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The Editor's Notebook

Planting Time

By David Garick, Editor



Living out in the country brings many reminders about the wonders God creates for us and about our role in the process. Out our way, in northern Pickaway County, the farmers are busy preparing their fields and planting summer crops, especially soybeans and corn. My own efforts in that regard are much more modest. I generally limit my agricultural efforts to a few containers of tomatoes and peppers.

I know that while I may not be producing a great bounty of crops, this summer, through the blessings of God, I will be enjoying flavorful fresh veggies from neighbors and local farm markets, and, of course, lots of barbecued ribs, steaks, sausages, and burgers thanks to the livestock feed grown on area farms. God presents us with a wonderful bounty. But first we have to plant the seeds. We have an important role to play in opening the door for God's grace to flow forth on the land.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'* on "God's Creation, Our Common Home," Pope Francis talks of the vital importance of the duty all Christians have to be good stewards of creation. "The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish. ... Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years. ... We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us," he says.

The physical environment is one

facet of the stewardship God calls us to. As Catholics, we know the many blessings God has provided to us through the love of Jesus Christ. The Church is an enduring harvest of his love for his people. But just as we cannot enjoy the harvest of our fields on our tables without first doing the work of preparing those fields and planting the seeds, we cannot enjoy the fruits of the Church without planting the seeds of evangelization that build the church for the future.

We have seeds to plant. We are called to scatter the seeds of faith widely to grow the Church for future generations. We must take personal responsibility to educate our children in the faith, not merely to let them find the way on their own. We can't assume someone else will do it. We must show our faith in our dealings with others. People need to see that we are Catholics and see the difference it has made in our lives. The only way that many people will learn of the wonderful gift of eternal life in Christ is through our example.

It may be that country folks, with their constant exposure to the wonders of the land, understand that process a little better. But this is a job for all of us. God has given us a challenge and promises us a wonderful harvest that comes for the diligent sowing of good seed and the loving nurture we must provide to allow God to give his increase.

Living The Gospel In Faith, Hope, and Charity

By Michael Ames

Diocesan Office of
Development and Planning

The 2017 theme for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, "Living The Gospel In Faith, Hope, and Charity," reminds us of the great example our Savior gave us in how to live as His loving children on this beautiful earth that He created.

Recently, Bishop Campbell gave a series of talks on the implications of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care of God's creation. Our bishop noted that in the Book of Genesis, there is a created order which gives to humans the responsibility of care of the earth. This divine created order which gives us connection to all of nature means that we have a great responsibility to care for each other as well.

If we look deep into our hearts, we will know that the interconnectedness between us and our natural world compels us to share from our abundance with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus constantly was reaching out to those who were alienated or in some sort of need. In faith, hope, and charity, we are inspired to reach out from within ourselves, to become even more aware of our common home and our relationship to each other. In acknowledging what our good God has bestowed on us, we are inspired to do what we can in creating a culture of care.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal gives us a great opportunity to do this. The Appeal supports and facilitates the many ministries and programs that do so much for so

many in our community. The Appeal helps to educate our young people in parish schools of religion and our Catholic schools; it supports and helps educate those who are called to the priesthood or the diaconate; it offers spiritual and pastoral programs and various parish life enhancements; it offers classes to those approaching marriage and supports the many activities and programs organized and executed by the Office of Social Concerns. Our support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal allows us to participate in the success of these vital programs.

This year, the Appeal's goal is \$6.5 million. Each parish is asked to reach its particular goal as its contribution in creating a culture of care of our common home and of each other. Any amount that exceeds this goal will be returned to the parish for whatever its needs might be. The Appeal will commence this coming weekend. Let us give in proportion to what God graciously has given to us. In faith, hope, and charity, we hope and pray for an increase in participation. If you never have given to the Appeal, please consider doing so this year. Whatever you can give in support of this worthy cause, know that Bishop Campbell is most grateful.

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 dev-mailbox@columbuscatholic.org, or by logging on to www.columbuscatholic.org.



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The sanctuary of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, which was dedicated in 1989. The parish is the second-largest in the diocese and has about 3,900 families.

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National deacons' leadership organization meets in Columbus

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The priest who was in charge of the U.S. bishops' interfaith relations activities for the past five years says Catholics and those of other Christian faith traditions will come closer together as they get better at practicing "holy indifference."

Salesian Father John Crossin (pictured at left), speaking at the annual convention of the National Association of Diaconate Directors on Wednesday, April 26 in Columbus, said "holy indifference" is a term used by his order in a way different than most people might think when they hear such a phrase.

"It means getting to the point where we are able to see in depth what those who may disagree with us are saying," said Father Crossin, who was executive director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs from 2011 until his retirement in 2016. He was succeeded this year by Father Alfred Baca, a priest of the Diocese of Orange, California.

"This involves taking the positions and arguments of differing points of view into prayer. The goal is for each person to become 'indifferent' enough to hear deeply what those whose positions differ from yours are saying. It can be very hard to get beyond our own strongly held positions and emotional commitments," he said.

"People have to be willing to think 'Maybe what the other person is saying is right, or at least somewhat right. I may not completely agree with another point of view, but I realize it's not an unreasonable one. Others may be speaking God's word to me. The group consensus may be to go in another direction than I prefer,'" he said. "This method differs from American politics considerably because it calls for the virtues of patience and humility."

Father Crossin spoke on the subject "Present Realities and Future Prospects for Christian Unity" on the first day of the three-day conference, attended by about 100 directors of diaconate programs from dioceses throughout the United States and Canada.

He said that in their ongoing discussions concerning church unity, Catholics and those of other denominations

need to reach "a stage of communal discernment where everyone searches for God's will, in contrast to 'getting my way.' This will take time. Most of

us, like me, are impatient and want to get things done in a hurry, but God is slow, and we need to recognize this."

Father Crossin said that in the 50 years since the Second Vatican Council, "a lot of ground has been covered – I think more than most people expected" in efforts among Christian and other denominations to find points of unity. He cited the 2015 "Declaration on the Way," in which the USCCB and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America listed 32 points of agreement on church, ministry, and the Eucharist, as an example.

"Scholars who had been working on this for a lifetime were surprised at how many agreements we had," he said. "There remain serious issues ahead, but we will keep harvesting the fruits of what we have accomplished and move forward."

He said the relationships that have been and are being built among the individuals involved are a key to the future success of the ecumenical movement.



"Some of these relationships are occasional, when we work on projects like a river cleanup together and bump into each other every year. Others

are more professional, when we participate in formal theological dialogues. This is one of the fruits of that dialogue," Father Crossin said.

"There may be times when serious problems arise between communities or individuals, and in those cases, it's important for people to have enough trust among them to contact each other and say 'How can I help?' This makes it easier to build an ecumenical community, or to keep it from being torn down."

He said that even if Catholics and other Christians reach a point where they have overcome their differences and can reunite, "it will take 100 years to absorb all the implications."

"As we walk together, we will need to learn more, let go of dated knowledge, work our way through negative past experiences, and open ourselves to a deeper conversion to Christ," Father Crossin said. "The most important aspect of the walk toward unity is growing together toward spiritual maturity."

This involves deep openness to the power of the Holy Spirit.

"As with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus is walking with us unrecognized, and we will know him in the breaking of bread. The Holy Spirit is guiding us as Jesus guided those disciples. The answers to our questions might be difficult, but we're on the road God has put us on. The key in our walk along that road is prayer."

The convention opened with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. After returning to the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square, site of most convention activities, Bishop Campbell spoke to the deacons about the meaning of their role.

"People will ask you 'What is a deacon?' Don't explain first what a deacon does," he said. "A deacon is not a 'junior varsity priest,' as I've heard in some descriptions. To understand the significance of the deacon, look at the *diakonia* (a Greek word for service to others) of Jesus Christ as presented in Scripture.

"He spoke often of being a servant. His first *diakonia* was obedience to his Father. When we think of his service, we often think in terms of symbols, like the washing of the feet of his disciples, but his greatest service was his willingness to die for us. In his fulfillment of that service, we were saved.

"When seminarians are ordained as deacons a year before they become priests, I tell them they never should lose their diaconal sense of service. Those who are ordained to permanent orders are ordained to permanent service. They provide a continuing daily witness of sacrificial service for the good of the church and others."

"You are part of two worlds," said Bishop Campbell, who was chairman of the USCCB committee on the diaconate from 2004-06 and authored the foreword to the USCCB's directory on the formation, ministry, and life of permanent deacons.

"You are clerics – there is no such thing as a lay deacon – but you also have a profession and are part of a world in which your faith commitments may not be widely shared. So



Deacons and their wives from across North America attended the opening Mass of the National Association of Diaconate Directors convention at St. Joseph Cathedral. CT photos/Ken Snow

Corcoran Award Honorees



Meagan Warren



Derek Davis



Steven Fields



David Royer



Cindy Rasmussen

Five individuals and one organization will be honored at the St. Vincent Family Center's annual Corcoran Awards ceremony, presented by Nationwide and OhioHealth at noon Monday, May 15 in the Hilton Columbus at Easton, 3900 Chagrin Drive. The honorees will be Meagan Warren, Derek Davis, Steven Fields, David Royer, Cindy Rasmussen, and the Bank of America.

Warren will be honored with the Young Leadership Award for her creation of Books for Bedtime, an organization that provides free books to children in central Ohio. Davis will receive the Education and Behavioral Health Award and will be recognized for his focus on efforts to eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness. Fields will receive the Charity & Justice Award for his tireless volunteer work and support of the nonprofit community.

The first Corcoran Lifetime Service



Award will be given to Royer for the impact he has made in providing funding for much-needed care for mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention services for those in need. Rasmussen will be presented with the Hope and Inspiration Award for her work with the St. Vincent Center. The Bank of America will receive the Community Partner Award for its volunteer efforts, generosity, and support of the center's mission.

The Corcoran Awards pay tribute to the center's founder, the late Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran, whose distinguished career spanned several decades and included work at the national, state, and local levels in the areas of education, social justice, and behavioral health.

DAY OF REFLECTION WITH FATHER BELL

Father Steve Bell, CSP, of the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center presented a day of reflection, sponsored by the diocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries, on Saturday, April 22 in the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral undercroft.



The event was a preparation for people of the diocese who will attend National Black Catholic Congress XII in Orlando, Florida, from Thursday to Sunday, July 6-9.

Father Bell conducted sessions on the

topics of personal reflection, justice, and love kindness, with each session concluding with group reflections and general discussion.

About 30 people, ranging in age from high-school students to senior citizens, attended the event.

If you are interested in attending Black Catholic Congress XII, call the Black Catholic Ministries office at (614) 228-0024. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 30.

Photo courtesy Black Catholic Ministries

FATHER RIMELSPACH PILGRIMAGE

Father Jeff Rimelspach, pastor of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, will lead a pilgrimage to Italy and Malta from Oct. 2 to 14. He has scheduled a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 in Kulp Hall of the church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., to talk about details of the trip, which is being arranged by Judy Lorms of Mary's Pilgrims, who has been involved with many local pilgrimages over the years.

"This pilgrimage is a little different," Father Rimelspach said. "We will have the opportunity to explore the Dolomite region of northern Italy around the town of Bolzano, which is a lovely mountain region that is not usually included in a pilgrimage. As you may remember, Pope St. John Paul II used to 'escape' to the Dolomites to ski while he was pope. He had the right idea. It is a beautiful area, to be sure.

"We also will travel to Bologna in northern Italy, which is the seat of the western world's first university and Italy's culi-

nary capital. Then we will visit the independent country of San Marino, which is Europe's third smallest nation.

"That will be followed by a day in Cortona, the home of the patron saint of our parish. It is a small hilltop town, with many quaint old streets and historic medieval buildings to explore. Next we will go to Assisi to visit the home of St. Francis and will see the place where he was given his vocation to 'rebuild the church.'

"During our three days in Rome, we will see all four major basilicas and have an audience with the pope, assuming he is in town, as well as visiting many of the historical sites. The final stop is the island nation of Malta, off the coast of Sicily. Malta is of historical importance because St. Paul visited there in his final trip to Rome. We will visit places associated with St. Paul, as well as other sites as well. As pilgrims, we will celebrate Mass at many of these locations.

KNOWLTON SCHOLARSHIP

The Austin E. Knowlton Foundation of Cincinnati has made a \$200,000 gift to Ohio Dominican University (ODU) to endow additional Austin E. Knowlton memorial scholarships. This recent gift brings the foundation's total contribution to ODU to \$700,000 since the scholarship was established in 2012.

The \$5,000 Knowlton scholarship is awarded to a first-year student and can be renewed annually for a total of four years. It is designed to support students from Ohio who have an interest in majoring in mathematics or a mathematics-related field. Since 2012, eight recipients have been awarded a total of \$62,500.

Austin "Dutch" Knowlton was the owner and chairman of the Knowlton Construction Co., an organization which was started in Bellefontaine in 1937 and whose predecessors date to 1906. Knowlton, through his

company, was responsible for more than 600 major and significant construction projects throughout Ohio and the Midwest, including school buildings, hospitals, libraries, and post offices.

He graduated in 1927 from Bellefontaine High School and in 1931 from The Ohio State University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in architectural engineering. He became an avid sportsman, with a 50-year interest in saddlebred horses; an original founding partnership in the Cincinnati Bengals, for whom he was chairman; a major ownership interest for many years in the Cincinnati Reds; and a trusteeship of the Little Brown Jug Society for harness racing in Delaware, Ohio.

He also was a leading philanthropist for OSU, which named its school of architecture in his honor.



St. Charles signees

Twelve seniors at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers next year in college. They are (from left): first row, Davion Johnson, Notre Dame (Ohio), football; Kristo Strickler, Virginia Tech, soccer; Jordan Burkey, Wittenberg, football; and Zachary Franz, Ashland, baseball; second row, Ryan Huelsman, Ohio Wesleyan, soccer; Evan Yakubov, Indiana, golf; Luke Brake, Earlham, football; and Alex Shuster, Massachusetts, soccer; third row, Ben Sugar, Ohio State, swimming; Nick Muszynski, Belmont, basketball; Tavon Brown, Hillsdale, basketball; and Johannes Kabelka, Cincinnati, swimming.

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The Catholic Foundation hires vice president of development

The Catholic Foundation is welcoming back Scott Hartman as vice president of development. He worked for the Foundation from 2002-13 and left to become director of business and advancement operations at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. He is a graduate of Ohio Dominican University whose previous work experience also included computer science and business administration.

Loren Brown, the Foundation's president and chief executive officer, said, "In living out his Catholic faith, Scott also lives the mission of The Catholic Foundation. The faithful, and our parishes, schools, and ministries will experience this in their work with Scott. The Catholic Foundation is blessed to have such a talented and dedicated team of professionals that grows even stronger with the addition of Scott leading our development efforts."

He will join the Foundation's development team of James Anzelmo, Craig Heppner, and Sara Ireland in their efforts to meet the ongoing needs of the schools, parishes, and ministries within the diocese.

"I am very excited to return and join The Catholic

Foundation team, where I will continue to build on the culture of excellence that has been established. I am excited and looking forward to working with the dedicated people of the diocese to provide for our faith for generations to come," Hartman said.

He lives in Westerville with his wife, Laura, and their three children, Jackson, Lily, and William. He belongs to Columbus St. Matthias Church and is a member of its finance committee, teaches RCIA, and is a past president of the St. Matthias School advisory board.

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.

Catholic Record Society annual meeting

Msgr. Robert Noon will be the featured speaker at the annual luncheon of the Catholic Record Society, which will take place at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21 in Pastor's Hall at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.

The luncheon will be preceded by Mass at 11 a.m. and followed by a short business meeting, with a Holy Hour, including rosary and Benediction of the

Blessed Sacrament, at 3:30 in the church.

The luncheon will be in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Elizabeth Church. Msgr. Noon was its first pastor and will talk about its beginnings and early days. He has been a priest for 65 years, spending all his priestly life within the diocese, except for a short period as a missionary in Peru. In addition to the luncheon, there will be several events in which society members and guests can participate.

Admission to the luncheon is by advance reservation only. The cost is \$21 per person. The deadline for making reservations is Wednesday, May 10. For more information, contact Mike Finn at fcoolavin@aol.com or (614) 268-4166.

In the marriage case styled ALICIA MICHELLE DEERING BLAKE - DANIEL JAMES WELCOME, 2017/0065, the Tribunal of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, is currently unaware of the present address of MR. C. The Tribunal herewith informs him of the case and invites him to contact REVEREND DENNIS STEVENSON, JCL, Presiding and sole Judge, no later than 22 MAY 2017. Phone: 614-241-2500 Extension 3. Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of MR. DANIEL JAMES WELCOME, is herewith asked to make this Citation known to him or to inform the Tribunal of his current address. Given this 25th day of APRIL 2017. REVEREND DENNIS STEVENSON JCL, Presiding Judge.

Baptism by nurse in hospital; Which knee for genuflection?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. The other day I was told that if a baby, born to Catholic parents in a Catholic hospital, is in danger of dying, it is routine practice for a nurse -- or whoever is available -- to baptize the baby as soon as possible. But what if the parents are members of some other Christian tradition -- or no religion at all?

Would their permission be needed? (I knew a nurse many years ago, a Catholic, who worked in the nursery of a non-denominational hospital. She never told me in so many words, but I got the idea that she made a practice of baptizing any baby whose condition was uncertain.) (Davenport, Iowa)

A. Ordinarily, the sacrament of baptism is administered only by a bishop, priest, or deacon. An exception is made when death is imminent. In that case, the *Code of Canon Law* indicates that baptism may be administered by anyone who has the proper intention (No. 861).

Ordinarily, too, the permission of at least one parent is necessary for a child to be baptized (No. 868); but again here, there is an exception: In danger of death, the sacrament may be administered against the parents' wishes. But the question is whether it should be.

St. Thomas Aquinas

taught in the *Summa Theologica* that children of Jews and unbelievers should not be baptized against their parents' wishes and that to do so would be "contrary to natural justice."

Certainly, in the view of the Catholic Church, baptism is the ordinary and surest way to salvation. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "The church does not know of any means other than baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are 'reborn of water and the Spirit'" (No. 1257).

However, the *Catechism* also says, "The great mercy of God ... and Jesus' tenderness toward children ... allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without baptism" (No. 1261). The nurse you mentioned should have first tried, if possible, to determine the parents' wishes and then proceeded accordingly.

Q. Growing up, I was always taught to genuflect with the right knee. But now I see more and more people using their left knee. Has there been a change that I am not aware of? Is it permissible to alter-

nate knees? (Johnstown, Pennsylvania)

A. Right is right. According to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, "a genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore it is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament" (No. 274).

The custom was formally approved by the Roman Catholic Church in the early 16th century. (Note that it is only practiced in the Western Church; Eastern Catholics and members of the Orthodox Church instead use a profound bow as a sign of their deep reverence.)

Genuflection on the left knee was used to pay honor to kings and emperors (and, at certain times in the church's history, to the bishop of one's diocese), but the right knee is reserved to God alone as a sign of divine worship.

I can't resist revealing one further thought when I receive a question like this one. I wonder if it really matters a lot to God whether someone uses the right knee to genuflect or the left -- especially when, according to the United Nations, about 21,000 people in the world die each day from hunger. I believe that God pays more attention to our hearts than to our knees.

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

Self-directed retreat for women

A self-directed retreat for women, based on the book *St. Rita of Cascia: Saint of the Impossible (Wife, Mother, Widow, Nun)* by Father Joseph Sicardo, OSA, will take place at the youth center of Logan St. John Church, 351 N. Market St., from Friday to Sunday, May 26 to 28. Monday, May 29 is an optional day.

The format of the retreat will be independent reading of the book, with informal discussion at meals. Since the retreat will be self-led, the discussion is optional.

The book is available in paperback or Kindle on Amazon.com.

Participants will be asked upon arrival to make a goodwill donation to the St. Martin de Porres Place family retreat house project.

Information on the project is available at <https://www.gofundme.com/FamilyRetreatHouse>.

Private rooms for the weekend are available. There will be shared bathroom, living room, and kitchen

facilities, with linen and towels provided. Bring your own food, or there are grocery stores nearby.

St. Rita of Cascia, who lived in the late 14th and early 15th centuries, is known as the "saint of the impossible" because of her answers to prayers, as well as the remarkable events of her own life.

She wanted to be a nun, but instead obeyed her parents and married. Her husband was cruel, and caused her much suffering, to which she responded with love and prayers, eventually converting him to Catholicism.

After the death of her husband and two sons, she entered a convent, where she devoted herself to prayer and penance. She abandoned herself totally to God, diminishing herself as he increased in her.

Advance registration is required for the retreat. To reserve a room, contact Rebecca Gjostein at (614) 406-3507 or rebeccagjostein@sbcglobal.net.

Monthly Healing Mass

A Mass of healing and healing service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 15 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The healing service will follow the Mass and include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of a relic of the True Cross of Christ, and an opportunity for everyone present to speak individually with a priest and have him say prayers of healing for what they seek. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick also will be available. The service will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited, especially those who

suffer with physical illness and infirmities, in addition to those in seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community also are invited.

Parking is available at the rear of the cathedral and is accessible off East Gay Street. There is a handicapped-accessible elevator in the courtyard (west side of the cathedral) on East Broad Street. Bimonthly healing Masses take place at the cathedral on the third Monday of each month. Remaining Mass dates for 2017 are July 17, Sept. 18, and Nov. 20.

For more information, call the cathedral at (614) 224-1295.

Jubilee of Anniversaries

The annual diocesan Jubilee of Anniversaries will take place at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at Gahanna St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, and 60th anniversaries in 2017, as well as all couples married more than 60 years, are invited to attend

a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell. An informal reception will follow.

The event will be coordinated by the diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office, in collaboration with the Office for Divine Worship. To register, call (614) 241-2560 or visit familylife.coldsdioc.org. by Friday, June 16.

CONFERENCE,

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understand what a deacon is and what a vocation to the diaconate is about. All vocations began with the universal vocation to holiness. At the heart of the vocation to the diaconate is a desire in a sacrificial way to conform one's self to the person of Jesus Christ as servant," he said.

The bishop also told the deacons to always be mindful of the five virtues mentioned in their prayer of ordination: unfeigned love, concern for the sick and the poor, unassuming authority, purity of innocence, and observance of spiritual discipline.

Concerning the subject of unfeigned love, Bishop Campbell said, "To love as Christ loved is going to be a work of our entire lifetime. In every parish, you're going to find a small group of what I call 'the weary bodies.' No matter what you do or what you say, 'It don't look good' (to them)." That brought an appreciative chuckle from the deacons. "But you've got to love them," he added.

A more enthusiastic response came during a question-and-answer session after his formal talk, when the bishop was asked about the impact of a diaconal vocation on a deacon's wife. After making some general observations, he recalled an incident from the parish in Minnesota where he began his priestly career.

"A woman came up to me after Mass – a charter member of 'the weary bodies.' She said to me, 'Father, do you think a deacon's wife should be wearing that kind of perfume?'" the bishop said. "And I don't know if it was a demon or the Holy Spirit that prompted me, but my reply was, 'Let she who is without scent cast the first stone,'" he concluded, to the accompaniment of a loud burst of laughter.

Corrections - The special collection planned for the Dome of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington will take place in the Diocese of Columbus on Aug. 27, not on May 14, as announced in the April 30 Catholic Times. In the same issue, a story about the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Father Michael J. Reis incorrectly stated that he was ordained by Bishop Edward Herrmann. He was ordained by Bishop Edward Hettinger. A photo on Page 13 incorrectly identified the chaplain of the North Columbus Serra Club as Father Jeff Coning. The chaplain is Father Jeff Rimelspach.

THE ETHICS OF NEW AGE MEDICINE

Patients who face serious illnesses sometimes are attracted to alternative medicines, also referred to as "holistic" or "new-age" medicines. These may include treatments such as homeopathy, hypnosis, "energy therapies" like Reiki, acupuncture, and herbal remedies, to name a few.

These approaches raise various medical and ethical concerns. An important 1998 article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* sums it up this way:

"What most sets alternative medicine apart, in our view, is that it has not been scientifically tested and its advocates largely deny the need for such testing. By testing, we mean the marshaling of rigorous evidence of safety and efficacy, as required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the approval of drugs and by the best peer-reviewed medical journals for the publication of research reports."

Beyond the fact that their clinical efficacy has not earned a passing grade using ordinary methods of scientific investigation, the basic premise behind some alternative medicines also can be highly suspect, raising concerns about superstitious viewpoints or misguided forms of spirituality motivating certain therapies.

If we consider acupuncture, this technique appears to provide benefit in certain cases of pain control. Yet similar results have been reported using "sham" needles — tapping the skin in random places with a thin metal tube. Brain scans have demonstrated that treatment with genuine needles, as opposed to the sham needles, causes detectable changes in the brain. But when researchers ignored acupuncturists' recommended "meridian placement" of needles, and instead did random placement in the skin, the same brain effects were observed. Hence, it is unclear whether the results seen from acupuncture arise mostly from the well-known "placebo effect." Further research should help resolve this question.

Even if the observed effects are not placebo-related, acupuncture's non-rational justification for its purported effectiveness remains a concern. It is based on energy principles that neither science nor faith affirm. Dr. Glenn Braunstein described it critically in the following way:

"Ch'i, the invisible nutritive energy that flows from the universe into the body at any one of 500 acupuncture points, is conducted through the 12 main meridians (channels) in (ideally) an unbroken circle. Meridians conduct either Yin energy (from the sun) or Yang energy (from the earth). All maladies are caused by disharmony or disturbances in the flow of energy."

Clearly, then, some alternative therapies, beyond the basic issue about whether they work, raise serious spiritual concerns.

Another new-age therapy known as Reiki, developed in Japan in the late 1800s, claims that sickness can be caused by a disruption or imbalance in a patient's "Reiki" or "life energy."



MAKING SENSE Out of Bioethics

Father Tad Pacholczyk

Reiki practitioners try to heal a patient by placing their hands in certain positions on the body in order to facilitate the flow of Reiki from the practitioner to the patient.

A 2009 document from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "In terms of caring for one's spiritual health, there are important dangers" that can arise by turning to Reiki. The document notes that because Reiki therapy is not compatible with either Christian teaching or scientific evidence, it would be inappropriate for Catholics to put their trust in the method, because to do so would be to operate "in the realm of superstition, the no-man's-land that is neither faith nor science."

Scientific investigations of another new-age therapy, the popular herbal remedy known as echinacea (taken early to ward off a cold) have revealed no difference between echinacea and a placebo in controlled studies involving several hundred subjects. While some herbal remedies may be harmless, inert placebos, others may have more serious health consequences if ingested above certain dosages due to ingredients of unknown potency derived from natural substances.

Sometimes a remedy can be borrowed from Chinese, Indian, or other medical traditions, but it should be chosen for its efficacy, safety, and reasonable mode of action, and not be in conflict with principles of sound medical science or Christian teaching.

Health improvements that arise from alternative remedies may be due not only to the placebo effect, but also to the fact that patients usually are given more time, attention, and focused concern by alternative practitioners than by traditional physicians. This can translate into modified habits and changed lifestyles, leading to various health benefits.

Modern medicine can be legitimately faulted for downplaying this dimension, so that, in the memorable words of pediatrician Jay Perman, "Doctors tend to end up trained in silos of specialization," in which they are taught "to make a diagnosis, prescribe a therapy, and we're done. But we're not done."

The famous Greek physician Hippocrates once noted the same point: "It is more important to know what sort of person has a disease than to know what sort of disease a person has." Today's physicians in training, fortunately, are seeking to incorporate more and more of these "patient-centric" and "holistic" aspects into their own traditional medical practices to improve patient care and outcomes.

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St. Anthony science experiment

Columbus St. Anthony School sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students participated in an egg drop. Their science teacher, Brandon Garrick, asked them to build a device that would allow an egg to survive the impact of dropping from various heights. In the process, the students made hypotheses about what they thought would happen to the egg and learned about gravity, mass, potential energy, kinetic energy, drag, and friction.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

Students help clean up Italian Village

In celebration of Earth Day, students, teachers, and parents from Columbus St. Joseph Montessori School walked around the city's Italian Village neighborhood in small groups to collect trash and beautify the neighborhood. Cleanup supplies including gloves, trash pickers, and trash bags were loaned to the school by Keep Columbus Beautiful. While older students, including the two who are pictured, collected trash, younger students prepared seed cups to take and plant at home. This and other service projects aligns with the school's accreditation goal of "Care for God's Creation."



Photo courtesy
St. Joseph Montessori School

Coshocton spring concert



Preschool through sixth-grade students at Coshocton Sacred Heart School presented a spring concert and recital. The students all sang and some played the piano, while others played their recorders under the direction of teacher Louise Cardenzana. The recorder group was started this year for second- through sixth-graders. Pictured are (from left) Jaden Everhart, Maddison Phillabaum, and Paytyn Tubbs.

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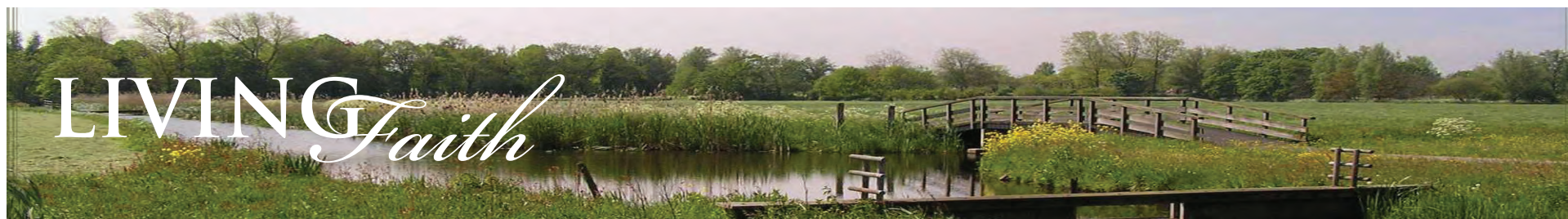
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How Our Lady of Fatima teaches us to say “No” to more

I’ve learned to say “No” to various commitments over the years, but even when it is for the good of my family, my children, and myself, it’s still hard. People don’t want to hear me say “No.” We’re all so busy, and we have come to expect busyness.

I find that I don’t know what to do in the stillness and silence. I don’t know how to relax and let go. If I find myself with an extra five minutes, I’m battling the temptation to insert something into it.

It hasn’t always been this way, and I’m reminded of that when I stop and look around.

We spent the first seven years of our family life in a 100-year-old farmhouse in the country. One hundred years ago, when that house was built, there wasn’t an easy, efficient, or cheap way to get to town. Going to town was an event, and while there, you got everything you needed or you lived without it. One hundred years ago, I don’t think there were evening meetings at every facility in town. One hundred years ago, there wasn’t electricity, so the ebb and flow of the days and seasons mattered in a way we seem to have forgotten.

It was 100 years ago, in 1917, that three young children were out in the fields near Fatima, Portugal, enjoying the sunshine while they prayed their rosary and watched their sheep. Theirs was a simple life, or at least it seems so from where I sit bogged down with obligations and errands and the busy stuff of modern life.

I can imagine few adventures that would be as grand as being given permission to go outside and play in the pasture while the sheep ate. I don’t know what perils and difficulties it would have involved, and though I know that farm children of the early 1900s had a different level of responsibility than children of the same age today, I suspect they enjoyed their time in the pasture.

Lucia, the oldest of the three children at 10, was known for her excellent memory, learning the catechism lessons and making her first Communion by age six, then becoming a catechist to others at nine. She was the youngest of her six siblings, and her two younger cousins, Francisco, age 8, and Jacinta, age 6, loved playing with her so much that they insisted on being included when Lucia was assigned the pasturing responsibilities with the sheep.

Imagine those sunny days in the fields with the sheep, as the three cousins romped and invented games.



Finding Faith in
Everyday Life
Sarah Reinhard

Jacinta was friends with her sheep, naming them, holding them, and even attempting to carry a lamb home on her shoulders, as she had seen in pictures of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. They called the sun “Our Lady’s lamp” and the stars “the angels’ lanterns.”

Mary first appeared to them on May 13, 1917, the Feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. They were pasturing their sheep in the *Cova da Iria*, or Cove of Irene, a hilly hollow owned by Lucia’s father. This is where, with one exception, Mary appeared to the children on six occasions in 1917 and to Lucia alone in 1920.

There was a strange light following what the children described as “lightning in a clear sky.” They were preparing to leave, thinking a storm was coming, when they saw a lady dressed in white. She was shining brighter than the sun, with clear, intense light coming off her in rays, “just like a crystal goblet full of pure water when the fiery sun passes through it.” Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta stopped, so near to the apparition that they were in the light surrounding the lady.

Lucia was the spokesman for the children, perhaps by virtue of her engaging personality and insatiable curiosity. She said she felt no fear, only gladness and confident joy. The lady asked them to return on the thirteenth of each month for six months, and, after a brief conversation, in which she charged them with praying the rosary every day to bring peace to the world, she left.

In May 1917, World War I was in full throttle in Europe, ushering in a new kind of savagery in warfare. In Moscow, Lenin was preparing the revolution that would topple the Russian social order and eventually include nearly half the people on earth. In those circumstances, a visit from Mary bore the antidote to the evil on the planet. The rosary is a weapon in our prayer lives. Our Lady of Fatima asked simple shepherd children to end the war through their prayers.

When Lucia’s mother heard the tale, she was furious with her daughter for inventing what she thought was

a blasphemy. She used threats to no avail, trying to get her daughter to admit the fiction of the story. She took Lucia before the parish priest and grew more and more upset with her daughter.

There was no dissuading Lucia or the other children. They went to the cove on June 13 and on the same day on each of the following months, just as the lady requested. A parish festival, the biggest of the year, did not distract them in June, and neither did an arrest in August.

In each of her apparitions to the children, including the concluding one in October that was highlighted by the famous “miracle of the sun,” Mary reminded them to pray the rosary daily. She asked them to pray for peace in the world and an end to the war, and she had an expectation – a knowledge – that the prayers of these simple shepherd children would in fact make a difference.

Mary, in her apparitions at Fatima, is asking me to say “No” to the demands and the pressures I face each day. She is giving me an answer – the rosary – to the busyness that pervades our lives and competes with our prayer time. She reminds me that saying “No” to one thing can be a way of saying “Yes” to another. Maybe I’m rejecting what I could be doing, yes, but in doing that, I embrace what I should be doing.

Our Lady of Fatima challenges me when I feel it’s naive and silly to pray for the good of the world. She points to my pride and makes me realize it’s selfish of me NOT to pray for the larger world, to shoot for the moon in my intentions. She assures me that however I feel, God hears my prayers and God cares about me. I have to use my free will to say those prayers, though, or God can’t answer them.

At Fatima, I also am reminded that God qualifies us for the work He calls us to do. I don’t often feel like I’m the right person – to be mother of my children, to be wife to my husband, to have the work I do. I feel so incompetent, so unqualified, so overwhelmed.

Our Lady of Fatima shows me, so clearly, that God will send me the help I need. It might be in the form of an angel who will prompt me to pray or in the guise of a friend who will call at just the right time. God is watching me. He cares. The smallest concern of mine still matters to Him.

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Above: Powell St. Joan of Arc Church exterior. Above right: The parish staff includes (from left): Shana Leonard, Father James Black, pastor; Kathleen Walsh, Carolyn Ferroni, Marcy Rolph, Martha Rindfleisch, Paula Vasey, and Father Brian O'Connor, parochial vicar. Below: New toys collected by middle-school PSR students. CT photos by Tim Puet; photo courtesy St. Joan of Arc Church (toys)

COOPERATION HELPS ST. JOAN OF ARC SERVE ITS COMMUNITY

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Powell St. Joan of Arc Church is a growing parish in a growing area. With about 3,900 families, the second-largest parish in the diocese has added about 600 families since it was featured in a *Catholic Times* cover story in 2009. Most of those families live in the Olen-tangy Local School District, which anticipates another 10 to 20 years of consistent growth.

To manage growth within the parish, a new organizational structure has been

put in place. This allows collaboration among staff from all departments, including the parish office, Parish School of Religion staff, maintenance department, each department director, and all parish volunteers.

“The attitude we’ve been promoting is that when anything happens, everybody steps up, because all of us are invested in the parish,” said Father Brian O’Connor, parochial vicar at St. Joan of Arc since his ordination two years ago.

“‘Cross-pollination’ is a term that’s heard frequently here,” said Father James Black, the parish’s pastor for the

past four years. “That means the attitude isn’t ‘That’s not my job,’ but more ‘We’re all in this together. How can I make it work?’ We’re fortunate that people have adopted this attitude. A lot of this is a result of things we learned by attending the Amazing Parish conference in early 2015 in Denver and bringing back the attitude of intentional discipleship it promotes.”

After the conference, a team from the parish created a vision for the parish, based on this statement: “As a Catholic community, we will journey from an encounter with the living Christ to a loving relationship with Him, using our unique gifts to be intentional disciples, making church matter.”

“A couple of years ago, about 50 leaders of the various parish organizations got together to reflect on parish life within the context of the vision. They came out of the process determined to work together for a stronger parish, and they’ve really followed through on that,” Father Black said.

The parish’s Easter bulletin noted how collaborative action resulted in the parish being able to do more than an individual or a group could do alone. During Lent, 2,500 pounds of food were donated to several local food banks; hundreds of pounds of bread and other food was collected from restaurants and delivered to Columbus-area service organizations; 450 submarine sandwiches were donated to St. Lawrence Haven by the parish Men’s

Club; 3,300 sandwiches were made for the homeless; 370 food boxes were donated to the Homeless Families Foundation; and 100 filled Easter baskets were donated by the Women’s Club to the Help My Neighbor organization in Worthington.

In addition, windows were washed and mattresses turned at Worthington Christian Village; the parish’s Senior Ministry visited 100 people; the Homebound Ministry visited and distributed Communion 120 times; and 22 new volunteers were added to various ministries.

As the Knights do in many parishes, the parish’s Knights of Columbus Council 10765 sponsored Friday fish fries during Lent. Father O’Connor said more than 5,500 dinners were sold over six Fridays, with the total number surpassing 6,000 when adding the free meals provided to volunteers.

“What happened at the fish fries is a real microcosm of how everybody sees the bigger picture of the parish,” Father O’Connor said. “The Knights organized the dinners and got great help from our middle-school and high-school youth in serving them. Each week, a different ministry helped out, including the Men’s and Women’s Clubs, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and our choirs. Through working together, lots of people got to take part and strengthen the bonds of parish unity.”

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Parish Festival listing

St. Mary Festival
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- **MAY 12 • Christ the King & St. Stephen the Martyr @ Our Lady of Victory**
 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus • Fiesta de Mayo: 6-10 p.m.

JUNE

- **JUNE 8-10 • St. Catharine**
 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus • 5-11 p.m.
- **JUNE 8-10 • St. Thomas Aquinas**
 139 N. 5th St., Zanesville
 Thursday 5-10 p.m., Friday 5 p.m.-midnight,
 Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight
- **JUNE 16-17 • St. Christopher**
 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus • 6 p.m.-midnight
- **JUNE 16-17 • St. Mary**
 66 E. William St., Delaware
 5 p.m.-midnight
- **JUNE 16-17 • Perry County Consortium Festival**
 St. Rose School, 119 W. Water St., New Lexington
 6 p.m.-midnight
- **JUNE 23-24 • St. John Neumann**
 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury • 5-11 p.m.
- **JUNE 23-24 • Holy Trinity Garden Party**
 225 S. Columbus St., Somerset
 Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 4 p.m.-midnight

JULY

- **JULY 8 • St. Luke**
 Corner of Rambo and Market streets (U.S. 62), Danville • 5-9 p.m.
- **JULY 14-15 • St. Timothy**
 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus • 6 p.m.-midnight
- **JULY 14-16 • St. Joseph**
 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover
 Friday & Saturday 5-11 p.m., Sunday 5-9 p.m.
- **JULY 16 • Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
 Parish Picnic, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Heath • 2-6 p.m.
- **JULY 20-22 • St. Matthew the Apostle**
 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna
 Thursday 6-11 p.m., Friday 6 p.m.-midnight,
 Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **JULY 21-22 • Our Lady of Peace**
 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus
 Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.
- **JULY 21-22 • Immaculate Conception**
 Immaculate Conception School, 100 Sherman St., Dennison
 6-11 p.m.
- **JULY 28-29 • Immaculate Conception**
 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus
 Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **JULY 28-29 • St. Margaret of Cortona**
 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus
 Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight

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AUGUST

- **AUGUST 2-5 • St. Nicholas**
1030 E. Main St., Zanesville • Wednesday & Thursday 6-11 p.m.,
Friday & Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 4-5 • St. Stephen the Martyr**
4131 Clime Road, Columbus
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 4-5 • St. Pius X**
1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg • Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.
- **AUGUST 5 • St. Joseph**
5757 State Route 383 N.E., Somerset • 4 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 10-12 • Holy Spirit**
4383 E. Broad St., Columbus • Thursday 6-11 p.m.,
Friday and Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 11-12 • Our Lady of Victory**
1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus • 6-11 p.m.
- **AUGUST 11-12 • St. Brendan**
4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard • Friday 6 p.m.-midnight,
Saturday 3 p.m. -midnight
- **AUGUST 13 • Immaculate Conception**
215 E. North St., Kenton • 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
- **AUGUST 18-19 • Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
3730 Broadway, Grove City • 6 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 18-19 • St. Andrew**
1899 McCoy Road (at Reed Road), Columbus • 5 p.m.-midnight
- **AUGUST 19 • St. Francis de Sales**
38 Granville St., Newark • Noon-11:30 p.m.
- **AUGUST 19 • Church of the Ascension**
Chicken BBQ & Square Dance
555.S. Main St., Johnstown • 4-10 p.m.
- **AUGUST 24-26 • St. Joan of Arc**
10700 Liberty Road, Powell • 6-11 p.m.
- **AUGUST 24-26 • St. Anthony**
1300 Urban Drive, Columbus
Thursday -Disability Awarneness Night 6-8 p.m.,
Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 5-11 p.m.

- **AUGUST 26 • Church of the Blessed Sacrament**

394 E. Main St., Newark • 5-11 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- **SEPTEMBER 1-3 • St. Michael**
5750 N. High St., Worthington • Friday 7-11 p.m.,
Saturday & Sunday 5-11 p.m.
- **SEPTEMBER 10 • St. Mark**
Outdoor Mass & Family Picnic
324 Gay St., Lancaster • 10:30 a.m.
- **SEPTEMBER 15-16 • St. Mary**
524 Sixth St., Portsmouth • Saturday 6 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m.
- **SEPTEMBER 15-17 • Seton Parish**
600 Hill Road N., Pickerington • Times to be determined
- **SEPTEMBER 16 • St. Mary**
251 N. Main St., Marion • 5-10 p.m.
- **SEPTEMBER 23 • St. Patrick**
226 Elm St., London • 5-9 p.m.

OCTOBER

- **OCTOBER 6-8 • St. John the Baptist**
Hamlet and Lincoln streets, Columbus • Friday 5-11 p.m.,
Saturday noon-midnight, Sunday noon-7 p.m.



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Above: The Powell St. Joan of Arc festival in late August fills the parish grounds along Liberty Road South. Above right: The annual presentation of the parish's own Nativity play, "A Bethlehem Carol," is a tradition that will have its 25th anniversary this year. Below: Parish members at the annual March for Life in Washington this January. Photos courtesy St. Joan of Arc Church



The parish festival is another event which brings multiple groups together. The parish, located at 10700 Liberty Road South in Delaware County, just north of the Franklin County line, has ample land to allow space for plenty of rides, game and food booths, live entertainment, and a visit from Columbus Zoo animals. This year's festival will take place from Thursday, Aug. 24 to Saturday, Aug. 26, from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday and 6 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

At Christmas time, the annual Nativity play *A Bethlehem Carol* brings together 65 first- to eighth-graders in a program that "always tells the same story, but never the same way," said music director Paula Vasey. "It's always written around the talents of the children who audition."

The play is presented on the first Saturday in December. This will be its 25th year. Vasey has been involved with it for about 20 of those years, including the last 10 as director, taking over from Judy Custodio, its founder. "The plays may change from year to year,

but the continuity keeps families coming back," Vasey said. "The program also helps keep parish families in touch with each other, since the parish doesn't have a school."

Participation in the play doesn't have to end when children get older. Alumni who are in high school volunteer during rehearsals. Past participants also have formed an alumni choir which sings each year at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on the Sunday after Christmas.

For the past two years, St. Joan of Arc has taken part in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program by collecting rice bowls within the Parish School of Religion and including the entire parish. This year's theme was "Ark of Hope," collecting money to fill an imaginary ark with various "animals" representing sustainability needs for families. So far, the parish has filled 32-and-a-half arks, which have a total cost of about \$900 each. Last year, the parish collected approximately \$28,000 for building water stations.

Parish marketing director Martha Rind-

fleisch said that last year, the PSR and parish missionary discipleship director Kathleen Walsh launched the Rice Bowl project on a parishwide scale. The PSR program is one of the largest in the diocese, with about 1,600 students from preschool to eighth grade, served by 400 volunteers, said Shana Leonard, who has been parish youth faith formation director since last November.

To accommodate that many students, eight sessions are needed – two on Sunday morning for preschoolers, and three on Sunday afternoon or evening, two on Monday evening, and one on Wednesday evening for elementary- and middle-school students.

"The students are very generous," Leonard said. "In addition to supporting CRS and other projects annually, they bring in food all year to provide the various organizations the parish assists, and each group does something specific at Christmas. The preschool provides layette items for infants. The elementary students have a Gifts of Warmth program, bringing in hats, mittens, and other winter clothing items for students, and the middle-schoolers present Gifts of Hope, purchasing new toys for those in need."

Leonard said parish youth ministry activities will be refocusing and reorganizing for the coming school year, using the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Renewing the Vision document as a guideline and emphasizing the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

The 2017-18 youth program will begin with a Vacation Bible School that, unlike most VBS programs, is designed for students of all ages from first grade to high school. It's known as *Totus Tuus* (Totally Yours), named

after Pope St. John Paul's papal motto, which expressed his personal devotion to the Virgin Mary. It will be taught by college students and seminarians from across the U.S.

St. Joan of Arc is one of several local parishes which have found success in offering the Alpha Course, a 10-week look at the basics of Christianity which has been presented at thousands of Catholic parishes worldwide, as well as churches of other denominations.

About 150 people attended the course this winter, said Carolyn Ferroni, who has been the parish's adult faith formation director since last November. It was offered on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings and was part of the weekly Saturday morning meetings of the parish Iron Sharpens Iron men's ministry.

"We're looking now at when to offer it next year, and also may present an Alpha II course as a follow-up for graduates of the program," she said.

In addition, Ferroni and Leonard are working on a series of programs, beginning in the fall, which will be designed for families to attend together. "We want to keep families coming to Mass or bring them back to Mass, and to promote conversations between parents and children about the faith because this is so important to the future of the parish and the Catholic Church as a whole," Ferroni said.

The first of these programs will be an appearance on Sunday, Sept. 10 by Doug Brummell, a nationally known Catholic comedian and storyteller. His one-man "Lighten Up" show has him playing characters from a young boy



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Clockwise: Food collected by the parish Vacation Bible School in 2016; parishioners unload food for the Homeless Families Foundation; working in the parish garden. Photos/St. Joan of Arc Church

to a sister to an old man, all with their own examples of wit and wisdom about faith and family life. Subsequent programs in the series will focus on prayer, the essentials of the faith, and getting to know the priests of the parish.

St. Joan of Arc also is one of many parishes in the diocese which is introducing *Walking With Purpose*, a Bible study for women. Ferroni said it will begin this fall and be presented on Thursday mornings and evenings. She said it will be available for a maximum of 150 women at each session because of limited space availability in the church.

The small-group ministry program known as *Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)* has been a part of the parish for many years. Ferroni said she plans to help GIFT groups shift to small faith-sharing groups that will connect back to the parish through the use of FORMED.org, an online program the parish recently obtained which includes hundreds of Catholic video programs, movies, audios, and e-books.

Vasey is in charge of an extensive music program which includes a choir of 50 members. The choir sings mostly at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday Mass, but rotates through the five other weekend Masses so that all parishioners can get a chance to hear its music.

A female contemporary trio known as St. Joan of Roc sings at one or two Sunday Masses per month and special events as requested, and a handbell choir plays at one or more Masses monthly. The parish also has about 20 active cantors.

Children's musical groups include a choir of 35 third- through eighth-graders and a separate Christmas choir of children from that same age group; a first- and second-grade choir; a handchime team of fourth- through eighth-graders; and a teen choir.

Besides taking part in many of the charitable activities mentioned earlier in the story, the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society works with the Help My Neighbor food pantry and the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, providing back-to-school supplies and preparing sandwiches. It also helps individuals with food, gas, rent, utility, and clothing assistance. It collects donations for its work on the four "fifth Sundays" of the year.

The Knights of Columbus council conducts the Lenten fish fries, supports seminarians from the diocese, collects funds for the Salvation Army and for programs aiding the developmentally disabled, provides a color guard for the annual Powell Memorial Day parade, and sponsors an annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard.

A separate parish Men's Club meets on the first Thursday evening of each month. It organizes the parish's annual family Christmas festival, sponsors Thanksgiving and Easter food drives for the Homeless Families Foundation, takes part in quarterly work days for the church, and hosts golf tournaments, bowling events, and card nights.

The parish Women's Club meets on the second Thursday evening of the month, has raised money for several parish improvements, and is responsible for maintaining the parish's Marian grotto. Its principal fundraiser is the Harvest Bouquet Craft Show on the first Saturday of October.

The parish Respect Life ministry prays the Rosary after the 6:15 p.m. Mass each Tuesday. It also conducts a spiritual adoption program for unborn children and attends the annual March for Life in Washington. It meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

The parish's ministry to senior citizens has worked with Catholic Social Servic-



es and the CSS Friendly Visitor program to visit people in their homes. In addition, this ministry visits those in nursing homes within the parish boundaries. There is also an active ministry to the homebound, which works closely with the parish's priests and deacons to distribute Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

The parish will host the 40th annual diocesan Senior Citizens Day Mass and luncheon at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant for the Mass.

Additional parish activities include a knitters group, which meets on the last Friday of the month and produces items for the needy; a quilters group, which gathers on the first and third Thursday of the month; and a literacy group, which offers one-on-one tutoring or small classes for people learning English as a second language.

Eucharistic Adoration has been a part of parish life since 1999, with the hours it is available being expanded several times over the years. It now is offered continuously from 9 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Friday in the parish Mercy Chapel. More adorers are needed for several of those

hours. Contact the parish for details.

With so much going on and limited space available, the parish sometimes has to restrict the number of people who can take part in an activity, as is anticipated for the *Walking With Purpose* classes. "We know we need to expand. Just before I came here four years ago, the parish acquired additional property just north of the parish buildings," Father Black said. "But we're just starting the process of deciding what would be the best way to use it."

Weekend Masses at St. Joan of Arc are celebrated at 5 p.m. Saturday and 7:30, 9, and 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 and 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, and there is a first Saturday Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Besides Fathers Black and O'Connor, weekend Mass celebrants include retired Bishop James Griffin and Msgr. George Schlegel, the parish's founding pastor. Deacon Steve Petrill also is part of the pastoral staff, with occasional assistance from retired Deacons Thomas Berg Sr. and James Rouse.

For more information about the parish, go to www.stjoanofarcpowell.org.



Left: Pope Francis arrives in procession to celebrate Mass at the Air Defense Stadium in Cairo on Saturday, April 29, and the crowd responds to his arrival.

CNS photos by Paul Haring

True faith means loving others to the extreme, pope tells Egypt's Catholics

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

The only kind of fanaticism that is acceptable to God is being fanatical about loving and helping others, Pope Francis said on his final day in Egypt.

“True faith makes us more charitable, more merciful, more honest, and more humane. It moves our hearts to love everyone without counting the cost,” he said.

The pope celebrated an open-air Mass on Saturday, April 29 in Cairo’s Air Defense Stadium, built by the anti-aircraft branch of the Egyptian armed forces. The pope concelebrated with Coptic Catholic Patriarch Ibrahim Isaac Sedrak of Alexandria and leaders of the other Catholic rites in Egypt.

After spending the first day of his visit in meetings with Muslim leaders, government officials, diplomats, and members of the Coptic Orthodox Church, the pope dedicated the second day of his trip to Egypt’s minority Catholic community.

Arriving at the stadium in a blue Fiat, the pope was driven slowly around the stadium’s red running track in a small and low golf cart, far from the estimated 15,000 people seated in the stands high above. Yellow balloons and a long chain of blue balloons tied together like a rosary were released into the sky as a military

helicopter circled high above the venue.

Helicopter gunships circled the perimeter of the stadium, while military jeeps patrolled Cairo’s streets.

Surrounded by security, the pope managed to personally greet one small group of children who were dressed as pharaohs and other traditional figures. They hugged the pope affectionately as security tightly closed in on the group.

In his homily, the pope used the day’s Gospel reading of the two disciples’ journey to Emmaus to highlight how easy it is to feel disappointment, despair, and defeat when one is trapped by a false notion of who God really is.

The disciples could not believe that the one who could raise others from the dead and heal the sick could “end up hanging on the cross of shame,” the pope said. Believing Jesus was dead, all their dreams died with him on the cross and were buried in the tomb.

“How often do we paralyze ourselves by refusing to transcend our own ideas about God, a god created in the image and likeness of man?” he asked. “How often do we despair by refusing to believe that God’s omnipotence is not one of power and authority, but rather of love, forgiveness, and life?”

He said that like the disciples, Christians never will recognize the true face of God until they let their mistaken

ideas die on the cross, rise up from the tomb of their limited understanding and shatter their hardened hearts like the “breaking of the bread” in the Eucharist.

“We cannot encounter God without first crucifying our narrow notions of a god who reflects only our own understanding of omnipotence and power,” the pope said.

True faith “makes us see the other not as an enemy to be overcome, but a brother or sister to be loved, served, and helped,” he said, adding that it leads to dialogue and respect and the courage to defend the rights and dignity of all.

“God is pleased only by a faith that is proclaimed by our lives, for the only fanaticism believers can have is that of charity. Any other fanaticism does not come from God and is not pleasing to him,” he said.

At the end of the Mass, Patriarch Sedrak thanked the pope for his visit, which, though brief, “has overflowed our hearts with joy and our lives with blessing.”

The warm welcome Pope Francis received from so many political and religious components of Egyptian society “is a message to the world that confirms Egypt’s nature” as a lover of peace that seeks to affirm peace in the Middle East and the world, the patriarch said.

Later in the day, before his departure

for Rome, the pope met with about 1,500 priests, seminarians, and religious men and women for a prayer service on the sports field of a Coptic Catholic seminary in Cairo.

He thanked the church workers for their witness and for the good they do in the midst of “many challenges and often few consolations.”

“Although there are many reasons to be discouraged, amid many prophets of destruction and condemnation, and so many negative and despairing voices, may you be a positive force, salt and light for this society,” he told them.

But to be builders of hope, dialogue and harmony, he said, they must not give in to the many temptations that come each day, including the temptation to expect gratitude from those they must serve and lead.

A good shepherd, Pope Francis said, consoles even when he is broken-hearted and is always a father, even when his children are ungrateful.

Don’t become like Pharaoh, with a heart hardened by a sense of superiority, lording over others and expecting to be served and not serve, the pope said.

“The more we are rooted in Christ, the more we are alive and fruitful,” he said, and the more we will experience “renewed excitement and gratitude in our life with God and in our mission.”

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

Jesus is 'Lord and Christ,' not merely a brother



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Acts 2:14a,36-41;

1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

Sunday's Acts reading concludes the section begun last week, as Peter continues to address "the whole house of Israel." He had begun this speech by addressing not only Jews, but "all of you staying in Jerusalem." Peter asserts that God has made both Lord and Christ "this Jesus, whom you crucified."

This is one of many places in Acts where "all Jews" appear to be blamed for the death of Jesus, but the reader needs to be aware of these patently false charges against "the whole house of Israel." Scholars, both Jewish and Christian, as well as the U.S. bishops' committee on ecumenical affairs, among many others, have warned against blaming all Jews of the New Testament period, or of any time and place, for the death of Jesus. We need to be ever vigilant on this issue, lest Neanderthals of the contemporary age try to foist these blatantly inaccurate charges against all Jews because they appear in the New Testament.

The titles Peter gives to the risen Jesus here ("Lord and Christ") emphasize the Christian belief that Jesus is equal to God by calling him "Lord," as they commonly referred to Yahweh in the Old Testament. What is shocking is that Christians took this title, which was ordinarily the word used in speaking of God, and applied it to Jesus. We saw this constantly in the Gospels, so this is hardly new. The Risen One also is named the long-awaited Christ (or Messiah). Applying these two titles to Jesus comes only after he has risen from the dead, thereby completing the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection.

These titles, which heighten Jesus' stature in relation to his disciples and to the Father, really dispel the strain

of pseudotheology which would make Jesus into "my brother." None of the disciples is portrayed as referring to Jesus as "Brother Jesus." He was their teacher, their Lord, and the Son of God, not their brother.

Whoever responded to Peter's speech is unknown, but if we remember that Luke was presenting the developing churches as a success story, he makes the number a nice round 3,000. The requirements Peter lists for those who want "to do" something are part of the standard formula: "repent and be baptized ... in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." The further admonition "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation" has been used ever since in some circles to exhort people to be baptized.

Commentators often discuss the meaning of being baptized "in the name of Jesus Christ." The simplest explanation is that the expression simply was meant to be a reference to baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. It was Luke's way of saving a few words, but did not mean a separate baptism from the Trinitarian baptism mentioned in Matthew 28:19.

The Gospel is both a reminder and a warning that those who do not enter the sheepfold through the gate are either thieves or robbers. The same Greek word for robber is used for Barabbas during the Passion. The double "Amen" to begin the statement marks a solemn statement to follow, as in "I tell you the truth" or "Verily, verily" for those old enough to remember it. *Amen* comes straight from Hebrew into Greek, so whenever we use it to conclude a prayer, we are saying "Truly" or "I believe this," or even "Yes."

There are many problems in understanding the imagery used here. The problems include the image of Christ as the sheep gate, the meaning of "all who came before," and who the thieves were meant to be. In context, they were probably the Pharisees. The sheep gate may have meant the shepherd, as a few isolated manuscripts suggest, but who "all who came before" were remains puzzling.

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Catholic leaders decry fourth Arkansas execution in eight days

By Carol Zimmermann/Catholic News Service

After Arkansas executed its fourth death-row inmate in eight days on April 27, Sister Helen Prejean, a longtime opponent of capital punishment, said "future generations will look back upon the events unfolding in Arkansas tonight with horror. The barbarity is overwhelming."

Sister Helen, a Sister of St. Joseph of Medaille, tweeted that message 30 minutes after Kenneth Williams was pronounced dead.

His lawyers unsuccessfully petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for a stay, saying the inmate should not

be executed because three health care professionals had determined he was "intellectually disabled." Relatives of a man killed by Williams in a crash during his 1999 escape from prison also pleaded with Gov. Asa Hutchinson to call off his execution.

The quick succession of the executions prompted many people to oppose them, including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In an April 13 statement, Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the bishops' committee on domestic justice and human development, urged Hutchinson to reconsider reducing the sentences to life imprisonment.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 42:2,3;43:3-4
John 10:11-18

TUESDAY

Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1-7
John 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

Acts 12:24-13:5a
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
John 12:44-50

THURSDAY

Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
John 13:16-20

FRIDAY

Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-11
John 14:1-6

SATURDAY

Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1-4
John 14:7-14

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WEEK OF MAY 7, 2017

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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).

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

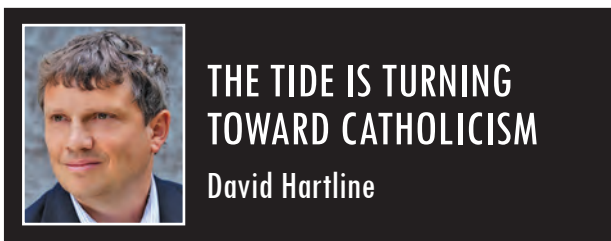
We pray Week IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

May, the Month of Miracles and New Beginnings for Us All

It is said that Jesus not only performed miracles to help people recover from all manner of infirmities, but also to help others believe he wasn't just another holy man with thought-provoking words. He was truly who he said he was: the Son of God. His miraculous healings provided a new beginning for all who were healed. Think about it. On one hand, the people of 2,000 years ago heard Jesus speak of peace, love, and understanding. On the other hand, he spoke of the battle against evil, the snares of the devil, and the real existence of hell -- something he spoke of more often than he did of heaven.

Jesus wanted us all to be aware of the two paths we can choose and to know there is always an opportunity to return to the path of love, forgiveness, and redemption. All this talk might have seemed bewildering to the Jews and Gentiles of 2,000 years ago. The miracles were necessary to help all come to believe that what Jesus was saying was the absolute truth. He wasn't breaking with Jewish teachings; he was fulfilling them.

The month of May can be a new beginning for us as well. May is the month when everything seems to green up, at least as far Ohio is concerned. New life is all around us. Hopefully, our Easter season continues to be filled with blessings, spiritual growth, and helping those we know who need it. May is Mary's month and is full of May crownings. The Blessed Mother is the sign that all which was revealed on a chilly night in Bethlehem is taking shape not only



**THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM**
David Hartline

in the heat that can overtake Nazareth at this time of year, but throughout the world as well.

May started off with the feast on May 1 of St. Joseph the Worker, the patron saint of adoptive fathers and adopted children, who steered Jesus through his formative years. On May 13, Pope Francis heads to Fatima, Portugal, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. On Oct. 13, the final miracle of Fatima, the Miracle of the Sun, will be celebrated. The scientific community still is baffled by photographs and eyewitness reports from that amazing day, which turned many skeptics into believers.

Some people will say the teachings of the Catholic Church are either too simple or too complex and are filled with traditions that not every Christian believes. The answer to this is quite simple: Jesus had a simple side and a complex side. The idea that we can understand everything immediately and that everyone is saved is not in keeping with what Jesus said. He didn't believe in the traditions of man; he certainly believed in the traditions of God and his Church.

May is the month of miracles because Jesus wants us to believe that with God, all things are possible. We can end our bad habits, addictions, and compulsions with the help of God and the aid of those whom God sends into our lives to help us.

Miracles can be big and small. All too often, we completely ignore the small, forgetting about those people who entered our lives at the absolutely most important times.

I met a priest a few years ago who worked in the Office for Miracles in the Vatican. He told me his wish was to bring doubters and skeptics into his office to look at the X-rays, ultrasounds, and reports from disbelieving doctors who witnessed what could only be miracles. He told me it is easier to disbelieve than to believe, if you don't want to change.

God gave us free will and we can ignore the truth, but we do so at our own peril, like those who saw Jesus perform miracles 2,000 years ago and forgot about it the next day, only to have stories of more miracles and the ultimate miracle of Jesus' resurrection remind them of what they viewed. Let us not be like those individuals, who let blessings pass them by or be delayed. Let us seize the moment this very day, and let this May be a very special month.

Hartline is the author of "The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

Pope: U.S., North Korea need diplomatic solution to escalating tensions

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

Pope Francis told journalists that a diplomatic solution must be found to the escalating tension between North Korea and the United States.

"The path (to take) is the path of negotiation, the path of a diplomatic solution," he said when asked about President Donald Trump's decision to send Navy warships to the region in response to North Korea's continued missile tests and threats to launch nuclear strikes against South Korea, Japan, and the United States.

"What do you say to these leaders who hold responsibility for the future of humanity?" the pope was asked, during a question-and-answer session with journalists on the flight to Rome on April 29 after a 27-hour trip to Cairo.

"I will call on them. I'm going to call on them like I have called on the leaders of different places," he said.

The pope said many facilitators and mediators around the world are "always ready to help" with negotiations. He added that the situation in North Korea has been heated for a long time, "but now it seems it has heated up too much, no?"

"I always call (for) resolving problems through the

diplomatic path, negotiations" because the future of humanity depends on it, he said.

Pope Francis said his contention that the Third World War already is underway and is being fought "piecemeal" can be seen in places where there are internal conflicts, such as the Middle East, Yemen, and parts of Africa.

"Let's stop. Let's look for a diplomatic solution," he said. "And there, I believe that the United Nations has a duty to regain its leadership (role) a bit because it has been watered down."

When asked if he would want to meet with President Trump when Trump is in Italy in late May, the pope said, "I have not been informed yet by the (Vatican) secretary of state about a request being made."

He added, "I receive every head of state who asks for an audience."

A journalist with German media asked the pope about the controversy he sparked April 22 for saying some refugee camps are like concentration camps.

"For us Germans obviously that is a very, very serious term. People say it was a slip of the tongue. What did you want to say?" the reporter asked.

"No, it was not a slip of the tongue," Pope Francis said, adding that some refugee camps in the world

-- but definitely not in Germany -- "are real concentration camps." He said that when centers are built to lock people up, where there is nothing to do and they can't leave, that "is a lager. (the German word for a concentration camp)."

Another reporter asked how people should interpret his speeches to government officials when he calls on them to support peace, harmony, and equality for all citizens, and whether it reflected him supporting those officials.

The pope said that in all 18 trips he has taken to various nations during his pontificate, he always hears the same concern.

However, when it comes to local politics, "I do not get involved," he said.

"I talk about values," and then it is up to each individual to look and judge whether a particular government or nation or person is "delivering these values," he said.

When asked if he had a chance to run off to see the pyramids, the pope said, "Well, you know that today at six in this morning, two of my assistants went to see" them.

When asked if he wished he had gone with them, the pope responded, "Ah, yes."

Pray for our dead

BRUSH, Robert L. Jr., 79, April 28
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

CONRAD, Eugene B., 55, April 21
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

FALTER, Paul R., 90, April 19
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

FRAZIER, Jeannette S. (Shorr), 94, April 22
St. John Church, Logan

HUNKLER, James R. 88, April 26
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

LYNN, Viola V. (Miller), 96, April 28
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

MARTINI, Rita J. (Waibel), 88, April 10
St. Mary Church, Groveport

MILLER, Barbara S. (Wilson), 72, April 21
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

MONTGOMERY, Daniel E., 68, April 27
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

PALMER, Janet M. (Sayer), 83, April 28
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

REA, Army Maj. (Ret.) Robert G., 87, March 31
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

SCHORNAK, Annie (Marinelli), 92, April 27
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

SETTELE, Joseph "Sepp," 88, April 21
St. Anthony Church, Powell

SIMON, Emily A. (Higgins), 95, April 24
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

SIMON, Mary V., 88, April 28
St. Mary Church, Marion

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Catholic leaders urge Israel to meet Palestinian hunger strikers' demands

By **Judith Sudilovsky**
Catholic News Service

Catholic leaders in the Holy Land urged Israel to concede to demands of Palestinian political prisoners who have been on a hunger strike since April 17.

The prisoners are seeking an improvement in their prison conditions and an end to administrative detention, which allows Israel to hold prisoners almost indefinitely without having to charge them with a crime.

The Assembly of Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land said the prisoners are asking that their human rights and dignity be respected according to international law and the Geneva Convention.

"We urge the Israeli authorities to hear the cry of the prisoners, to respect their human dignity, and to open a new door toward the making of peace," the bishops said in a statement released Saturday, April 29. "The aim of this desperate act is to shed light, both locally and internationally, on the inhuman conditions in which they are detained by the Israeli authorities."

The bishops affirmed the need to apply international law to the conditions

of incarceration of political prisoners and condemned "the use of detention without trial, all forms of collective punishment, as well as the use of duress and torture for whatever reason."

"Furthermore, we can never forget that every prisoner is a human being and his God-given dignity must be respected," the bishops said.

Freeing prisoners will be a "sign of a new vision" which could mark a new beginning for Israelis and Palestinians, they said. "As Christians, we are sent to work for the liberation of every human being, and for the establishment of a human society in which there is equality for all, Israelis and Palestinians."

According to reports in the Israeli press, Israeli Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan said 300 of the hunger strikers have agreed to start taking food, although none of their demands has been met. Palestinians maintain that the 1,500 prisoners are continuing their water-and-salt-only fast.

The prisoners are demanding improved visitation rights for family members and better access to phone calls and medical care.

Keep fit by moving forward, reaching out, pope tells Catholics

By **Cindy Wooden/CNS**

Pope Francis said a healthy Christian life is one that treasures a memory of the past, but is always moving forward and reaching out to others, inviting them to join the journey.

"Don't walk with your eyes on what is behind you or you'll bump into something," the pope told 70,000 members of Italian Catholic Action on Sunday, April 30. "Don't stare in the mirror. Many of us are ugly so it's better not to look!"

Most of all, he said, "don't sit comfortably in an armchair. That makes you fat and it's bad for your cholesterol!"

The morning after returning from a two-day trip to Egypt, the pope spent more than an hour in St. Peter's Square with people celebrating the 150th anniversary of Catholic Action in Italy. The organization, which is structured on a parish and diocesan level, emphasizes faith formation and social involvement.

Pope Francis told the group that his

father and his grandmother were members of Catholic Action, which helps Christians "proclaim with their lives the beauty of God's love" and find ways in their daily lives to build "a society that is more just, more fraternal and marked by more solidarity."

He said the vocation of laypeople is to live holy lives through their daily activities, which involves adopting "welcome and dialogue as the style with which you make others your neighbors."

Following the example of famous members who went before them, the pope urged Catholic Action members to be involved in politics -- "with a capital P" -- by working for the common good of their communities and nation.

"Stay open to the reality that surrounds you," he said. "Without fear, seek dialogue with those who live alongside you, even those who think differently than you do, but want peace, justice, and brotherhood."

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Holy Hour at Holy Family

6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323

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. Scripture study featuring this coming Sunday's readings and commentary. 614-224-9522

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5, FRIDAY

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St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

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

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Talk by papal missionary of mercy Father Thomas Blau, OP, St. Patrick's parochial vicar, on "Real Men Pray the Rosary."

St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale

4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, baked goods.

Transitional Deacon Ordination at St. Andrew

7 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Mass of ordination of seminarians Brett Garland, Thomas Herge, Todd Lehigh, Edward Shikina, and Christopher Tuttle as transitional deacons by Bishop Frederick Campbell, followed by reception.

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.

6, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick

7 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, preceded by confessions at 6:30. 614-240-5910

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-372-5249

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.

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. 614-221-1890

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

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

Labyrnth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

1 to 2:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N.

Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk with theme "Following the Thread," led by Barbara Hamilton. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline May 4. 614-866-4302

Pressed Flower Art Workshop at de Porres Center

2 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Workshop on creating a natural greeting card using pressed flowers. Registration fee \$30. 614-416-1910

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth

7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. 614-891-0150

7, SUNDAY

St. Anthony Church Choir Concert at de Porres Center

3 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Concert featuring Columbus St. Anthony Church multicultural choir. 614-416-1910

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-861-1242

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

Compline at Cathedral

9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline, the Catholic Church's official night prayer. 614-241-2526

8, 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.

8-11, MONDAY-THURSDAY

Parish Mission at Groveport St. Mary

7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 5884 Groveport Road, Groveport. Parish mission led by papal missionary of mercy Father Thomas Blau, OP. Theme: "Why Mary Is Important for All Christians." 614-497-1324

9, TUESDAY

Calix Society Meeting

6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Preceded by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, across street from meeting site.

Holy Hour at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Monthly Holy Hour following 6 p.m. Mass. 614-299-5781

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.

EnCourage Ministry Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m., EnCourage, an approved diocesan ministry dedicated to families and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. EnCourage respects the dignity of every person, promotes the truth of God's plan for each of us, and focuses on sharing our love. Confidentiality is maintained. Call for site. 614-296-7404

10, WEDNESDAY

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves

2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. 614-416-1910

11, THURSDAY

Women to Women Listening Circle at Corpus Christi

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Women to Women program for women of all ages and life circumstances. Begins with soup lunch until noon, followed by listening circle. No child care available on-site. 614-512-3731

Father McKiernan's 60th Anniversary Mass

5:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Father Vincent McKiernan, CSP, celebrates Mass honoring his 60th anniversary of ordination, followed by reception. 614-291-4674

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. 614-224-9522

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart

7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. 614-372-5249

Theology on Tap Meeting

7 p.m., El Vaquero restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics, with Father Nicholas Droll, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Mary, Corpus Christi, and St. Ladislav churches speaking on American saints. RSVP to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

Catechism Uncorked in Delaware

7 p.m., El Vaquero restaurant, 259 S. Sandusky St., Delaware. Catechism Uncorked social for 36- to 64-year-olds, sponsored by Delaware St. Mary Church adult faith formation program, featuring social time, question-answer session with speaker, and food for purchase. Speaker: Father Anthony Davis, parochial vicar, Columbus St. Andrew Church, on St. Teresa of Kolkata. 740-513-3325

12, FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

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13, SATURDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Plant sale, with items available including heirloom tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, and other garden favorites, plus maple syrup, bee smooth hand cream, towels, potholders, and other homemade products. 614-866-4302

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.

Renewing the Sacred: Restoration of St. Turibius Chapel at the Josephinum

St. Turibius Chapel stands at the heart of the Pontifical College Josephinum, a fitting location given its central role in the life of the seminary.

Designed by St. Louis architect Frank A. Ludewig and completed in 1932, the chapel was subsequently animated by a mural painted by Gerhard Lamers (circa 1936) and stained glass windows by the world-renowned Emil Frei.

Since the mural was painted on an exterior wall, water deteriorated the work after each of three renovations (1936, 1945, 1953). It was sealed over in 1989. The need to undertake a historic restoration and liturgical renovation – to restore early elements of the chapel, particularly the apse wall mural, and better accommodate liturgical celebrations – has been evident for many years.

A successful focused fundraising effort enabled the long-anticipated project to move forward. Renovation began in the spring of 2016. One year later, St. Turibius Chapel was rededicated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States and chancellor of the Josephinum, on April 24, 2017.

Components of the renovation include:

- A noble and permanent marble Altar of Sacrifice
- A beautiful and dignified setting for adoration and reservation of the Most Holy Eucharist
- The creation of a new mural based on the circa

While decades of water damage made it impossible to restore the original mural, detailed conservation testing by EverGreene Architectural Arts helped to reveal the original color palette and brushwork. EverGreene created a new mural true to Lamers' vision and style; it is affixed to a newly constructed apse wall slightly in front of the original, to eliminate all possibility of future water deterioration.

The image of Christ the Eternal High Priest and adoring angels occupy the central place. Closest to the Son of God, a crowned image of Our Lady on the Seat of Wisdom, flanked by St. Joseph and St. Turibius, is surrounded by other exemplars of holiness: Blessed Miguel Pro, St. Rose of Lima, St. John Neumann, Pope St. Gregory the Great, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Vincent de Paul.

(Photos courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum)

1936 Gerhard Lamers original

- A reconfigured floor plan to provide increased seating, emphasize the centrality of the altar and renew the lines of the historic sanctuary
- New porcelain floor tile and marble altar steps and risers to enhance the service of the altar
- Improved energy-efficient lighting and sound systems
- Enhanced handicapped accessibility

The remarkable renovation was brought to completion through the partnership of many people. Father John Allen, Josephinum vice president for advancement, said, "The inspired vision of our contactors and architect – the Ruscilli Construction Co. and William Heyer – supported by the great



generosity of our special benefactors and the collaboration of many talented and dedicated artisans, craftspeople, engineers, and subcontractors – have made this restoration possible."

The 2017 restoration and renovation of St. Turibius Chapel will have a profound effect and enduring impact on the formation of every Josephinum seminarian.

"The restored chapel will further the integration of a dynamic prayer life which is focused around the altar and the Paschal mystery," said Msgr. Christopher J. Schreck, the college's rector/president.

"The celebration of the Mass will be enriched with a renewed appreciation of the chapel's architectural beauty and will enrich seminarians' spiritual lives for generations to come."

Seminarians will lead tours of the chapel at the Josephinum's fall tour day on Saturday, Sept. 16. More information will be forthcoming at www.pcj.edu.

Donations to this historic renovation are still being gratefully received. To participate, send contributions to the college's advancement office at 7625 N. High St., Columbus 43235 or call Father John Allen at (614) 985-2325.

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A small reliquary housing the relics of saints was deposited beneath the altar during the dedication rites. It remains visible through a wrought-iron-and-brass grille at the back of the altar.



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The walls of St. Turibius Chapel are sprinkled with holy water by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States and chancellor of the Josephinum, during the chapel's rededication on Monday, April 24.

Archbishop Pierre anoints the new Altar of Sacrifice. Three kinds of Italian marble form and accent the nave, altar, and Blessed Sacrament shrine.



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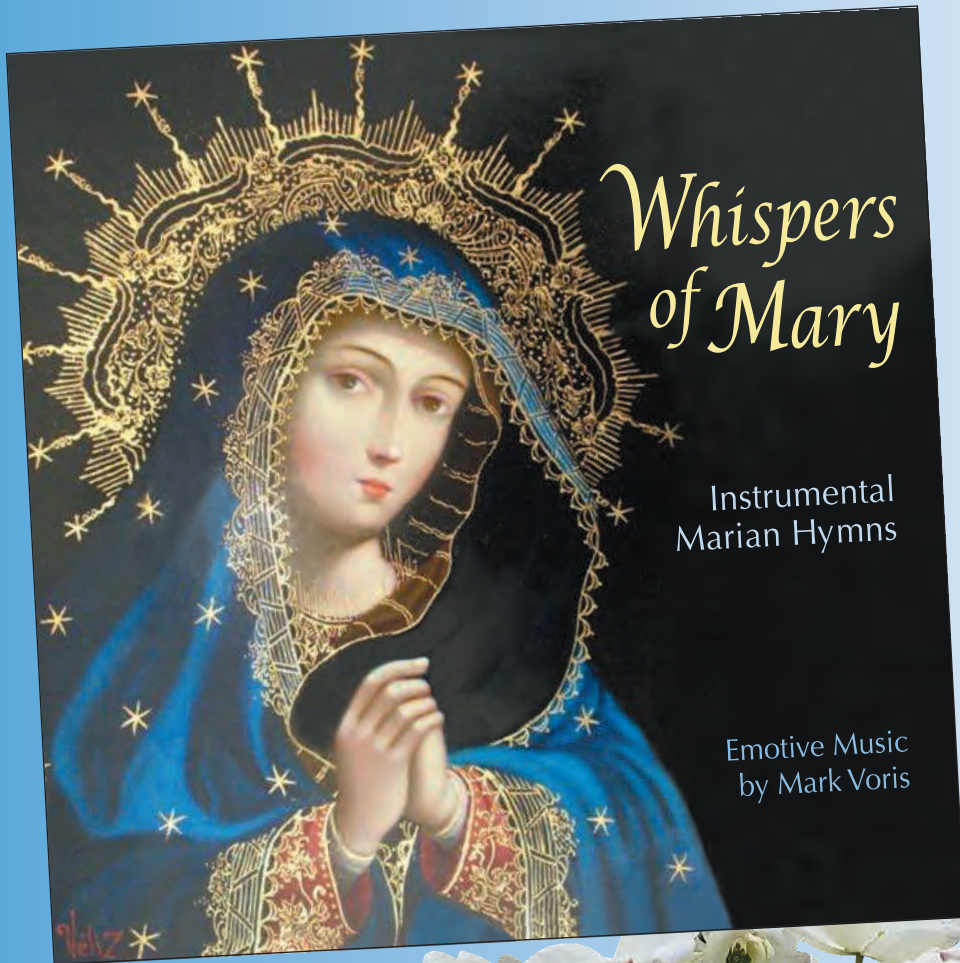
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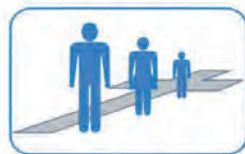
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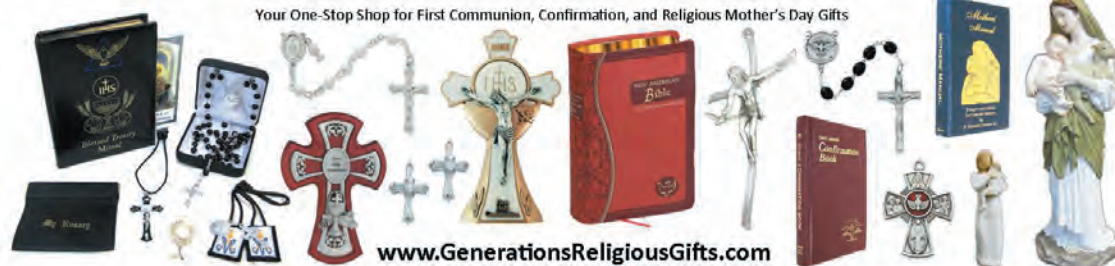
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