the earth, producing seed for the sower and bread for the eater. Everything God does has purpose. What the rain and snow do for the earth, "my word" (which is also from heaven) achieves "the end for which I sent it." That word "shall not return to me void." That means if the word is a warning, then change had better happen or there will be consequences. It also means that if the word is of hope for the future, we can be sure of the good to come.

These verses follow Isaiah 55:9: "As the heavens are high above the earth, so are my ways high above your ways and my plans above your plans." Thus, God is trustworthy and, though we may not understand things at the time, God is always beyond our ability to know what might be in store.

Explaining that word – enfleshed in Jesus and preserved in his body, the Church – remains the task of the Church in every age. Matthew's was one of four Gospels to present and sometimes explain the teachings of Jesus, which most often came in the form of parables (short stories with a point). Sometimes, the meaning is obvious and plain for all to see; sometimes, a parable has multiple meanings. Sometimes, hearers are meant to think about things, rather than see the meaning im-

mediately. Thus, Jesus sometimes will begin by saying "What do you think?" and then tell a parable.

Generally, parables were taken from everyday life. They were drawn from a culture that was familiar with farming, but also knew domestic living in towns and villages. The people knew of war and sometimes peace. Often enough, the parables of the kingdom had some kind of end-time application, as in the Great Judgment scene in Matthew 25.

Sunday's parable, shared with Mark and Luke, is about a sower who went out to sow. After sowing on various types of soil, the parable ends, "Whoever has ears ought to hear." About the parable alone, we might well wonder who the sower is or what he sows (Matthew never uses the word "seed!"), what the various soil types add to the parable, and what Jesus meant by the parable.

His disciples ask, "Why do you speak to (the crowds) in parables?" Jesus answers that disciples are given "to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. But to those others, it is not given." That the parable has to do with the kingdom helps our understanding. At this point, it could spark lively discussions among families or friends about what it means, without referring to what follows.

Matthew (not Mark or Luke) then quotes Isaiah 6:9-10, which originally may have been addressed to Israel's leaders who refused to understand what Isaiah was saying and ultimately will see the end of the kingdom of Israel. Applied here, it refers to those who refuse to listen to Jesus. Mark and Luke only make passing reference to it. At the same time, you who do listen and see, actually see what ancient prophets could only long to see and hear.

The explanation of the parable is probably the work of the early church. All three Gospels provide an explanation of the parable, but they vary widely. Comparing the three would be an interesting exercise for all who take the time to look.

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

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The Weekday Bible Readings

7/17-7/22

MONDAY
Exodus 1:8-14,22
Psalm 124:1-8
Matthew 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY
Exodus 2:1-15a
Psalm 69:3,14,30-31,33-34
Matthew 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY
Exodus 3:1-6,9-12
Psalm 103:1-4,6-7
Matthew 11:25-27

THURSDAY
Exodus 3:13-20
Psalm 105:1,5,8-9,24-27
Matthew 11:28-30

FRIDAY
Exodus 11:10-12:14
Psalm 116:12-13,15-18
Matthew 12:1-8

SATURDAY
Exodus 12:37-42
Psalm 136:1,10-15,23-24
John 20:1-2,11-18

7/24-7/29

MONDAY
Exodus 14:5-18
Exodus 15:1b-6 (Ps)
Matthew 12:38-42

TUESDAY
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126:1b-6
Matthew 20:20-28

WEDNESDAY
Exodus 16:1-5,9-15
Psalm 78:18-19,23-28
Matthew 13:1-9

THURSDAY
Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b
Daniel 3:52-56 (Ps)
Matthew 13:10-17

FRIDAY
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 13:18-23

SATURDAY
Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
John 11:19-27 or
Luke 10:38-42

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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).

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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

Awkward? Or wise?

Asked to name books that gave me the greatest intellectual jolt in recent decades, I'd quickly cite two.

N.T. Wright's *The Resurrection of the Son of God* (Forth Press) accepts every grand-slam bid from the guild of Scriptural deconstructionists and skeptics, calmly replies, "I'll see you and raise you" – and then takes the game with a flourish, leaving the unbiased reader convinced of, well, the resurrection of the Son of God.

Then there is *The Sources of Christian Ethics*, by Servais Pinckaers, OP (Catholic University of America Press). If I could put one book into the hands of every (and I mean every) combatant in the post-*Amoris Laetitia* debate, Father Pinckaers' masterpiece would be it. Why? Because so much of the controversy over Pope Francis's post-synodal apostolic exhortation reflects the hard rules/soft rules argument about the Christian moral life that Pinckaers explodes. The moral life, he insists, is not first and foremost a matter of rules; it's



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a matter of beatitude. The Sermon on the Mount is the Magna Carta of Christian ethics. Yes, there are rules, or moral norms, but the Church teaches them in order to lead stumbling humanity toward happiness by helping us grow in the virtues that make for human flourishing.

The recovery of this insight – that beatitude is the goal of the moral life and that the virtues are at the heart of Christian morality – is one of the great achievements of post-Vatican II Catholic theology. Too many churchmen seem unaware of it, though, and so they remain

frozen in time, trapped in the hard rules/soft rules debate. Thus it's been interesting in recent months to see renewed references to the moral theology of Father Bernhard Haring, CSSR. Haring, an anti-Nazi hero during World War II, had a significant influence on the immediate post-Vatican II period; yet, he too seemed strangely imprisoned in a pre-Vatican II mindset. He was something of a rules-centered ethicist before the Council; he remained something of a rules-centered ethicist after the Council. What changed was his approach to the rules: he was a rigorist before the Council and a laxist afterwards. But the rules-centered paradigm was the same.

Which is to say, Father Haring missed the Pinckaers Revolution. And judging from the commentary in the wake of *Amoris Laetitia*, so did a lot of others, not least among those who think of themselves as the party of Catholic progress.

This is very unfortunate. The Church can and must do a better job of explaining that, behind every "no" the Church says to this, that, or the other human failing or foible, there is a resounding "yes": a "yes" to beatitude, a "yes" to human flourishing, a "yes" to noble living, a "yes" to a particular virtue. Grasp the "yes," and each "no" begins to make sense as an invitation to live the virtues that make for a truly fulfilled life. The Pinckaers approach to the moral life gets us to "yes." The rules-based approach – in its hard (rigorist) or soft (laxist) form – finds it hard to do that.

I might add that there isn't a shred of empirical evidence to suggest that the lax-rules approach is pastorally successful in bringing the bored, alienated, indifferent, or confused back to a full and sustained practice of the faith, whereas there's a lot of evidence that the living parts of the Church are those that have embraced the Pinckaers approach – which had a decisive influence on John Paul II's encyclical on the renewal of Catholic moral theology, *Veritatis Splendor*. But that's a tale for another time.

I was reminded of the Pinckaers/Haring divide when, a few months back, Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster told a meeting in London that the Church would "persist" in being "awkward" when challenged by the many forms of the sexual revolution. But is that quite the right image? Is the Church being "awkward" (or "obstinate," another term the cardinal used)?

The 21st-century Church that proclaims certain moral truths in the face of sharp cultural opposition isn't being different for the sake of being different or mule-headed; and it isn't being deliberately clumsy. The Church of the New Evangelization is saying, "Here's what we think makes for the happiness you seek. Here are the virtues that make for that happiness, according to millennia of experience. Let's talk about it." That's true pastoral accompaniment.

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St. Matthias Church, Columbus

BURNS, Vicki L. (Hawkins), 61, June 29
St. Paul Church, Westerville

CAMELA, Romolo M., 91, June 24
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

COTUGNO, Margaret A. (Curry), 47, June 27
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

CRAIG, Philip A., 64, June 25
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

DANE, Wilma C. (McDonald), 90, June 24
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

DANIELS, Stephanie A., 37, July 2
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

DIXON, John C., 92, July 2
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

FLESHER, Virginia A. (Jackson), 93, June 14
St. Mary Church, Groveport

FUNK, Paul E., 91, July 4
St. Joseph Church, Sugar Grove

GAUS, Thomas N., 82, July 7
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

GETREU, Mary L. (Krzeczowski), 83, June 28
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

GIRKIN, Sadie A., 2, of Westerville, July 4
St. Catherine Church, Fort Thomas, Ky.

HUFFMAN, James A., 58, June 29
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

HUTH, Roger D., 67, June 28
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

JAJCZYK, Diana, 54, July 2
St. Mary Church, Groveport

LAKE, Kevin B., 51, June 23
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

MALINOWSKI, Judy A. (Hensel), 33, June 27
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

MAYNARD, Julie J. (Harlan), 43, June 24
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

**McCLUGGAGE, Suzanne E. (Tubbs), 68,
June 30**
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

NICOLOSI, Tony, 95, June 21
St. Mary Church, Marion

PAESANO, George J., 90, July 4
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

**PATTERSON, Donna M. (Weilbacher), 71,
July 1**
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

PATTERSON, John E., 94, June 22
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

RYAN, Richard J., 84, June 24
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

SCHWARTZ, Eva M., 89, July 6
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

SNYDER, Diana J., 64, June 22
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

SNYDER, Robert E., 82, July 5
St. Mary Church, Groveport

STEVANUS, Margaret (Penso), 79, June 27
St. Joseph Church, Dover

THOMAS, Jeffrey P., 59, June 26
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

VON CLAUSBURG, Leo, 82, June 30
St. Mary Church, Chillicothe

WALTER, Nancy R. (Rosson), 95, June 24
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

WILSON, Frederick A., 81, July 8
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

WOLFORD, Norman B., 89, July 6
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

WOODRING, Gordon T., 63, June 29
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

Gretchen S. O'Neil

Funeral Mass for Gretchen S. O'Neill, 83, who died Friday, July 2, was held Thursday, July 8, in Newark St. Francis de Sales Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Newark.

She was born March 1, 1934 to Robert and Elsie (O'Toole) Bentz, was a 1952 graduate of Newark St. Francis de Sales High School, and received a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from The Ohio State University.

She was an educator in Newark parochial schools for more than 40 years, first as a teacher at St. Francis de Sales School from 1966-81, then as principal at Blessed Sacrament School

from 1981-96 and St. Francis de Sales School from 1997-2005. Until recently, she continued to work at the schools as a substitute teacher and tutor. In 2005, Mayor Frank Stare presented her with a key to the city of Newark for her years of dedication and inspiration in the city's Catholic schools.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, John. Survivors include son, Steven; daughters, Karen (Emil) Slavik and Sharon (Alex) Lavalle; brothers, Bill (Karla) and Robert (Becky); sister, Judy (Bob) McMaken; three grandsons; three granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

Carol A. Fancelli

Funeral Mass for Carol A. Fancelli, 77, who died Sunday, June 25, was held Monday, July 3, at Columbus St. Anthony Church.

She was born on June 2, 1940 and was a 1958 graduate of Columbus Rosary High School.

She was the secretary at St. Anthony School for many years and also was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and Panacea Products of

Columbus.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Leona (Morrison) Rodgers; brothers, David (Lois), and Ronald (Virginia); and sister, Helen (Rush) Rushing. Survivors include her husband, Jim; daughters, Amy Zalimas and Valerie (Brent) Robinson; brother, William; sister, Roberta (Omer) Martinson; and five grandsons.

Nancy M. Barta

Funeral Mass for Nancy M. Barta, 84, who died Sunday, June 25, was held Friday, June 30, at Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel in St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was a former employee of the Pontifical College Josephinum and attended Columbus St. Catharine and

Holy Rosary schools.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Helen Brunner; husband, Irvin; sons, Vance, John, and Brian (Colleen); daughters, Karen (Irwin) Segerman and Beverly; sister, Beverly Doty; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



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14, 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.
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15, 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.

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.
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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 pastoral associate Susan Bellotti. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline July 13.
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16, SUNDAY

Holy Rosary-St. John Church Anniversary Celebration

9:30 a.m., Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 648 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Anniversary celebration for all current and former parishioners of the current church or the previous Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist churches, and students of their schools. Begins with Mass, followed by refreshments and memorabilia display in Campion Hall. All are welcome to bring mementos of their involvement with the parishes and schools.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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Polish Mass at Holy Family

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Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi

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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

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16-17, SUNDAY-MONDAY

Women's Retreat at Sts. Peter and Paul

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740-928-4246

17, MONDAY

Mass of Healing and Healing Service at Cathedral

6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of Healing, followed by healing service including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of relic of the True Cross. Priests will be on hand for discussion and prayer and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available.

18, TUESDAY

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

19, WEDNESDAY

Abortion Recovery Network Group

9:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected.
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20, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

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'Mass and a Meal' at Columbus St. Patrick

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Abortion Recovery Network Group

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Night Walk at Shepherd's Corner

9 to 10 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Meditation walk across farm

fields and through woods, led by Sister Marguerite Chandler. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline July 17.
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22, 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.

23, SUNDAY

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

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

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

24, 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.

25, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

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

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

27, 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.

Ohio Dominican MBA Information Session

6 p.m., Room 276, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Information session on university's master of business administration program.
614-251-4615

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. "Christ in the City" program with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, Taize chant, and night prayer, followed by refreshments at a local pub.
614-224-9522

28, FRIDAY

One Day Fun Day at Holy Rosary-St. John

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 648 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. One Day Fun Day program for first-through sixth-graders in the parish neighborhood, with morning devoted to faith-related themes, followed by lunch, crafts, and games in the afternoon.
614-252-5926



*Jesuit's book explores benefits,
pitfalls of the internet universe*

BOOK REVIEW

FRIENDING GOD

By David Gibson

Catholic News Service

"Friending God" by Father Antonio Spadaro, SJ. Crossroad Publishing Co. (New York, 2016). 90 pages, \$12.95.

What hath technology wrought? With the internet's creation a new universe emerged before our very eyes. Billions of the world's 21st-century citizens now routinely inhabit and feel at home in this universe.

It is a networking phenomenon, and it keeps us connected -- or not. But the internet's capacity to establish enriching connections among human beings is what fascinates Jesuit Father Antonio Spadaro in a new book titled *Friending God*.

The Italian priest characterizes the internet as "a place," one that "becomes more and more organically integrated into our everyday lives, a new existential context."

Because of a famous interview he conducted with Pope Francis early in his pontificate, Father Spadaro's name will be familiar to many. The 2013 interview appeared in leading Jesuit publications around the world.

Father Spadaro is editor of *La Civiltà Cattolica*, a journal published in Rome by the Jesuits that is read widely by close observers of the church.

True enough, some employ the internet as a place to escape into, an environment of relationships that lack face-to-face contact. Here some exploit others' weaknesses or propagandize them to ill effect.

For others, moreover, the internet becomes a means

of filtering out the voices and thinking of all who differ from them in any way.

All of that appears highly regrettable to Father Spadaro. It bypasses the digital highway's capacity to form communion among human beings -- to build respect and foster authentic human communication.

The book's exploration of the internet and Web-based communication as an environment well suited to the mission of Christian evangelization is one of its strongest and most thought-provoking features. This exploration pointedly challenges pastoral ministers, however.

For, an apprehension on Father Spadaro's part is that the mission of online evangelization will be viewed simply as the Web-based delivery of religious "content" in a "marketplace of ideas" that is "saturated with information."

In his discussion of online evangelization, Father Spadaro accents the essential role of witness. He believes that to communicate nowadays "means to bear witness."

This indicates that in contemporary times "any proclamation of the Gospel that is not based on the authenticity of one's everyday life" will serve as a message to understand "with the mind but not with our hearts."

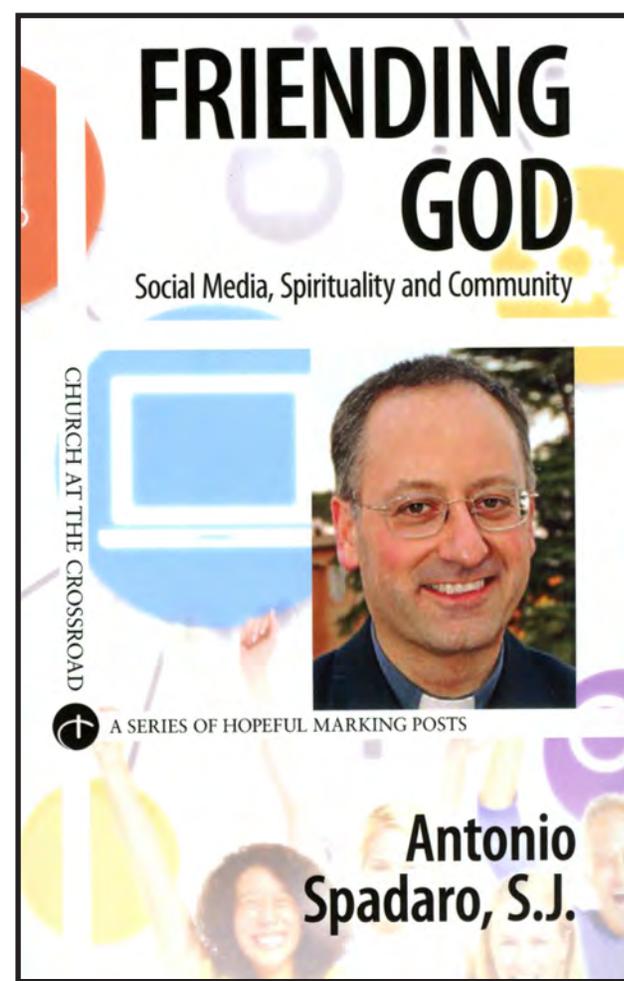
Society's computer-based technologies "invite us to expand our horizons and to listen to the deeper desires in our heart," Father Spadaro writes. The answer to whether we can "live out the Gospel online," he concludes, seems "decisively" to be in the affirmative.

For him, then, the challenge to confront is "not how we should 'use' the internet, as one often hears, but rather how to 'live well' in the internet age."

He acknowledges the complexity of evangelizing in an "age of social networks." Nonetheless, he labels the task "quite congenial" for Christians, "who are called daily to transform mere contact into closeness."

A compelling theme of *Friending God* is its recognition of the internet as a "real," and not just "virtual," place. "A part of the life we live has, indeed, become digital," he stresses.

"Cyberspace is not unreal, fictional or merely virtual, but rather a true extension of our real, every-



day lives," he remarks. He suggests it is unhealthy to imagine cyberspace as "merely virtual" or like "a play space" in which to "create a second self" or an alternative and banal identity.

A central goal of *Friending God* is to show that "a part of the life we live has, indeed, become digital," an environment "through which we express not only our identity but our very 'presence.'"

Of course, there is much food for thought and discussion in such an observation. What is the impact of the internet and its many extensions on the actual life that you or I lead?

To promote individual reflection and group discussions, the book includes a reflection guide developed by Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, a theologian who studies social communication in the digital age. She teaches at Notre Dame Graduate School of Theology in New Orleans.

The reflection guide helpfully weaves penetrating questions together with proposals for prayer. The following words of petition to God found in one of Zsupan-Jerome's prayers seem to reflect rather succinctly the very heart and soul of Father Spadaro's book: "Send us your Spirit so that we can recognize and practice real presence in and through digital culture, and open our eyes to how words, signs and images on the screen may reveal more fully to us the real presence of others."

Gibson was the founding editor of Origins, Catholic News Service's documentary service. He retired in 2007 after holding that post for 36 years.



JOIN celebrates 50th anniversary Mass at cathedral

Staff, volunteers, and friends of the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs gathered on June 26 at St. Joseph Cathedral for a Mass and reception honoring JOIN's 50 years of service to the community. Bishop Frederick Campbell presided at the Mass and shared the following thoughts in his homily:



“As we gather this evening for the 50th anniversary of the founding of JOIN, we recognize that it is because of the opening of our ears and our eyes, we are touched by the work that the JOIN organization has done through the past five decades. For it is the work to which we have been called by Our Lord Jesus Christ. And as he said in the Gospel of St. Matthew: “The poor will always be among you, because it will be for you an opportunity to understand the life that I have given for you.”

“And, in fact, he is saying to us, ‘Do you hear this message? Do not become complacent. Do not prefer not to hear the cry of the poor. But be attentive to the call that I have made to you. Open your ears and your

eyes—not simply to identify those in need, but also to recognize those in need as a brother and a sister. And to attend to their need—not because of any hope of gratitude or congratulations, but rather attend to their need because in so doing, you touch them with the life of Christ.’ And as Catholics, it is something that we do because it is something that we are.

“Many of those we serve are not Catholic, but we

attend those in need without thought of their belief. And for that very reason, we become a place of hope, of aid, and in so doing, we are proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who come to us.

So thank you for your support and participation in the efforts of JOIN. It is a marvelous opportunity to allow people to realize that God is alive and Jesus Christ is among them—that they are never alone.”

Senior citizens celebrate with Bishop Campbell



Senior citizens from across the Diocese of Columbus attended the 40th annual diocesan Senior Citizens Day on Tuesday, June 6. This year's host was Powell St. Joan of Arc Church. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrated Mass and gave a homily acknowledging the gifts of senior citizens. He later joined participants for a luncheon. This annual event is sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

Photos by Jerry Freewalt



St. Bernadette students buy 10 goats



The students of Lancaster St. Bernadette School gathered to celebrate raising \$1,200 through a Lenten service project – enough money to buy 10 goats through Heifer International. The students were inspired to help after reading the true story “Beatrice’s Goat” about Beatrice Birra of Uganda, whose family was given a goat through the organization. Sale of the goat’s milk enabled Beatrice to raise enough money to go to school.

Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School

Triduum of Masses for St. Anne scheduled

The 30th annual Triduum of Masses leading to the Feast of St. Anne, the mother of the Virgin Mary, celebrated by St. Ann Province of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, will take place from Monday, July 24, to the feast day, Wednesday, July 26.

All three Masses will begin at 7 p.m. at the St. Anne Shrine in St. Paschal Baylon Church, 5384 Wilson Mills Road, in the Cleveland suburb of Highland Heights, and will include veneration of a relic of St. Anne. Highlights of the Masses will be a special blessing for children and sharing of medals on Monday; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on Tuesday; and a candlelight procession on Wednesday. A reception will follow the Wednesday Mass.

The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, founded in 1856 in France by St. Peter Julian Eymard, is a Catholic religious order of priests, brothers, and deacons whose mission is to share the riches of God’s love manifested in the Eucharist.



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