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**PARISH NURSING PROGRAMS:
FAITH-BASED HEALTH CARE**

Editor's reflections by Doug Bean

Bishop, young adults on a mission to strengthen the faith in Ireland

Abortion will soon become legal for the first time in Ireland's history. The Catholic faith that once was so strong in the land of St. Patrick has given way to secularism and apathy, which now makes the Emerald Isle no different than most nations around the world. But if the faith of an Irish bishop and two young adults who visited central Ohio this month are any indication, there's reason not to lose hope for the ancestral home of many Americans.

Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore and two 20-year-olds, Ruth Hogan and Nathan Peer, came to the United States to raise funds for several youth initiatives designed to restore and rebuild the faith in Ireland. They are part of the Holy Family Mission and also of the Dead Theologians Society, which has foundational roots in the Diocese of Columbus.

Bishop Cullinan oversees the mission, a residential college-type program located in Glencomerah, County Tipperary, where young adults live and receive solid, in-depth Catholic catechetical and evangelization training for one to two years. Hogan just completed two years there, and Peer will be going back for his second year this autumn.

This past year, 14 young adults from throughout Ireland participated in the mission's faith formation program. More students are expect-

ed for the coming year, creating the need for additional financial support.

All three emphasized in interviews with the Catholic Times the desperate need to rebuild Irish faith and culture. The May 25 referendum that repealed the country's constitutional Eighth Amendment protecting the unborn, thus legalizing abortion, made that painfully obvious.

"Especially with the repeal of the

for us to see that we have support from across the sea.

"I think organizations like the Holy Family Mission are giving people hope here that the church in Ireland isn't dead and we're working to keep it alive."

While the results of the referendum were disastrous for the unborn, it served as a wakeup call for Irish Catholics.

"They actually realized for the first time that Ireland isn't as Catholic as it once was," Peer said. "The veil has been lifted and taken away. People were celebrating the end of the Church and a victory over Catholicism, and I think for the first time, people have to realize that Ireland is just as much mission territory as the rest of the world.

"But one great thing is that it has brought those who are faithful together in a way that we never realized could happen."

Since the vote to allow abortion in Ireland, Bishop Cullinan has seen people in his diocese rally together "at this very significant moment in the life of Irish society and the Irish church" to pray and brainstorm on how to move forward with re-evangelization efforts. At the same time, he has called for

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Representing the Holy Family Mission from Ireland on a visit to central Ohio were (from left) Nathan Peer, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore, and Ruth Hogan.

Eighth Amendment, people have seen that the faith in Ireland isn't as strong as it once was, and I know people really do want to support Ireland," Hogan said. "We've met so many people here of Irish heritage who are so good and feel connected to the faith in Ireland, and they really want to help. That's been so great

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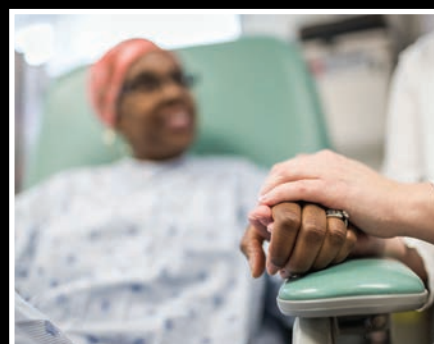
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THE CATHOLIC TIMES IS ON SUMMER SCHEDULE!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the Catholic Times. In June, July, and August, we are publishing every other week. Look for the Catholic Times in your mailbox just before Aug. 12 and 26. We will return to the weekly publication schedule in September.



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Faith Community Nursing

A Mount Carmel program trains nurses to bring health care into parishes.

Photo courtesy Mount Carmel Health System



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WIDESPREAD CHANGE IN A HISTORICALLY CATHOLIC REGION

By Leandro M. Tapay

Diocesan Missions Director

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) designates one weekend a year to have a collection taken to help the Catholic Church in Latin America. In the Diocese of Columbus, the collection will be taken on the weekend of Aug. 4 and 5. The collection is a sign of solidarity between the church in the United States and the churches in Latin America and the Caribbean. The funds gathered during the collection will help support the church in Latin America in its pastoral programs, and in the training of seminarians and religious leaders and other activities. Please be generous when the collection is taken.

We are accustomed to think of Catholicism in Latin America as being the predominant faith in the region. But Latin America is now called the “marketplace of faith.” It is the home for a large number of Pentecostals, Buddhists, and followers of new-age mysticism and African animism, among others.

Latin America is home to 425 million Catholics – nearly 40 percent of the world’s Catholic population – and for the first time, the church has a Latin American pope. Yet Catholicism in the region is on a decline, according to a recent Pew Research Center survey.

For most of the 20th century – from the 1900s through the 1960s – at least 90 percent of Latin America’s population was Catholic (*History of Religious Change*). Today, according to the Pew survey, 69 percent of adults across the region identify as Catholic. In every nation surveyed in Latin America, the Catholic Church experienced net losses from religious switching, as many Latin Americans joined evangelical Protestant churches or rejected organized religion altogether. For example, roughly, one in four Nicaraguans, one in five Brazilians, and one in seven Venezuelans are former Catholics.

Much of the movement away from Catholicism and toward Protestantism in Latin America occurred in the

span of a single lifetime. Indeed, in most nations surveyed, at least a third of current Protestants were raised in the Catholic Church, and half or more say they were baptized as Catholics. For example, nearly three-quarters of current Protestants in Columbia were raised Catholic, and 84 percent say they were baptized as Catholics.

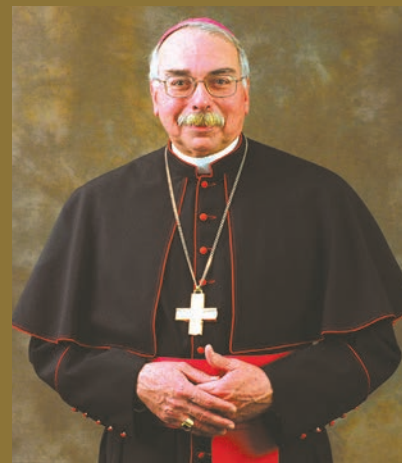
The survey asked former Catholics why they left the Church. Of the possible eight reasons offered, the most frequently cited was that they were seeking a more personal connection with God. Many former Catholics also said they became Protestants because they wanted a different style of worship or a church that helps its members more.

A smaller percentage of converts to Protestantism also cite other factors, such as health or family problems (20 percent) or marriage to a non-Catholic (nine percent) as reasons why they are no longer Catholic.

In addition, Protestant evangelical efforts seem to be having an impact: across Latin America. More than half of those who left the Catholic Church say their new church reaches out to them (58 percent). And the survey finds that Protestants in Latin America are much more likely than Catholics to report sharing their faith with people outside their own religious groups. The survey also indicated that Protestants in Latin America go to church more frequently than Catholics.

According to the survey, some Catholics have thought that to be more welcoming, the Catholic Church may have to water down doctrine. But the survey indicated that is not the case. People are more interested in sharpening or deepening the sense of right and wrong and to go back to the roots of emphasizing the need to live a righteous life in front of God.

On behalf of the USCCB subcommittee charged for the collection for the Catholic Church in Latin America, I would like to thank you in advance for your generosity when the collection is taken. In 2017, the Diocese of Columbus donated \$49,487.48 to this collection.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has designated the weekend of Aug. 4 and 5 for the collection for the Catholic Church in Latin America. This collection is a tangible demonstration of our concern and support for the church across our hemisphere.

Approximately half of the world’s Catholic population lives in Latin America, yet the church is losing members at an alarming rate. Many are drawn away by other faiths, while others migrate in search of a

better life elsewhere. These losses, along with a high parishioner-to-priest ratio, erode both the faith and the family structures of the entire region.

Your help is needed to strengthen the church to meet these challenges by helping train and support pastoral leaders throughout the region. Proceeds from this weekend collection will support catechesis, formation, and other pastoral programs in Latin America, providing critical assistance in answering God’s call for evangelization and stewardship.

I invite you to give generously to this collection, and I ask the Lord to continue to bless our efforts to bring the Good News to all. I am most grateful for your loving response to God’s continuing call to build his kingdom on Earth.

Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus



St. Stephen Festival!

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Faith in Action

By Erin Cordle



Won't you be my neighbor?

I really like this time of year with all the picnics, fresh garden produce, parades, and fireworks. We also just happen to be the middle of my birthday "season" (June, July, and August). Would you believe that Apple Valley has fireworks every year on the night of my family birthday dinner?

The summer parties really start on the 4th of July by celebrating our nation and all those who have served and sacrificed to maintain our freedoms and who are deployed around the world where human dignity is threatened. God bless our military branches.

Currently, I am working with an emerging non-profit group called Veterans Interfaith Bridge (VIB) that wants to help communities of faith reach out to our veterans, active duty, and their families. VIB wants to help us better understand the needs of our military neighbors dealing with the stress of having a loved one in harm's way.

We don't have a military base with base housing and family supports in our diocese so we may not always know the struggles families are facing and they may not know where to turn for help. We also know that the majority of our military is made up of citizens from our more rural areas where fewer resources are available.

VIB wants to provide parishes with tools to assess the community's needs, identify the resources, and have a go-to source to help fill the gaps. One of VIB's first projects will be a handy resource guide that identifies resources that have been vetted and actually provide what they say they will provide. We are working closely with the Chalmers P. Wylie Veteran Clinic's chaplain some new programs to support our military before, during, and after their deployments.

One of VIB's early partners is H.E.R.O.E.S. (Homefront Enabling Relationships, Opportunities and Empowerment through Support). Just this month H.E.R.O.E.S. provided 750 new suits, shirts, and ties to veterans. Moving from military to civilian life, especially after service in a combat area, can cause debilitating stress. Just because they're home does not mean they're out of harm's way. Against that backdrop, small gestures can carry surprisingly deep meaning. The gift of a new suit, for example, can eliminate a variable that can cause stress. H.E.R.O.E.S. supports deployed families with biweekly check-in phone calls, transportation, and food – whatever is needed. They even were able to arrange for a new roof (thanks to Able Roofing). On September 15, they will have their next fundraiser luncheon at the Scioto Country Club. If you are interested in attending, please contact me.

In *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI writes about the parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37) and offers that "the concept of 'neighbor' was understood as referring essentially to one's countrymen ... in other words, to the closely-knit community of a single country or people. This limit is now abolished. Anyone who needs me, and whom I can help, is my neighbor."

Who are your military neighbors? What are their needs? What resources are available? Where are the gaps that our parishes can help fill? Christ's command to love our neighbor can help answer these questions. If your parish currently is helping your military neighbors or interested in do so, please contact me at ecordle@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

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

St. Martha Giving Circle invites women to join

The Catholic Foundation's St. Martha Giving Circle will open its annual membership drive on Sunday, July 29, the Feast of St. Martha. The circle, also known as The Marthas, is designed to bring Catholic women together to learn about organizations and their needs within the Diocese of Columbus.

The Marthas gather four times a year and decide together which projects to financially support. The gatherings also provide opportunities to share ideas, serve with one another, grow deeper in the Catholic faith, and socialize.

Women of all ages and backgrounds may join The Marthas. Gifts to the fund may range from \$10 to \$10,000 or more, but the Foundation

asks for a minimum contribution of \$100 for voting privileges. Non-voting members are free to participate in all activities except the annual grant-making vote.

For 2018, the Marthas awarded \$42,000 to 10 diocesan organizations, making this their biggest granting year. To date, the organization has granted more than \$117,000 to various nonprofit organizations in the diocese and the community.

To learn more or to join, send an email message to marthas@catholic-foundation.org or call (614) 443-8893. For additional information about the St. Martha Giving Circle, visit www.catholic-foundation.org/TheMarthas.



Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan

It is the goal of the Diocese of Columbus to make the Church a place of safety: a place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our churches, schools, or facilities must be confident in this. Not one child or young person should suffer from abuse while at Church. In order to assure the safety of our youth, the Diocese of Columbus has enacted a complete program of protection. As part of this program, the Diocese of Columbus will provide appropriate, just, and pastoral care for anyone who has suffered the crime of sexual abuse of a minor at the hands of diocesan clergy or church employees or volunteers. The Diocese of Columbus will report any and all allegations of abuse reported to it to the authorities and will cooperate fully with those authorities.

Help is available: The Diocese of Columbus wants to hear from anyone who has suffered. If you wish to report an allegation of abuse or need pastoral and/or clinical care in order to begin or continue the process of healing from sexual abuse as a child at the hands of a member of the clergy or a church employee or volunteer, simply call the diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator. You can find contact information at the bottom of this notice. If you wish to receive a copy of the diocesan complaint form or any of the diocesan policies and procedures, simply call the number below or visit the diocesan web site at www.colsdioc.org

**To contact the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator, call:
The Rev. Msgr. Stephan J. Moloney
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Bishop Campbell's funeral homily for Father Lawrence J. Reichert

Bishop Frederick Campbell delivered the following homily at the funeral Mass for Father Lawrence J. Reichert on Friday, July 6 at the Johnstown Church of the Ascension.

“My brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

“For a priest, as for all the faithful, death is the end of a mission, not of life. This span of years freely given to us on this earth by a loving God, whether it be long or short, is a vocation. Called out of nothing into existence, baptized into the new life of Jesus Christ, we embark on a pilgrimage, as the Apostle Paul exclaimed, ‘going from glory to glory.’ For we are not content simply to exist, but to live a life that manifests the wonder of creation, the love and mercy of God revealed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the promise of everlasting life with the Savior to whom we are committed.

“As Father Reichert’s parishioners, family, friends, and colleagues so often heard him explain, both from the pulpit and in everyday encounters, ‘Glory be to God!’ And he did not whisper the words. In his own way, Father echoed the words of the Psalmist: ‘Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory, for the sake of your mercy and your faithfulness (Psalm 115).’

“The church ordains a man into the priesthood of Jesus Christ to proclaim the lifechanging message of Christ to the world and keep before the world’s eyes the true dignity and destiny of all men and women. A priest fulfills this pastoral mission not only through the preaching of the Word and the administration of the sacraments, as essential and irreplaceable as these responsibilities are, but also through manifesting the meaning of Christ in his own individual life.

“Father Reichert loved being among the parishioners, and was especially devoted to caring for those in any need. He once told me that one of the heaviest burdens that he had to bear after his stroke was the difficulty he had visiting the sick and the homebound as often as he should.

“Even living with the debilitating effects of a stroke, Father Reichert devoted extraordinary effort, with the

aid of many faithful companions, to continuing the pastoral work of the parish until he humbly accepted the fact that this would no longer be possible.

“The last time that Father concelebrated Mass with me, at the most recent confirmation here at Ascension, he said to me, ‘Here is where I want to be, but it is no more to be so.’

“St. Paul tells the Christians at Rome that ‘if, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.’ The Apostle would say that he only preaches Christ, and Christ crucified. At the cross, the divinity of Christ was momentarily buried beneath his humanity offered for our good, but even in death, blood and water flowed from his open heart, now a symbol of undying love, promising new life.

“In an extraordinary manner, the outpouring from that wounded heart now lies hidden in the Eucharistic species, given as food for our pilgrimage and the pledge of everlasting life. The cross becomes a sign of victory and the fulfillment of an age-old promise of new life and that life abundant.

“So we bring the body of Father Reichert here near the altar where he celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the glory of God and the good of the people entrusted to Father’s care. We enfold his life into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the fundamental meaning of the sacrifice of the Mass. And we remember.

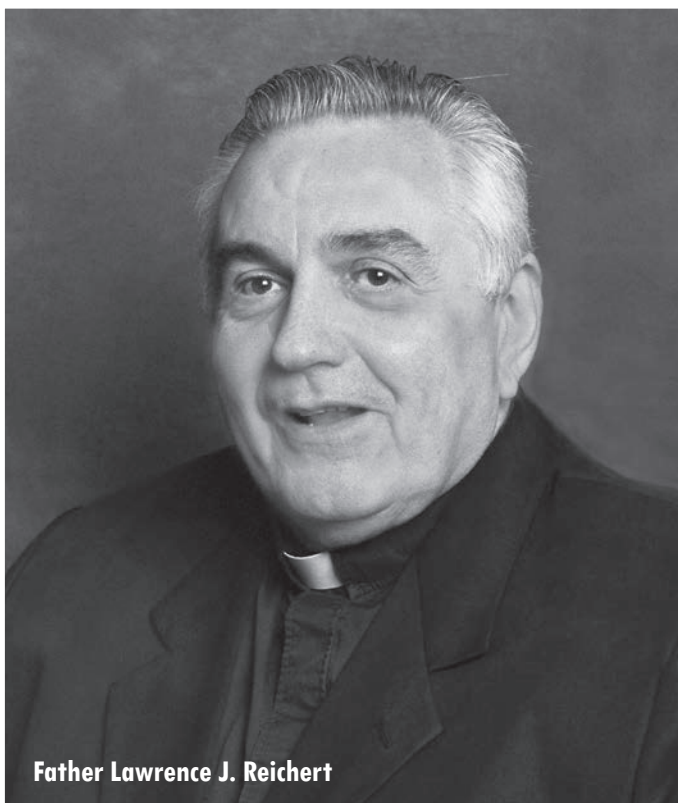
“We remember Father Reichert in his vibrant days, when one was never in doubt as to what he was thinking. We remember his dedication to the construction of this building, even during those moments when, let us say, there were various opinions about the project, vigorously expressed. We also remember his love and enjoyment of being with the people.

“During my visits to this parish, I recall talking with him about Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, a particular interest of Father Reichert’s.

He always made sure that there was a cup of tea ready for me.

“Yet, the clearest memory which I shall carry with me is that time in St. Ann’s Hospital, some scant four days before Father Reichert died. He was praying with the aid of the fingers of the rosary that you, Kathy, had given him. We celebrated the last sacraments, and Father’s responses were clearly expressed and deeply felt.

“This occasion reminded me of



Father Lawrence J. Reichert

something that the 20th century theologian Erich Przywara once wrote in meditating on the connection between the Eucharist and daily life. Przywara believed that the greatest sacrifice that we can offer in imitation of Christ is the humble acceptance of our earthly death in the faith and hope that it is but a transition to the full participation in the victory of Jesus Christ to be realized in the Kingdom.

“‘Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat,’ Jesus said, ‘but if it dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:24).’ Przywara concluded. ‘To be a leader means to die while living and to love while dying. The most beautiful tribute in (a leader’s) obituary should not be ‘he was an irreplaceable loss,’ but, rather, ‘he lives on in his work.’

“I found it remarkable that Father Reichert, whose nickname was ‘Judge,’ would ask that the gospel reading for his funeral Mass would be Jesus’ account of the final judgment, found in Matthew’s Gospel. Perhaps he allowed himself a final irony.

“The final judgment can seem a fearsome event, but consider for a moment the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux, lying on her sickbed in her final illness. She is being read to by a sister in the Carmel, who has come upon the passage in Scripture where Jesus talks about the Son of Man coming like a thief in the night.

“‘Does this not frighten you?’ the sister asked. ‘By no means,’ St. Therese replied. ‘I know who the thief is, and he comes to steal away my soul. When I hear his voice, I shall not cringe in some dark corner in the house, but, rather, cry out, ‘Over here, over here!’

“Gathered around the body of one who has died from among us, Christians celebrate a funeral to accompany the deceased with our prayer on his final pilgrimage and to console ourselves with the life-giving message of our Creator

God.

“We pray that God in his mercy and love forgive those failings to which Father Reichert may have been subject, and that the good which he accomplished will place him on the right hand of the Son of Man. We pray also that, remembering today the promise of Christ, the life of Father Reichert, and the gift of the Eucharist, we shall consider our own lives in Christ and stand before the mystery of death with humility, hope, courage, and peace as we continue on our pilgrimage with the communion of saints to the Kingdom.

“Eternal rest grant unto Father Reichert, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.”

'Last rites' in a coma; Mass attendance on holy days



Question & Answer
Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service

Q My daughter, who was 50 years of age, became deathly ill, spent six weeks in the intensive care unit, then entered hospice to die. When death was imminent, a nurse finally found a priest to administer last rites. (It was a Jewish hospice, and they weren't used to calling a priest.)

By that time, my daughter was in a coma. She hadn't been to church or to confession in I don't know how long – although she was baptized, made first Communion, etc.

As soon as the priest gave her the sacrament, she passed away. (I was holding her hand.) My question is this: Since she had not been to confession and may have committed a mortal sin (she may have had an abortion, although I am not sure), did she go to purgatory instead of hell?

She was extremely generous in helping the needy and was loved by everyone. I am just so worried. I say the rosary for her every day – twice a day when I can – and I offer St. Gertrude's prayer for the souls in purgatory. (City of origin withheld)

A I would not presume to know for certain the ultimate fate of your daughter, but I am inclined to trust in the mercy of a loving God.

In the 25th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus indicates the final standard on which each of us will be judged – and the key question is, "Did you help people when they needed it?" ("I was hungry and you gave me food ... ill and you cared for me.") From what you said, it would seem that your daughter scores high on this scale of compassion.

If, in fact, she did have an abortion, it could be that she regretted it later and repented of it. (I don't believe that any woman can be comfortable know-

ing that she has taken her child's life. I have spoken to women who, years later, wondered what their child would have been like at that point and were deeply saddened in realizing what they had done.)

Your reference to the "last rites" reminds me to mention that this sacrament is actually called the "anointing of the sick" – highlighting the fact that it is not reserved for the moment of death but should be received when anyone is seriously ill. That way, the person is more likely to be able to confess his or her sins, receive absolution and be assured of the mercy of the Lord.

I, too, will pray for your daughter, that you will one day be with her again in the glory of God's presence.

Q I attended Mass on the most recent holy day of obligation and noticed that only about one-sixth of our parish was in attendance. Is it a mortal sin for those who did not attend? If so, must they go to confession before receiving holy Communion? (Glens Falls, New York)

A The simplest – and safest – answers are "yes" and "yes," but they require some explanation. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "The faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants). ... Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin" (No. 2181).

Realize, though, that gravity of matter is only one of three requirements for a mortal sin – the others being full knowledge that the act or omission is seriously sinful and complete consent of the will. (From the frequency of the question, I would guess that a fair number of Catholics are unaware that Mass attendance on holy days is

a grave requirement – an excuse that disappears now that you have read this column!)

The catechism mentions illness and the care of infants to justify missing Mass, but there are other legitimate reasons as well, such as unavoidable work obligations. Particularly when a holy day occurs on a weekday, that could well be the case – a reminder to parishers that evening Masses are a big help.

So if a Catholic misses Mass on a holy day through his own fault – and knows that it is a serious obligation – yes, of course, he should go to confession before receiving the Eucharist. (It bears mentioning that sharing in the Eucharist was the one specific way Jesus asked the apostles to keep his memory alive.)

Q In all of my 78 years (and with 16 years of Catholic education), I have never heard where the word "Mass" comes from to describe the Eucharist. (It seems like an odd word.) (Gambrills, Maryland)

A The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word "missa." When Mass used to be celebrated commonly in Latin, the people were dismissed with the words, "Ite, missa est" – which could be translated literally as "Go, it has been sent."

This imperative had the same root as the English word "mission," and it indicated the Christian's responsibility to carry the fruits of the Eucharist out into the world in one's daily activities. It highlighted the fact that the dismissal at the end of Mass was not so much a conclusion as a starting point.

In the current English translation of the liturgy, there are four acceptable options for this dismissal rite. The one that I prefer personally – because I think it best indicates this continuing mission – is "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

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

Quo Vadis retreat scheduled for young men

The diocesan Vocations Office invites young Catholic men entering ninth to 12th grades this fall to its inaugural *Quo Vadis* retreat (*Quo Vadis* is Latin for "Where are you going?").

Participants will have a chance to spend time with other young men looking at the Lord's call in their lives while having fun. The retreat will be led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and is scheduled for Monday to Wednesday, Aug. 13 to 15, at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. The cost of the retreat is \$40.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Michael Haemmerle at Columbusquovadis@gmail.com or go to <https://faceforwardcolumbus.com/quo-vadis>.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS
IN HONOR OF
THE SACRED
HEART OF JESUS

9 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Holy Family Church
584 W. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Bishop Campbell's funeral homily for Father James A. Ogurchock

Bishop Frederick Campbell delivered the following homily at the funeral Mass for Father James A. Ogurchock on Friday, July 13 at Gahanna St. Matthew Church.

“My brothers and sisters in the risen Lord Jesus,

“When Jesus revealed himself and the meaning of his mission during his public ministry, he used many striking images – the vine and the branches, for example, or the rich landowner, or the story of the talents, or the faithful servant, or the bridegroom and the bride, all indicating the nature of discipleship, but having a particular meaning for the priest. Yet among these striking images, the good shepherd is undoubtedly the most popular image for Christians, and with good reason.

“Throughout the Old Testament, the Lord seems to have favored the shepherd and used the sheep as a metaphor for the faithful. We can think of the preference for Abel over Cain, for the young David to be known as the shepherd king, the prophet Amos, and throughout the Book of the Psalms. The shepherd was the sign of care, guidance, and compassion.

“Yet, there is another sign, important in Jesus’ preaching, on which we find less frequent comment – planting the seed. After all, the first of the parables preached by the Lord was the parable of the sower and the seed. Placing this parable at the beginning of the 13th chapter of his gospel, a chapter dedicated exclusively to the parables of Jesus, St. Matthew suggests that if you understand the meaning of the sower and the seed, you will understand the other parables as well, and the many ways in which they reveal the meaning of Jesus’ ministry. Consider also the parable of the mustard seed.

“But there is a remarkable difference between so many of Jesus’ parables and this one of the seed. For the seed to produce its fruit, it must first die.

“A seed, when first examined, is a small thing – dry, with a hard husk, inert and not possessing much potential. But given the proper soil, water, and nourishment, it fulfills a destiny that had remained hidden within it.

Today, we have heard a passage from the Gospel of John, which Fa-

ther Ogurchock asked to be read at his funeral Mass. It also speaks of a seed being planted: ‘Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.’ ‘Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.’ These beautiful verses are among the last that Jesus spoke to the larger public before he gathered his chosen disciples in the upper room for the supper that was to inaugurate his passion.

“It is a dramatic reminder that Jesus did not assume our human nature and enter into our human history simply to make our existence more bearable, to establish a lofty ethical ideal, or to begin a social transformation. Jesus came to accept human death and to destroy its power over us through his resurrection. This fact lies at the heart of every funeral celebration. ‘If we die with Christ,’ St. Paul continually insisted, ‘we shall also rise with him.’

“Every human life begins as a seed – small, barely observable, but already possessing both an earthly purpose and a divine destiny. To fulfill this destiny requires the proper environment and nourishment. The seed slowly blossoms into a world of both light and dark, which will call for choice and decision – a process beginning with baptism and constantly made possible through the grace and love of God, but needing a discipline revealed by Christ.

“It is a process of dying and rising, losing our life for the Gospel in order to gain it, all the while sustained by the vision opened to us by the presence of Christ that we shall become like God, whose image we already bear, and live forever. As St. John has written, ‘Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.’

“A priest is ordained to act ‘in per-

sona Christi,’ not only in proclaiming the Gospel and administering the sacraments, but also in the manner in which he lives. Knowing Father Ogurchock over these past years, I have become convinced that he longed for that moment when the faithful will see God as he is. He had already discerned the face of God in the poor and needy, the sick and infirm, the care for whom he dedicated a goodly portion of his life, in hospital chaplaincy and in the mission field in Bolivia.

“Father chose to spend his vacations assisting his brother, Father John, in his work in that poor country. Father James’ life was immersed in an atmosphere of prayer, accompanied by the words of sacred Scripture, and sustained by the sacraments. Such an environment opened his eyes and ears to the presence of God in this world and to the sound of the voice of the good shepherd. In fact,

the call of God to the priesthood and religious life was particularly clear and generous in Father’s family, to which all of the children responded.

The list of pastoral assignments in Father Ogurchock’s obituary is a wonderful testimony to his willingness to go where he was needed. Even in retirement, he continued to offer Mass in parishes for the people among whom he loved to be, and to visit the sick and the dying.

“Father did begin to experience what all of us experience if we have any spiritual discernment and sensitivity. There is a certain distillation process through which Christians go as we mature and leave adolescence. All the irrelevancies which we may have once thought important melt away. Any egotism, our great plans, dependence on our own strength until we become more simply and fully what Christ intended and come to realize that, as St. Paul wrote, ‘Everything is a grace.’

Once, when visiting his brother in Bolivia, Father Ogurchock broke his

arm and had to submit to medical assistance in a distant and poor country. His first reaction was to kick against the goad, but he later thought the best reaction was to help fund a new medical clinic in that place.

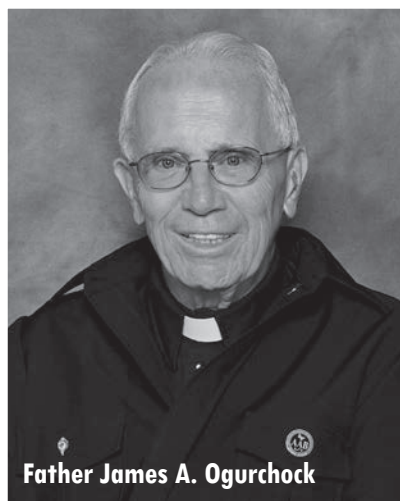
“A few months ago, Father’s desire to be active outdistanced his body’s capacity, and he ended up in the hospital. When told this news, I went to visit him and arrived at his room at the very moment that the staff was hurrying him down to the ICU. I was told that the situation did not look good. I followed the procession and, when I had an opening in the midst of the whirl of medical events, I celebrated the sacraments with him.

“The staff believed him to be at death’s door, but on that occasion, that door remained shut, and he began to recover. But never fully. He remained tethered to an oxygen supply, which he did not particularly care for, and sadly concluded that he would have to move into assisted living. Again, he first kicked against the goad, but again regained his equilibrium and accepted the situation with a dollop of peace and even some humor. And then last Saturday, the Lord said ‘Now.’ To the sad surprise of us all, Father Ogurchock died.

“So we bring the body of Father Ogurchock to the altar at which he so often offered Mass, to be attentive to message of this funeral liturgy, and to assist him on the final portion of his pilgrimage to the Kingdom. With the words of the book of Wisdom in our minds, ‘The souls of the just are in the hands of God,’ we thank God for all the good that Father Ogurchock has done by the grace of God, and we pray that Christ’s love and mercy will mend whatever failings to which Father was subject in this life.

“We reverently lay his body in the earth from which it was made and commend his soul to the rich soil of Jesus Christ, and we await that day when the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised, every tear be wiped away, and all the faithful reunited in an everlasting joy.

“*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*”



Mohney retires at Logan St. John School

Deborah Mohney retired at the end of the 2017-18 school year as third- and fourth-grade teacher at Logan St. John School, where she had served for four years.



Deborah Mohney (Photo courtesy St. John School)

She began her career in education in Nelsonville as a kindergarten teacher, and taught elementary school classes in the morning and General Equivalency Diploma classes in the evening for several years.

She moved to Florida for a year, then taught in the Logan-Hocking schools and took an intervention position with Lancaster city schools. A parent of a

St. John School student encouraged her to apply for a position there.

"I was so impressed from the very beginning by the knowledge the kids have of their Catholic faith," she said.

"(Former parish pastor) Father (William) Ferguson's lessons and school Masses led to a gradual shift in my faith journey. I arrived as an ordained deacon and elder of the Presbyterian Church, but am leaving as a newly confirmed Catholic." She said the children she taught at St. John provided her with role models of the faith.

"I have accepted a position as a supervisor for a latch-key program, which finds me again working with children. I will go with my new and shiny Catholic faith. I will strive to make my St. John role models proud," Mohney said.

Mohney, who is battling metastatic breast cancer, was born and raised in Elyria. She received a bachelor's degree from Ohio University and a master's degree from the University of Rio Grande and has earned both national board and master teacher certification.

Good News! Book Fair comes to St. Bernadette School

Lancaster St. Bernadette School, 1325 Wheeling Road, will host Ohio's first Good News! Book Fair from Wednesday, Aug. 22 to Sunday, Aug. 26.

Hundreds of inspiring, fun, and entertaining fiction and non-fiction books and movies with strong values-related messages, in multiple genres including Accelerated Reader titles, will be offered for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Religious gift items also will be available, and there will be a section for parents and teachers.

"Teachers and principals from all over the nation have reached out to us searching for an alternative to secular book fairs," said Lizette Lantigua, founder of the book fair program and author of *Mission Libertad*, a historical fiction novel for teens.

"Catholic schools want their students to develop both academically and spiritually. The Good News! Book Fair aligns with this mission

by offering books that are true to our Catholic faith and values."

The book fair will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on weekdays and before and after weekend Masses at St. Bernadette Church at 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Catholic author Jean Schoonover-Egolf will be signing books after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Aug. 26. She is the author of the *Molly McBride* series of books and is a retired physician turned home-school mother and author who lives in central Ohio with her husband and two daughters.

Lantigua will give a presentation regarding the book fair after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Aug. 25.

Lantigua, who writes for young adults and is a frequent contributor to the *Florida Catholic* and *Columbia* magazine, founded the book fair in November 2014. Most of the previous Good News! events have been in Florida.

DeSales lacrosse team wins state title



The Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School boys lacrosse team is shown after winning the Division II state championship, defeating Toledo Ottawa Hills 13-5 at Ohio Wesleyan University on Saturday, June 2. The day had an even greater significance for its players who are seniors and became graduates that morning. This was the Stallions' second state title.

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those who cast pro-abortion votes to go to confession.

“The secularization is kind of relentless, really,” Bishop Cullinan said. “There’s something a bit frantic about it. You see there isn’t a peace. There’s a constant searching for more. It doesn’t satisfy the human soul, and there’s always a great danger that we can get caught up in superficialities and banalities.”

He pointed out that “roughly one-third of the voting population voted pro-life, despite all the rubbish that was being thrown at them from the media, especially the political establishment, the majority of whom are pro-choice. We have a good base from which to work.”

Part of that base includes the young people, who for the most part lack basic knowledge of their Catholic faith, but remain open to hearing that God is a loving father and Jesus is the savior.

“There is a great need of rebuilding and trying to bring Jesus into the center of our lives because so many people have pushed him away and think they can build a society without God, which is simply not possible,” Bishop Cullinan observed.

“The contribution of Holy Family Mission is not huge in numerical terms, but each person has got to do whatever the Lord puts in his way. It’s a wonderful place where young people can go for sustenance and for community. It’s not a ghetto and it’s not an escape. It’s like the creative minority, as Pope Benedict speaks of, and I suppose, too, it’s like the field hospital that Pope Francis speaks of where we’ve got to be formed and

then sent out. That is so much of the future of the Church, really. Evangelization on a huge scale will not work anymore in Ireland ... but in bringing together small groups, families, and forming them slowly.”

Interestingly, the three Irish visitors observed a passion about their country in America that doesn’t seem to exist back home.

“Irish Americans are really proud of their roots. I would say in some ways, they’re more Irish than the Irish because they really hold on to their identity,” Peer said.

Because of Catholicism’s widespread decline in Ireland, that nation in many ways has become mission territory, Bishop Cullinan acknowledged. In fact, U.S.-based religious orders are coming to Ireland in an effort to restore Catholicism. He mentioned the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from Connecticut, a man from Minnesota who felt called to move to Ireland to become a priest, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and orders of nuns discerning whether to send sisters there.

“It’s almost like the Holy Spirit is telling us that Ireland needs help now,” the bishop said. “Thanks be to God to all the people in the States who are hearing that call to help. It’s wonderful.”

Anyone who would like to learn more about the Holy Family mission or donate or it may visit www.holyfamilymission.ie, email info@holyfamilymission.ie, or send a check to Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House, Kilsheelan, Co. Tipperary, Ireland.

Bishop’s Golf Classic volunteers needed

The diocesan Office of Development and Planning is looking for volunteers for the 2018 Bishop’s Golf Classic, to be played Monday, August 6 at The Medallion Club, 5500 Club Drive, Westerville.

The event has raised more than \$1 million in the past 12 years for Catholic education in the Diocese of Columbus, assisting families who otherwise could not send their children to Catholic schools.

A training meeting for new volunteers for the event will take place Tuesday, July 31, at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. in the Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call Sue Roberts at (614) 241-2551, extension 1402, or email her at sroberts@columbuscatholic.org. Indicate whether you would like to volunteer in the morning (9 a.m. to noon), the afternoon (noon to 3 p.m.), or both.

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By Tim Puet, *Catholic Times* Reporter



Parish nursing program adds spiritual dimension to health care



Mount Carmel Health System is offering a program that gives churches a chance to combine their concern for members' spiritual welfare with the opportunity to improve people's physical well-being.

Upon completion of the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing program, registered nurses can start or expand a health care ministry with a spiritual dimension in their church.

The two-month program includes weekly sessions online and three in-person classes. The next series of sessions begins online on Monday, Aug. 20 and continues through Friday, Oct. 19, and includes classes at the Mount Carmel College of Nursing, 127 S. Davis Ave., Columbus,

Church in April.

A faith community nurse may serve as a paid or unpaid staff member while working within a particular faith community to establish or continue a health ministry program. The coordinator of the course, Kate Whitman, said most faith community nurses are unpaid. Many, including the participants in the spring course, are retirees who volunteer at their own church.

With the intentional focus of spiritual health, a faith community nurse uses the tools of education, advocacy, referral, resources, and coordination to provide health promotion, health education, and disease prevention.

"I learned of the program through my pastor, Father (Jonathan) Wilson,"

County Outreach Council of Christian Churches," which operates a homeless shelter and a food bank. "We're a small parish, but we've had a large impact on the community through combining resources."

Cahoy said she learned of the faith community nursing course through an announcement earlier this year in the *Catholic Times*. "I was taking the Alpha course, and at the time, the participants were discussing the work of the Holy Spirit," she said. "It hit me that this type of work was just the type of thing we were talking about."

"Father (Matthew) Hoover (pastor at Columbus Immaculate Conception) emphasizes that any growth in a parish is likely to come from what

"treating every person like the most important person here," which she first learned from the late Msgr. Edward Healey, a priest of the Diocese of Columbus and a longtime *Catholic Times* columnist who was well-known for his healing ministry. "Nursing has been a great gift to me, especially when I've had the privilege of being present at the time of someone's death to be able to comfort people," she said.

The five nurses who participated in the course in April have a combined total of well over 100 years in their profession. "Our experience allows us to bring everything we have learned in nursing and life into this new role, providing a different opportunity to be open to the will of God," Norton said.



Marge Cahoy



Donna Higgins



Ruth Roddy



Mary Wehmer (CT photos by Ken Snow)

on the Mount Carmel West campus. Class dates are Friday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 5 from 10:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a minimum of six and a maximum of 20 students.

This will be the second time the course is offered this year. Five registered nurses – Mary Wehmer of Newark Blessed Sacrament Church, Marge Cahoy of Columbus Immaculate Conception, Donna Higgins of Waverly St. Mary, Mary Norton of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare and Hiliard St. Brendan, and Ruth Roddy of London St. Patrick – took part in the spring session at Columbus St. Peter

Wehmer said. "At one time, Blessed Sacrament had members who were nurses and doing this kind of work, but the program fell apart. It sounded like a very good program when Father Wilson told me about it, and I'm eager to find out what others are doing along these lines and how I can best adapt the program to our own parish's needs."

"Being part of this program provides me with a sense of wholeness," Higgins said. "Faith community nursing will be one more way the people of our parish can work with other Christian congregations in Pike County, as we have cooperated for the past 50 years through the Pike

the people do rather than through the pastor. Parish nursing will give me a chance to use my talents in a new way, and I hope it will influence others to do the same."

"I felt parish nursing would provide a wonderful opportunity to learn, lead, and serve," Norton said. "I've always felt that as a nurse, no matter where you are, it's most important to love God, love your profession, and love your parish, doing whatever God leads you to do and being his presence. Faith community nursing offers the chance for all of that."

Roddy said faith community nursing will give her a continuing opportunity to carry out the philosophy of

"This ministry is in its infancy, but it's one of the most needed programs in the church, particularly as more people grow older and have more need for nursing care."

Whitman began Mount Carmel's faith community nursing program in 2014 because she said it was something no one else in the area was offering. About 40 people have taken it to date, including some who are not nurses, but wanted to learn how to do their medical-related jobs better.

"Many Catholic nurses don't know about this opportunity," Whitman said. "I'm really anxious to spread the word about it because I'm sure it could gain the interest of enough eli-

gible nurses in the diocese to allow most parishes to have a faith community nurse.”

The concept of faith community nursing originally was described by the late Dr. Granger Westberg, a Lutheran minister and doctor in Chicago best known for his book, *Good Grief*, who saw nurses as a bridge between spirituality and health. He founded the specialty in 1984, according to the Memphis, Tennessee-based Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing. It was recognized as a specialty practice in 1997 by the American Nurses Association. Today, more than 10,000 nurses in more than 25 nations have received faith community nursing certification.

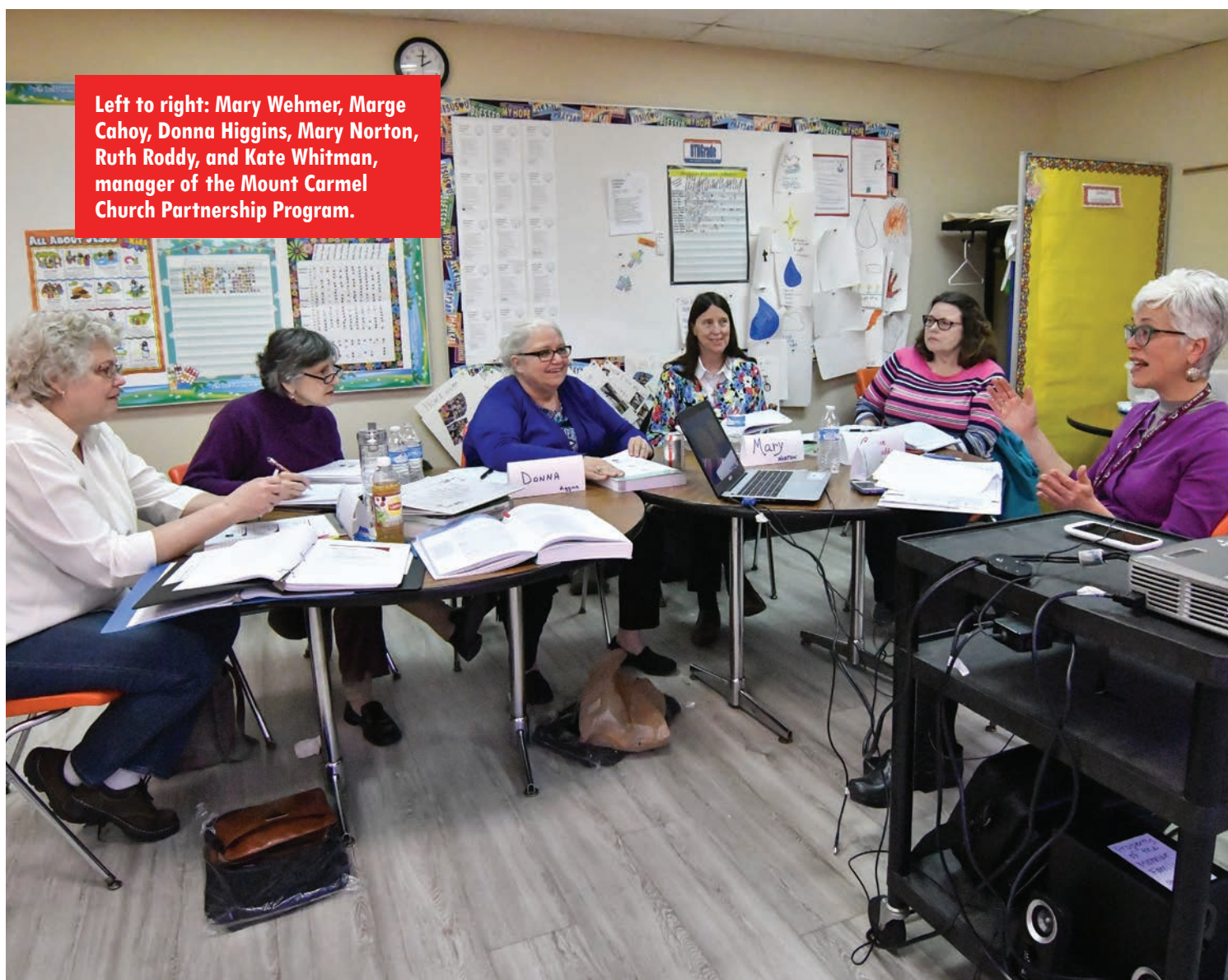
A Mount Carmel document explains the role of faith community nurses by saying they can provide independent health assessments, teach health education classes, function independently as health counselors, and make referrals. They cannot give hands-on health care, are not home care nurses, do not take the place of medical treatment, and are not social service workers, professional counselors, or replacements for a pastor or priest

Columbus St. Peter Church, which hosted Mount Carmel's faith community nursing course in April, also has one of the largest health ministries in the diocese. The program was founded and is led by parishioner Jan Wagner, former dean of health at Columbus State Community College.

“Kate and I had taken the faith community nursing certification in different places,” she said. “I had been interested in the concept since I found out about it at a church in Sandusky, where my husband and I had a boat and went sailing on Lake Erie on weekends. That church had several parish nurses, and I learned from them.”



Jan Wagner, a member of Columbus St. Peter Church, is a Faith Community Nurse and an instructor for the Mount Carmel Church Partnership Program.



Left to right: Mary Wehmer, Marge Cahoy, Donna Higgins, Mary Norton, Ruth Roddy, and Kate Whitman, manager of the Mount Carmel Church Partnership Program.

Wagner said she believes the health ministry at St. Peter's was the first of its kind. It was founded during the pastorate of Father Justin Reis, who served there from 2005 to 2013. “His mother was a nurse for 40-plus years, so he understood how important a health care program can be,” she said.

The program continues to be strongly supported by Father Mark Summers, Father Reis' successor as pastor.

It is run by a committee of parishioners, which includes a physician as a consultant. Each year, it sponsors a health ministry fair that provides free flu shots and offers screenings for blood pressure,

body mass index, vision, hearing, and blood sugar, besides presenting general health information.

The committee also has presented programs on health-related issues including prevention of falls, avoiding social isolation, dealing with end-of-life issues, and controlling diabetes.

In addition, committee members distribute the Eucharist to residents of a nursing home, maintain a monthly bulletin board on health, visit selected parishioners for spiritual care, and make referrals to community resources, and have sponsored a grief support group. Wagner said the committee is working on plans for an opioid awareness program that will feature representatives from public and private health and law enforcement agencies.

On the day of the faith community nursing class at St. Peter's, Wagner was conducting a balance class, which forced her to miss the funeral of a parishioner whom the health committee assisted for about a year.

“Working with him was a good example of how a parish nursing or health care program can be of help,” she said. “I visited and prayed with his family and did some grief counseling. He was so thrilled that someone from the parish cared about him, not only to give him Communion, but to listen to him and respond. Just being present for a person is so helpful and is the essence of spiritual care.”

“People involved in parish nursing programs generally have a sense of maturity. They have experienced life and understood death. When a person they have worked with dies, it's not a sad experience. You miss the person, but you also feel a sense of conviction that the person has fulfilled his purpose and is sharing in the glory of God.”

The St. Peter's health committee maintains an annual covenant agreement with Mount Carmel's church partnership program. Faith commu-

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nities that have similar agreements have active health ministry teams that assess and address the holistic health needs of their congregations.

Mount Carmel maintains such arrangements with 39 Christian communities, most of them not Catholic.



Mary Norton

St. Peter's, Columbus Sacred Heart, and Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel are the only diocesan parishes in partnerships with Mount Carmel.

Partnerships allow Mount Carmel to assist congregations in addressing their unique health needs through programs such as health screenings, support groups, and health bulletin

boards. They also provide congregations with assistance in establishing or enhancing their health care teams, supplementing health promotion and health education activities, and providing education and training opportunities.

Faith community nursing classes are one of several activities offered by the church partnership program throughout the year to help congregations maintain or start health ministries.

To enter the class, an interested participant has to talk to a pastor or other faith leader and write a letter about why he or she wants to become a faith community nurse. Successful participants in the course, endorsed by the Westberg Institute, receive a certificate of completion, and participating registered nurses earn 38 contact hours. The course includes modules on spirituality, professionalism, holistic health, and community.

The course fee is \$295, with a reduced rate of \$250 for Mount Carmel colleagues, alumni, and congregational partners. Pre-registration is required. The registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 10. For more information, contact Whitman at kwhitman@mchs.com or (614) 546-4062.

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Dominican Sisters of Peace celebrate jubilees

Twenty-five members of the Dominican Sisters of Peace are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. They have a combined total of more than 1,500 years of service to God and to the Catholic Church and its people.

Four of the sisters serve in the Diocese of Columbus. All are celebrating 50 years of service.

Sister Gemma Doll is a member of the congregation's leadership team. Her training as a professional nurse has enabled her to serve as a health care practitioner and an instructor, and she has been a vital part of the congregation's ministry in Nigeria. Sister Gemma served as assistant prioress and prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, one of seven congregations who originally formed the Dominican Sisters of Peace in 2009, and as a member of the formation staff of the Diocese of Dodge City, Kansas.

Sister Rosemary Loomis was a middle school teacher and principal in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. She also served on the congregational staff of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs and of the Mohun Health Care Center. She has been working in grief counseling for nearly 20 years, and manages the in-house media center for the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She also is on her way to becoming a published author of four children's books.

Sister Barbara Rapp began her ministry in education, working at schools in Tennessee and Chicago. She studied at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis and initiated

the institute's department of institutional advancement. She served on



Sister Gemma Doll



Sister Rosemary Loomis

the leadership team of her founding congregation, the Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine, until the 2009 merger, and as director of continuing and community education at St. Catharine (Kentucky) College. She currently serves as donor relations coordinator

for the Dominican Sisters of Peace in Columbus.



Sister Barbara Rapp



Sister Valerie Shaul

Sister Valerie Shaul served as a teacher at Columbus St. Philip School and at Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas School, then as a principal at schools in Ohio, Illinois, and New York. She was mission group coordinator for the congregation's free-formed group for

six years, and now serves as mission group coordinator of the congregation's Akron Motherhouse. She also is on the boards of Our Lady of the Elms School in Akron and Dominican Academy in New York City.

Sister Kathleen Andrews, Sister Jeanne Brown, Sister Germaine Conroy, Sister Mary Rose Garcia, Sister Anne Keenan, Sister Mary Meenan, Sister Doris Regan, Sister M. Aimee Ryan, and Sister Carol Ann Spencer are celebrating their 60th jubilees.

Sister Sylvia Bourgeois, Sister Marita Charley, Sister Joan Marie Ford, Sister Thomasine Hardesty, Sister Mary Judene Lillie, Sister Noreen Malone, Sister Mary Joretta Mayer, and Sister Louis Mary Passeri are celebrating 65 years of consecrated life.

Sister Rose Bowen, Sister Betty Doskey, Sister Marcia Fleder, and Sister Marie Joseph Porrello are celebrating 70 years as consecrated religious.

Sister Agnes Imelda Frohnapfel is celebrating 75 years of consecrated life.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace, members of the pontifical Order of Preachers, are vowed Catholic women who strive to live a life of peacemaking. They are present in 22 states and Peru, and Nigeria. The sisters serve God's people in many ways, including education, health care, spirituality, literacy, pastoral care, justice advocacy, the arts, and care of creation. There are 462 sisters and more than 650 lay associates affiliated with the congregation.

Downtown Serra Club installs new officers

Virginia Todd Hardy was installed in June as the new president of the Downtown Columbus Serra Club, and club historian Terry O'Loughlin was recognized as member of the year for his dedication of service.

Other officers installed during a meeting at St. Therese's Retreat Center in Columbus include Tom Murphy as president elect, Charles Kielkopf as secretary, Bob Borton as treasurer, Michael Kreber as communications vice president, Daniel Tarpay as pro-



Bishop Frederick Campbell with new Downtown Serra Club president Virginia Todd Hardy (center) and past president Bill Neutzling.

grams vice president, Daniel Martin as membership vice president, Mary Pardi as vocations vice president, and Rich-

ard Schumacher, Marjo Angelo, and Jim Reinmann as trustees.

Serra is a voluntary organization of Catholic men and women fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life through prayer, activities, and programs. The club is named after St. Junipero Serra, a Franciscan

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Food for the journey

By Jem Sullivan

Catholic News Service

2 Kings 4:42-44;
Psalm 145:10-11, 15-18;
Ephesians 4:1-6;
John 6:1-15

Did you know that the basic order of the Mass, as it is celebrated today, can be traced all the way back to the second century? As early as the year 155, Christians would gather to celebrate the Eucharist.

St. Justin Martyr, an early Christian martyr, apologist, and Father of the Church, wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius explaining how Christians celebrated the Eucharist then. After the word of God was proclaimed to the assembly, the faithful were encouraged to imitate and live God's word.

Then, St. Justin Martyr recounts that the presider took bread and wine and offered praise to God the Father in the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Finally, the faithful received the "eucharisted" bread and wine as spiritual nourishment for the journey of faith.

Food is a basic human need. We need nourishing, fresh food in moderate amounts to be healthy. Too little or too much food makes us unhealthy, weak, even sick. Over recent decades, food itself has become a billion-dollar industry with health food fads that quickly come and go. Yesterday's food craze eventually evolves into today's food trend.

Just as our bodies cannot survive without healthy food in moderation, so too our spirits and soul cannot thrive without spiritual food. Our deepest longings for love and peace, written on our hearts by God our creator, are like the pangs of physical hunger for food that nourishes and satisfies. Only

God can satisfy the spiritual hunger deep within the recesses of the heart and mind.

All four Gospels recount the miracle of Jesus multiplying a few loaves and pieces of fish to feed the hungry crowds gathered on a mountain. Perhaps it is because this miracle is central to Jesus' earthly mission.

In Jesus, God gave of himself by becoming one of us. This divine gift of self-emptying, symbolized by the multiplication of the loaves and fish, continues in every age of the church in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

In St. John's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, Jesus takes the loaves, gives thanks and distributes the blessed bread and fish to the hungry crowd. Jesus' action of

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taking and blessing bread, giving thanks to God, breaking and giving it to his disciples and followers continues in our own day in the Eucharist.

Our deepest spiritual hunger is satisfied at the table of God's

word and the sacrament of his body and blood. Before this divine gift and mystery of faith, we are overwhelmed with "Eucharistic amazement," in the phrase of St. John Paul II.

Just as we need food for our bodies, we need spiritual food for the journey of faith. Each of us is called, like the disciples and the crowds who followed Jesus, to the spiritual nourishment of the Eucharistic feast when we pray in faith, "speak to me, Lord."

Reflection Question:

How does Jesus' miracle in today's Gospel invite me to Eucharistic amazement?

Sullivan is secretary for Catholic education of the Archdiocese of Washington.

THE WEEKDAY
BIBLE READINGS

7/29-8/4

MONDAY
Jeremiah 13:1-11
Deuteronomy 32:18-21 (Ps)
Matthew 13:31-35

TUESDAY
Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8-9,11,13
Matthew 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY
Jeremiah 15:10,16-21
Psalm 59:2-4,10-11-17-18
Matthew 13:44-46

THURSDAY
Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1-6
Matthew 13:47-53

FRIDAY
Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5,8-10,14
Matthew 13:54-58

SATURDAY
Jeremiah 26:11-16,24
Psalm 69:15-16,20-21
Matthew 14:1-12

8/6-8/11

MONDAY
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Mark 9:2-10

TUESDAY
Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22
Psalm 102:16-23,29
Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2,10-14

WEDNESDAY
Jeremiah 31:1-7
Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Ps)
Matthew 15:21-28

THURSDAY
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:12-15,18-19
Matthew 16:13-23

FRIDAY
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Psalm 112:1-2,5-9
John 12:24-26

SATURDAY
Hebrews 1:12-2:4
Psalm 9:8-13
Matthew 17:14-20

DIOCESAN WEEKLY
RADIO AND
TELEVISION MASS
SCHEDULE WEEKS
OF JULY 29
AND AUG. 5, 2018

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (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 DirectTV Channel 305).

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

DAILY MASS

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

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

We pray Weeks I and II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours.

 Living I Do - Weekly Marriage Tips 

Do you have trouble forgiving your spouse? If it is hard to get past an offense, at least forgive the intention behind it. Most likely there was more thoughtlessness than intention involved. Your understanding opens the door to healing the root of the problem. Give the gift of forgiving as you would like to be forgiven, by offering empathy for your spouse's weakness.

Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office

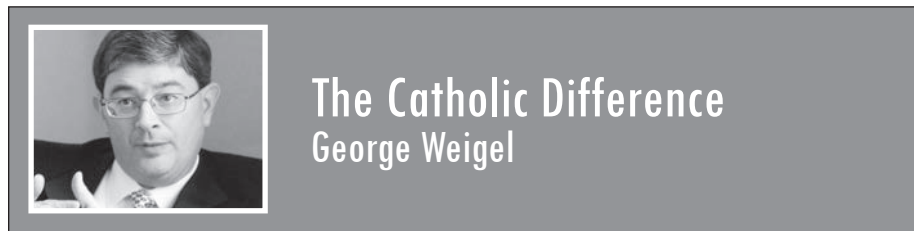
Affirming and celebrating *Humanae Vitae*

July 25 is the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, Blessed Paul VI's encyclical on the integrity of love and the appropriate means of family planning. Issued during the cultural meltdown of the 1960s, and in a year when irrationality stalked the entire Western world, *Humanae Vitae* instantly became the most vilified act of the papal magisterium in history. And to what should have been their shame, entire national episcopates distanced themselves from Pope Paul's teaching by a variety of stratagems, many of which exhibited some degree of theological confusion and some of which were downright cowardly.

Paul VI came to the judgment he did in *Humanae Vitae* for two reasons.

First, because he was convinced that using the natural rhythms of fertility to regulate births was the most humanistic means of family planning, and the method most congruent with the dignity of the human person – and especially the unique dignity of women.

And second, because he came to understand that many of those advocating a change in Catholic teaching on the morally acceptable means of family planning were in fact promoting a fundamental change in the Church's way of moral reasoning: They denied that some acts are simply wrong because of their nature, and they argued that moral judgment is really a calcu-



The Catholic Difference
George Weigel

lus of intentions, acts, and consequences. Had that “proportionalism,” as it's technically known, been enshrined as the official Catholic method of making moral judgments, Catholicism would soon have found itself in the sad condition of liberal Protestantism – another Christian community with utterly porous moral boundaries.

His abandonment by a lot of the world episcopate deeply wounded Paul VI, a sensitive soul who had supported the Second Vatican Council's affirmation that bishops are something more than local branch managers of Catholic Church, Inc., and who probably thought he was owed a little loyalty in return. So as the Church and the world mark the golden jubilee of *Humanae Vitae*, and as Catholics around the world prepare to celebrate the canonization of Paul VI in October, perhaps those bishops who understand that a serious breach in episcopal collegiality took place in 1968, when so many of their predecessors failed to defend the Bishop of Rome against his often-vicious critics, might consider making these affirmations

about the encyclical, in one form or another:

1. I am deeply grateful to Pope Paul VI for his courageous witness to the truth about love in the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. With Pope Francis, I believe that Paul VI “had the courage to stand against the majority, to defend moral discipline, to exercise a ‘brake’ on culture, (and) to oppose (both) present and future neo-Malthusianism,” which treats the gift of children as a societal and economic burden.
2. I believe that the truths taught by *Humanae Vitae* on the appropriate means to plan a family are important for human well-being today; that conscious use of artificial means of regulating fertility distorts the truth about human love inscribed into Creation by the Creator; and that conscience must respect these intrinsic truths in family planning.
3. I believe that the truths taught by *Humanae Vitae* about natural family planning have proven themselves in pastoral situations around the world; that those truths have made significant contributions to family ministry and marriage preparation in various cultures; and that those who deny the human capacity to understand and live the disciplines of natural family planning often engage in racism, new forms of colonialism, or both.
4. I believe that the “contraceptive culture” of which Paul VI prophetically warned in *Humanae Vitae*, and the related abortion license, are major factors in the sexual abuse of women that has come to public attention through the #MeToo movement; and I invite feminists to rethink their celebration of artificial contraception and abortion on this 50th anniversary.
5. I believe that St. John Paul II's “Theology of the Body” has given the Catholic Church a compelling tool for explaining both the truths taught by *Humanae Vitae* and the unhappiness caused by the sexual revolution.
6. I pledge to make this anniversary year an occasion to celebrate the gift of *Humanae Vitae* and to use my pastoral office to deepen understandings of the Catholic sexual ethic as a celebration of human dignity and the gift of life.

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ANCETTA, Arnette M. (Harz), 91, formerly of Columbus, July 14
Guardian Angels Church, Cincinnati

BROWN, Carol, 84, July 14
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

BULCHER, Patricia L. (Amrein), 64, July 18
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

CONLEY, Thomas E., 76, July 14
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

D'AMICO, Dorothy (Flacche), 94, July 11
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

DIEHL, Rita A., 89, July 16
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

DOBIAS, Eric D., 52, July 3
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

FERKANY, Edward A., 81, July 12
St. Michael Church, Worthington

FIEBIG, Daniel J., 89, July 13
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

GALLAGHER, Margaret P. (King), 95, July 10
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

HULL, Colleen M. (O'Connor), 57, July 7
St. Michael Church, Worthington

ISGRO', Antonina, 59, July 21
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

KAPS, Dennis O., 69, July 14
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

KILLILEA, George M. Jr., 58, July 15
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KRIST, Ruth (Herbert), 93, July 8
St. Mary Church, Marion

KUDLA, Michael J., 34, formerly of

Columbus, July 15
St. Martin of Tours Church, Valley City

LANCIA, Paul J., 89, July 21
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

MAHONEY, Neva M. (Kappler), 86, July 15
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

McLAUGHLIN, Lillian T., 101, July 11
St. Peter Church, Columbus

MEIER, Freida C., 69, July 18
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MESSERLY, Herbert L., 93, July 20
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

MOSLEY, Robert, 83, June 1
St. Joseph Church, Dover

NARDONE, Geraldine (Del Greco), 97, July 19
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

NATION, Ursula E. (Smyth), 47, July 8
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

NOON, Elizabeth J. (Rhodes), 97, July 8
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

POKRANDT, Mary (Baurenfeind), 68, June 27
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

ROY, Thomas L., 65, June 28
St. Mary Church, Waverly

SCHIRTZINGER, Mary A. (Conway), 84, July 9
St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus

SHEEHAN, Marie (Wines), 94, July 7
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

SPIRES, Eva C. (Malone), 90, July 17
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

VOGEL, Michael L., 57, July 14
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

Marlene Bernens

A memorial Mass for Marlene R. Bernens, 78, who died on Thursday, July 5, will be celebrated on Friday, Aug. 10 at St. Anne Church in Walnut Creek, California.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1940 in Cincinnati. She graduated from Seton High School in that city and from

Edgecliff College, now part of Xavier University, with a degree in education.

She spent many years teaching middle-school science and math at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; children, Anthony, Tracy, and William; and three grandchildren.

Sister Catherine Burland, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Catherine "Kay" Burland, OP, 83, who died Thursday, July 12, was celebrated Thursday, July 19 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on Nov. 16, 1934 in New Haven, Connecticut to the late Edward and Helen (Kenny) Burland, and received a bachelor of science degree in education in 1958 from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University).

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1953 and professed her vows on July 9, 1955, taking the name Sister Mary Leonard.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Columbus Our Lady of Peace (1964-66) and Columbus St. James the Less (1966-68) schools and was in supportive services at the St. Mary of the Springs Motherhouse (1980-81). She also was a teacher, clerk, and librarian at schools in New York, Michigan, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and the Diocese of Steubenville and a receptionist at St. George Hospital in Cincinnati.

She was involved in volunteer services from 1982 to 2001 at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus, where she was in a ministry of prayer and presence from 2001 until her death.

She is survived by a sister, Frances Rehwaldt, and two nieces.

Donald A. Novak

Funeral Mass for Donald A. Novak, 65, who died Monday, July 16, was celebrated Friday, July 20 at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church. Burial was at Forest Grove Cemetery, Plain City.

He was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 25, 1953 to the late Steve and Madyline Novak and was a graduate of West Virginia University.

He was a development assistant in the development and planning office of the Diocese of Columbus from 2010 to 2015, following a 30-year career in consumer sales. He was a founding member of St. Brigid of Kildare Church, where he served as an usher and Eucharistic minister.

Survivors include his wife, Anne, and a brother, Stephen (Linda).

Ruth B. Whitlatch

Funeral Mass for Ruth B. Whitlatch, 91, who died on Monday, July 9, was celebrated on Saturday, July 14, at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on May 19, 1927, to the late Cornelius and Lillian Frantz.

She was a graduate of St. Mary of the Springs High School in Columbus and attended classes at The Ohio

State University, and was employed at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; son, David; and brothers, Howard and William. Survivors include sons, Dr. Michael (Jean) and Dr. Stephen (Amy); daughter, Patricia (Doug) Williams; brother, George; four grandsons; two granddaughters; three great-grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

St. Aloysius plans for community cookout

Columbus St. Aloysius Church at West Broad Street and Clarendon Avenue is hosting a community outreach cookout from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 29 in its parking lot.

Cookout food and ice cream will be served, the Ohio State University mobile kitchen will provide demonstrations and samplings of healthy foods, and the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society will distribute bags of nonperishable food.

There also will be free blood pressure checks by a registered nurse, plus

information on health resources; music by the Living Stones Christian band; face painting and games for children, sponsored by the Run the Race Center; a children's book giveaway; a prayer table; and a table on the history of the Columbus Hilltop neighborhood.

In addition, people attending the picnic will be invited to create a quilt square which will be part of a "Soul of the Hilltop" quilt, Columbus firefighters will bring a hook-and-ladder truck for children to explore, and a Columbus police K-9 unit will be present.

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JULY

27, FRIDAY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Series

6:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Seminar designed to awaken God's love and transforming power and foster a profound, lifegiving relationship with the Holy Spirit. 614-314-9132, 614-571-5702

28, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

St. Francis DeSales Night of Tradition

6 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Celebration for the 20th anniversary of the school's 1998 Division III state football championship team, the first in the computer points era to win back-to-back titles.

29, SUNDAY

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

1:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64

W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Sixth of six summer sessions offering scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing for those who have lost loved ones.

Registration followed by sharing session at 2 p.m.

Community Outreach Cookout at St. Aloysius

3 to 5 p.m., St. Aloysius Church, 32 Clarendon Ave., Columbus. Cookout which also will feature sampling of healthy foods; distribution of nonperishable food; children's book giveaway; Columbus fire and police displays; blood pressure checks and health information; prayer and history tables; creation of quilt squares; children's face painting and games; live Christian band and more.

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

31, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

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

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

AUGUST

1, WEDNESDAY

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 Owera, CFIC.

2, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart

7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour with the intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for the Holy Father, bishops, and priests, concluding with Benediction, social period, and refreshments. 614-372-5249

3, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

First Friday Masses at Holy Family

9 a.m., 12:15 and 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Friday Masses in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. 614-221-4323

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

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

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

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

Eucharistic Adoration at Columbus St. Peter

9 a.m. to 8 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. First Friday Eucharistic Adoration in the day chapel.

Cancer Conference at Mount Carmel

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mount Carmel College of Nursing, 127 S. Davis Ave., Columbus. Free educational summit on cancer, including information on screening guidelines and community interventions, and survivor stories. 614-234-7545

St. John Chrysostom Pirohi Sale

4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Homemade pirohi sale sponsored by church Ladies' Guild. Packages \$6 per dozen. Fillings include potato-cheese, sauerkraut, sweet cheese, prunes.

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4, SATURDAY

Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick

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

First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc

8:30 a.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Mass, followed by rosary in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, concluding with Fatima prayers.

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

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

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary. 614-221-4323, extension 329

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

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

Centering Prayer Group Meeting

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

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth

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

5, SUNDAY

Tea Fundraiser at de Porres Center

2 to 4 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Center's sixth annual afternoon tea fundraiser, with representatives from Star House drop-in center for homeless young people.

Guests are asked to bring items for the Star House art program. Registration \$35, payable in advance by July 27. 614-416-1910

Dominican Rite Mass at Columbus St. Patrick

3 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Sung Mass in the Dominican Rite for the Solemnity of St. Dominic, with guest preacher Father Paul Keller, OP. 614-224-9522

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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6, MONDAY

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.

Aquinas Alumni Luncheon

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

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

7, TUESDAY

Our Lady of Good Success Study Group

11 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Our Lady of Good Success study group. Eucharistic Holy Hour in church, followed by catechesis study and discussion. 614-372-5249

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting

Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Speaker: Father Michael Hartge, pastor, Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes. Reservations required.

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.

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

8, WEDNESDAY

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves

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

9, THURSDAY

St. Martha Giving Circle Membership Event

5 p.m., The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. Event for prospective and current members of The Catholic Foundation's St. Martha Giving Circle, a group of women which provides financial support to diocesan organizations. Heavy appetizers and refreshments. RSVP by Aug. 3. 614-443-8893

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Benedictine nuns' new album an offering to St. Joseph

Catholic News Agency

A newly released album by a chart-topping community of Benedictine nuns in rural Missouri is devoted to the hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph but is dedicated in a particular way to St. Joseph's paternity.

"St. Joseph has shown himself a father to us very poignantly in recent months, both spiritually and temporally, so this CD is our little votive to his paternal heart," said Mother Cecilia, prioress of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles.

Mother Cecilia is a former French horn player in the Columbus Symphony who resigned her position in 2003 to join the order.

The Hearts of Jesus, Mary & Joseph at Ephesus was released to coincide with the May 1 feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

The album is available on the nuns' website at <https://music.benedictine-sofmary.org/> or at Amazon. Digital copies are available from iTunes.

Mother Cecilia reflected that "Devotion to the Pure Heart of St. Joseph seems to be burgeoning in popular piety as connected with the Two Hearts. While there have not yet been official approbations of its explicit revelations ... there is nevertheless a strong case in favor of this general devotion, especially in the addresses of our recent popes."

"The heart being the symbol of love and of conformity to the divine will, and St. Joseph being the patron of the Universal Church, it seems an apt devotion, especially in our times amidst a crisis of fatherhood."

She added that the theme of the album was suggested by Cardinal Raymond Burke, prefect emeritus of the Apostolic Signatura, who was leading a retreat at the priory.

The cardinal "asked about a recording, to which I replied that we had thought of doing one in honor of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, but were torn since we had also promised one to St. Joseph," Mother Cecilia recounted. "His Eminence turned to us and said simply, 'You know what you should do is one to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Most Pure Heart of St. Joseph.' The sisters spontaneously broke into applause at the direct answer to the dilemma."

The album includes 22 tracks, eight of which are original pieces.

One of the original compositions, *Hymn to the Three Hearts*, is by a guest composer, Lisa Nardi, who was introduced to the community's music through her classical radio station, WQXR. The song includes lyrics written by the sisters at the priory.

"She was so taken by what she heard that she reached out to us with a proposition to compose a piece for a future recording," Mother Cecilia said. "We happily took her up on her kind offer after hearing some of her other works, which were beautiful."

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was revealed to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1670s. Being the oldest of the three devotions included on the album, it has a great

deal of music dedicated to it, the prioress said.

"We had a hard time narrowing down which songs to do. We included our originals, *For Love of Me* and *The Heart of the Infant King*. The lyrics of the former were actually a poem by St. Alphonsus, and the latter by one of our sisters, who had just read the writings of Mother Louise Margaret de la Touche, author of *The Sacred Heart and the Priesthood*. We included a hymn by the great American champion of Gregorian chant, Dr. Theodore Marier, who wrote a very moving hymn to the Sacred Heart in his days at Manhattanville, and the well-known *Cor Dulce*, with propers of the Mass."

Hymns to the Immaculate Heart of Mary "were a little more sparse," she said. Among those chosen for inclusion on the album is *I Am Thine*, an original which has been sung at profession and investitures at the priory, "so it is very much beloved by our community." The *Sub Tuum* "was a challenging piece by Charpentier," a French baroque composer. It is one of the community's "first ventures" into music of that era, "but one we enjoyed very much," Mother Cecilia said.

"We had an original, *The Blessed Heart*, written 2006 in memory of a young lady who was to join us, but suffered a stroke shortly before her entrance at the age of 17," she added.

Mother Cecilia said the nuns "were a little dismayed by the generally narrow repertoire of hymns to St. Joseph, especially songs that mentioned his heart, so we sought to remedy the situation."

The community has sung the *Hymn to St. Joseph* every Wednesday since 2007. And *Blessed Be St. Joseph* is an "entirely new piece," the chorus of which was inspired by the invitory

for the Feast of St. Joseph. The song's verses "came from Father (Jean-Jacques) Olier's prayer quoted by St. Peter Julian Eymard in his *Month of St. Joseph*," Mother Cecilia explained. "Father Olier had a profound influence on St. Louis Marie de Montfort, and it was really a delight to set such beautiful words to new music."

Life in the community is marked by obedience, stability, and "continually turning" towards God. The sisters have Mass daily according to the Extraordinary Form, and chant the Psalms from the 1962 *Monastic Office* eight times a day.

The nuns also support themselves by producing made-to-order vestments, as well as greeting cards.

Though the nuns practice limited enclosure, their music albums have brought them international renown and popularity – they have been *Billboard's* best-selling classical traditional artist several years in a row, and their albums have topped *Billboard's* top traditional classical albums.

Sales of *The Hearts of Jesus, Mary & Joseph at Ephesus* will support construction of the priory church, which was begun in May 2017, and is due to be completed in September.



Members of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, who recently released "The Hearts of Jesus, Mary & Joseph at Ephesus."

"In two short years, we have been blessed to raise \$4 million in funding, but we still have about \$2 million left to go," Mother Cecilia said. "We have great confidence that St. Joseph, to whom we entrusted the entire project, will see it through to the end, inspiring souls to assist us in raising this last amount."

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missionary from Spain who in 1749 spread the teachings of Christ in Mexico. On July 1, 1769, he entered present-day California, where he ministered and started nine missions between San Diego and San Francisco. His feast day is July 1.



Newly installed members in the Downtown Serra Club are (left to right) Mary Pardi, John Swisher, and Christine Murphy. Ruth Beckman (not pictured) is also a new member.

Serra clubs are located in more than 35 countries, including Canada, Mexico, Nigeria, and the Philippines. The first Serra Club was formed February 27, 1935 in Seattle. The Downtown Serra Club was chartered in 1954.

There are two Serra clubs in Co-

lumbus. The North Serra Club meets at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington. The Downtown Serra Club meets at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School's Cavello Center on the second and fourth Friday at noon, with lunch and a speaker.

The downtown club sponsors the annual eighth-grade altar server award recognition at St. Joseph Cathedral; the Adopt-a-Seminarian program, in which a specific seminarian is supported with prayer and cards of encouragement by a club member; the annual cook-out for priests and seminarians of the diocese; the biannual bishop's dinner; monthly first-Friday adoration at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church; and sending ordination anniversary cards of gratitude to active and retired diocesan

priests.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting or learning about membership in the Downtown Serra Club is invited to speak with a Serra member in your parish or contact Virginia_hardy816@yahoo.com.

Ohio Dominican alumnus takes third in national essay contest

Recent Ohio Dominican University graduate Jacob Saliba of Powell placed third in the prestigious 2018 Elie Wiesel Foundation Prize in Ethics essay contest with his entry, "Why the Night Trilogy Matters: A Study of Faith and Courage in the Novels of Elie Wiesel."

Thousands of college juniors and seniors from across the nation submitted essays that analyzed an ethical issue.

"Ethics is vitally important to society," Saliba said. "I believe the human to be restless until it can trust in something that is trustworthy – something that moves the human to act out of kindness, empathy and compassion. I believe this act of trusting, the act of faith, to be perennially important to the study of ethics, because without it, beauty becomes hostility, love becomes hatred, truth becomes death, and hope becomes despair. It is my hope that the act of faith is not ignored but embraced."

Saliba double-majored in political science and economics and was part of the honors program at ODU, where

he graduated magna cum laude in May. He will attend Boston College in the fall to pursue a graduate degree in political philosophy. The foundation will recognize the finalists this fall at an event in New York City. Saliba also will receive a \$1,500 prize.

"On behalf of the entire Ohio Dominican community, I am thrilled and proud of Jacob for the recognition his profoundly moving submission received in this respected competition,"

ODU president Robert Gervasi said. "At ODU, we aspire to prepare young adults to live full lives grounded in values, morals, and ethics, and Jacob's exploration of Elie Wiesel's *Night* is a testament to his depth of thought and the mentoring of our dedicated faculty."

The late Elie Wiesel was a Nobel-Prize winning writer, teacher, and activist known for his memoir *Night*, in which he recounted his experiences surviving the Holocaust. He and his wife, Marion, established The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity soon after he was awarded the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize.



Jacob Saliba

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Newark seeks a qualified candidate to fill the vacant position of Parish Business Manager. The Parish Business Manager serves in a key management position as a staff resource in support of the pastor, ensuring that parish needs in administration, personnel, finance and facilities are fulfilled. The Business Manager is also a "Mission Manager" who is a key assistant to the pastor in helping the parish grow in accomplishment of the mission of the parish. This position directs and manages these efforts with technical and legal expertise within the framework of shared ministry in Catholic and Christian values by performing the duties of a Parish Business Manager personally or through subordinates.

For full details on the responsibilities and requirements of the position, please visit the website at www.columbuscatholic.org/job-openings-diocese-parish-school.

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Diocese announces participation in #iGiveCatholic program

The Diocese of Columbus invites you to kick off the charitable season on #GivingTuesday, Nov. 27, through taking part in #iGiveCatholic, a nationwide online crowdfunding event designed to bring the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back.

All the diocese's parishes and schools, as well as all nonprofit ministries affiliated with the diocese, are being given an opportunity to take part in the campaign, which will be in its fourth year nationwide and its first year in the Diocese of Columbus.

The diocese, The Catholic Foundation, and some other diocesan organizations sponsored individual #GivingTuesday activities last year, but this will be the first time all diocesan organizations are being invited to take part in a joint #iGive Catholic effort.

"We're excited to participate in #iGiveCatholic for the first time," said Erin Neal, director of major gifts for the diocesan Office of Development and Planning. "It is a wonderful opportunity to take part in a specifically Catholic campaign to energize the faithful in our 23-county diocese to come together to support the Catholic causes that shape our lives and souls."

"We believe the program will be a great tool for any parishes, schools, and organizations which choose to join us," she said. "Some do not have a fundraising staff of their own, and this gives them an opportunity to encourage philanthropy in a fun and easy way."

Neal learned of #iGive Catholic last year through contacts with the International Catholic Stewardship Council. Last fall, 17 participating archdioceses and dioceses raised more

than \$3.6 million for more than 600 organizations. The *National Catholic Register* described it as "the most successful Catholic crowdfunding event to date."

She said the program started in 2015 in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. A few dioceses in Louisiana and nearby states joined it in 2016, and it continued its growth last year.

The Diocese of Cleveland began a similar #GivingTuesday program titled #weGiveCatholic in 2016. Last

year, it raised more than \$700,000 for 175 participating organizations.

The #GivingTuesday movement is a way of harnessing the collective power of individ-

uals, communities, and organizations to encourage philanthropy and celebrate generosity worldwide.

It began in 2012 at the 92nd Street YMCA in New York City, working in partnership with the United Nations Foundation, with the simple idea that after the two big shopping days of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, there ought to be a day for reviving the spirit of selflessness and of giving to others. Last year, \$274 million was raised on #GivingTuesday in all 50 states to benefit a variety of causes.

Diocesan organizations have from Thursday, Aug. 16 to Wednesday, Oct. 31 to decide if they will participate in #iGiveCatholic. Participants will receive a variety of resources to help them explain their mission to people outside of their donor base and to create deeper connections with current donors.

For more information about supporting the Diocese of Columbus for #iGiveCatholic, contact Erin Neal at (614) 241-2550 or neal@columbuscatholic.org.

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