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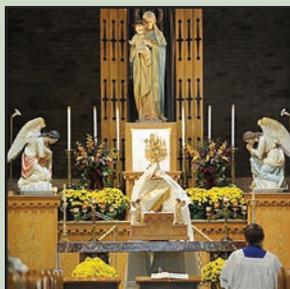
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Catholic press: a sacred trust

As Catholic Press Month draws to a close in February, it's a good time to reflect on the values – and value

– of the Catholic press.

“Values” in the plural form means reporting from a faith-based perspective. Now more than ever, Americans need good journalism. The Church needs credible Catholic journalists to help spread the Good News.

In the past month, the world has seen the debacle involving Catholic high school students from Kentucky at the March for Life in Washington. The story was not thoroughly vetted through the proper channels, and that resulted in a rush to judgment of the students' behavior that proved to be inaccurate. As a result, reputations were damaged, lives were disrupted and lawsuits are in the works.

That's just one instance. There are other cases where the media failed to paint an accurate picture. The most egregious examples seem to be found on television, but print and websites are not immune to missing key facts in a rush to publish a story.

Everything seems to be politicized these days. Even church news can't avoid it, whether it's abuse cases, abortion or other issues. The Catholic press tries to approach news gathering from the Church view and avoid making statements that can't be proved.

Does the Catholic press make mistakes? Sure. But Catholic media usually proceed with caution because reporters and editors recognize their duty to serve Christ and His Church.

That's how the staff of *The Catholic Times* approaches its work. The goal is to share stories and information from

churches, schools, organizations and people of the diocese.

The Times would like to express a sincere appreciation for our loyal readers. In a day and age when newspaper readership is declining, we're heartened by the positive responses we receive, as well as constructive criticism. It lets us know you're reading.

As for “value” in the singular sense, our research indicates that *The Catholic Times* is one of the lowest-priced diocesan newspapers in the United States. At \$17 for 44 issues per year to those who subscribe through a parish, the paper is delivered to your mailbox for less than 40 cents an edition.

If you're a reader who enjoys your diocesan newspaper, encourage your friends, family, fellow parishioners and neighbors to consider becoming subscribers. We want to continue to serve the diocese as your news source, but we need your support. And if you own a business or are in a position to advertise, the paper provides a cost-effective means to reach thousands of people in the 23-county diocese.

Next month, *The Times* will produce a special section welcoming new Bishop Robert Brennan and thanking retiring Bishop Frederick Campbell for his service. We're excited to see what the future holds for our diocese and *The Times*, and we hope you'll be reading all about it in the months to come.

Just one final pitch: It's not too late to renew or subscribe. Use the envelope marked “Catholic Times” by your parish or pay electronically. You can also subscribe by mail through our office: The Catholic Times, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215.

Please keep *The Times* and members of the press in your prayers. *St. Francis de Sales, patron of journalists and our diocese, pray for us.*

Msgr. Romano Ciotola passed away on Feb. 17, 2019

Funeral Mass for Msgr. Romano Ciotola, who died on Sunday, Feb. 17, will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25 at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant and homilist. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus. Calling hours at the church will be 1 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24 and 9 a.m. until the time of the Mass on Feb. 25.

He was born on May 11, 1940 in Cerreto, Italy to the late Felix and Silvia (Iacovetta) Ciotola.

He began his high school seminary formation and studies in Italy, continuing with his first year of college seminary studies at St. Pius X Pontifical Seminary in Chieti, Italy.

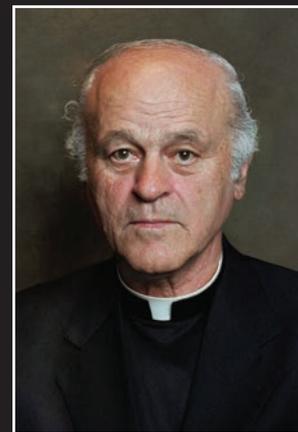
On emigrating to the United States in 1958 with his family, joining his father and older sister who had emigrated two years earlier, he resumed his studies at the former St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Columbus and Mount St. Mary of the West Sem-

inary in Norwood, where he received his master of divinity degree.

He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Columbus by Bishop John Carberry on May 29, 1965 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. During his 53 years as a priest, he was associate pastor at Gahanna St. Matthew, Columbus St. Agnes, Dennison Immaculate Conception and Newark Blessed Sacrament churches and pastor at London St. Patrick and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help churches. For the last 18 years, he was pastor at Our Lady of Victory. He also was an instructor at Columbus Bishop Hartley, Bishop Ready, and St. Francis DeSales, New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic, and Newark Catholic high schools.

He was appointed a monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992.

Survivors include sisters, Elda (Americo) Milano, Angelina (Marino) Milano, and Rose (Lawrence) Liguore; and brother, Robert (Joanne).



Vatican laicizes McCarrick

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WASHINGTON -- The accusations surrounding former U.S. Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick have been hanging over U.S. bishops and faith communities in the dioceses and archdioceses where he served -- New York, Metuchen and Newark in New Jersey, and

Washington -- since last year.

Even though the Vatican's stripping McCarrick of his clerical status on Feb. 16 was expected, the news cast a somber mood over those faith communities already grappling with what had happened while he was among them in the

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Front Page photo:
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Columbus St. Patrick Church parishioner Johanna Harting kisses her infant daughter at the 2019 diocesan Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 16.

CT photo by Ken Snow

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St. Mary German Village to reopen on Palm Sunday

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

After more than two years of attending Masses in the school gymnasium, parishioners of Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church will celebrate Palm Sunday by reopening the historic structure in the city's German Village neighborhood.

The first Mass in the renovated building will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13, followed by Masses at 9 and 11 a.m. the following day. This schedule of Masses will continue in effect thereafter.

Masses were moved to the school in October 2016 because of the effects of a lightning strike on Aug. 28 of that year. Inspection of the building at 684 S. 3rd St., which was dedicated in 1868, three years after the parish was founded, revealed significant damage to the roof truss joints. The lightning strike also damaged the building's brick exterior and caused plaster to fall, cracks to form in the ceiling and movement in the north wall.

Since being closed for worship, the church has undergone extensive renovation and restoration. "Very little was not fixed," said Father Kevin

Lutz, the church's pastor.

"The work encompassed the roof, the foundations, wall supports, choir

church and sanctuary floor, repainting of statues, and restoration of the confessionals, baptistery and Pieta shrine.



Workers from Martin Painting and Coating of Grove City do restoration work on the ceiling of Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church in the city's German Village neighborhood. Instead of being stenciled and done by hand, as was done in a previous renovation, the paintings in the 151-year-old church were replaced with canvasses covered with digitally produced colors that look like paint.

Photo courtesy Martin Painting and Coating

supports, new front stairs, a prayer garden, a new sidewalk, rewiring of the entire church, new heating, ventilating and air conditioning system, a new

"Work on the roof, its steel supports, the new ceiling and its elaborate paintings, and the brickwork took about a year and a half," he said. "The

whole project cost around \$7.5 million, including about \$2 million just for scaffolding inside and out, and cranes and lifts regularly on-site."

That amount in gifts and pledges has been raised through a capital campaign that began last June 1. Beyond that, Father Lutz said, "an additional \$500,000 has also been raised to cover essential items that were not anticipated in the original \$7.5 million budget, such as new steps for the church entrance that had to be added when the old ones were found to be unrepairable.

"For financial reasons, the original plan also did not include work on our stained-glass windows. But when they were looked at more closely, we realized they had to come out for re-leading. These are the kind of previously unknown issues that add layers to the original task" when dealing with a historic building.

Campaign co-chairs Mike and Peggy Hartshorn said one reason for its success was a decision to expand it to include key leaders in the Columbus community.

"These leaders helped open the doors

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Newark St. Francis expanding, renovating

Newark St. Francis de Sales Church has announced plans for a \$3 million, three-phase expansion and renovation project to meet the needs of the growing parish. Funding is being provided through a parish capital campaign and a generous donation from a private Catholic donor.

The project is a response to growth that has occurred in the parish in the last 18 months. In that time, about 300 more people began attending Mass each weekend, 132 new families joined the parish and there were 59 new enrollments in the 2018-2019 school year.

"One of the main reasons we are adding members is that we have increased our evangelization efforts," said Shannon Karrenbauer, parish business manager. "We have expanded our adult faith formation efforts since Father David Sizemore became pastor in July 2017, adding the Alpha course, Bible studies and several other groups, as well as growing our youth ministry.

"We've transformed our way of

thinking regarding evangelization of the surrounding community, and people have responded."

The first phase of the expansion will be a new, 6,500-square-foot faith and

storage, now stands.

Phase 2 will be the renovation of the Lamy Center and the school building to include a hall that will have a capacity of 250 people and a commer-



The new 6,500-square-foot faith and family center which will be built at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church as part of a \$3 million, three-phase expansion program. The program is the result of growth in the parish during the past three months. During that time, weekend Mass attendance increased by about 300 people, 132 families joined the parish and enrollments in the parish school increased.

Image courtesy St. Francis de Sales Church

family center building that will house additional meeting rooms, offices, and an auxiliary worship and conference room with a warming kitchen. It will be built where the former Swank Market building, currently used for parish

cial kitchen. It will serve as a school cafeteria during the day and a social hall for the parish and its faith formation and community activities during the evening and weekends. It also will provide additional storage space.

The last phase includes performance of building maintenance activities that have been deferred, as well as creation of a maintenance reserve. Many structures and buildings on the parish's property in downtown Newark are in need of serious repairs, which have been put off because of lack of funds. The goal of this phase of the plan is to address the maintenance issues and set up a reserve account to provide funds to keep parish buildings structurally sound.

St. Francis de Sales Church has been serving Newark since 1842 in faith, education, and outreach to the poor and as a voice for the most vulnerable. The parish raises more than \$6,000 monthly for the poor in the Newark area, with many parishioners engaged in helping people in need both materially and spiritually.

The expansion allows for growth in these programs so the parish can continue to serve the community for years to come.

I heard Jesus saying to me ...

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

Have you ever received an unexpected message from a friend – maybe a text message or a voice mail that made your day or even led you to change your outlook on life? This happened to me last month in the middle of SEEK 2019, the annual conference of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

In his homily at Mass that day, Archbishop Samuel Aquila spoke about bringing the light of Christ into the world's darkness. He encouraged us to recapture the "sense of eternity" which he said society has lost. These words echoed in my heart – "sense of eternity" – and then, just as I was about to receive Communion, I heard Jesus saying to me, "The elderly ... let them teach you."

As I made my thanksgiving after Communion, I was overcome with joy and gratitude for my vocation, which puts me in daily contact with the elderly. But at the same time, I realized how often I take them for granted. I returned home more aware of all the wisdom and experience our residents have to share, and more intent on learning from them.

I began to ask our residents questions – "What does heaven mean to you?" ... "What's the secret to a good life?" ... "How have you faced life's inevitable difficulties?" Their answers left me in admiration.

Mary told me that for her, heaven is everything – her true home and her reason to go on living. "If I didn't believe in heaven," she said, "I would be tempted to end my life, because there would be no reason to go on living in my condition if it weren't for the hope of seeing God and my family in heaven."

Maude, a retired social worker, told me "Heaven is God's work in us." When I asked her what that looks like, she smiled and responded, "I just told you! It looks like us!"

Carl, who has dealt with a physical disability his whole life, gave me a pep talk about perseverance and told me that the secret to a good life is to be resolutely joyful, no matter what happens, because "God is always with us!"

It seems to me that these seniors live what Father Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap, the Pope's own preacher, teaches about the sense of eternity.

"For the believer, eternity is not only a hope, it is also a presence. We have this experience every time that we make a real act of faith in Christ, because 'you have eternal life, you believe in the name of the Son of God;' every time we receive Communion, in which 'we are given the pledge of future glory;' every time we hear the words of the Gospel, which are 'words of eternal life.' ... Between the life of faith in time and eternal life, there is a relationship similar to that which exists between the life of an embryo in the maternal womb and that of the baby, once he has come to the light."

The elderly in our homes have battled through dark times – both personal and historical – and they have persevered. They really do live on the Bread and the Word of Life as their pledge of future glory.

But they don't only hope for eternity as a future reality; I believe they experience it as a presence brightening their days and lightening the burdens of old age in a mysterious, but very real way.

They personify the words of St. Paul: "We are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal."

In the midst of our frenetic, polarized and materialistic world, the elderly remind me of eternal values which are often unseen, but which alone give life beauty and true meaning.

This month in the liturgy, we encounter the elderly prophets Simeon and Anna, who greet Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the Temple and confirm Jesus' identity as the long-awaited Messiah.

After we celebrated the Presentation in the Temple, perhaps we could all make an effort to reach out to the seniors we know so that they will feel like a living part of the community – and so that we may be enriched by their unique gifts and their "sense of eternity!"

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

Local news and events

Cathedral to offer sung Vespers for Lent

Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be offered at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., at 4:45 p.m. each Sunday beginning March 17, the Second Sunday of Lent, and concluding April 14, Palm Sunday. These services will feature the treble voices of the cathedral choir.

The liturgy will last for 20 to 25 minutes and will be followed immediately by the 5:15 p.m. Mass. Vespers is part of the Liturgy of the Hours and is a great way to supplement your prayer life. Through this service, participants offer praise to God, pray for the needs of the world and give thanks to God for the day.

Seminarians profess faith, take fidelity oath at Josephinum

Nine Pontifical College Josephinum seminarians, including four from the Diocese of Columbus, made their third-year profession of faith and took an oath of fidelity on Thursday, Jan. 24 before the seminary community.

Seminarians from the diocese who took part were Frank Brown, Michael Fulton, Seth Keller and Gordon Mott.

In preparation for ordination to the transitional diaconate, the seminarians, who are in their third year of graduate study at the Josephinum, pledged to remain faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church and swear to be faithful teachers of the Gospel.

Martha Giving Circle to hear from 10 organizations

Representatives from 10 community organizations will speak to the Martha Giving Circle of The Catholic Foundation at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7 at the Foundation's offices, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The circle, also known as the Marthas, is a group of women who gather once a year to learn about how the presenting organizations fulfill various community needs and how the Marthas might be able to help these organizations by volunteering. The women also provide funds to several of the organizations, deciding how to allocate the money after hearing their

presentations. Last year, the Marthas issued \$42,000 in grants.

Making presentations to the Marthas will be: Cornerstone of Hope; Cristo Rey Columbus High School; Girls on the Run; Greater Columbus Right to Life; Helping Hands Health and Wellness Center; Mommies Matter; Newborns in Need; St. Vincent Family Center; Star House; and the Turban Project.

For more information, visit www.catholic-foundation.org/themarthas. If you are interested in attending the March 7 event, RSVP to Kristin Shuey by Monday, March 4 at kshuey@catholic-foundation.org or (614) 443-8893.

Bridges of St. Mark volunteers to discuss mission trip

Randall Tipple and Paul Sullivan of Lancaster St. Mark Church's Bridges of St. Mark program will talk on Sunday, March 17 about a monthlong working tour that took them to Catholic mission churches in southeast Vietnam.

The event will take place in the St. Raymond Room of St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster, after the parish's 8 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Doughnuts and coffee will be served.

Tipple and Sullivan will talk about the ongoing effort to educate people living near the churches about the dangers of drinking river water that contains waste and waterborne parasites. They also will give a progress report on installation of water filtration units.

The visit by Bridges of St. Mark volunteers has resulted in a positive impact on the faith and quality of life for those served by the missions. Tipple and Sullivan will share plans and talk about what is needed next to improve the infrastructure of the mission churches and the health and well-being of the faithful who attend them.

Bridges of St. Mark depends solely on donations. Volunteers from the organization supply training on the use of bio-sand water filtration systems

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to eliminate waterborne parasitic diseases. The money they raise is used for the filtration systems, education, assistance with bridge construction, medical supplies, housing and food. For more information, visit the website at <https://www.bridgesofsaintmark.org>.

DCCW sponsoring estate-planning workshop

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be hosting a workshop titled "Estate Planning and End-of-Life Issues: A Gift to Your Family" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at Columbus St. Andrew Church's Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road.

The purpose of the workshop is to open a dialogue and create awareness of what needs to be in place before someone dies. Often when a spouse dies, the family that is left behind does not know what to do or where to go. Sometimes an estate can be tied up in probate for months or years, depending on its complexity.

This workshop will provide guidance in these matters so that those in attendance can begin challenging discussions with family members, leading to peace of mind.

The workshop cost is \$20 per person, including lunch and materials. The registration deadline is Friday,

March 15. Registrations should be sent to Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215. Additional information is available by contacting DCCW director Katie Boesch at (614) 228-8601 or by visiting columbuscatholic.org/diocesan-council-of-catholic-women.

Mount Carmel Hospice volunteering classes offered

Mount Carmel Hospice, 1144 Dublin Road, will present a panel discussion on two dates in March for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, whether at the bedside or behind the scenes. Dates are Tuesday, March 12 from 1 to 2 p.m. or Tuesday, March 16 from 6 to 7 p.m.

A group of hospice volunteers will discuss their roles and contributions, then answer questions. The session's goal is to help participants find the best way to serve the community at end-of-life. To register, call (614) 234-5433.

Christ the King Church to present 'Wild Goose' series

Columbus Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., will present the DVD series *The Wild Goose Is Loose* at 5 p.m. on Sundays from March 10 to April 7.

The title of the series refers to an ancient Celtic term for the Holy Spirit. Its host, Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, hopes it will help people discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Father Pivonka is director of Franciscan Pathways, an evangelistic and preaching outreach of the Franciscan order.

The series is being sponsored by the Christ the King prayer group through the Columbus Catholic Renewal. For more information, call (614) 861-1242 or visit ccrcolumbus.org.

Dominican Sisters of Peace offer 'Come and See' retreat

The Dominican Sisters of Peace are sponsoring a "Come and See" retreat in the congregation's Motherhouse at 1230 W. Market St., Akron, from Friday to Sunday, March 15 to 17.

The retreat will provide women ages to 18 to 45 the opportunity to explore the sisters' daily lives through talks by members of the congregation. Each participant also will have quiet time to listen, to pray and to reflect on her life and relationship with God.

It will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday and conclude at 1 p.m. Sunday. There is no charge for participants. Some travel aid may be available. Participants may register online or request a registration form at <https://bit.ly/2S1dU>

Wn. Questions may be directed to Sister Bea Tiboldi at (614) 400-1255 or btiboldi@oppeace.org.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace, members of the pontifical Order of Preachers, are a congregation of vowed Catholic women who strive to live a life of peacemaking. They are present in 22 states, Nigeria and Peru. The sisters serve God's people in many ways, including education, health care, spirituality, pastoral care, prison ministry, the arts, and care of creation. There are 487 sisters and more than 500 lay associates affiliated with the congregation.

DCCW to sponsor retreat

The Diocesan Council of Catholic women will sponsor a women's silent retreat from Friday to Sunday, April 5 to 7 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The retreat will be presented by Father T.J. Lehigh, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Andrew Church, on the theme of "Interior Peace."

The cost, including meals and lodging, is \$150. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit is required. The registration deadline is Friday, March 22.

To learn more, go to www.columbuscatholic.org/diocesan-council-of-catholic-women, call (614) 228-8601 or send an email to kboesch@columbuscatholic.org.

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past and whether the Vatican's decision can help the church in the U.S. move forward.

The Vatican found McCarrick guilty of "solicitation in the sacrament of confession and sins against the Sixth Commandment with minors and with adults, with the aggravating factor of the abuse of power."

"It is profoundly disheartening and disturbing to know that a church leader, who served and led our Archdiocese of Newark for 14 years, acted in a way that is contrary to the Christian way of life as well as his vocation as a priest of Jesus Christ," said Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark in a statement.

"To all those abused by clergy, especially the victims of Theodore McCarrick, I continue to express my profound sadness and renew heartfelt

apologies for the lifelong suffering you have endured," he said. "I support your continued healing and uphold my commitment of prayer for you. I also ask my brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for those victimized by clergy and for the transgressors as well."

James Grein, one of those who have publicly said he was abused by the former cardinal, said in a statement from his attorney that "today I am happy that the pope believed me."

"For years I have suffered, as many others have, at the hands of Theodore McCarrick," he said. "It is with profound sadness that I have had to participate in the canonical trial of my abuser. Nothing can give me back my childhood and I have not taken any pleasure in testifying or discussing what happened to me. There are

no winners here."

Grein, who provided the Vatican with accounts that McCarrick sexually abused him as an 11-year-old, including during confession, said he was "hopeful now I can pass through my anger for the last time. I hope that Cardinal McCarrick will no longer be able to use the power of Jesus' church to manipulate families and sexually abuse children."

"This great historical and holy situation is giving rise to all Catholics and victims of abuse across the world," he said. "It's time for us to cleanse the church."

McCarrick has been living in a



Then-Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick (center), retired archbishop of Washington, arrives for Pope Benedict XVI's celebration of a Mass with new cardinals in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Nov. 21, 2010. CNS photo/Paul Haring

small community of Capuchin Franciscans in Kansas.

"Mr. McCarrick will continue to reside at the St. Fidelis Friary in Victoria until a decision of permanent residence is finalized," said Bishop Gerald L. Vincke of the Diocese of Salina, where the friary is located.

Funeral Mass on Sunday? Say rosary during Mass?

Recently, a funeral Mass was offered on a Sunday afternoon in our parish for a longtime parishioner. I believe I remember as a child being taught by the sisters in our Catholic school that funerals were never held on Sundays (except possibly in time of war or during the Middle Ages when the plague was rampant). Have things changed? (Indiana)

Canonically and theoretically, a Catholic funeral Mass may be offered on most Sundays during the year. The church's *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* provides that a funeral Mass "may be celebrated on any day except for solemnities that are holy days of obligation, Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday), the paschal triduum, and the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter" (No. 380).

Some might point out that the sadness of a Sunday funeral clashes with the joy of celebrating the Lord's Day, but one could argue just as convincingly that nothing lifts the spirits of mourners more than recalling the resurrection of Jesus and his promise of our own.

Practically speaking, though, many parishes (I would even say most) do not have funeral Masses on Sun-



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days – the reason being that, with the shortage of clergy, most priests have all they can do to offer the number of Sunday Masses needed for their parish congregations. (Additionally, many cemeteries are not open on Sundays – or, if they are, there are additional fees for crew members' overtime.)

I attend church on a regular basis. When I do, I recite the rosary throughout the Mass. (I pause for certain rituals like the consecration of the holy Eucharist and the prayers that the congregation recites together.) I've been told, though, that it is not proper to pray the rosary during the Mass.

Whenever I am in church – during Masses or just visiting at other times – praying the rosary for me is a spiritual communication with the Blessed Virgin Mary and with God, which I find comfort and peace in doing. What is your advice to me? (Honolulu)

Years ago, when the Mass was in Latin (a language foreign to nearly every parishioner), it made sense to turn to private devotions during Mass to foster what you refer to as "spiritual communication" with the divine. But with the arrival of the vernacular, the church's efforts turned toward helping parishioners follow the prayers of the priest.

The Second Vatican Council had put the focus on active, conscious and full participation of the congregation; when the priest prays, as the Eucharistic prayer is about to begin, that "my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable," he indicates that the Mass is meant to unite the minds of all those present, fully engaged in one single offering.

We see this transformation in papal writings themselves. When, in 1947, Pope Pius XII wrote the encyclical *Mediator Dei*, he said that during the Mass, the congregation "can loving-

ly meditate on the mysteries of Jesus Christ or perform other exercises of piety or recite prayers which, though they differ from the sacred rites, are still essentially in harmony with them" (No. 108).

But in 1974, when Pope Paul VI issued the apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus* – encouraging the recitation of the rosary both privately and in groups and as a preparation for the liturgy – he did find it necessary to add, "However, it is a mistake to recite the rosary during the celebration of the liturgy, though unfortunately this practice still persists here and there" (No. 48).

So I would say that you are best off at Mass following what the priest is saying, perhaps with the help of a missal or missalette. I am not, though, a zealot on this, and if a parishioner told me that he had made his best effort to do that but still felt the rosary "connected" him best with God while at Mass, I would be reluctant to insist on a change.

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

The Eucharist and Christ's love

By Father Ed Dougherty, MM
The Christophers' Board of Directors

A while back, I wrote about the power of the Eucharist to transform our lives. It is the source and summit of our faith and the most intimate way Christ has given us to commune with Him. I closed that piece with a mention of the practice of Eucharistic Adoration, a thread I'd like to follow a bit further here.

The Mass is such a complete form of worship that one might wonder why we should take the time for Eucharistic Adoration when we already consume the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis.

In John 6:53-55, Christ said to the disciples, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink."

This is certainly one of the most

challenging statements made by Jesus in the Gospels, and it created division within the ranks of His followers, with some leaving because of their inability to accept the teaching. While this passage points to the paramount importance of consuming the Eucharist at Mass, it also highlights the reality of the real physical presence of Jesus in the Sacred Host, which is the first indication of its worthiness for veneration.

When Jesus turned to the 12 to ask if they would leave as well, Simon Peter said, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68).

They could not possibly have understood at this point what Christ meant by this mystery that would only be revealed during His Passion. And this is another reason to be drawn into Adoration, because it places us in the position of the Apostles, who grappled over the mystery of the Eucharist as

it slowly unfolded before their eyes.

So we see that in the Eucharist, Christ intends to draw us into contemplation of the mystery of God.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, "When I stand up to talk, people listen to me; they will follow what I have to say. Is it any power of mine? Of course not. St. Paul says, 'What have you that you have not received and you who have received, why do you glory as if you had not?'"

"But the secret of my power is that I have never in 55 years missed spending an hour in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. That's where the power comes from. That's where sermons are born. That's where every good thought is conceived."

It is impossible to perfectly define what each person will gain from time spent in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, because it is a mystery that we have been invited to enter into. But to provide at least some

glimpse of what God wishes to reveal to us through the practice of Adoration, it has something to do with His sacrifice for every one of us.

That sacrifice is so immense it's one we never could fully grasp; but taking the time to reverence Christ's presence in the Eucharist will open the door to a relationship with God that we never will want to close again in our lives.

Ultimately, Adoration opens our hearts to the reality of Christ's love, empowering us to return to our everyday lives and relationships inspired to follow in His footsteps by making sacrifices and being willing to do what is right for the sake of others.

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THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

By Rick Jeric

Lucifer's marriage



This is a difficult column to write, so I apologize in advance if it is somewhat disjointed or inconsistent. This is not political and has nothing to do with any particular party affiliation. We are all humans, we are all loving, social beings, and

we are Americans who love our God and our country. I want to appeal directly to our collective hearts, minds, and souls. We have completely lost our minds as an American society and no one cares enough to do anything about it. Yes, we are truly a nation of laws, not men (people, persons, pronouns). As long as an issue does not hit us in the wallet or purse, and as long as we are not personally impacted, we simply look the other way. That alone is sufficient proof that we have all become apathetic and could care less about our manners, let alone our morals, not to mention what has become of our social mores. Yes, I am firmly entrenched and make my living in the pro-life world, raising funds for Women's Care Center and its work of loving, serving and saving moms and babies. We are 100 percent privately funded, so there are absolutely no political affiliations here. But so what? I am so sick and tired of so many other friends, family, Christians and other good people telling me that there are other issues besides abortion that are just as important. Sorry, but I agree only to a point. Yes, life is critically important and must be protected at all levels. But once we allow the taking of a human life at any step along the way, especially at the most vulnerable levels (the unborn and elderly), we are simply finished as a society. And there literally will be Hell to pay.

As we continue to focus on marriage in February, why not talk about the ongoing marriage of Lucifer to power and money? In a truly loving and caring world, power and money would create a civilization that treated everyone with justice and dignity. But then there is sin. When we look at people who can have an impact, the ones who have the best message tend to have the least money and power. Throughout history, the consistency and continuity are haunting. Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. *"Please allow me to introduce myself, I'm a man of wealth and taste. I've been around for a long, long year, stole many a man's soul to waste. And I was around when Jesus Christ had His moments of doubt and pain. Made damn sure that Pilate washed his hands to seal His fate. Pleased to meet you, hope you guess my name. As heads is tails, just call me Lucifer, 'cause I'm in need of some restraint. So if you meet me, have some courtesy, have some sympathy and some taste. Use all your well-learned politesse or I'll lay your soul to waste."* These lyrics from a song by the Rolling Stones help tell the story. Lucifer, the devil, is alive and well. We have spineless and fearful politicians and leaders who give in to the rationalization that abortion, or the taking of human life at any level, is a choice. When are Catholic, Christian, Jewish, Muslim and any other faith-filled politicians going to stand up and stand together against this horrific scourge? The answer may be "never," thanks to money and power. From certain governors to members of Congress, and from the wealthy elite of society to the poorest of the poor, we clearly see this marriage of Lucifer to our society. Planned Parenthood ruthlessly murders babies every day. PETA treats animals better than babies, the elderly, and our veterans. It has to stop, and we have to stand together and make it happen. Prayers, yes; violence, no. Forgiveness, yes; judgment, no. Love, yes; hatred, no. Boldness, yes; apathy, no. If there ever was a divorce I would love to see, it would be that of Lucifer and his attachment to money and power.

Adventure by Catholic terms: 'You were made for greatness'



TWENTY SOMETHING

Christina Capecchi

All afternoon I had been hunkered over my MacBook, perched above a frozen lake and watching the sun cast pink into the clouds. I was thinking about what lie dormant and all the possibility below, waiting to thaw.

My task at hand: editing a cover story about three Catholic families who had taken radical leaps of faith. One couple moved to Costa Rica with their baby to do mission work. One man felt called to lead a floundering radio station. Another family set aside their jobs and rented out their home to embark on a yearlong cross-country RV trip, prodded by a sensation many of us recognize.

"Life was starting to rule us, not the other way around," the 40-year-old mom said she had realized one Wednesday evening during her son's karate class. "We felt we were losing time."

Their travel is reshaping them. Worshiping at tiny desert churches and ancient cathedrals has made them appreciate the universal church. And the time together in tiny quarters, the experience of truly putting family first, has been restorative.

When the year is over, they're determined to apply their lessons from the road. They plan to do a homeschool hybrid – two days at a local charter school and three days at home – rather than the traditional school their son had attended. They vow to camp monthly to continue the intense family bonding begun in their RV. And they pledge not to overcommit, to never agree to something on the spot, but rather say, "That sounds great. Let me get back to you after talking to my spouse."

As I kicked around cover lines for the story, I considered phrases such as "leap of faith" and "bold journey." But one word felt most apt, dulling in any paraphrase: adventure. Somehow it contains both courage and motion, stretching long like an open highway.

Webster's defines it as "an exciting or remarkable experience" and "an undertaking usually involving dan-

ger." It originates from the colloquial Latin word *adventūra*, "what must happen," which conjures a sense of destiny – the thing with burning urgency that can no longer be delayed or denied.

That evening, my friend Stephen came over to discuss the epic road trip he was about to begin: driving from Minnesota down to the bottom of South America to take in Patagonia. He'd just been at a party where people were swapping definitions of adventure, Stephen told me. For him, it involved the new, "going into the unknown."

I'll be following his travels through Instagram while staying put. Days after he hits the road, I'll be going into labor.

A sense of peace washed over me as I listened to Stephen. I know my next adventure ordained by God is about to begin, and though mine centers on a rocking chair and a dimmed nursery, it is no less thrilling. What greater adventure could there be than raising a child?

I felt happy for both of us, thinking in that space beyond comparison, where you see how unique and worthy each path is and would never hold them up together.

That night, I Googled quotes on adventure for the back of the magazine where the adventure story would appear, circling around words from Helen Keller and the ever-quotable G.K. Chesterton. Suddenly the answer flashed in my mind: a statement from Pope Benedict XVI. "The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

That's the true meaning of adventure, whether you're in Patagonia or in pajamas at home: the times you push beyond comfort to achieve your greatness designed by God.

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Local priest realizes 'dream' of U.S. citizenship

By Doug Bean
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"It's a great day."

That's how Father Ramon Owera, a native of the Philippines who arrived in the Diocese of Columbus in 2011, described the naturalization ceremony that took place on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 12 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio in Columbus.

Father Owera was one of 60 petitioners from 25 nations, ranging in age from 22 to 78, who officially took the oath to become U.S. citizens before U.S. District Judge Algenon L. Marbley. Among the nations represented were Libya, India, Somalia, Iraq, China, Nepal, Burma, Trinidad and Tobago, Sudan, the Philippines, Brazil, England, Nigeria, Vietnam, Lebanon, Syria, Kenya, Cambodia, Mali, Canada, Russia, Morocco and Bhutan.

Naturalization is the process by which U.S. citizenship is conferred upon a foreign citizen or national after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act.

"All of you together represent the mixture of talents and cultures which have scripted our country for the millennia," Marbley told the candidates. "At the turn of the century, America was described as a melting pot. It was all of us of different cultures, different religions and different languages assimilated into one great culture.

"But today, I believe we see ourselves not as a melting pot in which we all become the same, but more like a great mosaic in which each culture adds something different, some enriching and beautifying characteristic. All of which combines to make the whole of our nation – that great mosaic – that much better.

"Each culture adds to the whole while each culture retains its uniqueness. Our national motto, *e pluribus unum* – which means 'out of many come one' – recognizes this process. As you are about to become new

American citizens, you are about to add a new vigor and a new vitality to our nation."

The ceremony included each petitioner stating his or her name and country of origin, reciting an oath of allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America, and receiving a certificate of naturalization. Each new citizen immediately becomes eligible to vote,

list and St. Dominic Church in Columbus as administrator pro tem. He will continue to reside at Columbus Christ the King Church.

He smiled widely throughout the ceremony and held a small American flag that was given to each of the petitioners. The priest posed for pictures with the judge; Columbus State Community College President David Harrison, who addressed the new citizens

Father Owera had to be a permanent resident for at least five years and meet other eligibility requirements. Other avenues to citizenship include permanent residency for three years or more as a spouse of a U.S. citizen, or qualifying service in the U.S. armed forces. Children may qualify if a parent is a U.S. citizen, the child was born outside the country or the child is currently residing outside the United States.

"In 2012, I applied for my green card," he said in describing his path to becoming a U.S. citizen. "I got my green card Dec. 18, 2013. Then you have to wait for five years. I applied after Sept. 19, 2018, and on Sept. 26, I sent my application. Then I got my fingerprints in October and my interview Jan. 8. Then today is the day."

Before coming to the United States, Father Owera was vocations director for his religious order for two years after his ordination on May 30, 1998. From June 2000 to September 2005, he was novice master, formator and superior at the order's seminary.

One of seven children, he made his first profession of vows in Rome on Sept. 22, 1991, and his perpetual vows on Sept. 28, 1997.

Father Owera recently requested and received approval from the superior general of his order in Rome for incardination to the Diocese of Columbus, which means that he would be under the jurisdiction of the local bishop rather than the head of his religious order. According to the *Code of Canon Law*, all clergy members must be incardinate ("hinged") to an ecclesiastical superior.

Since Father Owera arrived in Columbus, he has connected with central Ohio families who trace their ethnic background to the Philippines.

He has celebrated Masses in Tagalog, the most common language spoken in the Philippines, at Holy Cross and St. Elizabeth churches and for years has led the *Simbang Gabi* pre-Christmas novena that is a tradition in many parts of his native country.



Father Ramon Owera raises his right hand for the oath of allegiance on Feb. 12 at a naturalization ceremony at which he became a U.S. citizen in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio in Columbus. Father Owera, a native of the Philippines, has served in the Diocese of Columbus since 2011.
Photo courtesy Cedric Ze

which Marbley emphasized.

"Voting is the linchpin of American democracy, the continual, peaceful passage of power from one regime to the next," he said. "It is the hallmark that has set the United States apart from every other nation in the world for well over 200 years.

"You have a duty to remain well-informed so that you can cast meaningful and well-informed votes. This is the essence of government by the people. Thousands of Americans, your fellow Americans, fought, shed blood and sacrificed their lives to ensure that your voice as American citizens will always be heard and never be silenced."

Father Owera was accompanied by a large group of supporters, mostly parishioners from Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, where he served as parish administrator before being assigned last month to the Community of Holy Rosary-St. John the Evange-

during the proceedings; and many of the people who came with him.

"It's great because being here, that's my dream," Father Owera said afterward.

That dream began in October 2005 when his order, the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, assigned him to St. Paul, Minnesota, as a hospital chaplain. On Sept. 28, 2007, he was transferred to the Italian Parish of the Immaculate Conception in Woodbridge, Ontario, where he remained for 4 ½ years.

On March 7, 2011, he was sent to Columbus Holy Cross Church, where he resided while also serving as a chaplain at several area hospitals, including Mount Carmel East and West and Mount Carmel St. Ann's in Westerville. On July 12, 2016, Father Owera was appointed administrator of St. Elizabeth while continuing his hospital work.

To become a naturalized U.S. citizen,

Mary's apparitions in Wisconsin woods marked at national shrine

This story first appeared on the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference blog in January.

I recently learned about the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin, 17 miles north of Green Bay. I believe that making a pilgrimage to a shrine where Our Holy Mother appeared is both holy and healthy, so I am sharing the story with you.

This shrine is the site where our Our Holy Mother appeared to a young Belgian-born woman, Sister Adele Brise, 160 years ago in 1859. The apparition was formally approved on Dec. 8, 2010, by Bishop David Ricken, becoming the first Marian apparition approved by the Catholic Church in the United States. In 2016, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops officially designated the grounds as a national shrine.

The national shrine is open every



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Lori Crock

miracles and graces to this day.

Marketing and Development Director Corrie Campbell said that when people visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help they experience an “overwhelming peace, healing grace and a heaven-like feeling that can often be quite emotional. Many carry this in their hearts for their entire lifetime. Many young people come and experience the joy of hope and healing in this holy place, which is so needed in our times.”

The story of Our Lady of Good Help began in fall 1859 when Our Holy Mother appeared to Sister Adele and asked her to teach the children in the area about their Catholic faith.

this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation.”

“But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?” Adele asked.

Mary replied, “Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing. I will help you.” Adele devoted the rest of her life to spreading Mary’s good news.

In 1871, there was a great fire in the area, and the families that Adele visited gathered at the site of Our Holy Mother’s appearances to pray the rosary for the safety of their community. The fire burned everything around

cession during the great fire.

The national shrine offers Masses and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and hosts many special events during the year. It recently opened a prayer and event center. In remembrance of Our Holy Mother’s care during the fire, they host an overnight rosary event on Oct. 8-9, with a procession and an all-night prayer vigil in which the rosary is prayed every hour on the hour.

From Oct. 1 to Oct. 9, we are all encouraged to pray the National Novena to Our Lady of Good Help for her intercession. The National Shrine also sponsors a 21-mile walking pilgrimage in the area. Visit its event calendar (www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com/calendar-schedule/) for more information.

May we all prayerfully consider making a pilgrimage to this holy and beautiful wooded location in Wisconsin to grow closer to Jesus through Our Holy Mother. Our Lady of Good



A statue of St. Joseph with the infant Jesus is flanked on either side by depictions of angels blowing trumpets at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin. The shrine is at the site where the Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Adele Brise in 1859 – the first approved Marian apparition in the United States. Approval came in 2010.



The main altar at the shrine church, which was built in 1942 and stands above the site of the Marian apparitions. Photos courtesy Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

day of the year. It welcomed 160,000 visitors last year, and continues to welcome pilgrims from throughout the world, including Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Much like the apparition sites of Lourdes, Fatima and Guadalupe, the national shrine is the site of numerous

Our Holy Mother had already appeared twice to Adele between two trees – one a maple, the other hemlock – along a rural trail. When she appeared for the third and final time, young Adele asked, “What more can I do, dear Lady?” Mary’s direction was simple: “Gather the children in

them, but it stopped exactly at the line of the shrine location.

Today, the national shrine enjoys the help of 200 volunteers – most of whom had their lives touched by Our Lady of Good Help as many are the great-grandchildren of those who experienced Our Holy Mother’s inter-

Help, pray for us!

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Catholic women's conference brings message of God's love

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

The principal speakers at this year's diocesan Catholic Women's Conference each had powerful stories of his or her own, but what resonated through all the talks was the message of how much God loves each person as a unique individual.

"Each of us is a unique song that emerged from God the Father's heart — a song he loves to sing," said the

the melody and choose our own tune. But that music is our call to conversion.

"Whenever we go to confession, we realize we are writing our own music instead of asking, 'What are you writing for me?' Conversion means returning to the melody God has written for me. Only the Blessed Virgin Mary never deviated from that music," Father Hartley said before telling the compelling story of his experiences as a missionary in the Dominican Re-

on Saturday, Feb. 16 heard from a popular speaker at the 2017 conference, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow. He is the co-founder of Mary's Meals, which provides one meal in a place of education every day to more than 1.4 million children, and returned to tell of the impact of his previous visit.

He mentioned some of the schoolchildren he talked about in Columbus two years ago, updating their individual stories and telling of how, thanks to donations from those attending that

This leads to isolation and frustration. Christ's coming flipped this. Rather than a place to feel alone and hurt, God made our heart to be a place of love. We come to know this through Jesus.

"Jesus is asking us to engage our hearts and follow him and not to be passive," said Sister Faustina, author of a Litany of Trust which has been widely distributed on prayer cards by the Sisters of Life. The cards were passed out to those in attendance.



More than 80 vendors, representing diocesan departments, Catholic organizations and shops, religious orders and others had tables at the 2019 diocesan Catholic Women's Conference in Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus on Saturday, Feb. 16. More than 3,000 women attended the 12th annual event, one of the largest programs of its type in the United States. It returns to the same site next year. CT photos by Ken Snow

opening speaker, Sister Faustina Maria Pia, PV, of the Sisters of Life in New York City. "God has fallen in love with each of us for who we are, for the gift of our love. We experience this in our own hearts. Like our heart, which has two openings to give and receive blood, so it is with us. We constantly receive the love of God, and our life, in turn, is intended to be a generous gift of love."

Father Christopher Hartley continued the musical metaphor in his talk. "There are those who believe that God has written the melody of their lives," he said. "To live well is to have the wisdom to interpret that melody he has written for us. The best musician is the one who can most faithfully interpret the music. Too many times, we are our own composer. We leave aside

public, Ethiopia and elsewhere.

The day's closing speaker, Colleen Mitchell, addressed what she said are the feelings of unworthiness women often have, using some of her own experiences involving mental illness, a recent divorce, four miscarriages and the death of one son at 3 months old, and the recent death of her mother to illustrate her points.

"We often feel that our problems are not big enough. We have a sense that they are both 'not enough' and 'too much,'" she said. "But your God loves you and is jealous of you. He wants *all* of all of you. He delights in rescuing you. He doesn't see you as a failure."

Before Mitchell's talk, the more than 3,000 women attending the event in Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center (state fairgrounds) in Columbus



Bishop Frederick Campbell and Deacon Michael Kopczewski of Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church walk in procession to the altar set up at Kasich Hall for the opening Mass of the diocesan Catholic Women's Conference. Bishop Campbell is now apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Columbus after having his resignation as bishop accepted. Bishop Robert Brennan will be installed as his successor on Friday, March 29.

event and from many people who have continued to donate, the students have continued their education. They have gone on to secondary schools and colleges and now anticipate a future they could not have imagined when hunger was an everyday part of their lives.

Sister Faustina's talk was based on the theme of living to the fullest. She said that women wanting a full life need to recognize the beauty of the human heart, have the courage to fall in love with God through the gift of prayer, and be open to receiving the fullness of God's love without holding back.

Following her description of people as songs from God, she said, "The music that is written within us tells us that we are made for relationships. In this world, there can be hurts, and we think it's safer to live closed lives.

"As St. John Paul II said, 'Don't be afraid,'" Sister Faustina said. "Have the courage to fall in love with Jesus and be conquered by his love. Become his vessel. Even in the busiest lives, we can find time for 15 or 20 minutes of prayer. Here's a structure: Pray 'Come, Holy Spirit.' Make it a dialogue of love. Share your heart with the Lord and let him speak to you. Tell him your desires and struggles."

"This takes courage — to be seen before the Lord — but we can't fulfill our desires or tackle our struggles on our own. Ask the Lord to reveal your own heart to you. He is always speaking to our hearts."

She said one way of jump-starting our prayer lives is looking at a passage of Scripture and interpreting

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what it might be saying. As an example, she used the story from the fifth chapter of Mark's Gospel in which Jesus raises the 12-year-old daughter of Jairus, a Roman official, from the dead, but first stops on the way to Jairus' house and heals a woman who had been hemorrhaging for 12 years, after sensing her touching his cloak.

"Is there a connection here with the number 12?" Sister Faustina asked. "Perhaps that woman thought the little girl, the 12-year-old inside her, was dying. I love this story because Jesus, with people crowding all around him, senses someone is touching him in a special way and asks, 'Who touched

ing water into wine. We learn from Mary that if we turn to the Lord and put our needs in his hands, we can be confident that he will do whatever is best for us."

Father Hartley told a dramatic story of his life as a missionary and began with a powerful declaration: "I announce to you Jesus Christ. He is truth, the life to be lived, the bread who has come down from heaven. The only reason Christianity exists is to proclaim Jesus Christ and to bear witness to his name. To proclaim Jesus Christ to the ends of the world is the reason each of us has been baptized.

changed his life. It was a book about Mother Teresa, and in it, "I saw the eyes of God looking at me" through her, he said. "I said to myself, 'For the rest of my life, this is who I want to be and what I want to do.'"

He met Mother Teresa in London the following year, helped her open a mission in Madrid, then spent several summers in Calcutta before being ordained a priest in 1982. He then served in the South Bronx for eight years, drawing the attention of Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, who became a mentor. Cardinal O'Connor sent him to Rome for three years of study, and on his return appointed

himself in a parish that had been without a priest for 10 years. The parish consisted mostly of sugar cane fields owned by the powerful Vicini family, which forbade Mass from being celebrated on its land. After three months, he defied the ban.

"I can never forget the faces of the people at that Mass, how they prayed and sang with such love and devotion," he said. "They had a rickety bedsheet for an altar cloth. For decorations, there were only artificial flowers placed in a can of tomato paste and a whiskey bottle, but I never celebrated Mass in a more worthy place with more extraordinary people."



Members of the Ohio Dominican University treble choir, directed by Sheila Cafmeyer, sing for the opening Mass of the 2019 diocesan Catholic Women's Conference in Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center on Saturday, Feb. 16. They are wearing T-shirts with the conference theme for this year, "Inspired by Faith." The day began with Mass and ended with a Holy Hour, for which music was provided by Adam, Lori and Ava Ubowski of Florida.

me?"

"This shows that my little heart can move God's heart, can stop him in his tracks. I also love Jairus, a dad fighting for his daughter like God fights for me, like our dads have fought for us. Or maybe for some of us, we didn't have dads like that and we wondered where they were. God isn't like that.

"Bring your suffering and fear to the Lord or it will be a crushing burden," Sister Faustina said. "He wants you to bring this to him because he brings us hope. ... Think of the wedding feast at Cana. Jesus' mother asked him to help the hosts, who were running out of wine. He answered, 'Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.' but it wasn't a rebuke. She was filled with confidence, and he responded to her need by turn-

"How well it would do each of us to ask whether I really believe that God knows my name, that he calls me at all times, that I have been sent. If I don't live this calling, this consecration, this *missio*, or sending, from God, my life has no meaning," he said.

A few moments later, Father Hartley, a member of the Missionaries of Charity, the religious order founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta, began to tell the story of his own missionary journey, which has taken him from Spain, where he grew up as the son of a British Anglican father and a Spanish Catholic mother, to India, the South Bronx, the Dominican Republic and Ethiopia.

He already was studying for the priesthood when, in 1976, he received a Christmas gift from his father that



Some of the more than 3,000 women, representing parishes from throughout the Diocese of Columbus and the other five dioceses around the state, who attended the 2019 diocesan Catholic Women's Conference in Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center on Saturday, Feb. 16. They heard four principal speakers and had the opportunity to attend Mass and a Holy Hour, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, have lunch and visit vendors.

him pastor of the original St. Patrick's Church (not the newer, larger cathedral of that name) in Manhattan.

"While in Rome and Manhattan, the grand ideals I had in the Bronx had suddenly become ambitions," Father Hartley said. "I wasn't at peace with myself. I went on retreat and afterward asked Cardinal O'Connor for permission to go to the missions. I wanted him to say, 'No, you're too valuable to the Archdiocese of New York,' wording my request in such a way that I was sure this would be the answer.

"I'll never forget his response: 'Christopher, I had other plans for you, but far above any plans I as a bishop have for you are the plans of God. Go to the Dominican Republic.'"

Father Hartley did so and found

Father Hartley stayed in the Dominican Republic from 1997 to 2006 and became a strong supporter of the sugar cane workers, with his activism earning the wrath of the Vicinis and occasional criticism from Catholic Church authorities in that nation, who ultimately dismissed him under circumstances that are portrayed in a number of ways, depending on who is describing them.

He returned to the Missionaries of Charity in New York and Spain and again felt unsettled, this time because his experiences in the Dominican Republic had rekindled his original desire to be a missionary.

"I asked the Missionaries of Charity to send me anywhere in the world

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where the sisters had not been able to make the Catholic Church present,” he said. “Mother Teresa’s successor pointed to a map of Ethiopia. There were 17 pins on the map, but none on the east coast. I was told, ‘Christianity has never been preached there. Don’t bother, Father, because it is impossible.’ But I thought, ‘There is no such thing as impossible.’”

“I met with the archbishop of Addis Ababa (the capital of Ethiopia),” Father Hartley continued. “He gave me permission to go to the east coast, but said I had the obligation to tell my superior ‘this is a very dangerous place.’ Unlike the time I talked to Cardinal

last thing I did was remove the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle at my church. When I am not there, neither is Jesus, and a million dollars wouldn’t make me change things.”

“There are millions who have never heard of Jesus,” he said. “They have not rejected him; they just never heard his name because no one has told them about him.”

He concluded his talk by making the last of several references to a dying man he once saw, lying in one of Mother Teresa’s Calcutta hospitals under a sign that said “The Body of Christ.”

“That man looked at me, said in

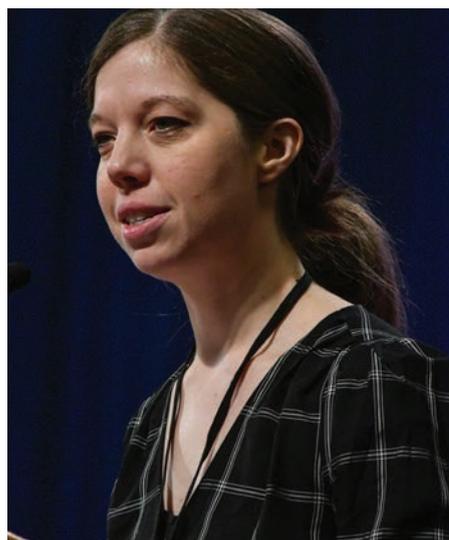
– 30 percent of its young people. Its three principles are that local people must be in charge of the program, that food be purchased locally and that the work belongs to the Virgin Mary. MacFarlane-Barrow said that a donation of \$19.50 will feed one child for a year and that a minimum of 93 cents of every dollar donated to Mary’s Meals is spent on charitable activities.

Mitchell’s closing talk, like the message from Sister Faustina that began the conference, made reference to Jesus’ healings of Jairus’ daughter and the hemorrhaging woman, and to his question of “Who touched me?”

“We don’t have a drive-by Je-

her to the conference, and she said that it was the first time any family members had seen her speak. It also was the largest crowd to ever hear her talk. “All these people are just a sea of treasure, a massive showing of the spirit of God,” she said.

“I’m a wannabe saint,” she said. “I need lots of help to get there. And I know I’m like many of you in that I love to buy shoes. How many of you are like that?” Mitchell asked. After many hands went up, she said, “St. Therese of Lisieux promised that if she made it to heaven, she would rain down a shower of roses. If I become a saint, I promise I will rain down a shower of fabulous



Conference master of ceremonies Anna Mitchell of EWTN’s “Son Rise Morning Show,” heard on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.



The opening speaker was Sister Faustina Maria Pia, SV, of the Sisters of Life, author of a popular Litany of Trust.



Father Thomas Reagan of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Wisconsin gave Reconciliation and Holy Hour talks.



Closing speaker Colleen Mitchell talked about her life “from the Costa Rican jungle to the wilds of a sixth-grade classroom.”

O’Connor about being a missionary, I wanted a ‘yes’ rather than a ‘no.’ I went back to my superior and received the permission I needed. As I walked away, when I was at what I figured was a safe distance, I said, ‘By the way, the archbishop of Addis Ababa told me this was a dangerous place.’ The response was, ‘All the more reason to pray for you.’”

Father Hartley has lived in Goba, Ethiopia, for the past 12 years. He said he was mostly alone when he said Mass during his first years there, but now six to eight Catholics come to Mass each Sunday.

“I gave Communion to more people today (at the conference) than I have for the last year,” he said. “Why do I stay where I am? So that Jesus can be there. This Sunday, that little mission will be vacant because I am here. It took me four planes to get here. The

Bengali, ‘I have been waiting for you,’ and died,” Father Hartley said. “The poor of my mission say to me, and in their name I say to you, ‘I have been waiting for you. Please do something.’”

Proceeds from a collection at the conference Mass went to Father Hartley’s mission and to Mary’s Meals.

MacFarlane-Barrow and his brother founded Mary’s Meals in 1992 in his garage to help people in Bosnia, and 26 years later it remains based in a shed in his hometown in Scotland. It now operates in 18 nations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean – six more than when MacFarlane-Barrow last visited Columbus. Madagascar and Zimbabwe were most recently added to the list.

The bulk of its efforts take place in Malawi, where the organization feeds more than one million children a day

sus,” she said. “When he said, ‘Who touched me?’ it was an invitation to the woman to be seen. She believed she could be healed but didn’t deserve to be seen. He wanted to see her. He wanted to make a miracle of her faith. The woman told the whole truth, and Jesus said to her, ‘Your faith has saved you.’”

Mitchell said that in the past year, she has gone “from the jungle of Costa Rica (where she and her family served as missionaries for six years) to the wilds of a sixth-grade classroom in Indiana.” She is the mother of 10 children – “five boys (ages 20 to 11) on Earth and five children in Heaven” – referring to her son who died as an infant and her four miscarriages.

“It’s a great privilege to be a mom of saints, to know someone in Heaven is interceding for me,” she said. Her youngest two children accompanied

shoes,” a comment that brought much appreciative laughter.

“We often say, ‘I can’t imagine ...’ something. I don’t like that phrase,” she said. “God endowed us with the gift of imagination, but we’re afraid to apply that to Scripture because we’re afraid we’ll get it wrong. We need to follow the call of John Paul II and the saints, and not be afraid of the Word of God. Embrace the way God speaks to you.”

After talking about the problems she is dealing with, Mitchell said, “It’s tempting for me to feel like a great imposter, to just stand up as a woman with a flawed, messy, painful life. Fortunately, I have an amazing therapist. When I say to her, ‘I’m bipolar,’ she responds, ‘No, you have bipolar disorder. You’re not the sum

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outside our parish to major donors who caught the vision behind our campaign – to rebuild, restore and renew our parish and help make it a centerpiece for worship, education and evangelization in the dynamic city of Columbus,” they said.

“Our current parishioners set the stage for this success, so we can all celebrate this great achievement.”

One of the most notable things about the restored interior of the church is that it will appear brighter. This is because brighter, richer colors such as clay red, cornflower blue and golden yellow were used in painted scenes on the ceiling. These match the colors in paintings in

the sanctuary’s alcove by Gerhard Lamers, a liturgical artist who did paintings in several Midwestern states during the mid-19th century.

CONFERENCE, *continued from Page 12*

of what you’re “not enough” or “too much” of.’

“I’m not wounded. I have wounds, but I am made to worship a glorious God. I’m scarred, but I’m set aside for sainthood. I have a broken heart, but I believe in the love of a good, good God. You are called to relieve this world of a poverty of love, but first, you have to believe you are beloved,” she said.

Referring to Jairus’ daughter, Mitchell said that the words “*Talitha cum*” used by Jesus to raise her translate to, “My precious little girl, get up and live.”

“Today, Jesus is coming to you. He is pulling you into his heart,” she said. “Like the little girl, we all have fallen asleep in some way. We have given up in some way, but Jesus is saying, ‘Don’t be afraid.’ ... Christ doesn’t want to take more from us than he wants to give us. He wants to go to the deepest places in your heart and wake you and feed you. He wants to help you get up and live.”

The conference opened with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, now serving as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Columbus until Bishop Robert Brennan, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, is installed as his successor on March 29. Bishop Campbell was required to submit a letter of resignation as bishop

Enhanced lighting also adds to the church’s fresh look.

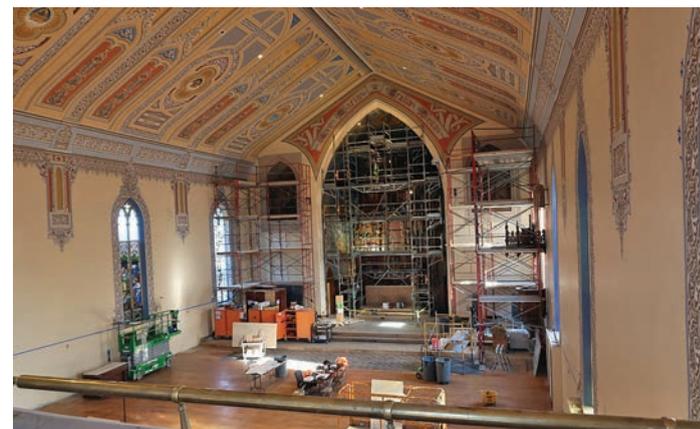
The painting restoration was a combined effort by Martin Painting and Coating of Grove City and EverGreene Architectural Arts of Brooklyn, New York. Instead of being stenciled and done by hand, as was done in a previous renovation, the paintings were replaced with canvasses covered with digitally produced colors that look like paint.

“We knew at the beginning of the project that the paintings had decades of dirt and smoke from candles on them,” Father Lutz said. “It was always in the plan to bring them back to their original appearance. They were not enhanced in any way.”

He said the church’s liturgical furnishings – pews, altars, pulpit, sanctuary items, baptismal font and some

statues that have not already been returned – will begin to be brought back in about two weeks. Some work will not be completed until after Palm Sunday, but Father Lutz said it is “mostly behind the scenes and of a cosmetic nature.”

The parish’s weekend Masses will be in the school gym at 4 p.m. Saturday and 9 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday for the next two weeks. Beginning with the first Sunday of Lent, March 10, the Saturday Mass



An overall look at the restoration of Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church in the German Village neighborhood. It is expected to reopen for Masses on Sunday, April 10. Photo courtesy St. Mary Church

will be at Columbus St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., and the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the gym will be at 11 a.m. That schedule will remain in effect until Palm Sunday.

Lancaster St. Mary begins improvement plan



Work has begun on improvements to Lancaster St. Mary Church that are designed to enhance the worship experience and keep the church building in good condition so it can continue to serve the parish as it has since 1864. Work began on Monday, Jan. 7, with Masses being moved to the school gymnasium until Thursday, Aug. 15, the Feast of the Assumption, when the parish will begin a yearlong celebration of the 200th anniversary of its founding. Plans call for repair and repainting of the plaster interior walls, installation of a wood wainscot, restoration of shrines to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, new borders for the Stations of the Cross, an LED lighting system, an updated fire detection system, renovation and enlargement of restrooms, and installation of several new pieces of liturgical art. William Heyer is the architect for the project and Corna Kokosing is the general contractor. Matthew Indrutz of Muralworks in Columbus will be doing decorative painting. Pictured inside the church are (from left): William Heyer; Jeff Mericle and Austin Diantonio of Corna Kokosing; Father Craig Eilerman, the parish’s pastor; Julie Ogilvie, parish administrator; and Jim Valentas of Corna Kokosing.

Photo courtesy St. Mary Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

The Lord is kind and merciful



**Father
Timothy
Hayes**

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

Relationships among human beings are complex. Relationship with God is simple. As the psalm tells us: “*The Lord is kind and merciful.*” Human beings are invited to imitate God.

The first reading from 1 Samuel tells us the story of an episode in the lives of two of Israel’s kings: Saul, the first king, and David, the great king, who received the messianic promise fulfilled in Jesus. David is pursued by Saul, who is motivated by jealousy. David, on the defensive, is running for his life from Saul, whose army is five times larger than his own.

On two occasions, Saul is “delivered into David’s power” due to the weakness of human nature. In chapter 24 of 1 Samuel, there is an encounter between Saul and David caused by the call of nature, with David cutting off the end of Saul’s cloak as proof of his being merciful to the king.

In chapter 26, today’s passage, David takes a spear and a water jug while Saul is sleeping among his soldiers. Given that they are at war and in a desert area, these are significant items. The spear was ready at hand for Saul to defend himself, but it did him no good because he was asleep. The jug of water was available to fight the thirst of the desert. When David took it, he held in his hands the king’s ready reserve.

In both situations, David is given advice by human counselors to take the opportunity to kill his enemy and to take the throne by might. Recalling that he, too, had been anointed, David instead chooses to show respect for the divine choice and to let God be the One to judge Saul.

In the end, Saul is in fact killed, but even then, David offers a lesson in the consequences of not fearing to go against God’s anointed (See 2 Samuel

1). David shows mercy to his enemy and God brings about his rise to the kingdom.

In the continued proclamation of the “Sermon on the Plain” in Luke’s Gospel (Luke 6:17), Jesus gives a catalog of behaviors that serve to enlarge human nature’s capacity for living in the image of the divine.

Paul’s description of the transformation from the earthly Adam to the heavenly Adam, the living being to the life-giving spirit, the natural to the spiritual, is made concrete through the actions Jesus advises His disciples to follow: “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

Human relationships are meant to be deepened by a refusal to give in to a purely natural reaction. Allowing wrongs to take place without revenge is a sign of the strength of the person. The Golden Rule that can be found in the world’s major religions is declared in this context: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The highest call is to imitate God’s character: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” “Stop judging ... Stop condemning ... Forgive ... Give ...” Jesus reveals that the measure for our actions as His followers is according to God’s way of relating to us.

The invitation offered by our readings is to discover the capacities planted in our human nature, redeemed by Jesus Christ, to make room for God, by stretching, reaching, broadening and increasing to the point of overflowing.

Measuring by this world’s standards is supplanted by God’s way of measuring. We are to live in the present moment, letting go of the past, pressing on to Eternity. This is how we are to grow as spiritual beings. We, like David, are shown how to live by God’s mercy.

How do you measure? What are you aiming for? What is happening while you are sleeping? Are you paying attention to the opportunities for growth in the life of the Spirit? How do your actions and choices reveal God’s compassion?

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

THE WEEKDAY
BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY

Sirach 1:1-10
 Psalm 93:1-2,5
 Mark 9:14-29

TUESDAY

Sirach 2:1-11
 Psalm 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40
 Mark 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY

Sirach 4:11-19
 Psalm 119:165,168,
 171-172,174-175
 Mark 9:38-40

THURSDAY

Sirach 5:1-8
 Psalm 1:1-4,6
 Mark 9:41-50

FRIDAY

Sirach 6:5-17
 Psalm 119:12,16,18,27,34-35
 Mark 10:1-12

SATURDAY

Sirach 17:1-15
 Psalm 103:13-18
 Mark 10:13-16

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO
AND TELEVISION MASS
SCHEDULE: FEB. 24, 2019

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 DirecTV Channel 305).

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

DAILY MASS

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

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

We pray Week III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Living ‘I Do’ – Weekly Marriage Tips

St. Catherine of Siena tells us that God distributes gifts and virtues in such a way that no one has all of them because He wants us to share our gifts and depend on each other. Take time to thank your spouse for the strengths that make up for your weaknesses. *Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office*

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN
(Never known to fail)

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

'Synodality' and the Rome abuse summit

Despite Pope Francis's lecture on the subject at Synod 2015, and notwithstanding the passages on it in Synod 2018's final report, there is little agreement in 21st-century Catholicism on what "synodality" means. The theology of synodality can be left for another day. In practical terms, however, perhaps synodality ought to mean something roughly analogous to what our British cousins mean by "horses for courses." There, the phrase is a homely caution against one-size-fits-all remedies to problems. In the world Church today, and with an eye to the "abuse summit" that will meet in Rome from Feb. 21-24, a "horses for courses" understanding of synodality would mean that different local churches should be empowered to implement specific local remedies, tailored to their specific problems and capacities, in addressing clerical sexual misconduct.



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

George Weigel

The plague of sexually abusive clergy manifests itself in different ways in different ecclesiastical contexts. In the so-called developed world, the plague seems to have largely involved the sexual abuse or exploitation of young men; but there are many other ways in which a subset of Catholic clergy, both priests and bishops, lead duplicitous lives in violation of the promise of celibate chastity they made to God and the Church. Latin American Catholicism has a culturally influenced and destructive habit of denial about clerical sexual misconduct, whether abusive or consensual, heterosexual

or homosexual. The Church in Africa faces serious challenges with the sexual exploitation of women by clergy. Each of these situations has its own epidemiology, as infectious disease doctors would say.

While more than a few German theologians and bishops (and bishop-theologians) deny it, the Catholic Church has a settled ethic of human love, drawn from the Scriptures and developed over centuries by moral reason. The ethic is the same, but the challenges to living it are not uniform among 1.2 billion Catholics. Because of considerable cultural and historical differences across the world Church, particular solutions to the plague of clerical sexual impropriety (and worse) are going to have to be developed to meet particular circumstances. So while the bottom of the bottom line for the "abuse summit" must be an unambiguous, clarion call to the entire Church to live chastity as the integrity of love, there is no single reform template that will address different forms of clerical sexual misconduct in quite diverse circumstances. Catholics in the United States must also recognize that the kinds of solutions that are feasible in our country – and that have worked in addressing historical clerical sexual abuse and driving down its incidence

– may not be applicable in other parts of the world Church, where the financial and personnel resources the U.S. Church can deploy are not available. To take one example: diocesan review boards that function quite well in America in handling allegations of clerical sexual abuse may be infeasible in oth-

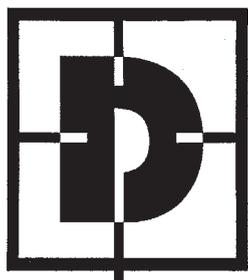
er local churches. On the other, other hand, what the American Church has learned, often the hard way, about rigorous screening of seminary applicants and about effective priestly formation (both in seminary and after ordination) might well be "transferable" to other ecclesiastical situations.

Misimpressions and prejudices notwithstanding, the Catholic Church in the United States has been more forthright in addressing clerical sexual abuse and other forms of clerical sexual misconduct than any other local church. Others can learn from this experience. In the abuse summit's official meetings and in the "off-Broadway" venues where Catholic leaders will conduct more informal conversations, American churchmen in Rome this month should explain the reforms the U.S. Church has implemented, including the extensive use of lay expertise to address clerical sexual abuse and other forms of clerical misconduct; describe the positive effects of those reforms, especially on seminaries; offer to share ideas (and personnel) with other local churches that wish to explore adopting and adapting certain U.S. reforms; and make clear why the U.S. bishops believe it imperative for them to apply to themselves – and to be seen to apply to themselves – the code of conduct they have applied to priests since 2002.

How episcopal accountability is managed may well be another case of "horses for courses," given vastly different situations throughout the world Church. Lay involvement in that accountability is imperative in the United States; it may be impracticable elsewhere. But those serious about Catholicism's capacity to embody and preach the Gospel will understand that credible episcopal accountability is essential in carrying out the Church's mission.

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ABEL, Robert L. Jr., 64, Feb. 10
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

AELING, David J., 81, Feb. 10
St. Joseph Church, Dover

ARNETT, Joyce A. (Compston), 72, Jan. 26
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

ARNOLD, John M., 78, Feb. 10
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

BIBLER, Carolyn L. (Sloan), 82, Feb. 12
St. John Church, Logan

CANNON, Jerrold "Jerry," 80, Feb. 11
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

CONTI, Romano E., 91, Feb. 14
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

CROSBY, George T., 77, Feb. 8
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

DOWNEY, Walter, 76, Feb. 11
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

ELLIS, Augustine D. (Dattalo), 85, Feb. 13
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

FLORE, W. Marie, 94, Feb. 11
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

FOX, Daniel E., 51, Jan. 6
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

FUCHS, Elaine A., 84, Feb. 7
St. Bernard Church, Corning

HANSON, Rich 49, Feb. 15
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

HATTERY, David E., 56, Feb. 11
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

HOLMES, Elaine (Garbaciak), 85, Feb. 15
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

KELLEHER, Regina A. (Wolf), 76, Feb. 8
St. Mary Church, Marion

McCANN, Adrienne A. (Callahan), 86, Feb. 9
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

McCORMICK, David M., 67, Feb. 11
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

MIROLLI, Patricia A. (Barnhart), 80, Feb. 16
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

MOORE, Barbara (Montgomery), 73, Feb. 11
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

ORR, Charles P., 89, Feb. 11
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

REAS, Norma J. (Zoeller), 84, Feb. 9
St. Mary Church, Marion

REINHARD, Lucille A. (Fessler), 95, Feb. 13
St. Mary Church, Delaware

ROBERTS, Sean J., 27, Feb. 7
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

ROSSETTI, Albert A. Jr., 74, Feb. 10
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

SOTAK, Robert J., 91, Feb. 16
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

SOWERS, Marcella M. (Dudas), 67, Feb. 13
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

SWANK, John T. "Tom," 73, Feb. 12
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

THURN, Patricia A. (Stauch), 89, Feb. 16
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

TROIANO, Frank P., 73, Feb. 7
St. Mary Church, Marion

WATZEK, Barbara J. (Merz), 91, Feb. 10
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

WOLF, Donald V., 66, Feb. 16
Holy Family Church, Columbus

ZICCARDI, Janet L. (Collins), 98, Feb. 10
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

Sister Ruth McAllister, SCN

Funeral Mass for Sister Ruth McAllister, SCN, 89, who died at the Nazareth Home in Louisville, Kentucky, on Friday, Feb. 8, was celebrated on Friday, Feb. 15, at Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel of St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus, followed by burial at the cemetery.

She was a Columbus native and a professed member of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (Kentucky) for 67 years.

She was a teacher at schools in Kentucky and the Diocese of Steubenville; served in the business office at

Spalding University (then Catherine Spalding College) in Louisville; was a pastoral minister in Kentucky and Alabama; and was a parish religious education director in Kentucky and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. She was in community service at Nazareth from 1995 to 2015, practicing art during that time, after studying art full time at Xavier University for two semesters in 1994 and 1995.

Survivors include her sisters, Jean McFadden, Rose Marie Bigler and Judy Dennison; and many nieces and nephews.

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FEBRUARY

22, FRIDAY

Holy Hour at St. Matthew

7 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for reparation, purification and sanctification of the universal Church. 614-471-0212

22-24, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

St. Charles Presents 'The Hundred Dresses' 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School's drama department presents the musical *The Hundred Dresses*. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students. 614-276-5263

23, SATURDAY

Columbus Catholic Men's Conference 8 a.m., Kasich Building, State Fairgrounds, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus. 22nd annual Columbus Catholic Men's Conference, with talks by Jesse Romero, Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana, and Dr. Timothy Gray, and Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell.

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

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

2 to 3:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk with Sister Marguerite Chandler, OP. Theme: "Winter Has Reason to Hope." Suggested donation \$5. 614-866-4302

Program at Resurrection on Human Trafficking 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Social hall, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Program on "The Nuts and Bolts of Human Trafficking" with Jim Keyes of She Has a

Name. 614-855-1400

24, SUNDAY

Talk on the Future of the Church at St. Agatha 9:30 a.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Last of four talks by Father Edmund Hussey on the future of the Catholic Church. Topic: "Welcome in the Future Church." 614-488-6149

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus.

"The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure," Part 5 of Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series.

Praise Mass at Church of Our Lady

11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242

Frassati Society Ice Skating Party

1:15 p.m., Chiller Dublin, 7001 Dublin Park Drive, Dublin. Ice skating party sponsored by Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults, followed by coffee and dessert at Sweetwaters, 4587 Bridge Park Ave., Dublin. Cost: \$8 admission, \$3 skates. 614-224-9522

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

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

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

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

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

25, MONDAY

Rosary at St. Pius X

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

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of church). 614-718-0227, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

26, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

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

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

27, WEDNESDAY

Life Transitions Program at Shepherd's Corner

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology

Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick.

"Thriving in Transition: Surrender and Receive," a program on life transitions with Sister Linda Lee, OP. Suggested donation \$10; lunch included.

Registration deadline Feb. 24. 614-866-4302

Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Pius X

6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 614-866-2859

27-MARCH 2, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY

Three Bags Full Consignment Sale

6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday night and Saturday), Grove Community Christian Church, 3420 Blacklick Eastern Road N.W., Baltimore. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

28, THURSDAY

Day of Reflection for Faith Formation Leaders

8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Our Lady of Victory School, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Day of reflection sponsored by Diocese of Columbus Association of Faith Formation Leaders, with Kathy Hendricks, national catechetical consultant for the William H. Sadlier publishing company. Theme: "Come Away and Be Refreshed." Begins with Mass, includes two presentations and lunch. Cost: \$30 for nonmembers of the association. 740-363-4641

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 St. John the Baptist

7 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 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. 614-294-7702

Frassati Society Christ in the City

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Christ in the City program sponsored by parish's Frassati Society for young adults, with Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, Taize chant and Dominican Compline, followed by fellowship at Platform Beer Co., 408 N. 6th St. 614-224-9522

Women's Evening of Reflection at St. Patrick

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. "Lent By Candlelight: Making the Most of Lent," an evening of reflection for women with Father Charles Shonk, OP. Table seating; participants responsible for decorations, food, beverages. Candles must be battery-operated. 614-224-9522

MARCH

1, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

Monthly Adoration of the 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.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, with Mike Dittoe, a descendant of one of Ohio's pioneer Catholic families, speaking on the origins and development of Catholic life in central Ohio. \$10 donation requested.

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.

1-2, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Scouts St. Tarcisius Program

Activity center, St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St., Plain City. St. Tarcisius program sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, focusing on the Eucharist. For anyone age 11 and over. Begins at 6:15 p.m. Friday and concludes with 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. \$30 fee includes food, materials, emblem. Details at www.columbuscatholic.org/catholic-scouting.

1-3, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Silent Retreat for Women at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Silent retreat for women, sponsored by Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League, led by Father Vinny McKiernan, OP. Cost \$140; includes meals and lodging. 614-595-1972

2, 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., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-294-7702

Maple Syrup Tour at Shepherd's Corner

10 a.m. to noon, Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Tour and tasting showing how maple syrup is made. Suggested donation \$6. Registration required; registration deadline March 4 or when filled. 614-866-4302

Kindergarten students attend Mass with bishop



Lancaster St. Bernadette School students attended Mass at Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School with other schoolchildren from the Fairfield-Hocking Deanery and had their picture taken afterward with Bishop Frederick Campbell. Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School

Interschool spelling bee winners



Jessica Perez (right) of St. Mary Magdalene School finished first and Sarah Kelby of Trinity Elementary School was second in a spelling bee involving four Columbus schools. Also participating were St. Cecilia and St. Mary German Village schools.

Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School

St. Anthony students 'tour' Ellis Island



Columbus St. Anthony School sixth-grade students begin a study on immigration by taking an interactive tour of Ellis Island. The tour allows them to walk through the immigration process by reading excerpts, watching video clips, and listening to firsthand accounts of individual experiences. Pictured are (from left) Jaime Rodriguez, August Sabo, Paa-Awuah Forjoe and Ever Orellano Camacho. Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

DeSales students form drone club



Drones have invaded Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. But school administrators have no problem with that, because the drones are part of a new school club known as the Flying Stallions. Students including Chris Caito (pictured) are learning to build and fly the drones, known as first-person view racing quadcopters, to compete in an indoor drone racing league. The league's first statewide team race will be Sunday, March 3 at the DeSales gymnasium. Under the direction of adviser Kim Gattis, the school's construction technology teacher, team members are learning to assemble the drones, troubleshoot and make any necessary repairs. Once a drone is put together, students learn how to bind the drone to a radio controller and a set of virtual-reality goggles. Then they can take to the sky. The school has about a dozen interested team members, with junior Nate Stevens the only experienced pilot. Stevens, who hopes to pilot fixed-wing aircraft for the Coast Guard, is mentoring new pilots and honing his skills for upcoming team competitions. Each team has a pilot, a navigator, flight engineers, and safety officers on the course. Every student in the club will learn all four roles.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

Pillow project aids men's shelter



Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School second-grade students worked with Knights of Columbus Council 1071 to collect pillows and pillowcases for a new men's shelter in Chillicothe. The students earned money for the items by completing chores and odd jobs. They also decorated the pillowcases. They are pictured with (from left) second-grade teacher Mindy Martin, Knights of Columbus representative Devin Cousins and art teacher Maria Polacek. Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

Ready senior receives McConnell scholarship



Columbus Bishop Ready High School senior Cade Dent (pictured at left with Ready athletics director Steven McQuade) was one of 15 central Ohio football players to receive a John McConnell-Worthington Industries scholarship grant at the annual dinner of the Columbus chapter of the National Football Foundation. He has been a member of Ready's football, baseball and basketball teams since his freshman year and has been an All-Central Catholic League football and baseball player and honorable mention All-Central District in football.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School



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Two Hartley players sign letters



Two Columbus Bishop Hartley High School football players signed letters of intent to continue their careers in college. Jordan Kirkbride (left) will attend Dartmouth University and Payton Collins will play for Eastern Kentucky University.

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School



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The St. Martha Women's Giving Circle comes together to learn about different organizations doing wonderful work in our community.

Last year our group granted \$42,000!

THE MARTHAS

THE MARTHAS PANEL

March 7, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

Lang Board Room | The Catholic Foundation
257 East Broad Street | Columbus, OH.

The following 10 ministries will have 10 minutes to share their mission, how they serve our community, and volunteer opportunities for interested Marthas.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cornerstone of Hope Cristo Rey High School Girls On The Run Greater Columbus Right To Life Helping Hands Health & Wellness Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mommies Matter Newborns In Need St. Vincent Family Center Star House Turban Project
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Please RSVP by March 4 to Kristin Shuey
kshuey@catholic-foundation.org | 614-443-8893

Appetizers and refreshments will be provided

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Spring Clean-up!

CEMETERY field workers will be removing winter-time and artificial decorations from graves and mausoleums at all Catholic cemeteries beginning March 1, 2018.

WE request that families wishing to retain any personal keepsakes, to please remove them by March 1.

DUE to the number of decorations involved, the cemetery staff can not be responsible for collecting or storing personal items. Thank you for your cooperation.

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