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Editor's reflections by Doug Bean

Faith in Catholic colleges

There's more to Catholic higher education than accumulating knowledge.

The most obvious reason to go to college is to acquire the requisite skills through coursework and internships to hopefully land a job in a chosen field. The schools profiled in the annual *Catholic Times* college edition this week provide an avenue to the workforce through a variety of majors and degrees in disciplines ranging from arts to nursing.

But the most important component at these Catholic institutions of higher learning for every student (not just theology and philosophy majors) should be spiritual life.

Studies show that the college years are when many young adults begin to stray from their childhood faith.

Once they leave home, they no longer have parents making sure they're going to Mass and receiving the sacraments regularly. They may be tempted to sleep in on Sunday rather than get up for Mass.

They begin to question the merits of their Catholic faith. Peers may mock or challenge them. They may be introduced to other faiths.

Hopefully, parents, pastors and teachers have prepared them to meet these challenges. What's beautiful about most Catholic colleges is that the Mass, the sacraments, Bible studies, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, fellowship and service opportunities should be accessible for students to reinforce their beliefs.

Priests, religious and lay ministers are regularly available for guidance and counsel during stressful and confusing times. It's consoling to have spiritual support when it comes to academics or relationship issues. It's a blessing to go into a church or an adoration chapel for prayer.

Not everyone has the means to attend a Catholic college. For students who choose a non-Catholic university, there's no lack of access to similar opportunities.

Many non-Catholic colleges across the nation have Newman centers, and some (including Bowling Green State University in Ohio) offer Catholic complexes where like-minded, faithful students live together in community.

On some campuses, missionaries from the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) who are trained in Church teaching provide outreach to young adults to help them better know Jesus Christ.

Wherever a student ends up, the bottom line is ultimately to maintain and hopefully grow in faith during these formative college years.

For parents and students looking for resources to help them find the right college, there are many books and online tools.

To determine the faithfulness of a Catholic school and its theology faculty's adherence to Church teaching, ask whether it has accepted a *mandatum*, which, according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, "is fundamentally an acknowledgement by church authority that a Catholic professor of a theological discipline is teaching within the full communion of the Catholic Church."

Canon law stipulates that every theology professor must receive the *mandatum* from the local bishop.

Let us pray that college administrators, faculty and students remain faithful to the Church's teaching.



Archbishop Chaput to pope: Cancel youth synod, meet about bishops

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Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput is asking Pope Francis to call off the Synod of Bishops on young people this October to focus instead on the life of the bishops.

"I have written the Holy Father and called on him to cancel the upcoming synod on young people. Right now, the bishops would have absolutely no credibility in addressing this topic," the archbishop said at an Aug. 30 conference at Philadelphia's St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, according to a report by the website *LifeSiteNews*.

In its place, the archbishop suggested the pope "begin making plans for a synod on the life of bishops."

Ken Gavin, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, confirmed the archbishop sent the letter to the pope, but he offered no additional comments.

The archbishop gave his comments about canceling the synod during a panel discussion called the Cardinals' Forum sponsored by the Cardinal John Foley Chair of Social Communications and Homiletics and the Cardinal John Krol Chair of Moral Theology, both at the seminary.

The archbishop, set to participate in the youth synod in Rome, scheduled for Oct. 3-28, was one of three panelists speaking on "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment."

Hundreds of bishops and young people from across the globe will engage in discussions at that meeting. Typically, the pope attends some synod conferences. Afterward, the bishops make recommendations to advise the pope as he formulates pastoral policy to address the specific issues discussed.

Pope Francis previously confirmed Archbishop Chaput, chairman of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth of the U.S. Conference

of Catholic Bishops, as one of five U.S. bishops to attend the synod.

The other church leaders planning to attend are: Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president; Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, USCCB vice president; Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Connecticut, a member of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth; and Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.

Calls for reform in the Catholic hierarchy have risen throughout the summer as the clergy sexual abuse scandal has intensified, with bishops across the globe coming under scrutiny for their potential role in covering up cases of abuse of children and young adults.

And confidence in the credibility of bishops has been eroding in the wake of allegations against former Washington Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, the Pennsylvania grand jury report on 70 years of clergy child sexual abuse in the state, and an explosive letter by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, a former U.S. papal nuncio, alleging a cover-up of McCarrick's abuse by bishops in the United States and in the Vatican.

In an Aug. 30 letter to the pope, Dallas Bishop Edward Burns asked for an extraordinary synod to address issues in the latest clergy sex abuse crisis.

"The current crisis of sexual abuse by clergy, the cover-up by leaders in the church and the lack of fidelity of some have caused great harm," the letter said. It suggests the synod should include "the care and the safeguard of children and the vulnerable, outreach to victims, the identity and lifestyle of the clergy, the importance of healthy human formation within the presbyterate/religious community, etc."



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BROGAN RYAN ORDAINED AS HOLY CROSS DEACON

Brogan Ryan of Columbus St. Catharine Church was one of four men who were ordained to the order of deacon on Sunday, Aug. 26 in the chapel of Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame, Indiana. They were ordained by Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

One day earlier, the four were among five men who professed final vows as members of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

Father William Lies, CSC, superior of the congregation's United States province, presided at the Mass and received their vows.

All five men professed vows of chastity, poverty and obedience according to the congregation's Constitutions. For the past several years,

they have been in a period of temporary vows, which they renewed annually. On Aug. 25, they committed their lives and work to the communal life and ministry of the congregation.

Deacon Ryan will serve during the 2018-19 academic year as rector of Keough Hall at the University of Notre Dame. He anticipates being ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

He is the sixth of 11 children of Robert and Mary Ginn Ryan of Columbus and has a younger brother, Michael, who is a Holy Cross novice.

His hobbies are racquetball, swimming and gardening. He lists his patron saints as St. Peter, St. Christopher and St. Joseph.

He graduated with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting and a minor in theology



Deacon Brogan Ryan



Deacon Ryan professes final vows as a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Photos courtesy Congregation of Holy Cross

from Notre Dame in 2008, and earned his master of education degree from the university in 2010 and his master of divinity degree this year. He entered the congregation in August 2012 as a postulant and made his first profession of vows on Aug. 2, 2014.

During his formation, he served as an RCIA team member at Christ the King Church in South Bend; in the tax assistance program at Notre

Dame; as a summer intern at Holy Redeemer Church in Portland, Oregon; as a chaplain at Penrose-Saint Francis Medical Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado; with the Catholic Worker organization in South Bend; with the Holy Cross missions in Uganda; in technology and logistics with the Holy Cross general chapter in Rome; as assistant director at the Old College Undergraduate Seminary in Notre Dame; as an intern with Family Theater Productions in Hollywood; and as assistant rector at Keough Hall.

“The seeds of my vocation were nurtured and grew significantly from my time and experience in the residence halls at Notre Dame,” he said.

“So I am very excited to return to the halls to begin my ordained ministry.”

Dominican Sisters of Peace welcome new novice; two sisters make vows

The Dominican Sisters of Peace welcomed three sisters to new stages on their journey to final profession at the congregation's July assembly

Sister Phuong Thuy Vu, OP, has been accepted into the congregation as a novice after two years of discernment and preparation as a candidate.

She and her family immigrated to the United States from Vietnam in 1989, and she is a naturalized citizen.

Sister Phuong holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology and worked in customer service and information technology for AT&T in Dallas before entering the convent.

She will spend two years in the novitiate, after which she may request to make temporary vows as a Dominican Sister of Peace.

Newly welcomed Sisters Ana Gon-

zalez, OP, and Margaret Uche, OP, both made their temporary vows, which last for at least three years. Both Sister Ana and Sister Margaret are now officially Dominican Sisters



Sr. Phuong Thuy Vu, OP, accepts a copy of the Dominican Sisters of Peace Constitution from Sister Pat Dual, OP, as she is accepted into the Dominican novitiate. The congregation's prioress, Sister Patricia Twohill, OP, looks on.

Photo courtesy Dominican Sisters of Peace

of Peace.

Sister Ana is a native of Mexico, having come to the United States when she was 10 years old. She had her first experience with the Dominican Sisters

at Loyola University of New Orleans, from which she graduated in 2002, and she also has a master's degree in communication from the University of Texas at El Paso. Sister Margaret, a native of Nigeria, studied nursing at the University of Houston.

The two newly-professed Dominican Sisters of Peace will return to their ministries. Sister Ana serves as coor-


dinator of international admissions at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut, a founded ministry of the congregation. Sr. Margaret is a home health nurse in western Kansas.

Sister Ana and Sister Margaret will continue to discern their call to Dominican life, with the possibility of one day making a lifetime commitment by taking perpetual vows.


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Faith in Action

By Erin Cordel

Dignity of work

Labor Day affords us an annual opportunity to reflect about the dignity of work and the rights of workers. In our tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is our opportunity to share in God's creative action.

This year's Labor Day weekend readings (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8, Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5, James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23) detail the commands that the Israelites follow God's "just" law. God's gift of the law was a sign of his great fidelity, love and care for the people. Their keeping of this law was a sign of their love and fidelity to God.

God's law specifies that the Sabbath is for everyone, regardless of class or status. It includes instruction to save a portion of the produce to share with "the resident alien, the orphan and the widow within your gates." God's law warns against exploiting those who are poor or foreign workers and to pay wages promptly.

Pope Francis writes that the story of Queen Jezebel (1 Kings 21) "... is not a story of former times, it is also a story of today, of the powerful who, in order to have more money, exploit the poor. It is the story of the trafficking of people, of slave labor, of poor people who work 'under the table' and for a minimal wage, thus enriching the powerful. It is the story of corrupt politicians who want more and more! That is where the exercise of authority without respect for life, without justice, without mercy leads." (general audience, Feb. 24, 2016).

Catholic teaching calls us to be concerned when unemployed persons seek work but cannot find it, or when people are forced to accept work that pays too little to support their families. Our long Catholic tradition affirms that employment must offer life and dignity-affirming benefits to all workers and their families in the areas of sick leave, maternity leave, time for rest, and quality health insurance (see *Compendium*, no. 301). We also are called to be concerned when the goods we buy and the products we use every day were produced by people—sometimes even children—working under terrible conditions in poor nations.

As we reflect on the vision of Catholic teaching, or the just laws of the book of Deuteronomy about the treatment of the poor and workers, or the psalmist's warning not to take economic advantage of others, or Mark's warnings against greed, we might ask ourselves: How can we help make God's vision of justice a reality? How can we in our families, institutions, and as a society better respect the dignity and rights of workers and the well-being of their families? Can we use our purchasing power to help protect human dignity? Catholic Relief Services has a CRS ethical trade website where you can purchase goods from companies that value fair prices, safer working conditions and environmentally sustainable practices at home and around the world. CRS also has a video at: <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/cst-101-video-dignity-work-and-rights-workers> about the dignity of work and workers' rights.

These are challenging things to do! Sometimes following God's "just laws" can be difficult. But we pray that like the early Christian disciples, we can "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22), so that we can put into practice the call to respect the dignity of work and the rights of workers.

Creator God, thank you for providing us with the gift to share our talents through our work, and protect others in the workplace. Amen.

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

Father Kessler to speak to Record Society

Father William Thomas Kessler will talk about two remarkable converts to Catholicism when he speaks to the Catholic Record Society at its quarterly meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

He will tell the conversion stories of Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans, the first bishop of Columbus, and Father James Kent Stone, who was president of Kenyon College in Gambier before becoming a Catholic priest. His talk will be titled "When Speeches on Our Faith Were Heard by Its Cultured Despisers: How It Went in Rural Central Ohio 150 Years Ago."

Father Kessler learned about the two men while he was chaplain at Kenyon as part of his own eventful career of more than 44 years (and counting) in the priesthood. He retired this year after being pastor of Bremen St. Mary Church since 2006 and Lancaster St. Bernadette Church since 2009. He also was pastor at Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Church and has served at six

other diocesan parishes. He was ordained by Bishop Edward Herrmann on July 20, 1974.

In addition, he has taught at the Pontifical College Josephinum and Columbus Bishop Watterson High School; been chaplain at Riverside and University hospitals in Columbus; and been editor of the *Catholic Times* and diocesan vicar for communications. He also lived at various times with the Trappist monks at Gethsemani, Kentucky, and the Benedictine monks at St. Louis (Missouri) Abbey.

His talk will be followed by a business meeting of the society. A hot lunch will be available at 1 p.m. for \$10. Those who wish to have lunch are asked to make a reservation by Thursday, Sept. 20 and send a \$10 check, payable to the Diocese of Columbus, to the record society at 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215. For more information, contact society chairman Mike Finn at (614) 268-4166 or FCoolavin@aol.com.

Catholic Foundation announces 2019 grant cycle

The Catholic Foundation is accepting online applications for 2019 responsive grants. Parishes, schools, invited religious orders and invited nonprofit organizations in the Diocese of Columbus are eligible to apply. The deadline for all grant applications is Friday, Sept. 28.

The Foundation offers a grant cycle with a unique structure of funding opportunities, including three types of grants: mission grants, purpose grants, and vision grants. The process serves the Foundation's four pillars of interest: parish life, Catholic education and faith formation, social service, and vocations.

Most funding will fall into the mission grant category. These grants, awarded at the end of October, are designed to help ministries with capital or program-related needs. Funding of as much as \$10,000 may be awarded and requires one application and one report.

Purpose grants provide funding for situations in which a partnership is needed in a larger investment for program or capital needs. These grants will be awarded in mid-December and will range from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Purpose grants require a two-phase application process and one report.

A limited number of ministries will receive vision grants, which include capital and program grants for applicants that exemplify great thought to sustainability of the project. Funding of \$25,000 or more will be awarded, and recipients will be announced by the end of February. A two-phase application, site visit, and one or several reports are required.

For the complete grant guidelines and eligibility, contact Dan Kurth at (614) 443-8893 or visit grants.catholic-foundation.org.

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. The Foundation fulfills its mission by seeking donors to establish endowment funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to diocesan priorities and donor intent.

It is one of the nation's oldest and largest Catholic foundations, distributing nearly \$150 million throughout the diocese since 1985. For additional information about the Foundation, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

By Rick Jeric

Forgiveness and reparation



Hindsight is 20/20. And perception is everything. How easy it is to sit back and evaluate the sins of others and sins of the past. In direct relation to those evaluations, how easy it is for us to judge others. So what do we do with current, obvious, in-your-face sins that affect us as the Body of Christ and cut us deeply to

the core? And how do we process sins of the past? How could Adam and Eve blow it and sin against God as they did? How could Cain kill his own brother, Abel? How could Sodom and Gomorrah go so far off the deep end? How could David have Uriah killed in battle, even after Bathsheba, his wife, became pregnant by David? How could Peter so vehemently deny Jesus three times? How could Paul have had all those early Christians killed? We look back upon these great sinners, many of them murderers, and look up to them with great honor and glory in their sainthood today. Is it possible that the same could be true today? I know what a relentless sinner I am. There can be nothing in this world I appreciate more than God's mercy and forgiveness. Dare I offer the same to others, even when they commit the most physically and emotionally heinous of sins against our most innocent children? I must. As difficult as it is, if I embrace the forgiveness of my God and others, how can I not forgive others, no matter their faults and actions? Given the horrible sins of some of our priests and Church leaders in this nation and around the world, we are challenged to forgive. Because of their positions that demand awe and respect, and because of their young and innocent victims, whether directly involved or covering up, it can be a very difficult task.

The Rector of our St. Joseph Cathedral, Father Michael Lumpe, has a very practical suggestion that is guaranteed to never fail: prayer. I want to help him in his distribution of a chaplet that is easy and direct for each and every one of us. It is the Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation. You can pray this chaplet as often as you like. It can be prayed privately or publicly on rosary beads. Let us all pray for mercy and forgiveness, while holding the offenders responsible for their actions.

Make the Sign of the Cross, kiss the rosary Crucifix, and begin with the Apostle's Creed.

On the first bead and the next three small beads, pray: "For the increase of faith, hope and charity and the intentions of the Holy Father," followed by one Our Father, three Hail Marys, and one Glory Be.

On the large bead before each decade, pray: "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly, and I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended, and by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

On the 10 small beads of each decade, pray: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you."

Following the 10 small beads of each decade, pray: One Glory Be and "O most Holy Trinity, I adore you! My God, my God, I love you in the most Blessed Sacrament."

End the chaplet with the "Hail, Holy Queen" prayer: "Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen." Finish with the Sign of the Cross.



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary Van Balen

I browse *New York Times* (NYT) headlines in the mornings, even though the news is often depressing and stirs anger and frustration, rather than wonder, at new-day possibilities. But one morning in August, I was surprised by a headline and photo of an old friend, the Rev. Robert Graetz. "Bombed by the K.K.K. A Friend of Rosa Parks. At 90, This White Pastor Is Still Fighting," it read.

After being ordained a Lutheran minister in Columbus he was assigned to his first pastorate in 1955 — Trinity Lutheran, a predominantly Black congregation in Montgomery, Alabama. There he was practically the only white minister who publicly supported the bus boycott, and as the NYT headlines reveal, he and his family paid a price. According to his wife, Jeannie, threats began "as soon as the Klan and the Klan-type people knew that we were involved."

The couple moved back to Ohio a few years later. They lived in a simple house nestled in the woods of southern Ohio. Longtime *Catholic Times* readers might remember his monthly columns, part of the "Point of View" series that ran in the newspaper in the 1970s and '80s.

I knew Robert from reading his columns (and his first book, *Montgomery: A White Preacher's Memoir*), but in October 1992, we met at an alternative observance of Columbus Day. The for-day event was led by Indigenous Peoples. Covering it for the *Catholic Times*, I saw Robert, and we shared lunch and good conversation.

He spoke at some Martin Luther King Jr. Day services I attended over the years. So in the early 2000s, when I was an adult educator for a family literacy program severing poor, mostly single young parents, Robert was my first choice to be an MLK Day speaker for our students.

He and Jeannie came and shared stories, not only of their time and roles in Montgomery and the bus boycott, but also of their continued work for causes of justice and equality. It included the fight against racism and embraced other forms of injustice: sexism, income disparity, oppression of minorities based on ethnicity, sexual orientation, or anything that separates persons as "other." Their message was written large on a tablet displayed beside them as they spoke: RACE— Respect All Cultures Equally.

It wasn't only the "big" message that

touched my students. It was the little things. "Did you see how Jeannie slid that cough drop across the table to him when he started to cough?" they asked. Her simple act deeply moved those young parents who had been abused for most of their lives. They insisted that we drive up to Columbus to hear him preach at St. Philip Lutheran Church.

I enjoyed reading the NYT article that morning and learned that the Graetzes now live in Montgomery. It was good to remember people who inspired, who walked the walk. People who did their best to love as Jesus loved and to take a stand against oppression and injustice when they saw it, despite danger to themselves and their family.

Divisiveness, violence and hate that swirl around us today are disturbing. When asked for his thoughts about what was happening in Alabama and across our nation, Robert said it's "... one of the most dangerous periods of time I've ever been through in this world." Sobering from one who has lived through tumultuous years of the civil rights movement.

Yet there is hope. During a 2011 PBS interview, Robert observed that many people thank Jeannie and him for what they did. He's quick to point out that it wasn't only what "they" did. He gives credit to the Women's Political Council, made up of Black American women who started the bus boycott, and to all those who were involved. "It was 50,000 Black people who stood together, who walked together, who worked together, who stood up against oppression," he said. "If it had not been for this whole body of people working together, this would not have happened."

At the end of the NYT article, he said that seeing two people getting together and smiling was a source of optimism for him.

I take these two thoughts to heart. Today, we need to "be peace" where we are, in the little moments, showing love and support. Like Jeannie and the cough drop, you never know when small kindnesses will touch someone's heart.

But we also need to work together as we speak out and stand up for justice today.

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Better to go to church or be kind?



QUESTION & ANSWER Father Kenneth Doyle Catholic News Service

Q Who is a better person? Someone who attends Mass every Sunday and receives Communion but is not nice to people (rude, insulting, doesn't help the poor)? Or someone who attends Mass sporadically but is a kind, considerate and helping individual? (Gahanna)

A Is it better to walk on your right leg or your left leg? That question, in my mind, matches your own (whether it's better to go to church or to be kind). Obviously, we need both legs to walk correctly and well. And similarly, the church is committed to regular sharing in the Eucharist -- not only because that was Christ's command to us, but because it is from the strength of the Eucharist that we are enabled to live our lives unselfishly.

Jesus, of course, did say "I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). He even suggested in Matthew 25 that the final standard on which each of us will be judged is whether we have helped people when they needed it most.

But Jesus also, on the night before he died, gathered the apostles to share his body and blood at the first Eucharist and told them that they should "do this in memory of me." The church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has determined that for Catholics, this means the obligation of celebrating Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

In doing so, we are following the example of the early believers who "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). So church attendance or daily kindness is not an "either-or" proposition. We are not forced into making this false

choice. In fidelity to Jesus, we do both -- and, in so doing, make steady progress in the Christian life.

Q I have asked several people this, but no one seems to know: Why do Catholics light candles in church? When did this tradition start, and what was the reason? (Troy, New York)

A The custom of lighting candles as a mark of respect and prayer actually predates Christianity. In Judaism, the *Talmud* prescribed that there be a perpetual lighted candle at the Ark of the Covenant, where the writings of the sacred Scriptures were kept -- as a sign of respect for the word of God.

(This may well have contributed to the current practice of Catholic churches in keeping a lighted sanctuary lamp near the tabernacle to mark the presence of the Eucharist and to call believers to special reverence and veneration.)

Today, many Catholic churches contain racks where vigil candles are lighted by parishioners in honor of particular saints or in memory of someone who is deceased.

The word "vigil" refers to keeping watch, and the symbolism is that the one who lights the candle desires to remain present to the Lord in prayer, even while leaving to attend to other daily obligations. This Christian practice can be traced back as far as the 200s, when lighted candles were kept burning in the catacombs at the tombs of martyrs by Christians honoring them and praying for their intercession.

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

St. Pius X rosary group



Members of the rosary prayer group of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church meet every Sunday after the 10:15 a.m. Mass in the parish's Mary Garden to pray the rosary and ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession for the parish's living and deceased members.

Photo courtesy John Swisher

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

The Catholic Diocese of Columbus is looking for a fulltime Associate Director for the Office of Catholic Ethnic Ministry. The essential job responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

1. Manage and support the basic policies and procedures of the day-to-day operations of the office. Assist with the office budget, ongoing formation for the office's staff, and oversight of administrative support assistants helping the office.
2. Oversee, under the supervision of the Director, the office's Catholic Latino Ministry efforts, including interaction and collaboration with the office's Latino Catholic consultative board.
3. Support and work with all other ministerial activities associated with and populations served by the Office, including the African-American, African, and Asian/Asian-American communities. Work with consultative bodies appointed by the Diocese to represent these broad ethnic/national groups.
4. Provide support for clergy assigned to care for specific ethnic/national communities and those communities' lay leadership. Additionally, provide support of clergy and religious vocations and ministry formation specific to these communities, as warranted.
5. Help represent the Diocese at local and national conferences, on various committees, and at public events.
6. Help solicit grants for projects in ethnic ministries, including the office's collaboration with the Office of Development and Planning to support stewardship education and formation among Catholic ethnic/national communities.

Job Related Skills: The ideal applicant must be a practicing Catholic and exhibit the ability to effectively communicate both in written format and oral presentation; ability to maintain organization, multi-task and establish priorities; exhibits initiative, responsibility and flexibility. In addition, this position requires the ability to work with others in a diverse and collaborative team environment and be proficient in MS Office software (Word, Excel) and Google Apps.

Education/Experience: A Bachelor's degree in ethnic ministry or a related field is required; a master's degree in the same is preferred. The ability to be bilingual in Spanish and English is mandatory for this position. Three to five years of experience in ethnic ministry settings is required.

Compensation, Benefits & Requirements: Compensation is commensurate with candidate's education and experience. Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" program. Benefits are according to Diocesan policy. Send cover letter, resume, and three references by:

**Monday, September 17, 2018 to Dominic Prunte,
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St. James to host immigration program

Robert Cohen of the Porter, Wright, Morris, and Arthur law firm will speak on the current situation related to immigration at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 in the Columbus St. James the Less Church ministry center, 1614 Oakland Park Ave.

He has practiced immigration law for more than 30 years, and his primary areas of practice include business and family immigration representation. He has served as state chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and vice chair of the board of trustees of the American Immigration Council, and is on the board of Community Refugee and Immigration Services in Columbus.

Refreshments will be available at the event, which will be sponsored by the St. James the Less social justice and peace ministry. For more information, call Dave Frickey at (614) 268-3828 or Suzie Latham at (614) 267-4350.

'Life Is Our Life's Calling' at Mount Carmel College

Academic excellence, respect, compassion, social responsibility and diversity come together at the Mount Carmel College of Nursing in Columbus, where "Life Is Our Life's Calling."

The college, founded 115 years ago by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, welcomes a diverse population of students from all faiths and all walks of life to prepare them academically and professionally as competent, compassionate nurse leaders.

The college offers the largest private bachelor of science in nursing program in Ohio and takes pride in its student-centered philosophy, focused and engaging curriculum, and highly dedicated faculty. It offers undergraduate and graduate programs, providing outstanding nursing education that encompasses the best of compassion, commitment and competence.

Last month, Dr. Ann Marie T. Brooks was appointed as the college's president, after serving as interim president since June 2017. She is a recognized international leader, consultant and educator in nursing and health care, with broad strategic and operational experience in health systems, academic health centers and community hospitals in the United States and abroad.

She has served as president of the

American Organization of Nurse Executives and the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, chair of the Psychiatric and Mental Health Governing Board and dean of the nursing school at The Catholic University of America.

Brooks also has substantial global nursing and health care experience, having led organizations and provided leadership development programs to nurses from the new independent states of the former Soviet Union and central



and eastern European nations. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Nurse Executive Program and earned her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Catholic University, as well as a master of business administration degree from Loyola College of Maryland.

Since coming to Mount Carmel, she has led the college on undertaking a journey to transformation, which in-

cludes development of a strategic plan to accommodate enrollment growth anticipated as a result of Mount Carmel Health System's \$46 million investment toward improvements to its Franklinton campus, as well as enhancement and refinement of student services and degree programs.

Several other significant achievements have taken place at the college in recent months. On May 5, the first cohort of its online DNP (doctor of

who want to earn the DNP, which is the highest clinical practice degree for nurses, may enroll in the program full- or part-time.

In August, the college celebrated the 10th anniversary of Mount Carmel College of Nursing-Lancaster, a partnership with Fairfield Medical Center. In the past decade, the Lancaster program has graduated 123 alumni, including the Class of 2018.

The college's second degree accelerated program also celebrated the 10-year milestone of its first graduating class. In 2008, members of this class earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree through this 13-month program, which allows those who already hold a bachelor's degree in another discipline to enter it and emerge as competent entry-level practitioners. Counting the 2018 class, the program has 667 alumni.

Today, more than 1,100 students are enrolled in the Mount Carmel College of Nursing. Its affiliation with Trinity Health nationally and the Mount Carmel Health System locally offers students innovative clinical learning opportunities at four hospitals and various ambulatory sites throughout central Ohio and beyond. For more information about the college, call (614) 234-5800 or visit www.mccn.edu.

nursing practice) program was awarded the highest clinical practice degree in the profession of nursing.

The program, which was conceived under the college's president emeritus, Dr. Ann Schiele, is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, a national autonomous accrediting agency officially recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Advanced-practice registered nurses

Thomas More welcomes largest incoming class

Thomas More College has welcomed the largest class in the history of the school. The total of incoming students for the 2018-19 school year is 563, representing a 34 percent increase from the 2017 incoming class.

The college's enrollment increases have been impressive in recent years, as it has grown from 837 full-time traditional students in the fall of 2013 to more than 1,300 at the start of this academic year. The overall head count, which includes graduate, dual credit and adult students, is more than 2,200.

"It's an exciting time of growth," said the college's acting president, Dr. Kathleen Jagger. "This incoming class displays creativity, diversity and great aptitude, and I can't wait to see the impact these students make as they pursue their academic interests and passions here at Thomas More."

This year's incoming class has an average grade-point average of 3.41, with 37 percent being first-generation students. More than 100 students are coming from parochial high schools, mostly from the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky, which operates the college.

Thomas More is a values-based liberal arts institution and is one of nine Catholic colleges nationwide operated by a diocese. Located in the Cincinnati suburb of Crestview Hills, Kentucky, it was founded in 1921 by the Benedictine Sisters as Villa Madonna College. It was renamed Thomas More College in 1968 to honor the saint who was



The Thomas More College campus.

Photo courtesy Thomas More College

academic events will bring all members of the Thomas More family and the Greater Cincinnati community together from Sept. 23 to 30 to celebrate the college's 50th anniversary under its current name and its tremendous growth.

Events surrounding the week will include the showcasing of artwork from Villa Madonna/Thomas More College artists, an academic convocation, theatrical performances by the Villa Players,

martyred because he refused to acknowledge King Henry VIII as head of the church in England.

Athletic, theater, music, social and

a Mass dedicated to the college, a pig roast, a night at a Cincinnati Reds game and more.

Incoming Dayton class is diverse and talented

The University of Dayton's Class of 2022 not only is one of the largest in school history, it also is setting records for diversity and academic talent.

Seventeen percent of the 2,200 incoming students are from under-represented racial and ethnic populations. Socioeconomic diversity is also greater, as more than 15 percent of the class is eligible for the federal Pell Grant awarded to undergraduates with financial need.

That's the highest percentage at UD since 2010. The class, which comes from 39 states and 18 nations, also has the highest standardized test scores and high-school GPAs in the university's history.

When students returned to campus, they saw big changes. Adele Center, the university's newest residence hall, was open, and more than 4,000 solar arrays are helping provide sustainable power for campus.

The \$11.2 million Adele Center adds 96 apartment-style living spaces in the heart of the student neighborhood, along with ground-floor multipurpose areas for student services, meetings, and worship space. It features a 53.4-kilowatt solar array.

During the last decade, the university has invested more than \$150 million in new construction and renovations for more than 430 residential houses, duplexes, apartment buildings and residence halls. The investments are in response to high student demand for university-owned housing and the high-quality amenities, safety features and services that are features of university housing.

The university also has made significant investments in sustainability initiatives.

The solar panels installed this summer will have a capacity of more than 1.26 megawatts of power and provide approximately two percent of campus-wide power consumption, offsetting carbon emissions by about one percent annually. The solar arrays installed

on the front lawn of Daniel J. Curran Place and the roof of Fitz Hall will provide nearly 10 percent of the power consumption of both buildings. The arrays also will power electric-car charging stations at both locations.

The university has accumulated more than \$500,000 in Dayton Power and Light rebates, which it has used to seed a green revolving fund. The fund, launched in 2016, supports energy-saving

improvements on campus, sustainability-related research, and hands-on learning opportunities for students. Savings and additional rebates from those improvements are reinvested in the fund to invest in more sustainability initiatives on campus.

Many of the university's sustainability education initiatives received a boost in 2014 with a \$12.5 million gift from the George and Amanda Hanley Foundation which established the Hanley Sustainability Institute.

As a result of these efforts, the university earned its first gold rating earlier this year in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's sustainability tracking, assessment, and rating system (STARS).

With more than 800 participants in 30 nations, the STARS program is the world's most widely recognized framework for reporting information related to a college or university's sustainability performance. UD's score ranks in the top two percent of all rated schools, first in Ohio, and second among all U.S. Catholic colleges and universities.

The university earned perfect or near-perfect marks for academic research; diversity and affordability; sustainability coordination and planning; and innovation and leadership. Improvement from previous years came in the areas of dining operations, purchasing and grounds; curriculum and programs to address today's sustainability challenges; and student engagement in sustainability research and peer-to-peer education.



Solar array at Dayton. Photo courtesy UD

Xavier reports record enrollment

The Class of 2022 is the largest class of first-year students in Xavier University history. Nearly 1,400 students, chosen from more than 15,000 applicants, are part of the class. The previous record was 1,284 in 2013.

Moat first-year students at the Cincinnati institution live on campus. The class is 51 percent female and 49 percent male. Nearly 25 percent are African American, Hispanic, or Asian, and 18 percent are the first members of their family to attend college. More than three-fourths of class members are from out of town. The top hometown cities outside Cincinnati are Chicago, Indianapolis, Milwaukee and Columbus.

As part of Xavier's Week of Welcome for the class, new students were encouraged to apply the Rule of Three, which asks students to continue one activity they were involved with before coming to Xavier, join one activity associated with their academic discipline, and find one activity that lets them explore a new interest.

The incoming freshmen also are participating in a pilot program, for this class only, that will cover the cost of textbooks during their four years (eight consecutive semesters) at Xavier.

"We're trying this for several reasons," said Melissa Baumann, university provost and chief academic officer. "Textbooks increase in price every year and as a result, about one-third of college students nationwide reportedly skip purchasing them altogether. To counter that decision, we are removing that cost so that all students have equal access to textbooks and the opportunity to achieve their academic goals. We are hopeful that this opportunity will bring more students to Xavier and increase retention over their four years."

A new campus landmark greeted all students. The Our Lady of Peace Chapel is now in place at the west end of the academic mall. It is an appropriate bookend to Bellarmine Chapel, which sits on the east end of the mall.

Originally constructed in 1938 by

Charles and Elizabeth Williams on their property in suburban Anderson Township, the chapel seats 22 people. It was relocated to Xavier as a gift to the university in December 2017. The 80-year-old structure is made of stone, which was disassembled along with the chapel's stained-glass windows and stone-cut wood, and packed up for the 35-mile drive to campus. Reconstruction began early this year and the chapel reopened just before students returned to campus. It is surrounded by a formal garden designed by Father Michael Graham, SJ, the university's president.



Upperclass students on the Move Crew move Xavier freshmen into residence halls. Photo courtesy Xavier University

The chapel and gardens, which will be open during regular university hours for visitors, replaces a vacant, unattractive end of campus and acts as a buffer from busy Dana Avenue.

Students also returned to see their new recreation center taking shape. The Health United Building (HUB) is scheduled to open in fall 2019. The \$52 million facility is being built in collaboration with TriHealth, the university's health-care provider. It will house recreation areas, an upgraded health and wellness center, and classrooms and laboratories for the university's nursing, occupational therapy, health services administration, sports studies, and radiologic technology programs.

When it is completed, the current recreation center will be transformed into a new training facility for student-athletes, providing a one-stop location for sport-specific training, sports medicine, and strength and conditioning. Construction is expected to begin in 2020.

Walsh Global Learning Center honored for innovative design

Walsh University's newest technologically infused academic building, the Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center, has been honored by the Northeast Ohio NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association for its innovative design.

The building at the institution in North Canton was intentionally designed with open spaces for students of all disciplines to collaborate, with an emphasis on digital literacy. It features complete wireless connectivity, a 16-foot video wall for showcasing

opportunities for students to showcase their media projects such as podcast series, webinars, website design, video production and graphic design projects.

All Walsh students are required to take one course with a substantial embedded digital media component such as digitally shared videos, digital games, online tutorials or interactive webpages. This provides an opportunity for students to use their creativity and technology to communicate by producing and disseminating digital media projects.

immersive and substantive digital media project that helps students develop the types of skills and knowledge that will enhance their digital confidence.

"Walsh University is committed to helping students not only develop as intelligent, caring, compassionate human beings, but also ensuring that all students possess the knowledge and skills relevant for the digital age," said university provost Douglas Palmer. "The ability to use digital tools and venues has joined with

ming that is relevant and in demand.

This fall, the university will launch a new cybersecurity major. A bachelor's degree in cybersecurity will provide advanced technical knowledge and skills that employers are seeking as they attempt to monitor, manage and prevent online threats. In addition to Walsh's general education course requirements, cybersecurity majors will take an array of computer science and information and communications technology courses aimed at teaching the fundamental concepts

of computer and network security, cyberattacks and cyberdefense.

Students will examine the legal aspects of cyber-crime and investigate standards and best practices for its mitigation. Advanced courses will focus on ethical and criminal aspects of cybersecurity

and its economic impact to society. Students will examine forensic protocols involved with investigating security threats and breaches, as well as system defense, through mechanisms such as physical and software controls.



Two views of the Walsh University's newest academic building, the Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center.



Photos courtesy Walsh University

digital projects, and laboratories to support growing academic areas in computer engineering, digital media, graphic design and video production.

Since the building opened in January 2018, the university has pursued opportunities to expand digital oppor-

The new initiative is part of Walsh's commitment to preparing graduates for the challenges in the modern world. A course with a digital media designation may be in any discipline, including the general education curriculum, but must include an

the traditional skills of writing and speaking as essential components of modern communication."

With more than 100 academic programs, Walsh continues to explore the latest employment trends and industry needs to create academic program-

Franciscan University starts year with record enrollment

Franciscan University of Steubenville has welcomed its largest-ever incoming class, with 680 new students attending orientation for the fall 2018 semester. That total represents a five percent increase from last year and includes the largest number of new male students in the university's history.

The freshmen and transfers join a student body representing all 50 states and other nations.

Students received a record \$7.3 million in financial aid, with the money going both to those with high grades and those with high financial need, including students from large families.

"Students often tell us they want to experience a living Catholic culture that points them to what is good, true and beautiful, while being prepared for their God-given career or

vocation," said Father Sean Sheridan, TOR, university president. "Today's record enrollment confirms that Franciscan's excellent academics and strong faith community continue to fulfill that desire."

The university admissions office reported that new students selected Franciscan based on factors including its 70 academic programs, the faith households program, mission outreaches and works of mercy programs, NCAA Division III athletics, and the opportunity to study for a semester in Europe.

To help meet the growing student population, St. Junípero Serra Hall, an all-male residence hall, was opened on the site of a former hotel on University Boulevard. The building was extensively renovated to accommodate 181 residents.



Franciscan professor Mark Miravalle meets Pope Francis.

Photo/Franciscan University

DOMINICAN VALUES REMAIN AT CORE OF ODU

By Tim Puet, *Catholic Times* Reporter

Ohio Dominican University is always evolving to meet the constantly changing needs of its students and of the community as a whole. But at its core remains a set of values that hasn't changed in nine centuries and is reflected in the name of the institution.

"What's impressed me most about the university since I came here has been its culture of care and how strongly this is rooted in the Catholic Dominican tradition," said Dr. Robert Gervasi, who became ODU's 16th president in June 2017 after nine years as president of Quincy (Illinois) University and a long career in education and the corporate world.

"As a Dominican institution, we are dedicated to the Dominican order's motto – 'To contemplate truth and to share with others the fruits of this contemplation' – and to the Dominican pillars of study, service, community and prayer," Gervasi said. "Those form the basis of everything we do and are the foundation of our core curriculum," a four-year series of courses every ODU undergraduate student takes during his or her college career.

Subjects of the courses are "What Is Human Nature?" "What Is the Com-

gregation, the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

"I can't speak enough about the importance of our Catholic Dominican identity, because it's very life-giving for me and I see the impact of it everywhere around me at ODU," Gervasi said. "You see it in the sense of camaraderie among our faculty, staff and students – the way so many faculty members actively participate in advising students and in one-on-one mentorship with them, and in attending our sporting events. Nothing speaks louder than example, and you can see how, in the respectful way people treat each other here, they are trying to practice those Dominican values."

This is always an exciting time of year as classes begin. Gervasi said he's particularly enthusiastic about this year because of reasons related to enrollment, accreditation, and planning.

Preliminary figures from Julie Burdick, university vice president for enrollment and student success, indicate that the university has about 930 undergraduate students, including about 260 incoming freshmen. That's about 40 more total students and 20 more freshmen than last year. The typical freshman had a 3.3 grade-point average and an ACT score of 22 in high school –

like drop-in centers, but now there's a lot more art and science to recruiting students because of increased competition and technology advancements. We use things like predictive analytics and algorithms that were never thought of in the past, all to make sure we're a right fit for students and their families, that they'll stay here to complete their education, and that they'll be successful afterward."

Burdick said ODU has approximately 1,700 graduate and undergraduate students, with most graduate courses being taken online. The number of graduate students has been steadily increasing as more online courses have been offered, with still more being planned.



Left: Public relations class at ODU. Above: "Spirit of the Springs" statue by Alfred Tibor.



mon Good?" "What Truths Have We Learned?" and the current topic, "What Is Justice?" The theme of justice is being reflected throughout the 2018-19 academic year in seven special programs scheduled mainly on Thursdays and in 11 Wednesday-noon talks sponsored by the university's Center for Dominican Studies and featuring members of the university's founding

both above the national averages.

"I think we did a better job connecting with our prospective student audiences, particularly students in Catholic high schools and Columbus public high schools, as well as international students and those from military families," Burdick said. "We had increases in all those categories.

"Years ago, admissions offices were

school in the diocese last year, and the university added special campus visitation days for Catholic high school sophomores and juniors," the president said. "Those brought a great response, with about 300 people coming here. We hope this will result in a significant increase in our student representation from diocesan schools in the coming years. That's important because we are central Ohio's only comprehensive four-year Catholic university."

During the summer, ODU also strengthened its ties to diocesan schools by hosting an enrichment program for the schools' teachers and staff.

Earlier this year, the university received its reaccreditation for the next 10 years, the maximum period possible, from the Higher Learning Commission. This ensures ODU's continuing participation in federal aid programs. Accreditation is the outcome of a lengthy quality assurance program which ensures that an institution meets standards set by a peer review board which includes faculty from other accredited colleges and universities.

ODU also has been honored for the second year in a row as one of the nation's Colleges of Distinction by the guidebook of the same name. The publication recognizes colleges for their excellence in undergraduate-focused higher education, particularly for fostering a student-centered approach to teaching.

The university was chosen as a military friendly school for the ninth straight year by Victory Media, which ranks ODU first in Ohio and fourth in the nation among small private colleges and universities for its programs for active military members, veterans and their spouses.

ODU's PATRIOTS program, run by retired Army Maj. Gen. Dennis Laich, helps these students reach their goals. In addition, the university recently began a Salute to Service scholarship program which provides as much as \$3,000 in tuition assistance per semester so military students can earn a college degree at little or no personal experience.

Gervasi told the *Catholic Times* when he arrived on campus last year that one of the first things he wanted to do was work with students, faculty, staff and other members of the univer-

She said the best measurement of enrollment for graduate students is the number of credit hours taken. That total was 4,312 hours last year, exceeding target goals by 4.3 percent. Indications are that similar growth will occur this year.

"It's important to us to provide a good balance of online and face-to-face experience, because most of those taking our online courses are from the immediate area," Gervasi said. "We want to provide the same support to our online students as to more traditional students."

"Bishop (Frederick) Campbell and I personally visited every Catholic high



Erskine Hall houses classrooms and offices at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus.

sity community in an effort to form a strategic plan for the next five years. That plan has been released. It identifies five areas of focus: academics, students, community, mission distinctiveness, and finances.

Its goals are to enhance student satisfaction and mission clarity; expand high-demand majors and online options; attract outstanding students, faculty, staff, and corporate and university partners; and achieve an exceptional reputation and financial stability.

The academic year which recently began is the first in which ODU is partnering with the University of Dayton in a “3+2” master’s program in engineering. This means students can complete the first three years of their undergraduate degree at ODU, then go to UD for two years for the final year of their bachelor’s degree studies while simultaneously working toward their master’s degree, allowing them to earn that degree in less time than it traditionally would take.

ODU is continuing its long-standing partnership with the Mount Carmel College of Nursing. Gervasi said he and

Mount Carmel’s new president, Dr. Ann Marie Brooks, are actively looking for ways to strengthen links between the two Columbus institutions. Partnerships between ODU and other universities also are being considered.

“We share a mutual interest in health education with Mount Carmel. In addition, our science and physician assistant programs are among ODU’s greatest strengths,” Gervasi said. “It’s remarkable for a school of 1,700 students to have two science buildings. We plan to convert our east campus building to a science building as well, so our commitment in that area is obvious. We also are working on new education and business programs.”

Besides its educational partnerships, ODU has formed a partnership through which The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Columbus promotes planned giving to the university. “Loren Brown (Foundation president and chief executive officer) is an ODU trustee,” Gervasi said. “Both of us see this as a win-win situation in which we can use the Foundation’s expertise and work with them. This in turn saves us

CT photos by Ken Snow
the cost of hiring a full-time fundraiser for this purpose.”

Gervasi said renovation of the university’s 87-year-old Matesich Theater is continuing. Work on its roof and exterior was completed in 2015, and plastering and some interior work took place this summer. A task force is being formed to select new furnishings, chairs and carpeting for the theater, in anticipation of a grand opening in the fall of 2019. Gervasi said the theater probably will have fewer seats, but they’ll be more comfortable.

For most of its history, ODU was a “commuter school,” but in the last several years, the number of students living on campus has shown steady growth. This year’s total of 480 resident students represents about half the number of undergraduates.

Most are from Ohio, but the student body includes representatives from 27



Dr. Robert A. Gervasi became ODU’s 16th president in 2017.

states and 20 nations. “At this time when the status of immigrants is so tenuous, we embrace the Catholic Church’s teaching that all of us are God’s children, and we have redoubled our efforts to welcome all our students,” Gervasi said.

“One thing that’s especially interesting to me is that we have three new staff people and about six new students from Zimbabwe,” he said. “I lived and taught in Zimbabwe about 20 years ago as a Fulbright scholar, and I’m looking forward to speaking to our new arrivals in what little of the Shona language of Zimbabwe that I remember.

“Speaking of our international outreach reminds me that the university has two international service trips coming up for students in 2019. What’s become a traditional trip to Haiti to work at a children’s home and in rural

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areas takes place during spring break in March, and there will be a two-week trip to Guatemala where students can explore poverty and its causes there and earn college credit.”

Tuition for 2018-19 at ODU is \$30,500, lower than the national average for independent universities, with room and board ranging from \$10,200 to \$12,860, depending on the type of room and meal plan chosen. University leadership has frozen tuition, room and board rates in each of the last two years. Many ODU students graduate with no debt, and many who do have debt have less debt than their counterparts at state-affiliated colleges and universities. Approximately 99 percent of undergraduate students at ODU receive some form of financial aid from

the university or other sources.

One such source for students from Columbus public schools is the Panther Promise Program, a collaboration between ODU, the city school district, and the I Know I Can program. Participating students sign a success agreement to perform certain activities, such as attending core classes, meeting with faculty, and keeping current with financial aid and book purchase requirements. If they complete their requirements, they are able to graduate on time with very little debt. Burdick said she expects more than 30 students to take part in the program this year.

ODU was founded in 1911 as the College of St. Mary of the Springs by the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sis-

ters of Peace) on land in Columbus where the sisters had operated an academy for girls since 1868. Men were not admitted to the college until 1964. Its name was changed to Ohio Dominican College in 1968 and to Ohio Dominican University in 2002.

In its early days, most of the school's faculty members were sisters. Today, only two sisters are on its staff – Sister Diane Traffas, OP, vice president for mission and identity and director of the Center for Dominican Studies, and Sister Jo Ann Hohenbrink, OP, associate professor of education. Several sisters continue to serve on the university's board of trustees.

Sister Diane's role is to ensure that ODU students, faculty and staff understand what it means to be a Dominican university and maintain the ideals and spirit of St. Dominic de Guzman, who found the Dominicans, also known as the Order of Preachers, in 1216 – a number that coincidentally matches the university's address on Sunbury Road.

“As Dominicans, we nourish the contemplative spirit,” she said. “We believe people come to the truth not just through books, but through contemplation and reflection and their desire to give to others.”

To promote the contemplative spirit, she has set aside a 400-square-foot space in the university's main building, Erskine Hall, where people can come for quiet time. The building includes books and documents related to Dominican teaching and Catholic thought, including copies of the *Summa Theologica*, written by St. Thomas Aquinas (a Dominican), and all the papal encyclicals.

Besides nurturing the contemplative spirit, ODU encourages the competitive spirit through its athletics program, most of whose facilities are across Sunbury Road from Erskine Hall and other academic and residential buildings.

The university's addition of a football program in 2004 provided a significant boost to its name recognition. The Panthers became NCAA Division II members in 2010. Since 2011, their record has been 57-20, including a 7-0 mark last year in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

That success also was enjoyed by

other sports last year. The baseball team advanced to the Division II regional finals. The softball team was 35-21 with a 19-game winning streak. The men's basketball team won the conference tournament and made its



Students in a science class at Ohio Dominican University. Photo courtesy Ohio Dominican University

first NCAA postseason appearance. The women's soccer team won its first-ever NCAA tournament game, and Justin Carroll became the first Panther track athlete to qualify for the NCAA Division II meet.

“When I came here in 2000 as sports information director, things were pretty quiet around here on a fall Saturday afternoon,” said athletic director Jeff Blair. “Now there's a lot of excitement on the days of football games, when 1,750 people fill the stands and usually many more are standing around the field. That's gotten students more excited about other sports as well and has really given us a chance to come together as a campus community.”

“We also expanded our Alumni Hall gymnasium so it could hold about 2,000 people. After it was decided to no longer have high school basketball tournament games at the Fairgrounds Coliseum, many of those games were moved to Alumni Hall, which is an ideal size for them. That's also resulted in a lot more recognition for ODU's facilities and for the university. We're always happy to have people come here and see what we have to offer.”

Prospective students, their parents, and anyone else interested in the university are invited to attend preview days on Saturday, Oct. 6 or Saturday, Nov. 3. For more information about the university, go to www.ohiodominican.edu.

ODU PRESENTS EVENTS ON 'JUSTICE' THEME

Ohio Dominican University will host several presentations during the 2018-19 academic year based on “Justice,” the university's academic theme for the year.

All the presentations will be on Thursdays, except for the St. Albert the Great lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 14. The schedule of events is as follows:

Sept. 13 – “Justice and Global Poverty: Hearing the Cries of the Poor,” with Dr. Ronald Carstens, ODU professor of political science, 3:30 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall.

Sept. 27 – “Justice for Immigrants: I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me,” with Dr. Julie Hart, ODU associate professor of sociology; the Rev. Joe Mas, immigration attorney; Austin Kocher, immigration activist; and Edith Espinal, an undocumented immigrant, 3:30 p.m., Colonial Room.

Oct. 11 – “Women, The Heartbeat of Society,” with Dr. Imali Abala, ODU professor of English; Dr. Virginia McCormack, ODU professor of education; Dr. Kelsey Squire, ODU associate professor of English; and Dr. Anjel Stough-Hunter, ODU assistant professor of sociology, 3:30 p.m., Colonial Room.

Oct. 25 – “The Racial Divide,” with Dr. John Grant, ODU associate professor of business and Dominican Sisters of Peace Associate, and Helen McKinley, Dominican Sisters of Peace Asso-

ciate, 3:30 p.m., Colonial Room.

Nov. 14 – St. Albert the Great lecture, “New Strategies for Targeting Cancer: Shining Light on Transition Metal Complexes,” with Dr. Claudio Turro, Dow professor at The Ohio State University, 11 a.m., Matesich Theater, Erskine Hall.

Jan. 24, 2019 – St. Thomas Aquinas lecture, “Light Out of Darkness: Dominican Stories of Justice,” with Sister Kathleen McManus, OP, associate professor of theology at the University of Portland, 11 a.m., Matesich Theater.

April 25, 2019 – St. Catherine of Siena lecture, “Justice – Seeing Catherine through Contemporary Eyes,” with Sister Megan McElroy, OP, of the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, Michigan, 3:30 p.m., Colonial Room.

ODU's core curriculum is a series of courses that provide a unifying academic experience throughout each student's academic journey. The curriculum is unique to Ohio Dominican and is a combination of four seminar courses and the general degree requirements. In the core seminars, students draw from all their courses to engage in thought-provoking interdisciplinary discussions, readings, and experiences. For more information on these events and ODU's academic theme, visit ohiodominican.edu/Justice.

CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION: A MINISTRY OF CONTINUITY AND CHANGE

By Robert A. Gervasi, PhD

*“To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.” — Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*.*

When I was a college freshman in a Classics honors program years ago, the most challenging course for me and many of my classmates was calculus, taught by one of the most demanding professors at the university. Near the end of the semester, an intrepid classmate voiced the question we all were thinking.

“Dr. Larkin,” he asked, “we are Classics honors students. We are focused on literature, history and philosophy. Why should we have to study calculus?”

The professor looked up over his glasses and said, quietly yet firmly, “Young man, calculus is the mathematical study of change, and the very art of living well lies in the ability to calculate appropriate rates of change.”

That response was seared permanently into my memory — and more importantly, my soul. Its truth became ever more apparent with the passage of time — a mantra that has inspired my approach to personal relationships

in family and community, as well as professional leadership in business and higher education.

It also has inspired my faith life as a Roman Catholic, especially after I came across the famous remark by Cardinal Newman quoted at the beginning of this essay. His *Idea of the University* has been especially influential in my understanding of and commitment to liberal arts education. It also is a text in the core curriculum of Ohio Dominican University. I have had the privilege of serving for decades in higher education, with experience at many institutions, and I am very impressed by the caliber of education offered at ODU, rooted in the Catholic Dominican tradition.

Cardinal Newman’s assertion about the necessity of change relates specifically to ideas rather than persons, although of course one shapes the other. The context of his reflection reads:

“At first no one knows what it (i.e., a new idea) is, or what it is worth. It remains perhaps for a time quiescent; it tries, as it were, its limbs, and proves the ground under it, and feels its way. ... It seems in suspense which way to go; it wavers, and at length

strikes out in one definite direction. In time it enters upon strange territory ... and old principles reappear under new forms. It changes with them in order to remain the same. In a higher world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

A 2016 report on *The Future of Jobs* published by the World Economic Forum stated that the most in-demand occupations did not exist 10 or even five years ago, and shared a popular estimate that most children entering primary school today will end up working in new job types that don’t yet exist.

The best preparation for a world of such constant change not only will offer marketable skills, but also will forge strength of mind and character to empower students to act independently and make difficult, thoughtful, principled decisions. These qualities are the hallmark of Catholic higher education. They are especially prominent at Ohio Dominican University.

Robert A. Gervasi is the president of Ohio Dominican University in Columbus.

ODU WELCOMES 24 STUDENTS TO HONORS PROGRAM

For the second consecutive year, Ohio Dominican University has welcomed 24 freshmen into its honors program. They join 36 existing honors students for a total of 60 participants for this academic year.

This year’s entering group had an average high-school grade-point average of 4.0 and an average ACT score of 28. Five students were awarded the honors distinction scholarship, which covers the full cost of tuition for as long as four years.

Members of this year’s freshmen honors program class are McKenna Carey, Danielle Fisher, Citlalli Gasca-Rodriguez, Aidan Genette, Evan Lacey, Michael Lang, Ryan Manny, Sean Marin, Jaelyn Mason, Kylee May, Margaret Mehlman, Addyson Miller-Brown, Austin Nunemaker, Amanda Remmetter, Aubrey Saylor, Kennedy Schlabach, Joseph Shannon, Mariana Silvestri, Thomas Staab, Michael Stuart, Halle Swisher, Raymond

Vorhees, Hannah Watson, and Brandon Wehrle.

ODU’s honors program is designed to enrich the academic experience of talented and motivated students. It is a community of learners who seek to develop their love of learning, deepen their understanding of significant issues, express their creativity, and engage in independent scholarly, scientific and artistic endeavors.

Participants have access to separate living and learning spaces; opportunities for close mentorship with faculty in related academic disciplines; an invitation to participate in collaborative research with faculty; and an ability to participate in extracurricular programming.

ODU’s incoming freshman class continues to increase in academic achievement. The anticipated fall class achieved an average high-school GPA of 3.4 and an average ACT score of 22.

ODU TO HOST PREVIEW DAYS

Ohio Dominican University will host preview days from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 3 in the Bishop Griffin Center on ODU’s campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Interested high-school students and their families may register for the free event by visiting ohiodominican.edu/PreviewDay.

During preview day, students can take a campus tour, explore available majors, discuss available financial aid

options, enjoy a complimentary meal, learn about student clubs and honors programs, meet with professors in their field of interest, and talk with current students about their experience at ODU.

Students not able to attend either preview day are invited to schedule a private visit to campus by going to ohiodominican.edu/Visit or calling ODU’s undergraduate admissions office at (614) 251-4500.



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Overcoming fear with faith

By Jem Sullivan
Catholic News Service

Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalms 146:6-10

James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

The deaf man in today's Gospel must have known fear, for his speech impediment ensured that he was alone and helpless.

He would have known the pain of isolation on the level of his physical senses of hearing and speaking, and on the social level of not being able to participate fully in the life of his

of an apocalyptic nuclear disaster, or the threat of nature's destructive forces, or the threat of new widespread viruses and disease, there is a deep contradiction in our age. Faster and easier human communication has not erased the loneliness and anxiety that grips the human heart.

St. Mark recounts a curious detail in his telling of Jesus' healing of the deaf man in today's Gospel. He tells us that Jesus looked up to heaven and groaned as he placed his finger in the man's ear and, spitting, touched his tongue.

Perhaps it is Mark's way of reminding us that Jesus knew well the fear that gripped the deaf man and all of us who are in one way or another deaf to the relentless love and mercy of God.

Jesus groans with longing that we open our lives to God in faith, just as he opened the deaf man's ear. In Jesus' suffering love on the cross, we encounter God's definitive victory over human fear, isolation and despair.

The words of the prophet Isaiah, in today's first reading, confirm God's response

to human fear. "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you."

God intended for his creatures to live in communion and in freedom, not chained by isolation and fear. Sin introduced fear into our relationship with God and with one another.

Today, God's word invites us to replace fear with faith, and isolation with communion with God and neighbor as we pray in faith, "Speak to me, Lord."

Reflection Question:

What fear(s) will I entrust to God today as I choose to live by faith?

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

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family and community. His physical condition would have led him to fear deeply for his own future and the well-being of his family.

We live in the so-called age of information that immerses us in the fast-paced rush of human communication at any moment of the day. Whether we like it or not, we find ourselves easily caught up in the endless rush hour of human communication as we travel the information superhighway.

You would think that isolation and fear would be a thing of the past in this age of social media with its instantaneous virtual communication. Would the sheer pace and abundance of the means of human communication not eliminate loneliness and despair? We know well the answer.

Popular movies keep alive the theme of fear of the unknown and of human isolation. Whether it's the fear

Deanery sponsors bereavement group

The North High Deanery invites anyone who is affected by the loss of a loved one to take part in its Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meetings.

The program is a Catholic, Christ-centered support group that includes Scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing. It is offered for six weeks four times per year. Its fall session

will meet on consecutive Sundays from Sept. 16 to Oct. 21 at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway.

Registration each week will be from 1:30 to 1:55 p.m., followed by a group sharing session from 2 to 4 p.m. Questions may be directed to Michael Julian of Immaculate Conception at mjulian@columbus.rr.com.

Living 'I Do' - Weekly Marriage Tips

Would you believe much of listening is not about your ears? It is eye contact and body language that communicates, "What you say is important." The best listeners also avoid formulating responses while they are listening, and so they end up understanding more deeply than the person quick to speak. Be the listener you would like to speak to.

Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY

1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Psalm 5:5-6,7,12
Luke 6:6-11

TUESDAY

1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Psalm 149:1-6,9
Luke 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY

1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Psalm 45:11-12,14-17
Luke 6:20-26

THURSDAY

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13
Psalm 139:1b-3,13,14b,23-24
Luke 6:27-38

FRIDAY

Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 78:1-2,34-38
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

SATURDAY

1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Psalm 116:12-13,17-18
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: SEPT. 9, 2018

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

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

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

DAILY MASS

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

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

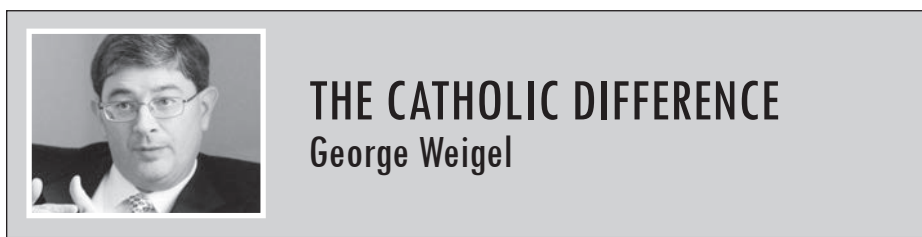
We pray Week III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Full-immersion Catholicism

As this Catholic annus horribilis continues to unfold, perhaps some good news is in order; first, a little background.

In late 1991, Italy's Rocco Buttiglione and America's Michael Novak had an idea: create a summer seminar in which young Catholic adults with leadership potential could immerse themselves in the social doctrine of the Church, and especially the social magisterium of Pope John Paul II. Rocco and Michael recruited Father Richard John Neuhaus, the Polish Dominican Maciej Zieba, and me to the faculty team, and in July 1992 we went to Liechtenstein (where Rocco then taught) for several intensive weeks of intellectual work with some 40 graduate students from Europe and North America.

We repeated the experiment the following July. But after two weeks during which the resonant cowbells of some lovely Liechtensteiner bovines woke me every day at 4 a.m., as they meandered beneath my hotel window, I made a suggestion to my colleagues at evening prayer one night (First Vespers being celebrated from the Liturgy of the Hours and Second Vespers with W.L. Weller Special Reserve): Were we to continue this initiative, we should head east, planting our flag in one of the new democracies of east central Europe. The brethren agreed; we considered the possibilities of Prague and Cracow; John Paul II made it quite clear that he favored the latter; so the "Centesimus Annus Seminar on the Free Society" began meeting in Po-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

land's cultural and spiritual capital in July 1994 — and has met there every summer since. Renamed the "Tertio Millennio Seminar on the Free Society" in 2000, the seminar has graduated some 900 students; its 27th annual assembly this past July included young adults from the United States, Canada, Poland, Slovakia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Slovenia, and Russia.

When Mike Novak handed me the leadership reins in 1999, I was asked by one sponsoring donor how I measured the seminar's success. My reply was probably frustrating, but it was accurate: "Ask me in 25 years." The seminar's purpose was, and is, to help prepare Catholic leaders of the free and virtuous society of the 21st century; it takes time for that leadership to express itself and leadership impact is difficult to quantify. Now, my faculty colleagues and I can look back on more than a quarter-century of work that has helped form great priests and religious; parliamentarians and civil servants; journalists and academics; doctors and lawyers; successful businessmen and philanthropists; impressive marriages and families; and, most importantly, Catholics who live the joy of the Gospel as missionary disciples

in many walks of life.

Over 2 1/2 decades, TMS (the seminar's shorthand moniker) has evolved programmatically. Intellectual immersion in Catholic social doctrine remains the program's substantive core. But my colleagues and I have come to understand that TMS becomes a life-transforming experience for many because study is embedded in an experience of Christian community (the students and faculty live, dine, and pray together) that also includes rich cultural encounters and, above all, the liturgy. Our daily TMS Mass is celebrated with simplicity and reverence. We sing various ancient and modern chants, and our priest faculty provide excellent, expository preaching that helps our students see the world through biblical lenses. A lot of learning — philosophical, theological, historical, and cultural — happens during TMS. What ties it all together is our shared experience of the Eucharist as the source and summit of

the life of faith.

Our curriculum has changed over time to meet the new pressures on missionary discipleship in the early 21st century. Centesimus Annus and Catholic social doctrine remain the seminar's framework. But we now spend more time on a Catholic analysis of the sexual and biotech revolutions than we did in the early 1990s, more time on the question of what Benedict XVI called "human ecology," and more time on understanding the New Evangelization and what it means to live out the meaning of one's baptism.

This year's TMS XXVII — we're now so venerable that we date ourselves like the Super Bowl — was full of impressive young men and women who have met and embraced Jesus Christ, who have zero interest in Catholic Lite, and who want to explore everything that vibrant Catholicism means, personally and in their civic and professional lives. Their eagerness to know and live the faith fully is encouraging in this time of trial and purification — and something October's Synod on youth ministry should take seriously.

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BROOKS, John T. "Tim," 60, Aug. 27
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

DiSANTE, Bruno J., 58, Aug. 27
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

DODDS, Thomas R., 89, Sept. 1
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

EING, Mary J., 60, Aug. 11
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

EVANS, William H., 93, Aug. 29
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

FABIANO, Anthony, 78, Aug. 28
St. Joseph Church, Dover

GORDON, Edna 93, Aug. 28
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

HANDY, Robert F., 86, Aug. 27
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

MARKLEY, Herbert C., 94, Aug. 29
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

McALPIN, Alice M. (Fenneman), 95, Aug. 30
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

NEUMAN, Milagros, Aug. 30
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

SNYDER, June L. (Poux), 71, formerly of Columbus, July 30
Ss. Francis & John Church, Georgetown, Ky.

Rita M. Miller

Funeral Mass for Rita M. Miller, 83, who died Saturday, Sept. 1, will be celebrated Friday, Sept. 7 at Columbus Corpus Christi Church. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was a secretary at the former Columbus Father Wehrle High School and the Columbus School for Girls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; son, Joseph; daugh-

ter, Mary; brothers, Msgr. James Berendt, a priest of the Diocese of Columbus, and Joseph; and sister, Katie (Dan) Oestreicher. Survivors include sons, James (Peggy), William, Charles (Jo Sue), John (Perri) and Michael (Jodi); daughters, Kathleen, Susan (Timothy) Lamka and Nancy (Vincent) Burns; sister, Sister Mary Berendt, OSF; 27 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Catholic Colleges

Wheeling Jesuit opens year with new president

Wheeling Jesuit University opened the new academic year with a new president, Dr. Michael P. Mihalyo Jr., who was chosen for the position on July 25. He replaces Dr. Debra Townsley, who had been serving as interim president since February 2017.

"I am honored to be invited to serve as President of Wheeling Jesuit University. It is well-known the university has a strong tradition of academic

excellence. He also has been president of the Kentucky-based Appalachian College Association; president, chancellor and provost at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia, and vice president for academic affairs and a faculty member at Bethany (West Virginia) College.

The new president joined the campus community in welcoming the largest freshman class in the university's



Wheeling Jesuit opening convocation.

Photos courtesy Wheeling Jesuit University

excellence, leadership and service that permeates throughout the university in the Catholic Jesuit tradition.

"Throughout my own career in higher education, I have worked primarily at or on behalf of private, faith-based institutions in the Appalachian region, all with similar focus. I am delighted to have the opportunity to return home to use my skills and affiliations to enhance the learning environment and to lead the dynamic team that will bring to fruition many exciting initiatives at WJU," Mihalyo said.

Mihalyo has more than two decades of experience in higher education. Before coming to Wheeling, he was provost and vice president of academic affairs at Rockford (Illinois) Univer-

sity. He also has been president of the Kentucky-based Appalachian College Association; president, chancellor and provost at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia, and vice president for academic affairs and a faculty member at Bethany (West Virginia) College.

history to campus this fall. "We had the great pleasure of welcoming more than 350 new students to campus," he said. "The entering Class of 2018 is made up of students from 25 states and 15 nations – representing a diverse cross section of students from across the country and the world."



Dr. Michael Mihalyo Jr.

The university's enrollment team focused on providing the highest level of attention to and

care for each prospective student. Sean Doyle, vice president of enrollment and marketing, said this approach accounted for a 73 percent increase in overall enrollment for the fall semester. The freshman class has an average grade-point average of 3.4 and average ACT score of 22.

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7, FRIDAY

Catholic Social Services Breakfast

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

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

First Friday Masses at Holy Family

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

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

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, with Dr. Michael Parker speaking on challenges to Catholic health care.

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction around 11. Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass. Members of Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults will attend.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road,

Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.

7-9, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Men's Silent Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Men's silent retreat sponsored by Catholic Laymen's Retreat League and directed by Father Denis G. Wilde, OSA. Theme: "To Have a Relationship with the Holy Spirit." 614-949-5905

8, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Praise and Healing Mass at Holy Cross

5:15 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Praise and healing Mass sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson, preceded by Divine Mercy chaplet at 3 and contemporary praise and worship, with prayer teams available for individuals, and followed by the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and fellowship. 614-500-8178

Ohio Dominican Tailgate Party for Veterans

5:30 to 7 p.m., Panther Stadium, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Tailgate party for all military veterans, sponsored by university's Sua Sponte student veterans organization, preceding ODU's football game against Ashland. Includes free game ticket.

9, SUNDAY

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting

1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

Jubilee Museum 20th Anniversary Banquet

5 to 8:30 p.m., Renaissance Columbus-Westerville Hotel, 409 Altair Parkway, Westerville. Banquet celebrating 20th anniversary of the Jubilee Museum, which has the largest collection of diversified Catholic art in the United States. Includes dinner, silent and live auctions, raffles, door prizes. Tickets \$60, including two complimentary drinks. 614-600-0054

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.

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

10, MONDAY

Aquinas Alumni Luncheon

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

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

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

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

11, TUESDAY

Blue Mass at St. Timothy

5 p.m., St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus. Annual Blue Mass for law enforcement and first responder personnel. 614-451-2671

Calix Society Meeting

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

Holy Hour at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi

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

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

EnCourage Ministry Monthly Meeting

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

12, WEDNESDAY

Youth Ministers, Religion Teachers Meeting

9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual meeting with youth ministers and high school religion teachers sponsored by diocesan Department for Education and Office of Religious Education and Catechesis. Registration deadline Sept. 5. 614-221-5829

Center for Dominican Studies Lecture Series

Noon to 12:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Room, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Sister Diane Traffas, OP, speaks on "Hearts Burning for Justice." First talk of yearlong Center for Dominican Studies series on justice. Lunch provided. 614-251-4722

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves

2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters

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13, THURSDAY

Ohio Dominican Series on Justice

3:30 p.m., Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, Columbus. Dr. Ronald Carstens, ODU political science professor, speaks on "Justice and Global Poverty: Hearing the Cries of the Poor." as part of university series of talks on justice. 614-251-4453

Cenacle at Holy Name

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

Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart

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

PDHC Celebration of Life

7 p.m., Fisher Catholic High School, 1803 Granville Pike, Lancaster. Celebration of Life fundraiser sponsored by Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, with multitalented entertainer George Dennehy. No charge for meal. Registration deadline Sept. 10. Go to SupportPDHC.org/celebratelife.

Theology on Tap Meeting

7 p.m., El Vaquero restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics, with Andrew Burson of the diocesan Office for Divine Worship speaking on "Exploring the Prayer of the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours." RSVP to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

14, FRIDAY

Foundation Professional Advisers Group

7:30 to 9 a.m., Coffee social with members of The

Catholic Foundation's professional advisers group, which includes estate planning lawyers, financial planners, insurance professionals, accountants and trust officers. Call for location. 614-443-8893

14-16, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Frassati Society Hiking and Camping Trip

Zaleski State Forest, Zaleski. Weekend hiking and camping trip sponsored by Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults. Group plans to leave around 5 p.m. Friday and be back in time for a Sunday evening Mass. 614-224-9522

15, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Josephinum Four-Mile Run/Walk

9 to 11 a.m., Glacier Ridge Metro Park, 9801 Hyland-Croy Road, Dublin. Four-mile run/walk sponsored by Friends of the Josephinum to benefit Pontifical College Josephinum seminarians. Participants will receive gifts of wine or jam and bread. Entry fees \$45. Register at www.m3sports.com. Click "Coming events," then "Josephinum 4-Miler."

Frassati Society Brunch at Sunny Street Cafe

Sunny Street Cafe, 7042 Hospital Drive, Dublin. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society brunch following Friends of the Josephinum four-mile run/walk. 614-224-9522

Centering Prayer Group Meeting

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

16, SUNDAY

Catholic War Veterans Mass at St. Matthias

11 a.m., St. Matthias Church, 1582 Ferris Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 attends Mass, followed by brief business meeting. 614-560-9158

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. 614-221-1890

Angelic Warfare Confraternity at St. Patrick

Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. 614-224-9522

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality.

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

2 to 4 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. First of six consecutive weekly meetings of Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry, a support group sponsored by the churches of the North High Deanery for all who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Contact Michael Julian at mjulian@columbus.rr.com.

Polish Mass at Holy Family

2 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in Polish. 614-221-4323

Schools, teachers receive Edison Awards

Two diocesan schools and 19 teachers were among 61 schools and 672 teachers nationwide who received the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research, sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Science, for the 2017-18 academic year.

Diocesan recipients were Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School and teachers Hillery Kennedy, Tina Haller, Mindy Martin, Courtney Maxwell, Linda Kerr, Maria Polacek, Christina Kessler, Julie Beat-

ty, Christy Fay, Danielle McDaniel, Kim Leeth, Nancy Ames, Carrie Hill, Debbie Fyffe, Dianne Cryder, Barb Nowlin, Terrina Fahnestock, and Chelsea Irvin, and Lancaster St. Mary School and teacher Anita Yapple. This is the 12th year Flaget and its teachers have received the award.

Each school will receive a special Governor's Award certificate, and each teacher will receive a free membership to the academy. The technology division of the Ohio Development Services Agency funded the program.

To receive the award, a school must conduct a science fair with 12 or more students; qualify two or more of these students for one of the academy's district science days; have students participate in at least one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom; and convince professional representatives how and to what extent the school's program meets the academy's definition of STEM education.

The academy defines STEM education as the mastery and integration of science, technology, engineering

and mathematics for students in all grades from pre-kindergarten up. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based programs to develop skills of communication, teamwork, collaboration, creativity, innovation, critical thinking and problem solving.

First established in 1985, the Edison Awards recognize schools and teachers who stimulate scientific student research and technological design and extend opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities.

Day of Peace opens school year



The second day of classes at Columbus Our Lady of Peace School was dedicated to the subject of being peacemakers. The day started with a prayer service, followed by an anti-bullying video, and skits by family groups on the values of the Gospel. In the afternoon, Jim "Basketball" Jones gave an inspirational and humorous presentation on teamwork and achieving your dreams, all while spinning basketballs.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Peace School

First day of school at St. Paul



Kindergarten student Kylie Trotter (left) and second-grader Blake Trotter are ready for the first day of classes at Westerville St. Paul School. Photo courtesy Susan Streitenberger

Eagle project improves Trinity playground



An Eagle Scout project by Ben Wolfe of Boy Scout Troop 73 improved the playground at Columbus Trinity Elementary School. Thirty-two volunteers spread 75 cubic yards of playground mulch and installed a commercial-grade border. Funding for the project was provided by the Trinity Home & School Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Kiwanis Club, Asymmetrics Technologies, Jane Margiotta and Hal Schofield. Wolfe is a Trinity graduate and is a student at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. He is in the middle of the first row, wearing a gray shirt and hat.

Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School

Contini makes mark in multiple ways at Ohio Dominican

Ohio Dominican senior Cory Contini is the kind of young adult whom every parent hopes to raise.

He's a great student, never misses class or gets into trouble, goes to Mass, gives back in the community, and goes out of his way to mentor fellow students.

And he also happens to be a stand-out on the football field for the Panthers.

Contini, a wide receiver, began the 2018 season on Thursday night with six catches for 125 yards and a touchdown in 23rd-ranked Ohio Dominican's 28-23 victory over California University of Pennsylvania.

With Contini and a host of veteran starters leading the way, the Panthers have set their sights on winning a second straight Great Midwest Conference championship and qualifying for the NCAA Division II playoffs for the first time since 2014.

"Hopefully, we can put some good things together and we can accomplish those goals as a team," Contini said.

"I want to make the playoffs and make a run into November. That's all

I want. We have not made the playoffs since I've been here. We've been right on the edge every single year."

Contini, a senior from Dover, stresses that he's a team-first guy, but he has built an impressive resume as a football player and as a student in four years at ODU.

In 2017, Contini was named Great Midwest Conference Back of the Year, first-team all-conference and first-team all-region after finishing the season with 72 receptions for 1,186 yards and 14 touchdowns.

He ranked sixth in NCAA Division II in receiving yards per game (118.6) and receiving touchdowns and was 13th in receptions per game (7.2). One of his acrobatic catches wound up on ESPN's *NFL Countdown* "You Got Mossed."

In the classroom, Contini performs

at an equally high level as a two-time Academic All-American who carries a 3.90 grade-point average while majoring in accounting.

He attributes his dedication to his studies to his mom, Abby, a lifelong educator.



Ohio Dominican senior wide receiver Cory Contini.

"He's a very talented kid," Ohio Dominican coach Kelly Cummings said.

Contini's leadership ability spills over into community service. His volunteer efforts include ODU's Make A Difference Day and the university's 5K run, working with Special Olympics athletes, serving on the school's student athlete advisory committee and helping at sports camps in his hometown, where he was an altar server

at St. Joseph Church before heading off to college.

His ODU endeavors have brought

him national recognition as a nominee for the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team and for the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award. Winners of the latter award, which will be announced later this year, receive up to a \$20,000 postgraduate scholarship.

"Those are the things I'm most proud of," Contini said.

He has displayed enough ability as a receiver with 153 career receptions and 23 touchdowns to attract interest from NFL scouts.

It's possible a team could sign him next spring, most likely as a free agent.

But Contini realizes that life doesn't begin and end with football. He's well positioned for whatever the next step might be after Ohio Dominican.

He's planning to apply for law school (his father, Jim, is an attorney) or possibly pursue an MBA or master's degree in accounting.

"At the end of the day, I can't play football forever," he said. "I want to be the best human being I can be and a well-round individual. That's what playing football means to me."

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St. Catharine opens preschool building

The Columbus St. Catharine Church community gathered on Sunday, Aug. 26 after the 11 a.m. Mass for a blessing and tours at the parish's newly renovated preschool building at the corner of Fair Avenue and Gould Road.

The building serves Bexley and neighboring communities on Columbus' east side. Its \$1 million renovation marks the conclusion of Phase I of the parish's capital campaign titled "For God's Glory." The campaign has secured \$6.8 million in pledges and gifts in less than one year.

The new home for the preschool, which has been at capacity and has operated with a waiting list for the past couple of years, is the parish's former convent, a sturdy brick building dedicated in 1938 for the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who ran and provided the faculty for St. Catharine Elementary School until the mid-1970s.

The preschool, the only such facility in the diocese to earn the Ohio Department of Education's five-star Step Up to Quality program rating, opened on Tuesday, Sept. 4 with a full enrollment of 77 children and a matriculation rate of 83 percent of all preschoolers to St. Catharine's kin-



Father Dan Dury, pastor, gets ready to cut the ribbon for Columbus St. Catharine Church's new preschool. Assisting him are Deacon Chris Reis (right) and master of ceremonies Ray Duffy (holding book).

Photo courtesy St. Catharine School

dergarten and grade school.

The program for the blessing ceremony featured Father Daniel Dury, the parish's pastor; Deacon Chris Reis; and capital campaign steering committee co-chair Matt Palmer.

Palmer said 100 percent of the preschool renovation was funded through the generosity of parishio-

ners and friends.

"St. Catharine is incredibly blessed with parishioners who love their Catholic faith and are serving this parish with distinction," Father Dury said. "We have three families on our campaign steering committee in John and Linda Mackessy, Matt and Lisa Palmer, and Trish and Tom Schindler who have inspired so many to get involved and play a role to transform St. Catharine facilities, so its thriving ministries can grow even more. This project is all about evangelizing and bringing more souls to Jesus Christ."

The campaign's honorary chair-

man is Msgr. David V. Sorohan, the parish's pastor from 1988 to 2004. The second phase of the capital campaign will recognize Msgr. Sorohan by naming the new parish center for him. Work on that building will begin later this fall. A new Eucharistic Adoration chapel also is part of Phase II.

Parish development director Doug Stein, who initially was a consultant to the campaign, said, "The people of St. Catharine have come together to meet the needs of a parish that many longtime parishioners have described as 'being on fire' for the Holy Spirit. I have been in the capital campaign world for 25 years, and this campaign committee designed and produced some of the most creative marketing and promotion materials ever seen in a Catholic parish capital campaign. Other local schools and parishes are asking for the 'For God's Glory' blueprint."

The renovated preschool features four classrooms, a kitchen, new heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, new fire-suppression systems, new restrooms on every floor, a large motor-skills room for exercise, offices and conference rooms for the staff, and an enclosed playground.

Also included is a chapel, also known as an atrium, where students will be taught the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which emphasizes age-appropriate experiential learning, simplicity, and order.

For more information about the capital campaign, visit www.ForGodsGlory.org.

Cathedral Healing Mass and service on Sept. 17

A Mass of healing and healing service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

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

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

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

Parking is available at the rear of the cathedral and is accessible off East Gay Street. There is a handicapped-accessible elevator in the courtyard (west side of the cathedral) on East Broad Street. Healing Masses take place at the cathedral on the third Monday of every other month. The final Healing Mass at the cathedral this year will be on Nov. 19.

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

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