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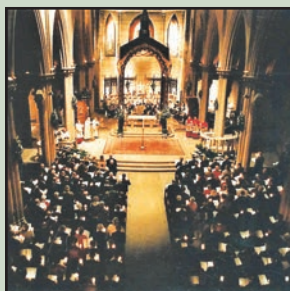
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New rector to lead Pontifical College Josephinum

Father Steven P. Beseau, assistant professor of moral theology at The Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati, has been selected as the 17th rector/president of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus.

He will assume the position on Monday, July 1, succeeding Msgr. Christopher Schreck whose five-year tenure in the position ends on Sunday, June 30.

Columbus Bishop Frederick Campbell, vice chancellor of the Josephinum, shared the news in person with the seminary community on Tuesday, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, 10

bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York.

Bishop Brennan at that time also will become the college's vice chancellor, a position traditionally held by the bishop of Columbus at the Josephinum, the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy.

Father Beseau's appointment was announced in official correspondence from Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States of America, by means of a decree from Cardinal Beniamino Stella, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for

"It is a great honor to be appointed by the Congregation for Clergy as the 17th president/rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum," he said. "Aware of its great history, its esteemed alumni and excellent faculty, I am grateful for and humbled by this appointment and ask for your prayers."

Father Beseau was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, in 1995 and holds bachelor of sacred theology and master of divinity degrees from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois, and a licentiate and a doctorate in sacred theology (both *summa cum laude*) from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Rome, Italy). He has been teaching at the Cincinnati seminary since 2016.

From 2009 to 2016, he was director of the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center in Lawrence, Kansas. He earlier was a pastor and high school chaplain in the Archdiocese of Kansas City.

Additional assignments and memberships Father Beseau held within the archdiocese include: chaplain for the Daughters of St. Francis DeSales and the Catholic Medical Association; founder and director of the St. Lawrence Institute for Faith and Culture; diocesan pastoral life committee chair; and member of the diocesan presbyteral council and college of consultors.

He was appointed after a search and interview process conducted by a special committee of the seminary's board of trustees.

"The seminary is blessed to welcome such a highly qualified priest whose impressive credentials, includ-



Installation schedule

Thursday, March 28 | 7 p.m.
Evening Vespers
St. Joseph Cathedral
212 E. Broad St., Columbus

Friday, March 29 | 2 p.m.
Installation
St. Joseph Cathedral
212 E. Broad St., Columbus

Public reception following installation
St. Charles Preparatory School
2010 E. Broad St., Columbus

ing extensive pastoral experience and seminary formation, equip him so well for this position," said the board's chair, Bishop Terry LaValley of Ogdensburg, New York. "We pledge our prayers and support to Father Beseau as he embraces this key role in leading young men in their journeys of discernment to the priesthood."

"The entire Josephinum community enthusiastically welcomes Father Beseau and his abundant gifts of priestly leadership," said Msgr. Schreck, a priest of the Diocese of Savannah, Georgia. "We are confident that his appointment signals and again assures a dazzlingly bright future for the Josephinum's work of preparing future priests, in continuing the tradition of our founder, Msgr. Joseph Jessing, and under the intercession and inspiration of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church."

Although Father Beseau will assume his new position on July 1, his inauguration as president will take place in the fall, when seminarians and faculty have returned to campus at the conclusion of summer break.

"I extend my gratitude to Archbishop Pierre, Bishop Campbell, Bishop LaValley and the entire board of the Josephinum for their confidence in me," Father Beseau said. "It is a privilege to be a part of the formation of seminarians, equipping them to be men of faithfulness, generosity and service. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, whose solemnity we celebrate today, I ask that the Lord grant the Josephinum seminary community peace, hope and joy."

The 2019-2020 year of formation will be the Josephinum's 131st year of educating men for the Catholic priesthood. Since its founding in 1888, more than 1,900 priests have received their formation and education at the college.



From left: Msgr. Christopher Schreck, rector/president of the Pontifical College Josephinum; Columbus Bishop Frederick Campbell, vice chancellor of the college; and Father Steven Beseau, who will succeed Msgr. Schreck on July 1.

Photo courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum

days before Bishop Campbell is to be succeeded as bishop of Columbus by Bishop Robert Brennan, auxiliary

the Clergy in Rome.

Father Beseau was present for the announcement of his appointment.

CORRECTION

The March 10 Catholic Times listed an incorrect time for Eucharistic Adoration at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Adoration is now on the second Friday of the month from 6 p.m. Friday through the night until Benediction at 10 a.m. Saturday. The parish now has its Friday Mass at 8 a.m. instead of 5:15 p.m.



Front Page photo:

BISHOP'S BLESSING

Bishop Frederick Campbell gives the blessing at the end of the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 24 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Deacon Jim Gorski is behind him. (CT photo by Ken Snow)

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Bishop's installation has 'many moving parts'

By Tim Puet

Catholic Times Reporter

Every Mass is special because it is where ordinary bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Christ. What sets a bishop's installation Mass apart is that it happens so rarely in the life of a diocese.

When Auxiliary Bishop Robert Brennan of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, is installed as bishop of Columbus on Friday, March 29, it will be the 12th time this has happened in the diocese's 151-year history and only the third time it has occurred in the past 36 years.

Such a significant event takes considerable planning. The announcement of Pope Francis' selection of Bishop Brennan to succeed retiring Bishop Frederick Campbell was made on Thursday, Jan. 31. Five days later, on Tuesday, Feb. 5, leaders of various departments of the Diocese of Columbus began weekly meetings to plan for both the installation Mass and an evening Vespers service, which will take place on Thursday, March 28.



Candles are lit by the congregation at the most recent Vespers service in the Diocese of Columbus at St. Joseph Cathedral before a bishop's installation. The event took place on Jan. 12, 2005. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell was installed the next day as the 11th bishop of Columbus, succeeding the retiring Bishop James A. Griffin.

CT file photo by Ken Snow

The eighth and last of those meetings took place Monday, March 25.

Msgr. Stephan Moloney, diocesan vicar general, and Deacon Thomas Berg Jr., diocesan chancellor, were the planning committee's co-chairs.

The date for the installation was selected by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's apostolic nuncio to the United States. Msgr. Moloney said he learned of the nuncio's choice of date about a day or so before the

announcement of Bishop Brennan's appointment was made. "It's been a whirlwind ever since," he said.

The Mass and the Vespers service will take place at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, which has room in its sanctuary pews for about 500 people and can seat another 300 or so in chairs behind the altar. This limited capacity means that tickets are required for both the Vespers and the Mass.

Julie Greer of the diocesan Chancery said each of the diocese's 105 parishes was sent tickets for two lay representatives per event. Tickets also went to members of the diocesan clergy, religious sisters and representatives of diocesan schools, fraternal and service organizations, and ethnic communities, as well as to civic and ecumenical representatives and members and guests of the Brennan family.

Those unable to attend the events can watch them live on EWTN television and various online portals or listen to them on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 in Columbus and FM

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Music at Vespers, installation Mass will represent diversity

By Tim Puet

Catholic Times Reporter

The Diocese of Columbus, especially in the Columbus metropolitan area, has become much more ethnically diverse in the 14 years Bishop Frederick Campbell has served as its spiritual leader.

That is shown in the program for the Vespers service on Thursday, March 28 and the installation Mass on Friday, March 29 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral for Bishop Campbell's successor, Bishop Robert Brennan, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York.

In addition to selections by the cathedral choir, the Vespers service will feature a Gospel choir consisting of members of Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John and St. Dominic churches and a Latino choir of representatives from diocesan parishes with large Hispanic populations.

The Mass will include several musical selections in Spanish and prayers of the faithful in eight languages.



The Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral choir will be part of the Vespers service on Thursday evening, March 28 and the installation Mass on Friday afternoon, March 29 at the cathedral for incoming Bishop Robert A Brennan.

Photo courtesy St. Joseph Cathedral

"Bishop Brennan worked closely with the Hispanic community of the Rockville Centre diocese (which has about 500,000 Latino Catholics) and asked that the two services be as ethnically diverse as possible," said Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, music director

of the cathedral. "He specifically requested one hymn in Spanish, *Canción del Misionero* (Song of the Missionary) for Vespers."

"This is a song with a beautiful lyric whose message translates in English to 'Jesus is calling you,'" said Yvette

Reategui of the diocesan Chancery, who organized the Latino choir for the Vespers service. The hymn's first verse, in English, is "Lord, take my new life before waiting wears my years away. I am ready for whatever you want, no matter what it is. Call me to serve."

Reategui said she anticipated the choir would include singers from the Columbus *Parroquia Santa Cruz* (Santa Cruz Parish) and Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr, Christ the King, St. Peter and St. Thomas the Apostle churches and would include about a dozen people. "Many more want to take part, but the timing of the service will keep them from coming because so many are working in the evening," she said.

The Gospel choir, formally known as the Columbus Catholic Mass Choir, will perform two selections written in the 1990s – *Order My Steps*, by Glenn Edward Burleigh, during the prelude to the service, and *Healing*, by Richard Smallwood, within the service. "Both hymns ask for the Lord's guid-

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Lenten series: Losing and finding Jesus in the Temple

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

In this third of Mary's sorrows, we jump ahead several years. St. Luke relates this scene in his Gospel (2:41-51):

"Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

"After three days, they found him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'

"But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with

them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart."

This Scripture passage teaches us something important about Jesus and something equally important about his parents. First, we can see that at 12 years old, Jesus had an understanding of his uniqueness and his mission: "Did you not know that I had to be in my Father's house?" Developing an identity of one's own apart from one's parents is a normal part of adolescence, and so Jesus was like other young people in this respect. By staying behind in Jerusalem without telling his parents, he was beginning to forge his own path in life. At age 12, he already knew who his real Father was, even though he had known Joseph as his earthly father since his birth.

Now let's look at Mary's reaction when she finds Jesus in the Temple. St. Luke tells us that Jesus' parents did not understand what he said to them: "Son, why have you done this to us?"

Parents and other family members often fail to understand when a young person shares their dream of a vocation in the church. Ambition, social pressures and even anti-religious prejudice often prevent families from teaching their children to see life as a vocation given by God. The Gospel account of the adolescent Jesus, sub-

ject to his parents but able to detach himself from them to follow his own vocation, sheds light on how the Gospel influences family relationships.

Mary let her Son know that he had caused them anxiety, but she didn't scold or discourage him. We are told that she kept all these things in her heart. I think this means that she tried the best she could to understand her Son as he was.

Pope St. John Paul II, who wrote so much about Mary, taught that there was a certain darkness to Mary's faith; everything wasn't always crystal clear. She must have suffered because of her inability to understand and the emotional distance from her Son this caused. But she kept it all in her heart, remained close to her Son and grew in faith. Her life was a progressive growth in faith; she didn't always have it all together.

After this scene in the Temple, the Holy Family sort of falls off the radar and we don't hear about them again until Jesus has reached adulthood and begun his public ministry. Mary is mentioned several times during Jesus' active ministry; for example, at the wedding feast of Cana. She must have experienced ups and downs in her life as the Lord's mother and first disciple, and there must have been many days when she just didn't grasp what was happening.

I often reflect on Jesus' first appearance in the synagogue in Nazareth. Although Mary's presence isn't mentioned, we can assume she was there, since it was their hometown. How must she have felt when her Son told his compatriots that a prophet is never welcome in his own country, and when they tried to throw him over the brow of the hill?

What we do know is that Mary persevered in faith through good times and bad, even when she didn't understand.

Father Don Calloway, MIC, a Marian Father of the Immaculate Conception and popular author, said, "Our society, and this generation in particular, has grown up with a poor aptitude for persevering. As soon as things don't go our way," he wrote, "we tend to jump ship and look for other options. ... As soon as there is some inconvenience or a burden, there is a tendency to try and 'break free.' ... 'If this relationship begins to cause me hardship, I'm out. ...'"

Mary didn't do this. She can teach us perseverance and faithfulness to our vocation, and she will obtain these graces for ourselves and for young people if we ask her for them.

Sister Constance Veit, LSP, is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Dominican Learning Center receives \$9,900 grant

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded a \$9,900 grant to the Dominican Learning Center to help more than 40 adult learners earn their GED, or high school equivalency degree. The grant is part of more than \$159 million in grants awarded by the foundation since it was founded in 1993.

"A high school diploma or GED raises median weekly earnings by almost \$200," said center director Lisset Mendoza. "This increase in wages makes a real difference in the life of a family and in the financial health of the Central Ohio community."

The center is the only facility in central Ohio that offers a Spanish-language GED program. Now in its second cycle, this program has an 80 percent graduation rate, and all of its new graduates have received promotions or pay raises at their jobs. Just as important is the boost in confidence and self-esteem that this educational opportunity has helped provide.

"Of all of the successes that we have seen from the Spanish GED program, perhaps one of the most moving is from a woman who did not graduate," Mendoza said. "This student stopped

coming to class, and when she called to withdraw, she said, 'I had no hope in my life. I was poor, my husband was abusing me. I truly had no hope. But this class showed me my own strength and has given me the confidence to leave my abuser and start my life again.' That story is how education changes lives."

The Dominican Learning Center has more than 400 adult learners enrolled from 49 nations. One of its goals is to promote peace and non-violence among central Ohio immigrant communities.

The center, located in Columbus' south side, offers personalized, one-on-one education for adults with a wide variety of educational needs. Learners can improve their math or literacy skills, work toward a GED, learn English to prepare for citizenship, and sharpen computer skills.

Center staff members and 250 volunteer tutors meet with adult learners at libraries and other public locations convenient to the learner's home or work. The center was founded in 1994 by the Dominican Sisters of Peace.



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Local news and events

Turban Project moving to new home

The Turban Project has outgrown its space at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark and is moving to the Look Up Center, 50 O'Bannon Ave., Newark. The Look Up Center is a faith-based community center that is donating the space, which is sufficient to allow for many years of growth by the project. Other donations are paying for moving and painting.

The project provides free headwear, blessed by a priest, to men, women and children who have lost their hair because of medical issues. Shipping also is free.

In the six-and-a-half years since its founding by Kathy Braidich, it has supplied more than 30,500 items. It is affiliated with 34 hospitals or treatment centers in central and southern Ohio and parts of Kentucky and West Virginia. It also has 13 independently run satellite projects in Ohio and other states, and seven more in other nations. Braidich said that in the past year, it doubled the previous year's

amount of items supplied.

The project runs solely on donations and always is in need of costume jewelry "bling," fabric, decorative buttons, or gift cards to Joann Fabrics, Hobby Lobby or Walmart. Monetary donations may be sent to The Turban Project, 7871 Ridge Road, Frazeysburg OH 43822 or may be made via Paypal through the project's website, www.turbanproject.com. It also has a Facebook page titled "The Turban Project."

Bereavement ministry to meet

The Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the North High Deanery, is continuing its latest six-week session on Sundays from March 31 to May 5 (except Easter Sunday) at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, with registration starting at 1:30 p.m. and a group sharing session from 2 to 4. The session began on Sunday, March 24.

St. Catharine breaks ground on expansion project



Columbus St. Catharine Church broke ground on Sunday, March 17, for the Msgr. David V. Sorohan Center and Adoration Chapel, which will include reception and meeting spaces, kitchen and storage areas, a prayer garden, additional classrooms for St. Catharine School, and a new preschool in the renovated former convent building. Pictured are (from left): Bruce Boylan, facilities director for the Diocese of Columbus; John Mackessy, campaign steering committee co-chair; Trish Schindler, campaign steering committee co-chair; Msgr. Sorohan, campaign steering committee honorary chair; Father Dan Dury, pastor; Deacon Chris Reis; Bill Riat, project development committee chair; Scott Harper, project architect; Jim Negron, senior vice president, Corna Kokosing Construction Co.; and Matt Palmer, campaign steering committee co-chair. Photo courtesy St. Catharine Church/Tim Magree

Lenten events at Newark St. Francis

Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., will have soup and bread suppers, followed by Stations of the Cross, on Thursday, April 4 and Thursday, April 11 and will host EWTN personality Dr. Ray Guarendi for a talk on Wednesday, April 10.

The suppers, to be served by representatives of various parish organizations, will be served at 6:30 p.m. in Johnson Hall. The Stations at 7 will be in different formats – Mary's Way of the Cross on April 4, presented by the parish women's group, and the Stations with Taize chant on April 11, featuring the parish choir.

Dr. Guarendi's talk, "Passing On the Faith to Your Family," will be at 7 p.m. April 10. Building, nurturing and restoring the faith of children and grandchildren in today's world can be one of the hardest tasks of parents. With a mixture of biting humor and practicality, Guarendi will talk about how to bridge the gap between society's idea of the best child-rearing practices and what Christian parents are called to do to ensure their children carry on the faith and get to heaven.

For more information on any of these events, call the parish office at (740) 345-9874.

ODU to host lecture on justice

Sister Megan McElroy, OP, will speak on "Justice – Seeing Catherine through Contemporary Eyes" at the annual St. Catherine of Siena lecture sponsored by Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies and office of academic affairs.

The talk will take place at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25 in the Colonial Room of Sansbury Hall on the ODU campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Sister Megan serves on the leadership team of the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, Michigan, which she joined in 1988. She previously has been a pastoral associate in Sterling Heights, Michigan; a high school theology teacher in Lake Forest, Illinois; and co-director of the Collaborative

The ministry is a Catholic, Christ-centered support group that includes Scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing. Questions may be directed to Michael Julian at mjulian@columbus.rr.com or (614) 282-7156.

St. Christopher youth choir to appear with pianist

The Columbus St. Christopher Church youth choir will appear in a concert with 17-year-old pianist Ethan Bortnick at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28 in the Lincoln Theater, 769 E. Long St., Columbus.

A donation to support and encourage more young people to become involved with the choir will be made to St. Christopher Church if it sells 100 concert tickets. To purchase tickets so the choir can receive credit, go to <http://bit.ly/ethanohio> and enter the promotional code "choir2019." Tickets are \$26.50 to \$40.50.

Recognized by the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the world's youngest solo musician to headline a concert tour, Bortnick has been performing around the world, raising more than \$50 million for charities worldwide. He is best known for his three fundraising specials for the Public Broadcasting Service, which have appeared locally on WOSU-TV.

When he was three years old, the Hollywood, Florida, native asked his parents for piano lessons and discovered an ability to hear a song once and play it back note for note. He soaked up the music of such diverse artists and composers as Beethoven, Mozart, jazz pianist Bill Evans, Little Richard, Billy Joel and Elton John, and began creating original compositions at age five. A few years later, he began making television appearances and touring, connecting with audiences in the United States, Japan, Brazil, Canada, South Africa and Australia.

He not only has moved audiences throughout the world as a captivating musician, but he also is a driven humanitarian, dedicated to combining his musical pursuits with his charity work. When he was five, his younger brother had three heart surgeries, and that emotional time inspired him to use his musical talents to benefit charity.

Wear ashes all day?; A blessing at Communion?



QUESTION & ANSWER

Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service

Q At Mass on Ash Wednesday, we heard the injunction from Matthew's Gospel, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them." But I have found that wearing ashes is a recognizable reminder of the season for those whom I meet during the business day, and it can sometimes serve as a tool for evangelization.

(Recently, I explained to an associate at lunch the significance of ashes and the rules of the Lenten fast, and I noticed that he wound up eating less – although maybe he was simply being polite!) So my question is this: Should I wash off my ashes early in the day to honor the biblical directive or wear them throughout the day with the hope of prompting conversation about them? (Philadelphia)

A I would say "Wear the ashes all day." The passage you quote from (Matthew 6:1) is taken from Christ's Sermon on the Mount,

and earlier in that same sermon, Jesus had said, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (5:16).

It all has to do with motivation; what Jesus rules out is wearing ashes "to win the praise of others" (6:2). But that's not why you are wearing them; your goal instead is to have people look at your forehead and wonder what it means.

The ashes serve first as a sign of repentance; in the early church, converts who were coming into the church at Easter were sprinkled with ashes during Lent as a sign of their need for forgiveness. We are not perfect people; all of us stand in need of God's mercy. Second, the ashes indicate our mortality – the fact that our bodies will one day return to the dust of the earth.

When worn for the right reasons, ashes witness publicly to our belief. Matthew's Gospel discourages not the out-

ward show of faith, but the interior pride that could undermine it. As you have found, the ashes can sometimes lead to a discussion about their meaning, and that is surely a worthy outcome.

Q I have been to churches where young children and those not receiving the Eucharist still come forward at Communion time and receive a blessing. My own parish has forbidden extraordinary ministers from giving such a blessing. Is that a church rule or simply the preference of the pastor? (Indiana)

A At the present time, there would seem to be no absolute and universal "church rule" regarding the practice. Clearly, there are some situations where laypeople can offer blessings: Parents often do so when children are going to bed or families are gathered around the table.

But the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does note that "the more a blessing concerns ecclesial and sacramental life, the more is its administration reserved to the ordained ministry" (No. 1669).

In 2008, the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship was asked specifically about an extraordinary minister's

giving a blessing in the Communion line. The reply came in a private letter from the congregation's undersecretary – an advisory opinion not having the force of law – saying that the practice was then "under attentive study" but for the moment was to be discouraged. To my knowledge, nothing further has come from the Vatican on this. Meanwhile, dioceses seem to take varying approaches. The Archdiocese of Washington says on its website, "Extraordinary ministers are deputized for the sole purpose of distributing Holy Communion. They are not to administer blessings or lay hands upon people who approach them but do not wish to receive Communion."

The Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida, on the other hand, says in its guidelines that when a person comes to them in the Communion line with arms crossed, an extraordinary minister "may place a hand on the individual's shoulder and say, 'May God bless you.' They do not make the sign of the cross over the individual in the manner of a priest or deacon."

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

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Dominican Novitiate in St. Louis.

She has written extensively and presented on a variety of topics that explore the Dominican tradition. She is Michigan's representative for the Leadership Conference of Women Religious Region VII, co-chair of the National Promoters of Preaching, and promoter of preaching with the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids.

ODU event to look at opioid crisis

Ohio Dominican University will address and explore the current opioid epidemic on Monday, April 15, as it hosts "Inside the Epidemic: The Opioid Crisis in Columbus."

It will take place in the Matesich Theater in Erskine Hall on ODU's campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, beginning with a reception at 6:15 p.m., and continuing with a panel discussion from 7 to 9.

Featured panelists will include anesthesiologist Dr. Steven Lins; a representative from the Columbus Division of Fire; and people who are recovering from addiction. The discussion was scheduled after students from Columbus Cristo Rey and Bishop Ready high schools presented the idea during ODU's Catholic High School Visit Day in May.

"Our city, region and nation continue to be impacted by this horrendous epidemic," said Andy White, the university's director of student involvement. "This event will explore numerous facets of this issue, including possible causes, what's being done to address it, the dangers of addiction, and the process of recovery."

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, more than 130 people die every day after overdosing on opioids, which can include prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl.

Cristo Rey to present first play

The first play in the history of Columbus Cristo Rey High School, a staged reading of *The Exonerated* by Erik Jensen and Jessica Blank, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6 at the school, 400 E. Town St.

The Exonerated tells the true stories of six wrongfully convicted survivors of death row and moves between first-person monologues and scenes set in courtrooms and prisons. The six interwoven stories paint a picture of an American criminal justice system gone wrong and of six brave souls who persevered to survive it.

The cast includes Cristo Rey students Daizy Asante, Kevin Brown Jr., Danielle Freeman, Asiatu Kamara, Jeremiah Rufus, and Emily Turley and faculty or community members Oliver Corrigan, Sarah Doherty, Jim

Doherty, Tyson Ewing, Juan Garcia and Binh Huynh.

Admission is a donation to Metropolitan Community Services-TOUCH, a nonprofit organization serving at-risk and vulnerable populations in Franklin County.

ODU to host visit day

Ohio Dominican University invites students from Columbus diocesan high schools to attend its Catholic High School Visit Day on Thursday, May 2 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on the ODU campus, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Attendees can register at ohiodominican.edu/VisitDay.

Those attending the event will have an opportunity to participate in activities, including classroom experiences, campus tours, a student panel discus-

THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

By Rick Jeric

I give up



I give up. I also give, I pray, and I fast. Lenten sacrifice is only as tough and meaningful as we choose to make it. And there is also sincerity. I recall as a seven-year-old giving up my favorite television show (*Batman*) for Lent. But I just could not do without it, so I sat on the steps where I still could hear the television and could see its reflection in the kitchen window. I did not watch the television directly, but it was not a very sincere sacrifice, even for a seven-year-old.

Please support the many wonderful parish fish fries. But try not to overdo it and gorge yourself on all that fried fish. And take it easy on the mac and cheese, too. Make the Friday abstinence meaningful, and not just an all-you-can-eat fry day. Even skip it, but if you do, donate the cost to the parish. Remember, we are praying, fasting and donating.

I give up being angry at those who support evil and morally reprehensible things such as war, social injustice, abortion, discussing the fate of a newborn with brain damage, euthanasia, assisted suicide, or sending confused and dementia/Alzheimer's-ridden seniors out on an ice floe to be devoured by self-righteous population control mongers who want a bigger piece of the pie. I will pray for them, but I also will be positive and proactive in being sure this misguided mentality does not move forward into succeeding generations. Pray and fast as penance for our sins, but also fast for life and for a change of hearts and minds. I give up using God's name in anger. What a stupid thing that is. Words are meaningful. How is it that I can take the same name in vain that I love and pray to each day? God cannot understand that behavior, but, thankfully, He can forgive and never will stop loving. I will focus on keeping the Commandments and maybe trying something new, like "Gosh darn it."

I give up the selfish ways in which I treat my wife sometimes. She is a saint for putting up with me for the past 36 years. Just like so many parts of our lives, our love evolves and gets stronger with time. Even though she does not deserve my behavior sometimes, I am very blessed and that bond of marriage gets better. I will strive to always treat the person with respect with whom I am one, as I would treat myself. I give up thinking about all the ways I can criticize others, and recognize their faults and shortcomings. Judgment is only for God, and, as Jesus says, we will be judged by our own criteria. I am a sinner and those thoughts only contribute to my sin. I will go out of my way to see the good in others. I will compliment them and even smile. How else should I treat everyone, all of whom are made in the image and likeness of God?

I give, but do I give enough? How much is enough? I suppose it is enough when there is nothing more to give. We are not expected to give everything we have, but one of our great challenges is determining how much to spend, save and give. The proportions and priorities are key. For each of these, we can ask "How much is enough?" and "How much is too much?" Jesus tells us that much more than what we give will be returned to us and poured into our laps. We have the example of the poor widow who gave the last copper coins she had to God. And there is the rich young man who went away sad because he had so many possessions. I will give this Lent, and I will give more than enough. I pray and I fast. Pray the rosary, go to daily Mass, and if you do not already do this, pray before meals (especially in public), pray as a family and pray with your spouse. Pick a day each week in addition to Friday, and fast for life. One meal only, and, like the nuns used to say, "Offer it up."

Wideness of God's mercy



HOLY AND HEALTHY

Lori Crock

Wideness is an interesting word to ponder in spiritual terms. There is a beautiful hymn titled *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, and that hymn inspired me to think about the many ways the wideness of God can shape our lives.

God's mercy is so magnanimous that it's incomprehensible – and yet we are called to that same mercy with each other, 70-times-7. To think of the wideness of God's mercy as a never-ending, vast stream of love washing over us, healing us, forgiving us and bringing forth new life is a beautiful image that fills me with hope.

Wideness is akin to openness – the openness we are called to with God in prayer, sharing our triumphs and challenges, joys, sins and sorrows, giving him room to work to help us grow stronger. We also are called to live this openness with our brothers and sisters by authentically celebrating and protecting the good in them.

In Luke 9:11, we see the wideness of Jesus' love as "He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured."

Wideness lends itself to an image of big, outstretched arms welcoming people with a hug and a smile in a spirit of hospitality. May the wideness

of our thanksgiving for each other carry us out of the narrow focus on ourselves. May we instead be poured like a libation into a visitation frame of mind, where we live in the wideness of loving and caring for each other.

Wideness can be giving God the time and space to work in our lives, whether through the sacraments, reading Scripture, adoring him in the Blessed Sacrament or prayerfully listening for God amid the activity of family, work and play.

Let us give God the latitude to transform us by inviting him into the great expanse of us ... body, mind and soul. May we magnify the Lord by courageously seeking his strength, rather than limiting the fullness of God's plan for us.

Lyrics from *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* speak of the majesty of God: "There is grace enough for thousands. ... For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; And the heart of the Eternal is most kind." He pours his grace out to us constantly. Do we notice and do we respond?

Let us boldly ask God for the "strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth," giving thanks for the miraculous wideness of God's merciful love.

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Music at Vespers and the installation Mass for Bishop Robert Brennan on Thursday and Friday, March 28 and 29 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral will include not only a traditional choir and organ, but Gospel and Latino choirs to reflect the universal and multicultural nature of the Catholic Church.

Photo courtesy St. Joseph Cathedral

88.3 in Portsmouth.

The Brennan contingent from the Diocese of Rockville Centre will include family members, diocesan Bishop John Barres, one retired bishop and three auxiliary bishops. In addition, bishops from Ohio and other states will be in

Columbus for the installation Mass, with several also attending Vespers.

At press time, the list of out-of-state bishops planning to attend one or both of the events included Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York and bishops from Detroit and



The installation of a bishop is a momentous occasion for a diocese, as it was in January 2005 when Bishop Frederick F. Campbell (second from left center in red) came forward at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral to assume the chair held by his predecessor, Bishop James A. Griffin (second from right center in front of the altar). CT file photo by Ken Snow

Grand Rapids, Michigan; Buffalo, New York; Charleston, South Carolina; and Des Moines, Iowa, as well as the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh and the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, New Jersey.

Diocesan school Superintendent Adam Dufault was in charge of finding hotel rooms for the visitors.

“Obtaining lodging was a real challenge because most downtown hotels already had been booked well in advance,” he said. “The majority of rooms were taken by the American Academy of Audiology conference, the world’s largest gathering of audi-

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ance through difficult times and are very appropriate for Lent,” said Vernon Hairston, the choir’s director.

The prelude also will feature works by Maurice Durufle and Dietrich Buxtehude, both familiar names in the organ repertoire, and *Ave Regina Caelorum* by Johann Joseph Fux, a composer of the 17th and 18th centuries. The latter work will be repeated as a Marian antiphon at the end of the service.

Music for the procession at Vespers will be *Echo Fantasia*, a 16th- or 17th-century work by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, followed by the familiar hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days*.

Fitzgerald has composed settings of psalms and antiphons for the service that will include Psalm 132 and portions of the 11th chapter of Revelation, which are the Catholic Church’s Vespers (Evening Prayer) selections for the date. Words for the day’s Gospel canticle come from Luke 1:46-55, familiarly known as *Mary’s Magnificat*.

Following a reflection by Bishop Brennan, the cathedral choir will sing *Te lucis ante terminum*, an anthem based on a traditional Latin evening hymn. This version, written by Henry Balfour

Gardiner in 1908, is considered a classic of the English choral tradition.

The Gospel canticle will be followed by the Lord’s Prayer, and other prayers and intercessions concluding the service.

Fitzgerald said that because Bishop Brennan’s installation Mass is taking place during Lent, he chose music for the occasion that is “festive, but not over the top. There won’t be any brass, and because it’s Lent, there won’t be Alleluias, but it will be joyful music.”

The cathedral’s assistant music director, Nicole Simental, has written two selections in Spanish for the Mass – one for the entrance procession and the second as a Communion antiphon.

The music program will begin with *Bach’s Prelude and Fugue in G Major*. Fitzgerald said the procession that follows will take about 20 minutes and include *A Choral Flourish* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a work by Simental, *Bach’s Fantasia in G Major*, and the familiar *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*.

The Liturgy of the Word includes the day’s scheduled readings, Hosea 14:2-10 and Mark 12:28-34 (the two great commandments), as well as Philippi-

ans 3:8-14 (“I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord”).

Bishop Brennan’s homily will be followed by the multilingual prayers of the faithful. The prayers will be said first in English, then in one of the many languages in which Masses are regularly celebrated in the diocese. Readers and their languages will be: Alfred Akainyah, Twi (a language spoken in Ghana); Thanh Pham, Vietnamese; Marilu Ayala, Spanish; Virginia Hardy, English; Nedi Melidor, Creole (spoken in Haiti); Damian Lee, Korean; Odee Dammarell, Tagalog (spoken in the Philippines); and Teresa Edoja, Igala (spoken in Nigeria).

Pam Harris, director of the diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries office, organized the prayers of the faithful. “In addition to the communities represented in the prayers, we also reached out to diocesan representatives of the Syro-Malabar Catholic rite, which is prominent in India, and they will attend the installation Mass,” Harris said. “Bishop Brennan already has been very encouraging, and I look forward to working with him in our office’s continuing promotion of diversity.”

The Liturgy of the Eucharist will begin with Herbert Howells’ *Te Deum*, a 20th-century work. Music for the *Holy, Holy, Holy*, memorial acclamation and Great Amen will be from the *Mass in Honor of St. Benedict*, with the *Lamb of God* coming from Fitzgerald’s *Missa Brevis*.

The cathedral choir will sing antiphons by Simental and Fitzgerald, and *Ave Verum Corpus* by William Byrd, while the Eucharist is distributed. After Communion, the selection will be Palestrina’s *Tu Es Petrus*, which also was sung at Bishop Campbell’s installation.

The recessional hymn will be *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*, with Widor’s *Toccata from Symphony No. 5* as the postlude.

“It’s a very eclectic program, very much in line with the desire Bishop Brennan has expressed that music be representative of the people of the diocese and be authentic,” Fitzgerald said.

“He loves being able to celebrate the life of the diocese and to include ethnic variety while respecting the classical tradition. It’s a great start, and I anticipate this type of programming will continue and flourish.”

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ologists, which has about 5,000 people coming. That same weekend, Ohio Dominican University will be hosting the NCAA women's basketball Division II Elite Eight. So we had to scramble to find any available hotel space."

Dufault reserved 19 rooms at the Westin Great Southern Columbus downtown for visiting bishops and for clergy from the Rockville Centre diocese, plus a block of rooms at the DoubleTree Suites on Front Street for the Brennan family, and rooms at the Hilton Columbus at Easton, about 10 miles from downtown, for additional out-of-town guests.

Mark Huddy, diocesan moderator for social concerns, is coordinating transportation and parking. Most of those attending the Thursday service will have to find parking in lots or on the streets because parking in the diocese's two small lots near the cathedral is limited to those with passes specific to that event.

Everyone with a ticket to Friday's installation Mass also will be given a parking pass for either the two diocesan lots or parking areas at Columbus St. Dominic and St. John the Baptist churches or St. Charles Preparatory School. Buses provided by VAT Inc. will shuttle people from the latter three sites to the cathedral. The post-installation reception on Friday will be at St. Charles, about 2½

miles from the cathedral, with buses running between the cathedral and the school.

The majority of out-of-town guests for the Vespers service and Mass will arrive March 28 and leave Saturday, March 30. Huddy said most of the visitors will be picked up and returned to John Glenn Columbus International Airport by about 20 volunteers who will be using their own cars and have submitted proof of insurance coverage for this type of transportation. Vans from American Limousine Service will transport two groups of nine people each who will be arriving on separate planes.

The Vespers service and the installation Mass both will be followed by a reception. Andrea Pannell, diocesan development director, is coordinating food service for both events. Food will be provided by The Berwick in Columbus, which has been part of many diocesan events over the years and also caters for organizations such as Ohio State University, L Brands, Aladdin Shrine Center, Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Ohio Statehouse.

The reception after the Vespers service will take place in the cathedral undercroft. Pannell said between 350 and 400 people are expected to gather for desserts and light refreshments.

She anticipates that about 800 people will be at Walter Commons

at St. Charles for the reception after the Mass on Friday. Anthony Susi, president of Berwick Catering, said the menu for that event will consist of what he described as "heavy *hors d'oeuvres*." These include hot Italian meatballs, chicken skewers, shrimp cocktail, dates stuffed with almonds, and bacon-wrapped water chestnuts, plus various vegetables, cheeses and desserts.

"We feel greatly honored to be chosen to cater the bishop's reception," Susi said. "It's the first time since my parents, Maria and Tony, founded The Berwick in 1955 that we have done an event such as this. We worked often with Bishop Campbell and are grateful for his service and the trust he placed in us."

"It's hard to appreciate how many

moving parts that all have to come together to create a successful installation until you're involved in one," said planning committee member Father Michael Lumpe, rector of the cathedral. "The beauty of it is that we've had great cooperation with everybody working together, answering questions as they come up, and now we're looking forward to two great events."

"I was involved in Bishop Campbell's installation in 2005, and we had three months to put it together, compared with two months this time," Deacon Berg said. "It's been constant movement, a lot of work and coordination, but everyone has done an excellent job. I think those in attendance and watching will see two events that will be faith-filled while also being well-organized and safe."

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sion and an admissions presentation, eat lunch in ODU's dining hall and attend Mass in Christ the King Chapel.

The event also will feature a group service project competition in which students will work together to identify a project that benefits a particular organization or individuals in need. A panel of judges from ODU will award funding to the winning team's high school to help turn the team's proposal into reality.

Last year, a team from Lancast-

er Fisher Catholic High School was awarded the prize for its idea to collect and package items, such as sweatshirts, fleece blankets, and food and hygiene kits to be distributed to victims of human trafficking and homelessness.

Students unable to attend Catholic High School Visit Day are invited to schedule a personal visit to campus at ohiodominican.edu/Visit or by calling ODU's office of undergraduate admissions at (614) 251-4500.

Claver auxiliary donates layettes



The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 298 donated 65 layettes to the Columbus Christ Child Society. Court 298 annually donates baby clothes and care items to the society, which provides the layettes to mothers in need. Pictured are (from left) Christ Child Society representative Lori Caldwell and Mary Galloway, Janice Davis and Gabriella Holland of Court 298. Photo courtesy Court 298

St. Elizabeth Filipino Mass participants



Pictured are participants in a Mass celebrated in the Tagalog language each month at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., for members of the Filipino Catholic community of central Ohio. Father Ramon Oweru is the celebrant for the Mass, which takes place at 7:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month. Father Oweru also leads a novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, followed by Mass, on the first Wednesday of the month at the same church. Photo by Cedric Sze

Decrease in priests among Bishop Campbell's challenges

By Tim Puet

Catholic Times Reporter

In his 14 years as shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus, Bishop Frederick Campbell faced the challenge of responding to the spiritual needs of a growing number of Catholics in the 23-county diocese while dealing with a continued reduction in the number of priests.

When he was installed as bishop of Columbus in 2005, the diocese had about 250,000 Catholics, who were served by 179 diocesan priests, in-

tional identity.

The first such grouping occurred in 1986 with creation of the Perry County Consortium of Parishes, with churches in New Lexington, Crooksville, Junction City and Corning. The consortium is served by one pastor and one associate pastor.

The diocese currently has 20 clusters ranging in size from two to six parishes. Some are within the city of Columbus, while the largest in terms of geography covers more than 50 miles from one end to the other.

Most of the clusters have been

convent at Columbus Christ the King Church in 2013. Priests of the same order came to St. Stephen in 2013 to assume pastoral duties there.

They were followed in 2011 by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, who serve as administrators and teachers at Worthington St. Michael School.

The Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, an order founded and mainly serving in Poland, established a convent near downtown in 2013, and are serving parishes near downtown Columbus. Another Pol-

lumbus and to 1830 in the diocese, united with six other Dominican congregations. A seventh joined them in 2012. The Dominican Sisters of Peace have their general office in Columbus.

One of the highlights of Bishop Campbell's tenure was the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2007, when 20,000 young people from across the nation came to Columbus in November to fill Nationwide Arena in what *The Catholic Times* described then as the largest activity staged by the diocese in its history. In that same year, more than 1,000 women attend-



Bishop Frederick F. Campbell preaches during a visit to Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima during the holy year of 2016. The statue also made stops at four other churches in the Diocese of Columbus while in the United States.

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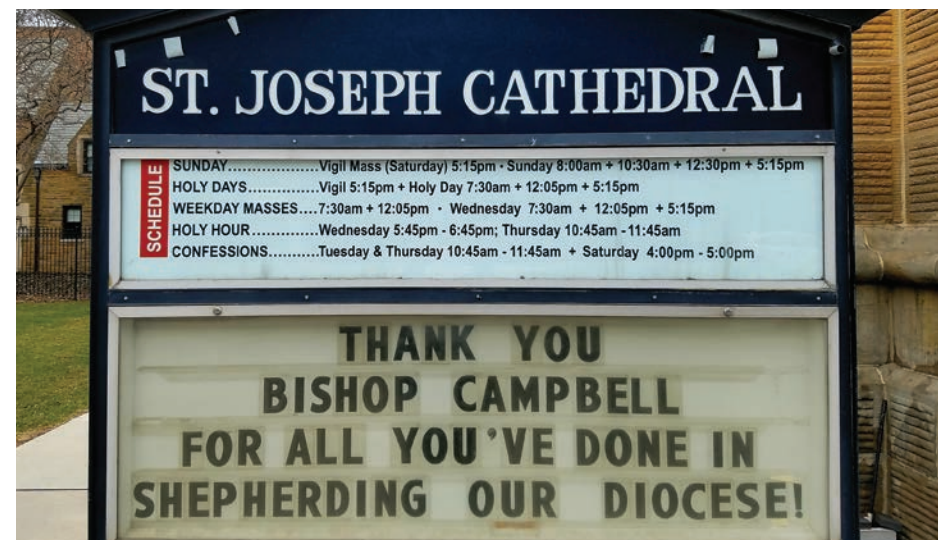
cluding 122 in active service, in 105 parishes. That was slightly more than half the number of priests serving the diocese in the late 1960s. Today, the diocese has 147 priests, including 97 in active service, serving 280,000 Catholics in 105 parishes, with many priests at or near retirement age.

Another 41 men are studying for the diocesan priesthood, including five who will be ordained in May. That number has been growing in recent years. In addition, 10 men are studying to be permanent deacons, joining the 114 now serving the diocese.

One way in which Bishop Campbell has attempted to maximize diocesan resources involved creating clusters of parishes served by one priest or several priests at a central location, with each parish retaining its tradi-

formed in the decade since Bishop Campbell made two significant steps in 2008 to help him plan for the diocese's future. He asked each parish to study its needs, and he created a diocesan pastoral and strategic planning committee, with representatives from groups including the diocesan presbyteral, diaconal, pastoral and finance councils, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, educational institutions and health care ministries.

Five orders of sisters came to the Diocese of Columbus during Bishop Campbell's 14 years here. First were the Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Word, an order based in Mexico. They established a convent to serve the largely Hispanic community at Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr Church in 2009 and opened a second



A message on the sign in front of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral during Bishop Frederick F. Campbell's final week as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Columbus before his retirement, summing up the feelings of the people he has served since 2005.

Photo courtesy St. Joseph Cathedral

ish-based order, the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, also has a convent near downtown, where it recently opened a preschool.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, an order based in India, took up residence in 2014 at Chillicothe St. Peter Church and began evangelizing in Ross and Pike counties.

Members of these orders are among 225 religious sisters living in the diocese.

Most of the diocese's sisters are members of a congregation that has been known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace since it was formed in Columbus on Easter Sunday 2009.

On that date, the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, whose roots go back to 1868 in Co-

ed the National Conference of Catholic Women's convention in Columbus, and the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership also gathered in the city.

What the Catholic Conference of Ohio described as the first statewide gathering of priests took place in 2009 in Columbus, with about 670 of the state's Roman and Eastern rite priests and members of religious orders attending.

In 2005, during his first year as bishop, the Columbus area's first Catholic radio station, St. Gabriel Radio, went on the air on the frequency of 1270 AM. Three years later, it began broadcasting on the more powerful 1580 AM signal.

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In December 2011, Ohio State University sold its radio station at the 820 AM frequency, which offered an even stronger signal, to St. Gabriel Radio for \$2 million. This allowed the station to expand its broadcast reach to most of the diocese and much of the rest of Ohio. It recently added a transmitter in Portsmouth to extend its programming into those parts of the diocese it could not reach, as well as to parts of northeast Kentucky.

The station has presented a weekly program titled *From the Chair*, featuring Bishop Campbell, for most of its existence. The program usually

of Election.

The most recent church dedication in the diocese was at Cardington Sacred Hearts Church in 2015, two years after a fire destroyed the parish's previous church building and hall.

The Utica Church of the Nativity was closed in 2016, one year after the church building was torn down because of structural issues. The parish was merged into Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church, with some parishioners also transferring to nearby parishes in Newark and Johnstown. Extensive renovation occurred at Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God

in June 2016, and it now has about 400 students in four grades.

JOIN, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, moved in 2007 from its original location on East Gay Street to a larger building at 578 E. Main St. Ruth Beckman retired in 2015 as its director and was succeeded by Lisa Keita. Formed in 1967 by 10 inner-city Columbus parishes, the agency has provided emergency aid to hundreds of thousands of people, providing everything from bus passes and birth-certificate vouchers to eyeglasses, shoes and burial assistance, and making referrals to other agencies

on poor and vulnerable senior citizens and families, serving more than 30,000 people each year.

The diocesan Catholic Foundation grew steadily under Bishop Campbell, increasing the amount of grants it awards to \$14 million annually, benefiting parishes, schools, religious orders and diocesan-related nonprofit organizations by providing money for physical and personnel improvements, evangelization efforts and other activities. In 2010, the foundation relocated its offices to the original Wendy's restaurant building at 257 E. Broad St. in Columbus, across from



As Bishop Frederick F. Campbell prepared to retire, he visited Columbus Bishop Ready High School, where he received its Silver Knight Service Award for his support for Catholic education. Pictured are (from left): school president Celene Seamen, Bishop Campbell, students Claire Kelley and Connor Nagy, principal Matt Brickner and Susan Streitenberger, assistant diocesan superintendent for high schools. Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

consists of a short reflection by the bishop. Once a month, it expands to an hour-long format, during which the bishop usually takes calls from listeners. Occasionally, the longer program has featured the bishop's annual question-and-answer discussions with diocesan seminarians and high school students.

Bishop Campbell dedicated new church buildings at West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude in 2006 and the Johnstown Church of the Ascension in 2007. The largest church building in the diocese, Westerville St. Paul, located in the diocese's largest parish in terms of membership, was dedicated in 2011. This church has 1,400 seats and frequently is used for large diocesan functions, including the ordination of priests and the annual Rite

Church after a lightning strike in August 2016 exposed significant damage to the 150-year-old building's roof, ceiling, brick exterior and a wall. The church was closed later that year and is expected to be reopened for Masses on Palm Sunday, April 14.

Columbus Cristo Rey High School opened in 2013 as the diocese's first new high school in more than 40 years. Working in cooperation with area businesses and nonprofit agencies, its unique work-study model gives low-income students an opportunity to gain business experience they might not otherwise be able to obtain. Since 2013, the school has been located downtown in the former Ohio School for the Deaf, which underwent extensive renovation. Its first senior class of 48 students graduated



Bishop Frederick F. Campbell elevates the host on Sunday, March 24 during the consecration at his final Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Columbus. Earlier, in his homily, he said, "Christians do not say 'Goodbye,' but rather, "Farewell," meaning "May the rest of your journey be well continued and well completed." CT photo by Ken Snow

around the city.

The diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society also operates a clothing distribution center at the site. Its Newark counterpart opened St. Vincent Haven, a shelter for homeless men, in 2010.

In 2017, Catholic Social Services (CSS) opened its expanded Our Lady of Guadalupe Center to better serve the Hispanic community and other residents of Columbus' west side. The 3,500-square-foot location has triple the space of the center's previous site and includes a food pantry and office and meeting space for job mentoring, language classes, nutrition and health programs and other activities. In 2014, it opened a center in Portsmouth at the former monastery of the Poor Clares order of cloistered nuns.

CSS provides services focusing

St. Joseph Cathedral.

Facilities in the diocese that closed during Bishop Campbell's tenure included the Salesian Boys and Girls Club in Columbus in 2008; the Cathedral Book Shops in downtown Columbus and at St. Therese's Retreat Center in 2011; Marion Catholic High School in 2013; and the Corpus Christi Center of Peace in 2016.

In June 2015, Bishop Campbell led a ceremony of reconsecration of the diocese to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the cathedral. The diocese originally had been consecrated to the Sacred Heart in 1873 by its first bishop, Sylvester Rosecrans.

About 6,000 people from several states came to Columbus in October

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2015 to view a reliquary in which most of the skeletal remains of St. Maria Goretti were displayed. The relics were on a Vatican-sponsored tour of the United States.

Large crowds came to Columbus St. Patrick Church this past January to venerate the relic of the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, which was brought to this country from France for a tour that will conclude in May.

Beginning on Dec. 8, 2015, and continuing through most of 2016, the diocese joined the Catholic Church around the world in celebrating the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The diocese's Holy Door for the event was located at the cathedral. During the period of the Jubilee, a significant increase was noted in visits to the cathedral by individual and group pilgrimages.

A highlight of the holy year was a visit in August by the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the cathedral and four Columbus churches.

The national assembly of the So-



Bishop Frederick Campbell washes the feet of 12 parishioners at the 2008 Holy Thursday Mass in St. Joseph Cathedral.

ciety of St. Vincent de Paul met in Columbus in 2016, and was followed the next year by the National Association of Diaconate Directors. Bishop Campbell gave the keynote speech for the latter event.

The bishop has been very involved with the diaconate program nationwide over the years, serving as chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on the

Diaconate from 2004 to 2006. He also wrote the foreword to the USCCB's directory on the formation, ministry and life of permanent deacons. The diocese currently has 105 permanent deacons, with 10 men studying for the permanent diaconate. That compares with 64 permanent deacons at the time of Bishop Campbell's arrival in Columbus. He ordained 10 more deacons 16 days after his installation as bishop of the diocese.

The Dominican Friars, who have been part of the diocese since celebrating the first Mass in Ohio at Somerset in 1808, withdrew from Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church in 2017, after nearly 200 years there. They were replaced by a diocesan priest. Their decision to leave Zanesville came because they are refocusing their ministries in larger communities of friars. One of those communities is at Columbus St. Patrick Church, which last year received the new status of a priory, meaning at least six friars are stationed there.

Bishop Campbell was the celebrant for a Mass at the cathedral on April 22, 2018, which marked the 150th anniversary of the creation of the diocese. In his homily, he reviewed the history of the diocese and of Catholicism in Ohio. He said that in looking back to the past and forward to the future, "three virtues should animate our thoughts: gratitude, fidelity and hope."

In March 2018, the bishop wrote a pastoral letter to the faithful of the diocese on the subject of drug addiction, saying, "We live in a narcotic culture which seems to teach that the purpose of human life is pleasure and entertainment. ... (a culture) that often defines the worth of human persons in terms of their productive value and their usefulness, rather than their inherent dignity."

"The Church has a unique role to play in this effort," he said. "We teach a way of life which brings a true happiness, a way in which we are able to face difficulties with hope and to work for the common good with conviction."

He said the church "must be ready to accompany with compassion all those in need" with "a readiness to assist, a commitment to strengthening the bonds of family life and community support, and a promise of new hope and a future worthy of human dignity."

Bishop Campbell's farewell homily at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, March 24

"My brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we are now deep in the observance of the holy season of Lent. Last Sunday, we heard the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus before the eyes of three chosen disciples. Overwhelmed as Peter, James and John were by the vision, they did not understand its full meaning, a meaning only to be revealed



Bishop Frederick Campbell prays during Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, March 24. CT photos by Ken Snow

in the Resurrection. But we disciples, living long after the event, acknowledge that the Transfiguration of the Lord is a revelation of both the divine glory of Jesus and the glory to which all of the faithful are called.

"This glory is the end and purpose of all the days of our lives here on Earth. Yet we must also remember the Gospel passage proclaimed to us on the first Sunday of Lent, when for our sakes, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, overcoming all temptation and calling every Christian to repentance and conversion by removing all impediments to our achieving entrance into the everlasting glory of God.

"Now on the third Sunday of Lent, we enter into the deepest mystery of Lent: the encounter with Jesus Christ, with whom we are on pilgrimage to a new life, and that life forever.

"To paraphrase the words of the old catechism, 'We must know Christ, love Christ and serve Christ.' Through our worship in sacramental life, we

can hear Christ if we but open our ears, and know him present to us if we but open our eyes.

"It is important to understand that Jesus came to reveal his Heavenly Father to us so that we might realize what it means to say, 'I believe in one God.'

"Who then is this God who sent his only begotten Son to us and gave us the Holy Spirit to open hearts and minds?"

"The revelation of God in Jesus Christ is the fullness of the revelation of the divine, but it is not the only one that occurred.

"Preceding the coming of Jesus was a long history of God sharing his divine life with the people whom he had chosen. The encounter of Moses with the burning bush is certainly one of the most dramatic examples.

"Throughout the Old Testament, the image of God as fire occurs frequently. Isaiah tells us that God is fire. The faithful experience this fire as warmth and light. The unfaithful know it as consuming heat. But it is the same fire of God.

"How we experience it depends so much on our fidelity and hope.

"The 17th century philosopher and mathematician Blaise Pascal, when he wrote the account of his conversion experience, described his moment of encounter of God through Jesus Christ with the the word "FIRE" written with all capital letters.

"But the meeting of Moses with the God of fire is particularly arresting. The fire burns, but does not consume. A voice comes from the fire, calling Moses to recognize the presence of the Holy One and commanding him to take on a mission. Most remarkable about this encounter is the request of Moses to know the name of the one who is sending him to Pharaoh.

"In our own time, naming has lost a lot of its meaning and importance. For Jesus and his Jewish ancestors, to give a name was an almost holy responsibility, and to speak the name, a deep privilege. For the name represents the personal reality and purpose of an individual.

"When Jesus gave Simon an extraordinary responsibility and author-

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ity, the Lord changed his name to Peter, the Rock.

“Throughout the Bible, to know the name of another was to share a particular intimacy with that person. In giving his name to Moses, God invited him to stand before the Divine Presence as a chosen one, and even friend, although that word seems to have lost a lot of impact in our own society where politeness fades and everyone is immediately on a first name basis in the most casual and fleeting moment.

“Yet the name which God speaks simultaneously reveals the person speaking and conceals its innermost mystery: ‘I am who am.’ This is what you shall tell the Israelites. ‘I am’ sent me to you.’

“Jesus was later to appropriate this name for himself when he told the skeptical Pharisees, ‘Before Abraham came to be, ‘I am.’” And the Pharisees picked up stones to hurl at the Lord,

for they knew that Jesus was claiming to be one with our heavenly Father.

“Moses was so overwhelmed to be given the name of God that he later exclaimed to the people, ‘What other nation has a god so close to them as we?’ So holy was the name of God that to use the name with care and reverence is enshrined in the second commandment received from God through Moses.

“Christians can just as certainly marvel how, in Jesus Christ, whose name we now bear, God has come so close to us so as to take on our human flesh and destiny and utterly transform it into everlasting glory.

“St. Peter was to proclaim that there is no other name in heaven or on Earth by which we are saved than the name of Jesus.

“And St. Paul announced that at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend.

“My friends, the Church dedicates

the remainder of Lent to knowing and understanding the person of Jesus and his mission. We shall encounter him as the bringer of the Kingdom, the forgiver of sins, the healer of hearts and bodies, the just judge, the lord of creation, the embodiment of love unto death, and the giver of new life. And he shall also be revealed as the companion with us on the way to the Kingdom, ever present in his Word and Sacraments.

“Oh, our Lord could be sharp on occasion, as the parable of the fig tree indicates. But how patient he is with correcting the faults of those who seek to know him and love him and desire to serve him for the glory of God and our lasting good.

“We must know him before we can love him. For we cannot love what we do not know. And if we cannot love him as we ought, how then are we to serve him in the guise of our neighbor in need?

“As I gaze around this cathedral, I am blessed and grateful to see so many faithful companions on the pilgrimage of grace to the heavenly kingdom. So many friends. Such faith and devotion.

“I’ve been enthralled and encouraged by the beauty of our worship, remembering the words of a noted 20th century theologian that ‘Without beauty we will soon cease to pray. And without the ability to pray, we shall cease to love.’



Bishop Frederick Campbell preaches his final homily as bishop of Columbus on Sunday, March 24 at St. Joseph Cathedral.

“This homily will likely be the last one which I preach from this pulpit as your bishop. I remember, however, the words of St. Augustine, speaking to his own congregation many centuries ago when he said, ‘My friends, for you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian.’

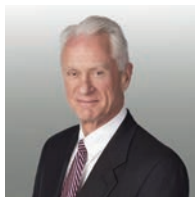
“In all things, I have strived, in the words of St. Richard of Chichester, ‘To help you know Christ more clearly, to love him more dearly and to serve him more nearly.’

“The pilgrimage to the Kingdom entails a heart and mind turned toward God, an authentic humility, and the capacity for great joy. For the companion on this journey is the Lord Jesus Christ who repeatedly told us, ‘Do not be afraid. It is I.’

“For this reason, Christians do not say ‘Goodbye,’ but rather, ‘Farewell,’ meaning ‘May the rest of your journey be well continued and well completed.’

“Praise be the name of Jesus Christ.”

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord



Father
Timothy
Hayes

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The story of the two brothers, often called “the tale of the prodigal son,” is really a much more comprehensive tale. It is a tale that involves sin and guilt and shame, to be sure. But it is also an account of love, reconciliation and an invitation to allow mercy into the complexity of relationships we all experience.

Where do you experience guilt? Some try to tell us that guilt comes only from the outside, from what we have been taught by authorities who rule over us when we are young, and that guilt is really only arbitrary.

We can all easily think of the cliché excuses for doing various actions that have “traditionally” been considered wrong:

- Everyone is doing it.
- I disagree: I don’t think it’s a sin.
- I am not hurting anybody, so I will do what I want.

No doubt you can think of many other excuses that you have used as a reason to give in to your chosen temptation.

Some excuses may come at you from the outside:

- You’re just chicken.
- Come on, join us.
- Don’t be a scaredy-cat.

These reasons for giving in to popular sins are part of peer pressure. It is also true that “misery loves company” and that others who have succumbed to “forbidden delights” want you to share with them so they don’t have all the guilt.

True guilt, which is a gift, although it does not feel like one, comes from within. We are aware that what we have done is wrong and we want to make amends.

The prodigal son is on his way to this kind of guilt as he makes the journey

back to his father, rehearsing all the way just what he will say to get a place in the family estate.

We learn – by experiencing the failure of sin to deliver on its false promise – that sin is not our true nature. When we are humbled, we can admit to our best selves that we want to live up to our dignity, the innate worth we have that comes from God.

God promises His people that once they repent, guilt is removed and sin is purged away. What happens in our hearts when guilt is removed? We become free – free to love as God loves, and capable of showing mercy.

From our own weakness and sin, we learn humility, truth, compassion and empathy. We grasp the true meaning of our relationships. We open our hearts to God.

The merciful father, who is the true hero of the parable, opens his own heart to mercy and love, inviting both of his sons to share the true inheritance that comes from being a member of his family. The younger son, the one who wandered, is welcomed back into the fullness of family life. The elder son, is invited, but we do not yet hear his response. We are left to marvel at the depths of mercy and to decide for ourselves whether we will become ambassadors of the message of reconciliation.

The invitation of Laetare Sunday is to taste joy in anticipation of Easter.

May we listen to the voice of our conscience, which moves us to open our hearts to mercy.

Alternate readings for the Second Scrutiny at Masses this Sunday are:

I Samuel 16: 1b,6-7,10-13a
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Year A readings, used at Masses when the Scrutinies are prayed over participants in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), invite us to open our eyes to see the light that is revealed by Jesus through His healing ministry. We are called to acknowledge the glory of God, who shines His light in the darkness of our world.

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

THE WEEKDAY
BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY

Isaiah 65:17-21
Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b
John 4:43-54

TUESDAY

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12
Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
John 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 49:8-15
Psalm 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18
John 5:17-30

THURSDAY

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 106:19-23
John 5:31-47

FRIDAY

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22
Psalm 34:17-21,23
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

SATURDAY

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 7:2-3,9b-12
John 7:40-53

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Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTV (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

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

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

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTV 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, Liturgy of the Hours.



Living ‘I Do’ – Weekly Marriage Tips

Remember how Jesus said to remove the wooden beam from your eye before pursuing the splinter in someone else’s eye? Any fault you find with your spouse is a great opportunity to search your eye for any forgotten splinters. If you do this first, you will be much more humble and kind when bringing up a problem to your spouse. You will see clearly!

Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN
(Never known to fail)

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

An open letter to Cardinal Reinhard Marx

Your Eminence:

I noted with interest your recent announcement of a “binding synodal process” during which the Church in Germany will discuss the celibacy of the Latin-rite Catholic priesthood, the Church’s sexual ethic and clericalism, these being “issues” put on the table by the crisis of clerical sexual abuse.

Perhaps the following questions will help sharpen your discussions.

1) How can the “synodal process” of a local Church produce “binding” results on matters affecting the entire Catholic Church? The Anglican Communion tried this and is now in terminal disarray; the local Anglican churches that took the path of cultural accommodation are comatose. Is this the model you and your fellow-bishops favor?

2) What does the celibacy of priests in the Latin-rite have to do with the sexual abuse crisis? Celibacy has no more to do with sexual abuse than marriage has to do with spousal abuse. Empirical studies indicate that most sexual abuse of the young takes place within



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

(typically broken) families; Protestant denominations with a married clergy also suffer from the scourge of sexual abuse; and in any event, marriage is not a crime-prevention program. Is it cynical to imagine that the abuse crisis is now being weaponized to mount an assault on clerical celibacy, what with other artillery having failed to dislodge this ancient Catholic tradition?

3) According to a Catholic News Agency report, you suggested that “the significance of sexuality to personhood has not yet received sufficient attention from the Church.” Really? Has St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body not been translated into German? Perhaps it has, but it may be too long and com-

plex to have been properly absorbed by German-speaking Catholics. Permit me then, to draw your attention to pp. 347-358 of *Zeuge der Hoffnung* (Ferdinand Schoeningh, 2002) the German translation of *Witness to Hope*, the first volume of my John Paul II biography. There, you and your colleagues will find a summary of the Theology of the Body, including its richly personalistic explanation of the Church’s ethic of human love and its biblically-rooted understanding of celibacy undertaken for the Kingdom of God.

4) You also note that your fellow-bishops “feel ... unable to speak on questions of present-day sexual behavior.” That was certainly not the case at the Synods of 2014, 2015, and 2018, where German bishops felt quite able to speak frequently to these questions, albeit in a way that typically mirrored today’s politically-correct fashions. And I’m sure I’m not alone in wondering just when the German episcopate last spoke to “present-day sexual behavior” in a way that promoted the Church’s ethic of human love as life-affirming and ordered to human happiness and fulfillment, at least in the years since its massive dissent from *Humanae Vitae* (Pope St. Paul VI’s 1968 encyclical on the ethics of family planning)? But that, as I understand Pope Francis, is what he is calling us all to do: Witness to, preach, and teach the “Yes”

that undergirds everything to which the Church must, in fidelity to both revelation and reason, say “No.”

5) The CNA report also noted that your “synodal process” (which, in a nice tip of the miter to Hegel, you described as a “synodal progression”) would involve consultations with the Central Committee of German Catholics. My dear Cardinal Marx, this is rather like President Trump consulting with Fox News or Speaker Pelosi consulting with the editors of the *New York Times*. If you’ll pardon the reference to Major Heinrich Strasser in *Casablanca*, even we blundering Americans know that the ZdK, the *Zentralkomitee der Deutschen Katholiken*, is the *schwerpunkt*, the spearhead that clears the ground to the far left so that the German bishops can position themselves as the “moderate” or “centrist” force in the German Church. You know, and I know, and everyone else should know that consultations with the ZdK will produce nothing but further attacks on celibacy, further affirmations of current sexual fads, and further deprecations of *Humanae Vitae* (based, in part, on the ZdK’s evident ignorance of the Theology of the Body and German hostility to John Paul II’s 1993 encyclical on the renovation of Catholic moral theology, *Veritatis Splendor*).

Your Eminence, the German Church — the Catholicism of my ancestors — is dying. It will not be revitalized by becoming a simulacrum of moribund liberal Protestantism.

I wish you a fruitful Lent and a joyful Easter.

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

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St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

CARTER, Kathryn M., 98, March 18
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

CRAWMER, Norma J. (Bowers), 87, March 12
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

FACHMAN, Barbara J. (Patton), 89, March 25
St. Paul Church, Westerville

FEDERER-ADKINS, Julie R., 55, March 23
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

FREEMAN, Sally A. (Clouse), 72, March 19
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

JOHNSON, Frances K. (Kukalak), 87, March 13
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

LACKNER, Mary K. (Peloso), 54, March 18
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

McLAUGHLIN, Thomas J., 89, March 23
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

MILLER, David F., 74, formerly of Columbus, March 16
St. Matthew Church, Winder, Ga.

MISLAN, David W., 53, March 19
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

MORROW, Letizia "Lettie" (Brunnicardi), 78, March 19
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

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Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

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St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

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St. Michael Church, Worthington

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St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

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St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

WEISENT, John A., 83, March 19
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

Dezhen M. Chen

Funeral Mass for Dezhen M. Chen, 80, who died on Sunday, March 17 at the Mohun Health Care Center, was celebrated on Thursday, March 21 in the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in Shanghai, China on Nov. 5, 1938 to Joseph and Mary Chen and came to the United States in 1988, seeking religious freedom.

She was employed for 30 years as a nurse's assistant at the Mohun center, operated by the Dominican sisters, with whom she lived until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and sisters Catherine, Theresa, Rose and Marie. Survivors include a son, Wang Lang Bar; daughters, Wang Min and Wang Yu; and a sister, Sister Catherine Malya Chen, OP.

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An alumni reception and the school's inaugural performing arts and fine arts hall of fame induction will take place at 6 p.m. April 6. Tickets are available at bishopwatterson.com.

Family members include Bridget Noonan as Wednesday, Sam Koehler as Gomez, Nicole Orsini as Morticia,

Jon Agan as Uncle Fester, Kieran York as Lurch, Abby Rieser as Pugsley and Molly Rafferty as Grandma. Playing members of the "normal" Beineke family are Jack Warner as Lucas, Liam Lenzotti as Mal and Emily Hohlefelder as Alice. The play includes a live orchestra.

Bishop Watterson is one of 10 central Ohio schools participating in the 2018-2019 Marquee Awards sponsored by the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts. Winners of the best actor and best actress awards in this competition will advance to the national Jimmy Awards program for student theater participants in New York City this summer.

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p.m. Friday, Resurrection chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. 33 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration in honor of Jesus' 33 years on Earth. Also on Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5. 614-390-9385

29, FRIDAY

Installation of Bishop Brennan at Cathedral 2 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of installation of Bishop Robert J. Brennan, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, as the 12th bishop of Columbus, followed by reception at Walter Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus.

Praying the Stations of Mercy at St. Matthias 7 p.m., St. Matthias Church, 1582 Ferris Road, Columbus. Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis. 614-267-3406

Byzantine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

7 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, a Vespers service with Holy Eucharist. 614-882-7578

29-31, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Run the Race Club Presents 'The Wizard of Oz' 7 p.m. Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Run the Race Center, 880 S. Wayne Ave., Columbus. Run the Race Club presents "The Wizard of Oz," directed by 15-year-old Charles Easley, with a cast of young people from the Hilltop neighborhood. Tickets \$5; dinner after the play also \$5. 614-276-2171

30, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

'No Greater Love' at Church of Our Lady

5 p.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Part 4 of Edward Sri's six-part *No Greater Love* series, telling the story of Christ's Passion on location, repeating at 6:30 p.m. April 1. 614-861-1242

Anointing of the Sick at St. Elizabeth

After 5:30 p.m., Mass, St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered. 614-891-0150

31, SUNDAY

Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday during Lent. 740-928-3266

Anointing of the Sick at St. Elizabeth

After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered.

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Cafeteria, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Old Testament study with Scripture scholar Angela Burdge.

Praise Mass at Church of Our Lady

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

'Catholicism' Series at Holy Cross

Noon, Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Parts 7 and 8 of Bishop Robert Barron's 10-part *Catholicism* series. 614-224-3416

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

2 to 4 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Second meeting of six-week support group sponsored by Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry for those who have lost a loved one, sponsored by North High Deanery. Contact rose.daiga@gmail.com.

Frassati Society Hike at Scioto Grove Park

2 to 5 p.m., Arrowhead picnic area, Scioto Grove Metro Park, 5172 Jackson Pike, Grove City. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults takes a spring hike. 614-224-9522

Cathedral Music Series

3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Concert with Jonathan Dimmock, organist of St. Ignatius Church, San Francisco. 614-241-2526

Evening Prayer and Vespers at St. Colman

3 p.m., St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 S. North St., Washington Court House. Evening Prayer and Vespers. 740-335-5000

Vespers, Supper at Portsmouth St. Mary

4 p.m., St. Mary Church, 524 6th St., Portsmouth. Solemn Vespers and simple supper.

Sung Vespers at Cathedral

4:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Sung Vespers with the cathedral choir.

'The Wild Goose Is Loose' at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Lenten preparation program featuring *The Wild Goose Is Loose* DVD series on the Holy Spirit with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR.

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish, with confessions from 6 to 7. 706-761-4054 or 614-294-7702

APRIL

1, MONDAY

Aquinas Alumni Luncheon

11 a.m., TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.

Rosary at St. Pius X

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

Evening Prayer at St. John Neumann

6:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Evening Prayer led by Deacon Carl Calcara. 740-965-1358

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory

7 to 8 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. First Monday Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with Morning Prayer, concluding with Mass. 614-488-2428

Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit

7 p.m., Day chapel, Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad St., Columbus. Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle prayer group for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435

'Pivotal Players' Series at Seton

7 to 8:45 p.m., Herrmann Hall, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road North, Pickerington. The story of St. Catherine of Siena, part of Bishop Robert Barron's *Pivotal Players* video series.

1-3, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Parish Mission at St. Michael

7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Parish mission presented by Father Anthony Dinovo, pastor, and staff members, with theme "Our Faith, Our Mission."

2, TUESDAY

Our Lady of Good Success Study Group

Noon to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Our Lady of Good Success study group. Social period, followed by remedial catechesis study and discussion. 614-294-7702

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.

3, WEDNESDAY

Center for Dominican Studies Lecture Series

Noon to 12:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Room, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, speaks on "I Was Thirsty and You Gave Me to Drink" as part of Center for Dominican Studies series on justice. 614-251-4722

Artist's Reception at de Porres Center

6 to 7:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Artist's reception for Katie Butler, whose works will be featured in an exhibit, "Everyday Adventures in Cartooning and Autism," from Thursday, April 4 to Friday, May 10.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Pius X

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

Marian Devotion at St. Elizabeth

7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Marian devotion with Scriptural rosary, followed by Mass and monthly novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, with Father Ramon Ower, CFIC. 614-891-0150

MARCH

28-29, THURSDAY-FRIDAY

33 Hours of Adoration at Resurrection
From end of 9 a.m. Thursday Mass to 6:30

'Unplanned' film is story of 'hope, forgiveness and love'

By Catholic News Service

Abby Johnson's life already was an open book. Now it has become a movie.

"It's not a film inspired by my life story," she said. "It is my life story."

Johnson, 38, is a former Planned Parenthood facility director turned pro-life advocate. She made the comments during a webinar about the film *Unplanned*, which is based on her 2011 book of the same name.

Joining her in the webinar were Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, who is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Vicki Thorn, executive director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing, who founded the Project Rachel post-abortion ministry.

The movie officially opens in theaters this weekend.

But through theater buyouts by groups, the film was viewed in some places as early as Monday, March 25 – the Feast of the Annunciation.

As suggested in the film's tagline, "What she saw changed everything," Johnson said the movie "will expose (viewers) to the truth of what happens inside the abortion industry."

But mostly, she noted, the film is about the "amazing, ready mercy of Jesus Christ that is available to everyone – whether you've been touched by abortion or not – that Christ is so ready to redeem us."

This story, said Archbishop Naumann, "has the power to open hearts, change minds and inspire people."

He said Johnson's conversion was the pro-life movement's equivalent of the story of Saul, the persecutor of Jews who became St. Paul.

"I think stories are the way people are moved today, not so much by reason," Archbishop Naumann said. "And film in particular has the ability to inspire people."

Johnson admitted that the release of the film has made her feel "vulnerable."

After watching the film for the first time with her husband, Doug, in their Colorado home, she felt a bit of panic.

"I looked at Doug and said, 'Is it too late? Can I back out?' I felt so exposed, especially the scene with my RU-486 (chemical) abortion," she said. "I had to remind myself that I didn't sign on

to do this film to make 'Abby Johnson' a household name. I signed on to truly amplify God and make him a household name and show his redeeming power.

"None of this is about me. This is his story," she said emphatically.

Johnson's story of God's redemption began to unfold in September 2009. Then one of Planned Parenthood's youngest facility directors, she was called to assist with an abortion.

What she saw on the ultrasound convinced her that what she'd been told about abortion — and what she'd repeated to women for nearly 22,000



Abby Johnson, played by Ashley Bratcher, reacts to what she is seeing on the ultrasound screen while assisting with an abortion in this scene from the movie "Unplanned." The movie will officially be released Friday, March 29. CNS photo/courtesy www.Unplannedfilm.com

abortions under her watch at Planned Parenthood – was grossly wrong.

While her story had already been told in her book, Johnson agreed to spread that story further when she was approached five years ago about making it into a movie.

But she didn't say "Yes" to just anyone to share her story on film; she turned to Chuck Konzelman and Cary Solomon, both devout Catholics with years of experience in the film industry.

Theyco-produced, co-wrote and co-directed *Unplanned*, which is being distributed by Pure Flix.

Unplanned provides an opportunity not just to observe compassion, but to experience it as well.

At the end of the film, a phone number will appear on the screen.

"So if a woman is in a crisis pregnancy, needs help after an abortion, if a man needs post-abortion help, if someone works or worked in the

(abortion) industry – there will be help for them right after the film ... staffed 24/7," Johnson explained.

"Abortion is an isolating issue. Women are alone in the decision and the aftermath. For them, "this film can be a tool of healing."

Archbishop Naumann also pointed out the film's depiction of the positive role that pro-life sidewalk counselors played in Johnson walking away from the abortion industry.

"It shows how pro-life advocates that pray and respectfully interact with those involved with abortion

"On the other hand, some have said it's only going to be Christians who see the film. I say 'Fantastic.'

"If half of the people sitting in our churches were taking more action," then abortion might not exist today."

Archbishop Naumann encouraged priests to speak about the film.

"Talk about it from the whole idea of a conversion story," he said. "Tell them this is a film you can invite people to go with you (to see), and it can help open up conversations.

"It isn't a judgmental film, but a film that speaks the truth about this issue."

Archbishop Naumann admitted that priests "sometimes get shy on this issue because we think it's political.

"This (film) isn't a political event. It's a chance to invite someone to see a conversion story, and that makes a big difference," he said.

He also encouraged priests to be upfront about one thing: the film's rating.

Because of a scene depicting the truth of what an abortion looks like, Johnson explained, the film received an R rating from the Motion Picture Association of America.

"Don't let the R rating scare you. Nothing is overdramatic" in the film, she assured. "Abortion is bad enough. We didn't have to embellish anything."

Archbishop Naumann noted two ironies about the film's rating.

First, "I never thought I'd promote an R-rated film," he admitted. "But the great irony is that a 15-year-old girl can't go to this movie, but she could have an abortion and her parents will never know it."

Johnson said that if young people have watched a PG-13 movie or cable television, "they have seen far worse than they will see in 'Unplanned.'"

Johnson credited God with the timing of the film's release. She said none of those involved with the film could have foreseen how much abortion would be in the news right now.

"I think this (film) will really change the dialogue about abortion in this country," Johnson concluded. "For far too long, people haven't really known how to talk about abortion. People are scared of the topic. They don't know what to say, so they don't say anything. I think this film will equip people with truth."

More details about the film may be found at www.unplannedfilm.com.

or that are thinking about having an abortion, that they can really have an impact," he said.

Johnson expressed hope that the film will inspire those involved with abortion to leave that industry. She started the nonprofit organization And Then There Were None in 2012 to help them do just that.

So far, the ministry has "helped almost 500 people leave their job, find Christ and get into our program with therapy that can help them," she said.

The film has provided Johnson a second way to reach abortion workers. She purchased and mailed tickets for *Unplanned* to abortion facilities near theaters showing the film with a letter inviting feedback on the movie.

The goal is to "open up a dialogue with those who are pro-choice," she explained. "We have to always be open to plant those seeds that the Holy Spirit can nurture in their life.

Brownies celebrate Girl Scout Sunday



The Columbus St. Andrew School second-grade Brownies celebrated Girl Scout Sunday by attending Mass at St. Andrew Church and having their picture taken with Father TJ Lehigh, St. Andrew Church parochial vicar. Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

Author visits Trinity students



Jason Reynolds (center, back row), an author of books for young adults, spoke to Columbus Trinity Elementary School students. He told them to remember that education is a gift and encouraged literacy among young people. Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School

St. Michael students advance in history competition



Pictured are 11 Worthington St. Michael School students whose four projects scored high enough in regional competition at Ohio Wesleyan University to advance to State History Day on April 27 at OWU. The projects dealt with Anne Frank, polio, the 1967 Six-Day War in the Middle East, and the Cleveland Clinic fire of 1929. They were among 20 members of the school's history club who submitted a total of nine projects related to this year's History Day theme, "Triumph and Tragedy." They had been working on the projects since October. Photo courtesy St. Michael School

Students grow vegetables indoors



Lancaster St. Bernadette School students have been growing a variety of vegetables and herbs throughout the school year in a tower garden. They also have been able to harvest the vegetables and use them in a variety of dishes they made themselves. Father Ty Tomson, pastor of St. Bernadette Church, recently joined fourth-grade students to make pesto using basil from the garden. Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School

St. Anthony School receives grant



Columbus St. Anthony School received a grant from The Catholic Foundation to enhance its religious education and formation program. The grant will allow the school to purchase picture books of the saints, miniature Mass kits, "Steps to the Eucharist" movement mats, "Praying the Rosary" interactive tools, training for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and more. Pictured are eighth-grade teacher Kelly Buzenski (left) and Foundation development officer Christy Steffy. Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

St. Rose sends five to State Science Day



Five New Lexington St. Rose School students are moving on to the State Science Day at Ohio State University on Saturday, May 11 after winning scholarships and monetary awards during regional competition at Ohio University-Lancaster. They are (from left): Clara Baker, Elle Mitchell, Lucy Watkins, Reese Hagy and Hannah Sheets. State Science Day is a program of the Ohio Academy of Science and has taken place annually since 1949, with more than 60,000 students participating. Photo courtesy St. Rose School



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