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The Editor's Notebook*An Issue of Trust*

By David Garick, Editor



A few years ago, I was working for a state government agency, and the senior staff got together for a daylong session of team-building. It took place at one of those wilderness camp places that specialize in putting ordinary office workers into primitive outdoor challenges that can be solved only by teamwork.

One of the first and simplest challenges was to stand with eyes closed and arms folded across one's chest. A co-worker was positioned behind you and you were to allow yourself to fall backwards, relying on the co-worker to catch you. The idea is to develop trust. It sounds simple. But what if the person behind me is the guy from that other department who has been trying to undercut my big project for weeks? Might he still be angry about that memo I sent to his boss? Or, what if it is that frail woman who works in personnel? She'd be willing to catch me, but I'm a big guy. What if she can't do it?

There are a lot of things going on in our lives that keep us from trusting. We have become a very cynical society. We have lost the ability to trust our political leaders to look out for our interests. We don't trust journalists to tell us the truth about what is in the news. We don't trust the companies we work for, or the businesses that make the products we buy. We often are afraid to trust doctors to make correct diagnoses and to give effective treatments. Sadly, even the church has lost the trust of many people who now are trying to make sense out of life based on the whims of popular culture.

But trust is essential to our souls. The key to trust is faith, and that is not something you go out and get on your own. St. Paul says "Faith is the realization of things hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit and through this gift, this faith, we can trust in the one person who will catch us, no matter how hard or how often we fall. That is Our Lord Jesus Christ. This week's *Catholic Times* looks at devotions that have grown up around Divine Mercy Sunday. At the core of that devotion is the revelation that St. Faustina received of the Risen Lord, summed up in the simple words "Jesus, I trust in you."

This Sunday's Gospel speaks to this trust in the appearance of the risen Christ to the apostle Thomas, who had said he would not believe that Christ was risen until he could see him in person and touch the wounds to his hand, feet, and side. He saw and he believed. Jesus told him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." We live in a world which is filled with such doubt and demands proof. But Christ calls us to have faith and trust in him.

God's mercy, love, and tender support has filled so many lives and is available to every one of us through trust in the One who is always there to lift the weight of sin from our shoulders and to lead us in love to everlasting life with Him.

Honoring Our Blessed Mother's Fatima Appearances

An event honoring the 100th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's appearances at Fatima, Portugal, will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave., Cincinnati.

The event will begin with the rosary and a procession with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, followed by Mass.

Speakers and their topics include Father Eric Bowman, "100 Years of the Message of Fatima, Are We Listening Yet?" and "Blessed Jacinta: The Young Seer of Fatima"; Father

John Larson, "July Apparition: Visions of Hell and the Secrets"; and Father John Bullock, "Our Lady of Fatima and John Paul II." Singer-songwriter Janis Clarke also will appear. The noon Rosary will be led by the Children of Mary.

There is no admission charge for the event, although a free will donation will be gratefully accepted. Register online at <http://cincinnatiourladyoffatima.com> to ensure adequate seating. Lunch will be available for purchase. For more information, contact event sponsor Keith Walker at (513) 351-9800.

Correction - The April 9 Catholic Times listed an incorrect time for a lecture to be given by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Sunday, April 23. The time has been changed from 7:30 to 7 p.m.

*Front Page photo:*

The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which this year is April 23. Shown is the image of Jesus as he appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska and requested celebration of the feast, which has been on the Church calendar since 2000.

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Risen Christ calls all to follow him on path to life, pope says

By Cindy Wooden and Junno Arocho Esteves

Catholic News Service

Jesus is the risen shepherd who takes upon his shoulders “our brothers and sisters crushed by evil in all its varied forms,” Pope Francis said before giving his solemn Easter blessing.

With tens of thousands of people gathered in St. Peter’s Square on April 16, the pope called on Christians to be instruments of Christ’s outreach to refugees, migrants, and victims of war, exploitation, famine, and loneliness.

For the 30th year in a row, Dutch farmers and florists blanketed the area around the altar with grass and 35,000 flowers and plants: lilies, roses, tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, birch, and linden.

Preaching without a prepared text, Pope Francis began -- as he did the night before at the Easter Vigil -- imagining the disciples desolate because “the one they loved so much was executed. He died.”

While they were huddling in fear, an angel told them, “He is risen.” The pope said the church continues to proclaim that message always and everywhere, including to those whose lives are truly, unfairly difficult.

“It is the mystery of the cornerstone that was discarded, but has become the foundation of our existence,” he said. And those who follow Jesus, “we pebbles,” find meaning even in the midst of suffering because of sure hope in the resurrection.

Pope Francis suggested that everyone find a quiet place on Easter to reflect on their problems and the problems of the world and then tell God, “I don’t know how this will end, but I know Christ has risen.”

Almost immediately after the homily, a brief but intense rain began to fall on the crowd, leading people to scramble to find umbrellas, jackets, or plastic bags to keep themselves dry.

After celebrating the morning Easter Mass, Pope Francis gave his blessing *urbi et orbi*, to the city of Rome and the world.

Before reciting the blessing, he told the crowd that “in every age the risen shepherd tirelessly seeks us, his brothers and sisters, wandering in the deserts of this world. With the marks of the passion -- the wounds of his merciful



love -- he draws us to follow him on his way, the way of life.”

Christ seeks out all those in need, he said. “He comes to meet them through our brothers and sisters who treat them with respect and kindness and help them to hear his voice, an unforgettable voice, a voice calling them back to friendship with God.”

Pope Francis mentioned a long list of those for whom the Lord gives special attention, including victims of human trafficking, abused children, victims of terrorism, and people forced to flee their homes because of war, famine, and poverty.

“In the complex and often dramatic situations of today’s world, may the risen Lord guide the steps of all those who work for justice and peace,” Pope Francis said. “May he grant the leaders of nations the courage they need to prevent the spread of conflicts and to put a halt to the arms trade.”

The pope also offered special prayers for peace in Syria, South Sudan, Somalia, Congo, and Ukraine, and for a peaceful resolution of political tensions in Latin America.

The pope’s celebration of Easter got underway the night before in a packed St. Peter’s Basilica.

The Easter Vigil began with the lighting of the fire and Easter candle in the atrium of the basilica. Walking behind the Easter candle and carrying a candle of his own, Pope Francis entered the basilica in darkness.

The basilica was gently illuminated only by candlelight and the low light

emanating from cellphones capturing the solemn procession.

The bells of St. Peter’s pealed in the night, the sound echoing through nearby Roman streets, announcing the joy of the Resurrection.

During the vigil, Pope Francis baptized 11 people: five women and six men from Spain, the Czech Republic, Italy, the United States, Albania, Malta, Malaysia, and China.

One by one, the catechumens approached the pope, who asked them if they wished to receive baptism. After responding, “Yes, I do,” they lowered their heads as the pope poured water over their foreheads.

Among them was Ali Acacius Damavandy from the United States, who smiled brightly as the baptismal waters streamed down his head.

In his homily, reflecting on the Easter account from the Gospel of St. Matthew, the pope recalled the women who went “with uncertain and weary steps” to Christ’s tomb.

The pope said the faces of those women, full of sorrow and despair, reflect the faces of mothers, grandmothers, children, and young people who carry the “burden of injustice and brutality.”

The poor and the exploited, the lonely and the abandoned, and “immigrants deprived of country, house, and family” suffer the heartbreak reflected on the faces of the women at the tomb who have seen “human dignity crucified,” he said.

However, the pope added, in the silence of death, Jesus’ heartbeat re-

sounds and his resurrection comes as a gift and as “a transforming force” to a humanity broken by greed and war.

“In the Resurrection, Christ rolled back the stone of the tomb, but he wants also to break down all the walls that keep us locked in our sterile pessimism, in our carefully constructed ivory towers that isolate us from life, in our compulsive need for security and in boundless ambition that can make us compromise the dignity of others,” he said.

Pope Francis called on Christians to follow the example of the woman who, upon learning of Christ’s victory over death, ran to the city and proclaimed the good news in those places “where death seems the only way out.”

Presiding over the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at Rome’s Colosseum, Pope Francis offered a prayer expressing shame for the sins of humanity and hope in God’s mercy.

A crowd of about 20,000 people joined the pope at the Rome landmark. They had passed through two security checks and were watched over by a heavy police presence, given recent terrorist attacks in Europe.

At the end of the service, Pope Francis recited a prayer to Jesus that he had composed: “Oh Christ, our only savior, we turn to you again this year with eyes lowered in shame and with hearts full of hope.”

The shame comes from all the “devastation, destruction, and shipwrecks that have become normal in our lives,” he said, hours after 2,000 migrants were rescued in the Mediterranean Sea. The shame comes from wars, discrimination, and the failure to denounce injustice.

Turning to the sexual abuse crisis, Pope Francis expressed “shame for all the times we bishops, priests, consecrated men and women have scandalized and injured your body, the church.”

But the pope also prayed that Christians would be filled with the hope that comes from knowing that “you do not treat us according to our merits, but only according to the abundance of your mercy.”

He said Christian hope means trusting that Jesus’ cross can “transform our hardened hearts into hearts of flesh capable of dreaming, forgiving, and loving.”

Faith in Action

By Jerry Freewalt

**Get Your Hands Dirty:
Care for God's Creation**

Yes, Catholics can get their hands dirty. Working the soil to plant a garden, picking up litter along the sidewalk, and volunteering to maintain a park are sure ways to get your hands dirty. It's a good kind of dirt, a result of good stewardship and living out the faith.

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22. But in the Catholic Church, every day is an Earth Day, or it ought to be. The earth is part of God's creation. In the book of Genesis, we learn about God's plan for us to be caretakers of creation. The air we breathe, the land we live on, the water we drink are our responsibilities as caretakers. How are we doing so far?

All of God's creatures are part of creation. This includes you and other human beings. Are we creating a community of care?

As you take part in Earth Day, learn more about the Church's teaching on care for God's creation. Bishop Frederick Campbell recently gave a series of presentations throughout the diocese on "God's Creation, Our Common Home." If you missed his presentation, visit St. Gabriel Catholic Radio's website and click on Bishop Campbell's radio archives to listen to a recording of one of his talks. Read Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home."

Here are a few suggestions to show care for God's creation:

Home and Family

- Pray before meals in gratitude for God's gift of creation.
- Encourage children to help with garden and composting chores.
- Shop carefully, avoid unnecessary purchases, and use reusable bags.
- Buy food grown locally and do not waste food.

Parish

- Read "Laudato Si'," discuss it, and form a Creation Care Team.
- Support the parish through stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.
- Reconsider landscaping, including planting trees and reducing lawn size.
- Purchase energy-efficient items and apply for energy efficiency rebates.

School

- Reduce, re-use, and recycle. Conduct an electronics recycling drive.
- Make it a service learning project to determine the school's energy performance.
- Purchase sustainable goods and services that support the dignity of the poor and vulnerable.
- Volunteer at a community park, the Shepherd's Corner, ecology center, or Project Aquastar at St. Stephen's Community House.

Community

- Provide assistance to vulnerable families through Catholic charities.
- Tend a parish or community garden and provide the harvest to food pantries.
- Voice your concerns to public officials about proper care for God's creation: human ecology and natural ecology.
- Be in global solidarity with those who live in extreme poverty or suffer from disaster.

These are a few suggestions listed in the "God's Creation, Our Common Home" handout of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns. The handout and a 54-page Creation Care Guide may be found online at <http://socialconcerns.colsdioc.org>.

Each day should be an Earth Day because this is our common home. Take time to express gratitude, be a good caretaker, and get your hands dirty.

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT LOGAN**

Logan St. John School students closed their week each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) with Stations of the Cross, with students serving as readers and servers. Pictured are reader Mallory Cassidy (above) and servers (from left) Matthew Lewis, Owen Brandt, and James Bartolovich.

Photo courtesy St. John School

**Bishop Ready Recycling Drive**

Do you have an old computer, monitor, hard drive, keyboard, printer, flat screen TV, projector, DVD, VCR, cellular phone, or other electronic item that you no longer need?

Columbus Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salsbury Road, will be collecting these items from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is a \$10 fee per delivery and an additional \$10 charge for each tube monitor (computer or TV). All computer hard drive data will be wiped and a certificate of destruction will be provided upon request. All proceeds will benefit the Ready boys basketball team. For more information, contact Dan DeCrane at (614) 276-5263, extension 231.



St. Charles band wins competition

The band *Cousin Simple*, consisting of four Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School students, won GROOVE U's fifth annual Instaband competition, central Ohio's premier high school battle of the bands. The group won a contract which includes a studio extended-play recording, a music video, a concert booking, and a gift card from the D'Addario company, a maker of instrument strings. In addition, GROOVE U's music industry career program director, Dwight Heckelman (far right), presented the band with a new guitar. Band members are (from left): Will Hoag, Mitchell Whittaker, Luke Hamrock, and Ryan Ulibarri.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School



Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan

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

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

To contact the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator, call:
The Rev. Msgr. Stephan J. Moloney
614.224.2251 • helpisavailable@colstdioc.org



Golden Apple award recipient

Columbus St. Andrew School seventh- and eighth-grade science and religion teacher Patricia Lubanovic (holding plaque) received the Upper Arlington Civic Association's Golden Apple award for her excellence in teaching. Pictured with her are (from left) school principal Joel Wichtman; her husband, Rick; and their daughter, Stephanie. St. Andrew preschool lead teacher Amanda Carter also was a Golden Apple recipient. Teachers are nominated for the award by parents and students.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

ODU Panther Players Present "High School Musical"

Ohio Dominican University's student theater organization, the Panther Players, will present *High School Musical* at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, and Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

The performances will take place in the Sister Mary Andrew Matesich

Theater in Erskine Hall on ODU's campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

General admission is \$8. Children younger than five will be admitted free. Admission also is free for students who show their university identification. Free parking is available in the Gold Lot west of Sunbury Road.

Gender change and morality; Televising prerecorded Masses



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. There has been a lot in the news lately about people who identify with the gender opposite the one listed on their birth certificate. Some take hormones of the opposite sex; some even have surgery to “change” their sex.

What is the Catholic Church’s position on such transgender people? Is it OK for them to take these hormones and have such surgery? (Alexandria, Virginia)

A. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: “Except when performed for strictly therapeutic medical reasons, directly intended amputations, mutilations and sterilizations performed on innocent persons are against the moral law” (No. 2297). That statement is generally considered by Catholic moral theologians to prohibit the sort of “sexual reassignment surgery” of which you speak.

Writing in 2005 for the National Catholic Bioethics Center, Dr. Richard Fitzgibbons noted, “It is impossible to ‘change’ a person’s sex. Hormone treatments, cosmetic surgery and surgery to mutilate the sex organs do not change a person’s sex.”

In the 2016 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (“The Joy of Love”), Pope Francis said that “the young need to be helped to accept their own body as it was created” (No. 285).

In a 2014 article in *The*

Wall Street Journal, Dr. Paul McHugh, former chief psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins Hospital, referenced a 2011 long-term study that followed 324 people who underwent sexual reassignment surgeries. The study showed that 10 years after the surgery, “the transgendered began to experience increasing mental difficulties” and “their suicide mortality rose almost 20-fold above the comparable non-transgender population.”

The Catholic Church’s view is that people struggling with gender dysphoria (apparent psychological identification with attributes of the opposite sex) should be shown compassion, protected from prejudice, and treated with psychotherapy that is skilled and sympathetic.

Q. For some time now, I have been disturbed by the fact that, several times a day, EWTN telecasts the Mass of that day without indicating that these Masses are prerecorded and not “live.” Surely 99 percent of those watching feel that that they are participating in a real Mass. This has significant import on the spiritual lives of the network’s viewers, especially on Sundays.

I have written repeatedly to the network urging them at least to precede such Masses with a statement indicating that the presentation is for inspirational purposes only and not a real Mass, but no adjustment has been made.

Do you agree with me that the station needs to correct this? (While I am sure this is unintentional, the network is involved in a serious matter of deceptive spiritual broadcasting.) (Merion Station, Pennsylvania)

A. On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, a Catholic who is able to do so has a serious obligation to attend Mass, i.e., to participate personally in the eucharistic celebration. If prevented, however, by sickness, infirmity due to old age, severe weather, or other emergency, the obligation ceases; nor is that person then morally bound to “make up” for the absence by watching Mass on television (although this is certainly worthwhile).

If the person is legitimately impeded from attending the Mass, it doesn’t have to “count,” because there is no obligation in the first place. Such a person is, in fact, watching the televised Mass for (in your words) “inspirational purposes” -- in which case it matters not at all that the Mass has been prerecorded.

In my own diocese, where I was once responsible for arranging to have the Sunday Mass televised, we filmed those Masses on the previous Wednesday evening (because studio time was less expensive and priest-celebrants easier to find.) So, to answer your question -- no, I don’t think that EWTN is involved in “deceptive broadcasting” or needs to correct anything.

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

St. Charles Guidance Counselor Earns Special Distinction

Jeff Stahlman, college counselor at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, was one of seven counselors nationwide selected to serve on the National Merit Scholarship selection committee. The counselors and seven college admission directors participated in a collaborative process to select nearly 2,000 scholarship winners from the 15,000 National Merit finalists throughout the United States. “This was one of the top professional development activities I ever have participated in,” Stahlman said. “It was fascinating to work side by side with directors of admission at top colleges to see what they valued in the selection process. I left the meetings more impressed than ever with the National Merit program.” Stahlman is in his second year at St. Charles. He previously served in the same role for 16 years at New Albany High School and 10 years at Gahanna Lincoln High School. He graduated from Ohio University and has master’s degrees from the University of Dayton and Wright State University.



Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

A Day of Recollection for Women

The board of the Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League invites all women of the diocese and surrounding regions to spend a reflective day of recollection in the beautiful surroundings of St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 2.

This special day, offered just before Pentecost, will focus on the gift of the Holy Spirit, who enabled the disciples to go out and spread the Good News of God’s love. Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, a Dominican Sister of Peace, will be the presenter. Her two conferences will encourage those attending to consider how, by prayer and reflection, they can carry out the same mission as the early followers of Jesus.

Sister Louis Mary, a Steubenville native, received a bachelor’s degree from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican Uni-

versity), and a master’s degree from the University of Notre Dame.

She has served mainly in the Diocese of Columbus, as a teacher and administrator in elementary education, and as a religious education director. Today, she is a popular spiritual director, retreat director, and leader of days of prayer and recollection.

The offering for the day is \$25, which includes lunch, morning coffee or tea, and snacks. Mass will be celebrated and the day will end with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There will be time for both reflection and discussion.

Space is limited. For more information, contact Sharon Gehrlich, secretary of the Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League, at retreatleague@gmail.com or call (614) 882-1946. The deadline for registration, with full payment, is Friday, May 5.

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THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC



By Rick Jeric

Whom should I trust?

Jesus, I trust in you. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. We recognize the infinite forgiveness and mercy of God on this second Sunday of Easter. We just went through 40 days of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer focused on God's saving grace and mercy. Easter is all about the joy of our

salvation, brought about by the greatest act of love we could ever imagine. And the fact that our God did this for each of us with the same boundless love, no matter who we are, is unfathomable. No matter how ridiculous I am, no matter how often I turn my back on others and God, no matter how sinful I continue to be, all I have to do is sincerely ask for forgiveness in the great sacrament of Penance, and all is forgiven and new. Talk about trust! If only God could trust me a fraction of His forgiveness. Is this not the true joy of Easter? Of course, we trust in the saving power of God, and the result is eternal life.

Jesus, I trust in you. Of course, we put all our trust in our God. Even when things are tough and when it seems that everything or everyone is crashing down around us, we trust our Lord. And is it not difficult and so very trying when loved ones are ill and dying? Tragedy strikes. Employment is lost. A relationship is destroyed. We are hurt. We are lonely. These are the times when that trust is tested, but it never is broken. God's plan is known only to Him. We have to trust that plan with confidence because it is God's plan. How many people in our lives can we trust with the same confidence? Some more than others. We have varying degrees of trust. My wife is the most trustworthy person in my life. I trust her completely. The key is that trust in God is not easy for us human beings. I need all the help I can get. So when God gives me someone like my spouse, the mutual trust with her and with God is one of the most powerful and grace-filled weapons I have to resist sin and grow in faith, hope, and love. The goal of Heaven seems so much more achievable. Hopefully, we can all relate to this triangular relationship of trust. Without a spouse, we have a close relative or friend. We have God and we can find Him in others. Trust me. Our money in many instances is inscribed with "In God We Trust." Even when it seems our great nation is promoting a culture that contradicts life, and when it seems like everything has come undone politically, socially, culturally, and religiously, we still turn to God for that ultimate trust. And if we cling to that trust as individuals, collectively we can make a difference in our world.

Jesus, I trust in you. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us joyfully continue our Easter celebration. Be confident and place all your trust in an infinitely loving and forgiving God. It is hard for me to imagine, but every time I perform another one of my stupid antics and act like a real knucklehead, God is still there with me. I know – and we all know – because He will talk, discuss, love, and guide at any time and without hesitation. How can you beat that, and how can you not trust in that? In fact, I think I will enjoy multiple peanut butter eggs today without gaining a single pound. And I promise to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet. Jesus, I trust in you!



Reading and Math Family Night

"Superheroes" was the theme for Reading and Math Family Night at New Lexington St. Rose School. Students and their families were invited to dress as their favorite superhero and participate in literacy and math activities in six of the classrooms. A professional storyteller gave three performances in the library during the evening. Pictured are (from left) siblings Rebecca, Levi, Renee, and Sierra Kunkler. Photo courtesy St. Rose School

Notre Dame Professor to Speak on "The Princess Culture"

April 27 Program at Cristo Rey High School is Free and Open to the Public

There is little doubt that women's roles, and societies' perception of women, have changed during the past century. What is the "princess culture" and what does it reveal about women's changing roles in society?

The Notre Dame Club of Columbus and Central Ohio has invited Dr. Susan Ohmer, associate professor of film, television, and theater at the University of Notre Dame, to give a free public lecture on this topic at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 27 at Columbus Cristo Rey High School, 400 E. Town St.

The Walt Disney studio has created animated cartoons featuring princesses since the debut of *Snow White* in 1937, but in recent years, the princess culture has become a global economic force. Ohmer's lecture will examine the history and significance of the princess culture and what it reveals about women's changing roles. Disney lovers, feminists, parents of aspiring princesses, and movie lovers will enjoy this entertaining look at the princess culture.

Ohmer is the William T. Carey and

Helen Kuhn Carey teacher of modern communications at Notre Dame. She instructs classes in film and television history, including "Film and Digital Culture" and "Media and Presidential Elections." Her research focuses on the industrial and organizational aspects of media companies. Her first book, *George Gallup in Hollywood*, examines the use of market research in the film industry. She is completing a book on the Disney studio during the 1940s.

The presentation is part of the annually Hesburgh lecture series sponsored locally by the Notre Dame Club of Columbus. Named after the late Father Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, who was president of Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987, the program brings distinguished Notre Dame faculty to cities across the nation to interact with alumni and the communities in which they live.

Networking before the program will start at 5:30. The presentation will last about one hour. For more information, contact Pat Whitehead at ndjpw@columbus.rr.com or (614) 766-5948.

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April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Regina E. Quinn

Manager, Diocesan Safe Environment Program

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Catholic Church and the Diocese of Columbus are working to prevent all types of abuse – physical, sexual, and emotional. During this month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, including the protection of children.

As Jesus entrusted to Peter the care of the flock, we are reminded that this responsibility belongs to everyone as a matter of charity and justice. Child Abuse Prevention Month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within the Church and for our communities.

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon his followers to care for the most vulnerable among us. Our faith also calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The

protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful – not just parents, not just teachers, not just clergy, but everyone.

Recent statistics show that one of every four girls and one of every six boys are assaulted before they turn 18. If those statistics are correct, this means that on every weekend in our congregations, there are people who have been abused and are feeling the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to all victims of abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Our diocese is here to provide anyone suffering from abuse with steps towards healing.

Since June 2002, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has been formalizing the ways in which the Church in the United States deals with child abuse. In June 2002, the conference established the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of abuse of minors. The charter includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.

Among other requirements, the charter calls for annual audits of dioceses and Byzantine Catholic eparchies to ensure compliance with USCCB guidelines. Annual audits have been conducted since 2003. The USCCB publishes results of the audits online in May. In a similar fashion, the Diocese of Columbus gathers information every year on compliance to the guidelines. All parishes, schools, and agencies in the diocese must submit this information to the Diocesan Safe Environment Program by March 15. The information includes several questions about each location's safe environment program. Additionally, each location must provide a list of all parish and school employees, all school volunteers, and all parish volunteers who work with minors. The list must include the dates of the criminal background check and VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training for each of these persons.

All dioceses and eparchies have victim assistance coordinators who ensure that victims of abuse will be heard. In 2016, dioceses and eparchies in the U.S. provided outreach and support to 250 victims or survivors and their families who came forward to report abuse. Continued support was provided to 1,510 victims or survivors and their families across the nation who reported abuse in prior years. In the Diocese of Columbus, you can reach the victim assistance coordinator, Msgr. Stephan Moloney, by calling (614) 224-2251 or (866) 448-0217, or by sending an email message to helpisavailable@columbuscatholic.org.

There is no statute of limitations for removing a cleric who has sexually abused a minor from public ministry in the Catholic Church. A cleric against whom there is an established or admitted act of child

PROMISE TO PROTECT

PLEDGE TO HEAL

BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator in your (arch)diocese/eparchy is:

sexual abuse is permanently removed from ministry, regardless of when the abuse occurred.

Safe environment training is taking place in all dioceses of the United States. More than two million clergy, employees, and volunteers have been trained to prevent and respond to the abuse of children. In the Diocese of Columbus, we use the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children program. Since 2003, we have conducted approximately 1,850 sessions throughout the diocese, training more than 56,000 people. Sessions are given in English and Spanish. Additionally, we have copies of the videos with Korean subtitles, and a translation of the script in Vietnamese.

The PGC program emphasizes five steps for preventing child abuse:

1. Know the warning signs of potential abusers.
2. Control access.
3. Monitor all programs.
4. Be aware. Know what is going on in the lives of the children in your care or in your life.
5. Communicate your concerns.

If we all work together, we can help bring hope and healing to those who have been abused. And we can prevent child abuse from happening to other children in the future.

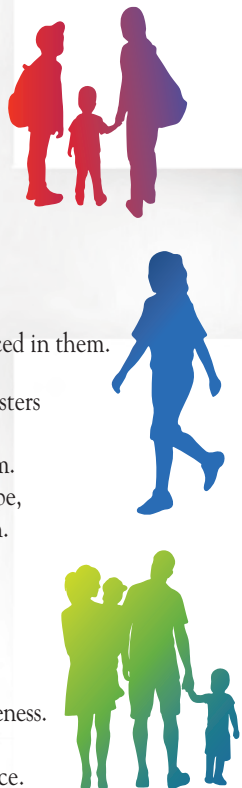
A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.





Striving

We strive to improve how we execute kettlebell and barbell lifts and movements in the gym. The word “striving” makes me think of working harder and doing more. In fact, one definition of “strive” is to ‘struggle or fight vigorously.’

Often, what we really need to do when learning a new skill is to relax, slow down, feel and learn, be patient, and let the process of learning and advancing unfold naturally and gently over time, rather than forcing it.

Our spiritual lives can be the same way. We might be striving for holiness by doing lots of actions ... volunteering at a shelter, joining parish committees, praying multiple rosaries a day, and being a caregiver to a family member or friend.

While these are wonderful ways to serve God, it’s easy to get caught up in doing so many tasks that there is little time to get filled with God in silent prayer and reflection. We might even get so caught up in striving for holiness that we place our volunteer

responsibilities before our family needs.

I think part of our striving should be to stop striving ... to give God freedom, open space, and unstructured time to do his gentle and quiet work in us – to fill us up and rejuvenate, renew, and strengthen us so our service continues to bear fruit. Even 15 minutes of heartfelt prayer daily can be life-changing.

Some of our striving, or our rush to accomplish, is the nature of our secular culture, which places a high priority on productivity, setting goals, and achieving results. The spiritual life is different. God already loves us as we are. He created us, and, like a loving parent, is always there waiting to guide his little children. He gives us the freedom to decide when, how, and how much time we spend time with him in prayer.

I think St. Francis de Sales said it well: “Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer every day, except when we are busy. Then we need an hour.”

While we are called to serve others, we are called first and foremost to love God and love our neighbor.



HOLY AND HEALTHY

Lori Crock

Growing in any loving relationship requires time, patience, gentleness, and commitment. Giving God latitude to work in us in prayerful adoration, in contemplation, and through the Sacraments is less about striving and more about being faithful to slowing down and trusting that, over time, he will transform our hearts.

“Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.” – St. Augustine of Hippo.

Lori Crock is a wife, mother, Plain City St. Joseph parishioner, strength and movement coach, and owner of MoveStrong Kettlebells in Dublin. Lori is online at movestrongkbs.com and holyanthealthycatholic.com.

Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross

Hundreds of Catholics from across the diocese walked through downtown Columbus for the Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross on April 14. Participants stopped at 14 locations along the three-mile Way of the Cross to pray and reflect on Jesus Christ’s suffering and crucifixion, linking those events to current issues of social concern. Stops included the Ohio Statehouse, the Ohio Supreme Court, the Faith Mission homeless shelter, St. Lawrence Haven, and Topiary Park. An annual tradition since 1996, the Walking Stations of the Cross is co-sponsored by the diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and Office for Social Concerns.



Participants pray near Grant Hospital for the third station (Jesus Falls for the First Time), with a reflection on healthcare and illness led by young people from Coshoc-ton Sacred Heart and Zoar Holy Trinity churches.



Participants pray near the Ohio Supreme Court for the 10th station (Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments), with a reflection on justice led by young people from Westerville St. Paul Church.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was a form of prayer unfamiliar to most Catholics in the United States for several decades after its form was revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska in the mid-1930s.

But it has become widespread in this nation and throughout the world, particularly since the beginning of the 21st century. It now ranks with the rosary among the most widespread forms of daily devotion around the world, outside of the Mass itself.

One reason for that is the link between Pope St. John Paul II and the chaplet. He actively promoted the devotion throughout his 27-year papacy, which ended when he died in 2005 on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter.

Another reason for its rapid acceptance is that “the chaplet was full-blown when Jesus gave it to St. Faustina, unlike the rosary, whose form gradually evolved over time, then had the Luminous Mysteries added to it by John Paul” in 2002, said Tim McAndrew of Columbus, one of the nation’s leading promoters of the chaplet and Divine Mercy Sunday.

“Jesus doesn’t show up with a prayer and an image too often,” McAndrew said. “He did it with Faustina, as well as when he appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in France from 1673 to 1675 to reveal the devotion to the Sacred Heart. Usually it’s his mother who comes with a message, as at Lourdes, Fatima, and many other sites of Marian apparitions. When Jesus himself is the messenger, you know you’d better take it seriously.”

St. Faustina Kowalska was a cloistered nun in Poland who lived from 1905 to 1938. She received a number of visions during the last years of her life and recorded them in a diary. One of those visions was what she described as a request from Jesus in 1931 for celebration of what is known as Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter. Another vision revealed the form of the chaplet to her in 1935.

“St. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus wants sinners to come home so badly, that he said ‘the loss of each soul plunges me into mortal sadness,’” McAndrew said. “Taking part in Divine Mercy Sunday devotions gives all of us a chance

to be cleaned from sin and to begin our spiritual life anew.”

Catholics in the United States have been reciting the chaplet since around 1940, when it was brought to North America by a priest who escaped from Poland after the Nazi invasion in 1939 that began World War II.

It took several decades for the devotion to flourish, in part because inaccurate translations of St. Faustina’s diary led the Holy See to outlaw the spreading of images and writings advocating devotion to the Divine Mercy in the form she proposed.

But it remained popular among the people of Poland – in particular, with Father Karol Wojtyla, who eventually became Pope St. John Paul II. Probably even more than St. Faustina, John Paul is responsible for spreading the devotion around the world.

While he was bishop of Krakow, Poland, the future pope led a successful effort to have the Vatican reconsider its ban, which Blessed Pope Paul VI eventually lifted. Bishop and, later, Cardinal Wojtyla also dedicated himself to competing an accurate translation of Faustina’s diary. The conclusion of that work and the lifting of the ban allowed the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, an order of priests founded in Poland in 1673, to resume promoting the devotion, which had become their special work.

St. Faustina was canonized on April 30, 2000, which was the Second Sunday of Easter for that year. Pope John Paul at that time declared that the Sunday following Easter would be permanently known as Divine Mercy Sunday on the Church calendar.

Two years later, he granted a plenary indulgence to anyone who celebrates the feast by making a sacramental confession, receiving the Eucharist, praying for the pope and his intentions, and participates in the Divine Mercy devotions or recites the Our Father, the Apostles’ Creed, or a prayer to the merciful Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

A plenary indulgence remits all the temporal punishment due for sacramentally forgiven sins, meaning the condition of a person’s soul is as if he or she were just baptized, and the person would be admitted to heaven immediately if he or she died at that instant.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.

1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles’ Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

5. Repeat for the five decades.

6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

The Gospel reading for Divine Mercy Sunday every year is St. John the Evangelist’s description of Jesus showing his wounds to Thomas the Apostle. In his Divine Mercy Sunday sermon last year, Pope Francis noted that at the end of the reading, John points out that while Jesus performed many miracles in the presence of his disciples, not all of them were written down.

Because of this, “the Gospel of mercy remains an open book, in which the signs of Christ’s disciples, which are concrete acts of love and the best witness to mercy, continue to be written,” he said.

“We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel,” Francis continued, explaining that this is done by practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, “which are the hallmarks of the

Christian life.”

“By means of these simple yet powerful gestures, even when unseen, we can accompany the needy, bringing God’s tenderness and consolation,” the pope said.

There have been Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations in the Diocese of Columbus since April 18, 1993, when now-retired Father William DeVille began the devotion at Columbus Sacred Heart Church, where he was pastor, with assistance from McAndrew and Tom Turner of Columbus.

Sacred Heart is one of at least 20 churches throughout the diocese which will mark the feast with special events this Sunday.

“Beyond that, the devotion has become part of the life of almost every parish in the diocese throughout the year, and more

than 20,000 homes in the diocese display the Divine Mercy image,” McAndrew said. “But it’s important to remember that Divine Mercy Sunday isn’t a day for devotion as much as it’s a day for sinners. The extra graces that come to anyone from praying the chaplet at any time or in a nine-day novena are significant, but Jesus just asks for confession, communion, charity, and trust.

“He wants to reach sinners with the ‘ocean of graces’ he promised St. Faustina would be available through the chaplet. He is talking to all of us, not just those who have turned away from him, but those of us who are striving for holiness, because we all need deeper conversion and renewal,” he said.

McAndrew’s devotion to the chaplet began through learning about St. Faustina’s

diary from Turner and reading it. At the time, McAndrew owned a Catholic book store. In 1998, with encouragement from Bishop Emeritus James Griffin, he began publishing a newspaper known as the *Divine Mercy Messenger* and issuing it four times a year.

After a few years, he cut back the frequency to once a year, but by then, the publication had spread St. Faustina’s message nationwide and around the world. He said about 750,000 copies have been distributed, including about 20,000 of the most recent revision, which was issued in 2016.

“The message has traveled far, but even so, I hear all the time from people who don’t know about the chaplet or the Divine Mercy image Jesus revealed to St. Faustina. That’s one of the things that inspires me to keep proclaiming the message,” McAndrew said.

“Jesus urged that people pray the chaplet when they are with a person who is dying,” he said. “That’s been another inspiring thing, as I’ve found in my own experience. About five or six times, I’ve been with people on their deathbeds when the chaplet has been prayed for them. Every time, I’ve seen what appears to be an aggravated state in them change to one of calmness. I’m convinced it’s because praying the chaplet has caused Jesus’ grace to wash over them and bring them peace.”

Several churches in the diocese display the image, including Plain City St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., which is open for devotion around the clock. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed there for adoration on a regular schedule each week, and Mass is offered there at 9 a.m. on Saturdays in honor of the Blessed Mother, followed by Benediction, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and confessions.

McAndrew went to Mexico in 2004 and brought back a lifesize portrait of the Divine Mercy image, as well as an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe which has touched the original Guadalupe image and is the same size as the original. Both originally were housed at Columbus Holy Family Church, then were moved in 2005 to the former Milford Center Sacred Heart Church, which since has been torn down, and in 2008 to Plain City.

For more information about the Divine Mercy devotion, go to www.divine-mercy-sundayusa.com, send an email to mcandrewfourlife@att.net, or call (614) 732-0662.

The following parishes in the Diocese of Columbus have scheduled programs for Divine Mercy Sunday:

Chillicothe St. Peter – 12:30 to 3 p.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 3 p.m., singing of Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22. Chaplet is being recited every day through Sunday at 3 p.m.

Circleville St. Joseph – 2 to 3 p.m., Exposition, Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet.

Columbus Holy Family – 12:30 p.m., Exposition; 1 to 5 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., singing of Chaplet; 3:30 p.m., veneration of Divine Mercy image; 5 p.m., Mass.

Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John – 9:30 a.m., procession with Divine Mercy image, followed by Mass, blessing and enthronement of image, recital of Chaplet, and veneration of image.

Columbus Sacred Heart – 1:30 p.m., Exposition and Reconciliation; 2 p.m., Rosary; 2:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, followed by Benediction; 3 p.m., Chaplet; 3:30 p.m., Mass.

Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel – 10 a.m., Divine Mercy celebration, followed by potluck lunch and raffles for former parishioners of St. Augustine and St. Gabriel churches and alumni of their schools.

Columbus St. Catharine – 2 p.m., Exposition; 2:05 to 3 p.m., Reconciliation; 2:05 p.m., Rosary; 3 p.m., Chaplet, led by soloist; 3:30 p.m., Benediction.

Columbus St. Timothy – Following noon Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1:30 p.m., Reconciliation; 2:30 p.m., Chaplet and blessing of Divine Mercy image; 3 p.m., Benediction.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – 3 to 4 p.m., Exposition, followed by Chaplet and Benediction.

Lancaster St. Mark – 3 p.m., Chaplet; 3:20 p.m., Mass, followed by reception.

Logan St. John – 2 p.m., movie about history of the Divine Mercy devotion in church hall; 3 p.m., Exposition in church; 3:15 p.m., Reconciliation, singing of Chaplet; 3:30 p.m., Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mattingly Settlement St. Mary – 3 p.m., Procession, Adoration, Benediction, and Divine Mercy devotions.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – 4 to 5:30 p.m., Chaplet, Adoration, Benediction, reflections on St. Faustina’s diary.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – 2:30 p.m., Exposition, Rosary, Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – 10:30 a.m., Mass; 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Adoration; 1:30 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet, followed by Benediction. Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed at 3 p.m. daily through Saturday, April 22.

Plain City St. Joseph – 2 p.m., Exposition; 2 to 2:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 3 p.m., Chaplet, followed by Benediction.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – 3 p.m., blessing of Divine Mercy image, followed by Exposition, including Liturgy of the Word and recital of Chaplet; 3:45 to 5 p.m., Reconciliation; 4:45 to 5 p.m., closing prayer and Benediction; 5:30 p.m., Mass.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – End of noon Mass to 3 p.m., Exposition; 1:30 p.m., singing of Chaplet; 3 p.m., Benediction.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, praying of Chaplet, Reconciliation.

West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude – 1 to 3 p.m., Adoration, Benediction, and completion of Divine Mercy novena prayed by parishioners at homes since Good Friday.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – After 11 a.m. Mass to 3 p.m., Exposition, singing of Chaplet, Benediction.

CASA program gives a voice to neglected and abused children

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

When the legal system intervenes on behalf of a neglected or abused child, plenty of people become involved – judges, lawyers, law enforcement officers, social workers, physicians, and others. What is often missing is someone who can provide a voice for the child and has the time to focus on the specific concerns of an individual situation.

Volunteers in a program known as CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates – can provide that added dimension. Their sole purpose is to serve as what is legally known as a guardian *ad litem* – someone appointed by an Ohio county’s domestic relations or juvenile court to act in a child’s best interests once it has been alleged that the child is neglected or abused.

“Rule 48 of the Ohio Supreme Court requires a guardian *ad litem* in neglect and abuse cases,” said Kathy Kerr, executive director of Franklin County’s CASA program. “That person serves as an officer of the domestic relations or juvenile court but does not need to be an attorney.

Attorneys serving in this role may be doing it for numerous children and may not have the time needed to devote attention to each one. CASA advocates concentrate on only one case (or two, in exceptional circumstances) at a time. These are usually the most challenging cases – the ones most likely to need someone who can spend a significant period of time with a child in order to see what is needed. All the cases involve children who are under the protective



services of Franklin County Children Services (FCCS).

“Just having one consistent adult in their lives is so important to some children,” Kerr said. “They’ve had so many adults come in and out of their lives that it’s hard to trust anyone. We promise that we’re going to be there for them, and we keep that promise.

“We had one case that involved a six-year-old girl who was sexually abused while in foster care. The girl didn’t say much during the advocate’s first three monthly visits, but at the end of the third visit, she walked to the door with the advocate and said, ‘I’m being hurt.’ She was being abused by a boy in that foster home. This could have gone on for months if the advocate had not established trust with that little girl just by coming back each month. The girl was immediately removed from that home. This is one example, but we’ve had many similar ones. Nobody messes with your kid once you’re a guardian.”

Advocates must be at least 21 and are requested to make a two-year commitment. They undergo 32 hours of training online and in a classroom before being sworn in by the court and assigned their first case. Advocates must also receive 12 hours of in-service training per year.

Once assigned, an advocate visits the child (or children) at least once a month, wherever they may be, talking with them and others close to them to determine whether they are receiving adequate care and to guarantee that their wishes are shared with the court.

“Advocates are not Big Brothers or Big



A volunteer from the Court Appointed Special Advocates program visits a child. CASA volunteers are appointed by a court to act in a child’s best interest in alleged abuse cases.

Sisters,” Kerr said. “We’re not mentors, but court-appointed guardians *ad litem*. Our rules do not allow us to transport children off the property where they live. We have to see them in the setting where they are.”

Every six months, the advocate takes part in a review of the case, along with the current caregivers, family members, lawyers, representatives of FCCS, and other service providers. “Our advocates are pulled into a bigger team, but we’re there only for the child,” Kerr said.

The advocate also participates in court hearings. “During a hearing, the opinions of people representing the government are often on one side with the parents or caregivers on the other, conflicting about the child’s welfare,” Kerr said. “That’s when the magistrate will look an advo-

cate in the eye and ask, ‘What do you think?’ and everyone must listen. They realize the advocate knows the child well because of the monthly visits and because the advocate’s only vested interest is in what’s best for the child.

“Sometimes the response is, ‘I think this child can go on unsupervised visits to the family,’ or ‘He’s doing well in foster care.’ Other times, it may be ‘I’m a little worried.’ The magistrate has the final say, but what the advocate says often plays a big role in whatever decision is made.”

“I have tremendous admiration for the ability of advocates to make appropriate assessments of a child’s situation,” said Marla Holben, a magistrate since 2015. Holben has been involved with juvenile cases for more than 25 years, first working as a public defender and then as counsel for FCCS. While a public defender, she also served as a guardian *ad litem* in an experimental program.

“It’s a remarkable experience to see these people from all walks of life come in and be a voice for the child,” Holben said. “Their information has a great impact on the decisions I make as a magistrate because I know they’ve taken the time needed to thoroughly look at what’s affecting a case.”

Magistrates are appointed judicial officers who perform many of the same functions as judges in Ohio. They have the same authority as a judge, but only conduct jury trials if the parties agree. Most court cases involving anyone under 18 in Franklin County are handled



CASA volunteers are 21 and older and can work with one child or a group of siblings, but concentrate on one (or sometimes two) cases at a time, allowing them to take a thorough look at the needs of the children they serve.

Photos courtesy Franklin County CASA

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from start to finish by a magistrate. If anyone objects to the magistrate's decision, the case goes to the judge who assigned it.

Many neglect and abuse cases involve families dealing with substance abuse or mental health issues. Unfortunately, Kerr said, many children are placed into foster care, and most remain there for 18 to 24 months. "Everybody hopes that children get back with their families," she said. "That's usually the case, but not always."

An advocate stays with a child until a safe, permanent home has been found and the case has closed. Occasionally, someone is assigned as an advocate soon after a child's birth. For example, "in cases where a child is born to a heroin-addicted mother, the first contact can be while the child is still in a hospital's maternity unit," Kerr said.

In a situation such as that one, the child theoretically could have an advocate from birth until 18, the age of legal adulthood. Kerr said she has never heard of such an instance. But Joanne Sheely, who has been an advocate since the program began in Franklin County,

said she worked with one young woman for more than 10 years.

"She was in and out of the system," Sheely said. "She was with her mother, then her father, then a guardian, then her mother, but she always had me in her life as a constant. I remember when she was 14 or 15, I saw her in the courthouse and she said, 'I knew you'd show up,' and that meant so much.

"I fought to keep her in the system, and we stayed in touch, which generally doesn't happen once a child has found a stable home. Now she's in her mid-20s and married.

"I went to her wedding and have seen her and her husband since then, and it appears they have a good relationship. Being an advocate has given me a lot of satisfaction because I know I've had a role in good outcomes like this."

There are nearly 1,000 CASA programs in 49 states and the District of Columbia. They exist in 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, including Franklin, Union, Delaware, Pickaway, and Perry counties in the Diocese of Columbus. CASA began in Seattle in 1977 and has been part of the Franklin County court sys-

tem since 1991.

Kerr said research done on CASA programs nationally shows that children who have a CASA advocate as their guardian *ad litem* spend less time going from one foster home to another, are more likely to perform better in school and to be placed with their siblings, and are more likely to be adopted by a loving family than children without such an advocate.

According to Kerr, CASA in Franklin County has 13 staff members and about 240 volunteers who worked with 826 abused or neglected children in 2016. The latter number represents about one-third of the 2,700 abused, neglected, and dependent children who came through the county's juvenile court system.

"We're always in need of more volunteers, particularly more men and minorities," she said. "About three-fourths of our volunteers are women. We trained 95 people last year and would love to have another 95 or 100 more this year. Many of our volunteers have a passion to help young people. They often tell us that they'd never heard of CASA, and that learning about what we do was an awakening for them."

Training for advocates takes place in the winter, spring, and fall. The spring course begins online on Monday, May 8, with classroom sessions on four Saturdays: from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 13, May 20, and June 3 and from 1 to



4 p.m. on June 10. A swearing-in ceremony for those who complete the training will take place Thursday, June 29. There is still time for interested parties to sign up.

There are other ways to get involved. CASA of Franklin County has a budget of about \$1 million per year, with about half of those funds coming from the federal, state, and county governments and the other half consisting of corporate and foundation grants and private donations.

CASA of Franklin County is sponsoring a fundraising art show and auction that will feature art created by young people to benefit abused and neglected children from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Clarus Partners, 1233 Dublin Road, Columbus. Admission is \$50 per person. The organization also is sponsoring a free fundraising breakfast on Friday, Sept. 15.

For more information about CASA of Franklin County, visit www.casacolumbus.org or call (614) 525-7450.



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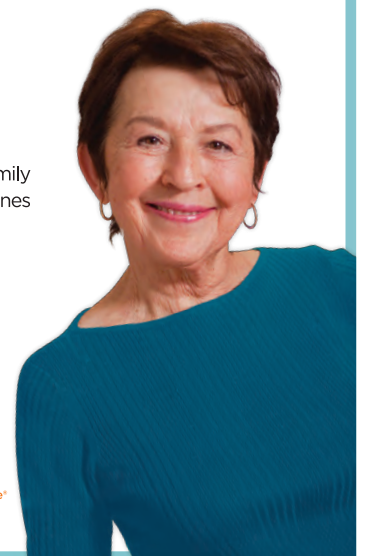
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Second Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

Luke presents an ideal of how things should be



**Father
Lawrence L. Hummer**

Acts 2:42-47;

1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20:19-31

The Acts reading wastes no time in describing how the early Christians “devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.” In real time, it is very hard to determine how soon they began to live the communal life after Christ’s death and resurrection. Luke wrote from the perspective of the 80s or later, which meant exact time frames probably were not available to him as the events developed. Nonetheless, this “First Major Summary,” as Father Fitzmyer has called it in his *Commentary on Acts*, covers an unknown period of time after the Church had begun to develop.

There was certainly a tradition that the disciples returned to Galilee for a time after that fateful Passover celebration. Both Matthew and John reflect that tradition. Acts keeps its early focus on Jerusalem and environs, including here. It is an ideal portrait of the Church developing in great peace and tranquility, with everything being unanimously agreed to. The only thing missing would be angels playing on harps in the background. Such portraits ignore the divisions among the disciples in the gospels altogether. Of course, it all changes in Acts 5 and 6, when realism raises its head.

Anyone who ever has lived the common life can attest that the human element never departs from such communities, no matter how strongly committed the group members might be to any cause, including to Christ. Yet the ideal of communal life is presented here, as Luke shows how things should be in an ideal situation.

Noteworthy are the four elements which bind the community: 1) the teaching of the apostles; 2) commu-

nal living; 3) the breaking of bread; 4) prayers. It was the early Church’s foundational basis. The apostolic teaching is what led to a collection of sacred writings which eventually became the New Testament. The apostolic teaching would necessarily have pored over the Old Testament Scriptures to continue discovering how Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Prophets. Eventually from that would have emerged early liturgies, derived from the structure of synagogue services with which the early Christians would have been familiar.

Obviously, the experiment in communal living did not withstand the tests of time, and one sees that even in the “churches” set up by Paul, the communal aspect of these early communities was not stressed. Although communal living is primarily found today in monasteries and in some religious orders of women and men, the concern we owe to each other and the common good remain part of our calling as Christians.

The Gospel reflects the immediate period after the resurrection, when the disciples still were trying to deal with the death and resurrection of Jesus. They were still in Jerusalem, and among them was Thomas, who refused to believe the Lord had appeared to them. Thomas wanted proof (putting his finger into his wounds and his hand into his side), when the only thing that would get him to where the rest had been was faith. The risen Jesus appeared to them again during the following week, when Thomas was also present. Jesus speaks to Thomas directly, and he can only utter “My Lord and my God.”

That is Thomas’ cry of faith. It remains for us, who so often doubt, our own cry of faith, which in itself is comforting and faith-filled. We are the ones “who have not seen and have believed.”

The Gospel probably ended here at the end of chapter 20, so that through belief in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, we “may have life in his name.” Why John 21 was added is a matter for speculation.

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

St. Bernadette student honored for fire safety poster

Lancaster St. Bernadette School second-grader Ethan O’Rielley is one of six Ohio students in kindergarten through third grade whose posters received top honors in the state’s annual fire safety poster contest. Ethan is shown with (from left) Lancaster firefighter Shawn Klaameyer, Josh Ampaugh of the state fire marshal’s office, and Lancaster firefighters Ben Burke and George Banjoff. His poster, with the message “Don’t Hide! Go Outside!” will be on display at the annual state fire expo, in the fire marshal’s office lobby, and posted on the Lancaster Fire Department’s Facebook page.

Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School



The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY

Acts 4:23-31
Psalm 2:1-9
John 3:1-8

TUESDAY

1 Peter 5:5b-14
Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-17
Mark 16:15-20

WEDNESDAY

Acts 5:17-26
Psalm 34:2-9
John 3:16-21

THURSDAY

Acts 5:27-33
Psalm 34:2,9,17-20
John 3:31-36

FRIDAY

Acts 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
John 6:1-15

SATURDAY

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
John 6:16-21

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2017

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 (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378).

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

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

DAILY MASS

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

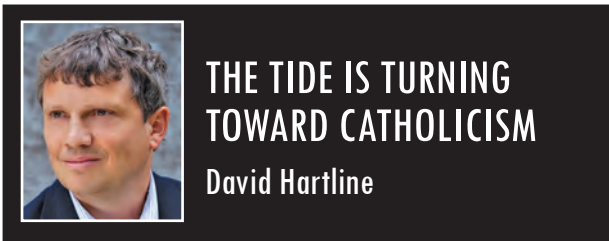
We pray Week II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Celebrating the Easter Season and Keeping Our Compass Nearby

Imagine departing an airplane and landing in a nation where you never have been and don't speak the language. You have no idea of where you are and what you are to do. You are at the mercy of your surroundings. This may sound like some strange science fiction thriller, but, in all honesty, it is the story of our lives.

When we are born, it (hopefully) is into a loving, faith-filled family. If this is the case, our journey in life becomes a lot easier. If it is not, we need the help of others to guide us to the light of God's love and truth.

Lent and Easter provide a perfect analogy of finding our way through life by relying on the lessons learned in these two critical parts of the Church year. We begin each year basking in the joy of the Christmas season. Then comes the cold and dark of winter, with Lent reminding us that we must engage in service and sacrifice for ourselves and others if we are to success-



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

fully make it to Easter.

Many people might tell us that we don't have to be involved in service and sacrifice. They would say we should live like the ancient Epicureans of Greece, whose motto was "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we shall die." But as with the Epicureans of old, people who follow this rule today aren't exactly the happy-go-lucky types they would like us to believe.

No one who achieves any meaningful success gets there without hard work and preparation, no matter how many people try to tell us otherwise. Look at any successful business, sports team, or theatrical or film company.

The Lenten and Easter seasons are so important because they are our compass, GPS, or road map for success. Jesus and his Church give us valuable clues during this time on how to live life and truly be successful, leading to the next life. So why would anyone not follow this advice? The answer is simple: pride and arrogance. They have been mankind's biggest problem literally since day one.

I was thinking about this recently while watching a documentary on the 1960s rock group the Doors. The group's lead singer, Jim Morrison, always has been a mystery to me. Blessed with an amazing voice, he also was very intelligent and grew up in a loving

family. He said he learned a great deal from his upbringing in a military family. His father was a young officer at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack in 1941 and was the admiral in charge during the Gulf of Tonkin incident, which accelerated United States involvement in the Vietnam War.

Yet when the Doors became successful, Morrison had very few good things to say about his family. With success, his behavior became so hedonistic and narcissistic that he often would leave the group for months and travel to places like Paris, where he died in 1971 at the all-too-young age of 27. With all he had, why did he throw it away and abandon so many who loved and cared for him?

Lee Strobel took a different path. He was a prizewinning journalist who tried to disprove his wife's Christianity, and religion in general, through a logical sequence of deduction. When he concluded that he was wrong, he changed his self-destructive behavior and became a faithful Christian, teaching theology and engaging in lively debates with atheists. His famous book *The Case for Christ* is being turned into a movie.

What caused both men to choose such different paths? It appears Jim Morrison threw away his compass, while Lee Strobel found his. Before you conclude that you never would be as foolish as Morrison, keep in mind that he's not the only one with much potential who wasted it. God gives all of us free will. We just need to keep our compass nearby and stay humble, serving and sacrificing when required. This is a lesson for all of us as we celebrate the Easter season.

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

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Wax Museum of Famous Ohioans



Columbus St. Anthony School fourth-grade students created a wax museum of famous Ohioans. The students were asked to research a well-known Ohioan of the past or present, dress as that person, and talk about his or her significance in history to visitors to the museum. Some of the Ohioans chosen were Johnny Appleseed, sculptor Maya Lin, singer Macy Gray, auto racer Bobby Rahal, basketball player LeBron James, and inventor Granville T. Woods.
Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

Pray for our dead

BUTLER, David I., 66, April 4
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

DORSEY, Ronald L., 82, April 10
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

DOWLING, David P., 58, April 14
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church,
Columbus

GOODE, Mariellen, 70, April 13
St. Mary Church, Chillicothe

JELLEY, E. Patricia, 94, April 9
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KOPP, Margaret (Destefani), 89, April 10
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

LOMEO, Mark D., 52, April 8
St. Paul Church, Westerville

NICHOLAS, Sharon (Frederick), 53, April 4
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

PAVLIK, Harry F., 85, April 10
St. John Church, Logan

PIZZUTI, Cheryl L. (Naegele), of Columbus, 65, April 11
St. Michael Church, Findlay

PLATEL, Edgar C., 78, March 13
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

POLING, Gloria H. (Poropatt), 85, April 12
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

PRIEST, Rita "Barbara" (Barido), 84, April 10
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church,
Columbus

RAINEY, Matthew J., 45, April 13
St. Mary Church, Delaware

RILEY, Michael J., 63, April 8
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

SCHAIBLE, James A., 79, April 10
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

SMITH, Mary A. (Quill), 92, April 8
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

THOMAS, David, formerly of Columbus, 97, April 11
St. Paul Church, Norwalk

TINCHER, Timothy C., formerly of Worthington, 67, April 3
St. Mary Church, Mentor

WHITT, Maria, 91, April 4
St. Mary Church, Groveport

WIEWALL, Patricia (Kelly), 85, April 10
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

WILLIAMS, David A., 42, March 31
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

Joseph D. Karam

Funeral Mass for Joseph D. Karam, 88, who died Friday, April 14, was held Thursday, April 20 at Columbus St. Andrew Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born June 26, 1928, in Washington, Pennsylvania, to the late Elias and Tarooze (Khoury) Karam.

He graduated from Columbus Holy Rosary High School in 1946 and received a bachelor of arts degree in 1955 and a juris doctor degree in 1957 from The Ohio State University.

He served in the Army from 1950 to 1952, receiving the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for valor for his actions in the Korean War.

He practiced law for 25 years, serving as an assistant state attorney general from 1960 to 1964, and was appointed by Gov. John Gilligan to the Ohio Board of Psychology, serving on the board from 1970 to 1974.

He was one of the earliest investors in the Wendy's restaurant chain founded in Columbus by Dave Thomas, and retired from active law practice to serve as chairman of Cedar Enterprises, Inc., a Wendy's franchise operation with units in seven metropolitan areas in the United States and Canada.

He was a leader in the Maronite Catholic community of Columbus and was a longtime board member of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, with which he was associated for 60 years. He also was one of the founders of the Lebanese-Syrian-American Club of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Louise (George); sons, David (Lisa) and James (JoAnn); daughters, Lisa (William) Khourie and Suzanne (Robert) Meyers; sister, Florence Baker; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Dominican Sisters of Peace to Conduct Service Weekend

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single Catholic women ages 18 to 45 to attend a free mission immersion and retreat experience from Thursday to Sunday, May 18 to 21 at Dominican Acres, 7400 Wengert Road, Blacklick.

The experience will include prayer, service, and community. Participants will live together in one of the sisters' small community houses and serve at their Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center and a local soup kitchen. Room and board will be provided.

Those attending will have the opportunity for group prayer and reflection and individual reflection, allowing them to explore the connection between service and justice.

The program will begin at 5:30 p.m.

May 18 and conclude at noon May 21.

Participants may register online for the retreat or request a registration form at <https://oppeace.org/pray-serve-reflect/>. Questions may be directed to Sister Pat Dual at (614) 216-7688 or pdual@oppeace.org.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace, members of the pontifical Order of Preachers, are vowed Catholic women who strive to live a life of peacemaking. They are present in 22 states and other nations and 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.

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APRIL

20, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide."

An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line.

For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

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Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. "Let's Get Personal," a talk on how to have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, with Father Jerome Zeiler, OP. 614-224-9522

Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart

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

20-22, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Bishop Hartley Presents 'David and Lisa'

7:30 p.m., Van Fleet Theater, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Columbus. Columbus Bishop Hartley High School theater department presents "David and Lisa." Tickets \$8. 614-237-5421

20-23, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Novena at Blessed Sacrament

3 p.m. April 20-22, Blessed Sacrament Church, 394 E. Main St., Newark. Novena of Divine Mercy, concluding on April 23 with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from end of 10:30 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m., when chaplet will be recited, followed by Benediction. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. 740-345-4290

Divine Mercy Chaplet Recital at Chillicothe St. Peter

3 p.m. April 20-22, St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., Chillicothe. Daily recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy, concluding on April 23 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from end of 11:30 a.m. Mass until singing of Chaplet and Benediction at 3 p.m. Confessions heard from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 22. 740-774-1407

21-22, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Ohio Dominican Presents 'High School Musical'

7 p.m., Matesich Theater, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. ODU Panther Players present "High School Musical." Tickets \$8; free for children younger than five and ODU students with ID.

21-23, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Watterson Presents 'Joseph and the Dreamcoat'

7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students/children. 614-268-8671

22, SATURDAY

Scouting International Awareness Program

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (8:30 to 11 a.m. for grades one to five), Holy Resurrection Melkite Catholic Church, 4611 Glenmawr Ave., Columbus. Annual international awareness program sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for all diocesan youths and adults. 614-882-7806

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

23, SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday events at parishes throughout the diocese are listed on Page 11,

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

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

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Bishop Watterson Men's Night with Urban Meyer

5:15 p.m., Nugent Hall, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Columbus Bishop Watterson High School's annual Men's Night benefiting Msgr. Kenneth Grimes scholarship fund, with Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer as guest speaker. Tickets \$150. 614-268-8671

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

Apostolic Nuncio Speaks at Josephinum

7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Vatican apostolic nuncio to the United States, delivers college's annual Cardinal Pio Laghi lecture. Topic: "The Priest the Church Needs Today." 614-985-2274

23-26, SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY

Parish Mission at Millersburg St. Peter

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 379 S. Crawford St., Millersburg. Parish mission with papal missionary of mercy Father Thomas Blau, OP. Theme: "The Christian Life." Father Blau also will celebrate Mass at 9 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, and there will be question-and-answer sessions at noon Monday through Wednesday, with Reconciliation following the talks each evening. 330-674-1671

24, MONDAY

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

25, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

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

Young Professionals Program on St. Lawrence Haven

6:30 p.m., St. Vincent Family Center, 1490 E. Main St., Columbus. Catholic Foundation's Young Professionals Group hears from Heather Swiger of the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society about the society's St. Lawrence Haven, which feeds the homeless and the hungry. Fee \$5. Followed by networking at 16-Bit Bar and Arcade, 254 S. 4th St. 614-443-8893

26-29, 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 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday

night and Saturday), Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities.

614-561-5300

27, THURSDAY

Bethesda Healing Ministry Dinner

5 to 8:30 p.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Annual fundraising dinner sponsored by Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry. Begins with Mass with celebrant and homilist Father Martin Martiny, OP, followed by dinner with Father William Hahn as keynote speaker and Patrick Madrid as master of ceremonies. \$40 per person. 614-309-7958

Hesburgh Lecture on 'The Princess Culture'

6 p.m., Cristo Rey High School, 400 E. Town St., Columbus. Notre Dame Club of Columbus and Central Ohio's annual Hesburgh lecture. Topic: "The Princess Culture," with Dr. Susan Ohmer, associate professor of film, television, and theater at the University of Notre Dame. 614-766-5948

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27-29, THURSDAY-SATURDAY

Bishop Ready Recycling Drive

7:30 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. Collection of electronic items for recycling, to benefit school boys basketball team. \$10 fee per delivery and additional \$10 for each computer or TV tube monitor. 614-276-5263, extension 231

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27-30, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

St. Charles Presents 'Zombie Prom'

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School's drama department presents "Zombie Prom." Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students. 614-292-6714

28-29, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Bishop Watterson Presents 'Joseph and the Dreamcoat'

7 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students/children. 614-268-8671

28-30, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Bishop Ready Presents 'Alice in Wonderland'

7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Tickets \$10 adults, \$9 65 and older, \$8 students.

614-276-5263



Zombie Prom

The drama department of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., will present its spring musical production, *Zombie Prom*, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 27, 28, and 29 and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30 in the campus theater. Adult tickets are \$10 each and student tickets are \$5. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at (614) 252-6714 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Boy meets girl. Girl loves boy, but

parents disapprove. Boy dies at a nuclear-power plant but returns as a zombie -- just in time to take girl to the big dance. *Zombie Prom* is a musical with an unlikely happy ending: Girl gets ghoulish. With elements of camp and the macabre, *Zombie Prom* makes fun of itself -- like *Grease* meets *Little Shop of Horrors*.

The story is set in the 1950s. It's just another day for the students at Enrico Fermi High until Jonny Warner, distraught after being rejected by his



sweetheart, Toffee, hurls himself into the local nuclear reactor. When Jonny reappears as a nuclear zombie, the tyrannical principal, Miss Strict, threatens to cancel the prom rather than let him back into the school. This tragic tale of terror and energetic celebration of song and dance will have you singing and enjoying family-friendly fun.

Featured in the Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School production of "Zombie Prom" are (from left): standing, Rayquon Brown, Nathan Kuhr, Matthew Turek, Camron Alten-Dunkle, Natalie Belford, Avery Valenta, Caroline Golonka, and Jaz Nappier; center, Campbell Smith and Claire Ferguson.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, presents *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22 and 28 and 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 23.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a musical retelling of the biblical story of Joseph and his 11 brothers, their father, Jacob, and Joseph's coat of many colors, as told in the book of Genesis. The musical follows Joseph from his sale into slavery to his time in jail, when he discovers his ability to interpret dreams, then to being the pharaoh's right-hand man and finally to reunion with his family.

Encompassing a variety of musical styles from country hoedown to calypso, this high-energy Andrew Lloyd Weber musical follows Joseph from his lowest point to his highest.

Watterson senior Harry Cencer will be playing Joseph and senior Al Erney will be Jacob. The brothers are senior Nolan Kelly as Reuben, senior Luke Dorrian as Simeon, senior Joe Heutel as Judah, junior Elizabeth Rieser as Levi, sophomore Zoe Lamaze as Naphtali, junior Joey Decaminada as Issachar, junior Josh Cho as Asher, senior Jacob Erney as Dan, junior Zach Uhazy as Zebulon, senior Sam Palazzo as Gad, and junior Noah Weaver as Benjamin. Jacob Erney also will play the pharaoh, while senior Marty McKew will play Potiphar and senior Margaret O'Brien will be Mrs. Potiphar. Sophomore Bridget Noonan will narrate.



Alice in Wonderland

Don't be late for this very important date. The Columbus Bishop Ready High School theater department presents Lewis Carroll's delightful adventure *Alice in Wonderland*. The beloved children's story will have a cast of 27 Ready students including Mary Beth Mogan as Alice, Dominic Tokar as the White Rabbit, Olivia Rowe as the Duchess, Harrison VanTilburg as the Mad Hatter, Andrew Pindell as the March Hare, Caitlyn Kelley as the White Queen, Marie Pece as the Red Queen, and Julianne Pece and John Pyles as Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

Join Alice and her fellow adventurers as they go down the rabbit hole and attend a mad tea party in the Bishop Ready little theater at 707 Salisbury Road at 7 p.m. Friday, April 28, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30. (The Sunday matinee is new this year to accommodate the anticipated younger audience.) Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for those 65 and older, and \$8 for students. *Alice in Wonderland* is family-friendly entertainment suitable for ages from preschool to great-grandmother. For more information, call (614) 276-5263.

The cast in rehearsal for Columbus Bishop Ready High School's production of "Alice in Wonderland" includes (from left) Marie Pece, Dominic Tokar, Harrison VanTilburg, Mary Beth Mogan, Abigail Wuichner, and Caitlyn Kelley. Photo/Bishop Ready High School



CHRISM MASS 2017

Photos, clockwise: (1) Bishop Frederick Campbell blesses the holy oils to be used in the diocese throughout the coming year at the annual Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on Tuesday, April 11. Also pictured in the foreground are (from left) Deacon Dan Hann, seminarian Stevan Loy, and Deacons Christopher Reis and Thomas Berg Jr. (2) Urns holding (from left) the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Chrism, and the Oil of the Catechumens.



(3) Volunteers, including (from left) Aaron Thornton, Sherri Dembinski, and Eric Frissora pour the consecrated oils into vessels brought to the Mass by priests from throughout the diocese for use in their parishes in the coming year. As the oils are blessed, we recall that we share in the anointing, healing, and ministry that flow from these oils as they are used in the sacraments of faith. The oils signify the charisms of the Church for healing (Oil of the Sick), consecration (Chrism), and faith building (Oil of the Catechumens). (4) The priests reaffirm their commitment to serve God, the bishop as shepherd of the diocese, and the people of the diocese.

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