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IS EXPANDING ITS MISSION**

Editor's reflections by Doug Bean

Guided by faith at the polls

Unless you've been vacationing on a remote island with no access to media for the past couple of months, you're obviously aware that the November midterm elections are upon us next week.

You've more than likely received a campaign advertisement in your mailbox or seen one on television, on the web, or in the newspaper. You've probably heard pitches for political candidates on the radio and even at your front door. Maybe you've watched a debate or an interview with a candidate. And while they're bantering, you might have wanted to throw something at the TV – or, more prudently, you've felt like grabbing a rosary and praying.

Unfortunately, political vitriol has increasingly become part of the campaign landscape. Most candidates ignore the sage advice that mothers have imparted to their children forever: "If you don't have anything nice to say about someone, don't say anything at all."

OK, it's somewhat naïve to expect politicians not to behave badly (or point out an opponent's shortcomings) at some points in a campaign season. But more worrisome is the spillover we're seeing in society during the run-up to this election.

You may have read recent stories about candidates who were confronted by in-your-face protesters at campaign stops. Some threats are so alarming that the disruptors have caused an event to be canceled because of safety concerns. That's really nothing new, but confrontations appear more virulent and seem to be escalating.

Everyone has an opinion on the reasons for the heated nature of

public discourse. What's so great about America is that the Constitution gives everyone

a right to express an opinion. So here's one observation: The loudest wailing and the gnashing of teeth is not coming from rational people who defend the right to life from conception to natural death, advocate religious freedom and the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, abide by just laws, or respect dignity of every human person. It's up to you to figure out who's making the most noise.

In this space, it's a dicey proposition to comment on politics because the Catholic Church is a religious organization and doesn't endorse political parties, candidates or issues. However, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does offer guidelines on responsible voting based upon beliefs and values that embody God's laws. A sampling of those can be found on Page 20 of this week's *Catholic Times* and in more depth at www.usccb.org. The Catholic Conference of Ohio also provides reflections on statewide election issues to aid voters in making informed decisions.

Educated voting takes some work. Research the candidates and the issues. Don't rely on popular media to shape your thinking. Allow Catholic principles to guide you, starting with defending the precious gift of life. Most of all, pray unceasingly for guidance and spiritual wisdom so that elected officials will see fit to make this one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all.



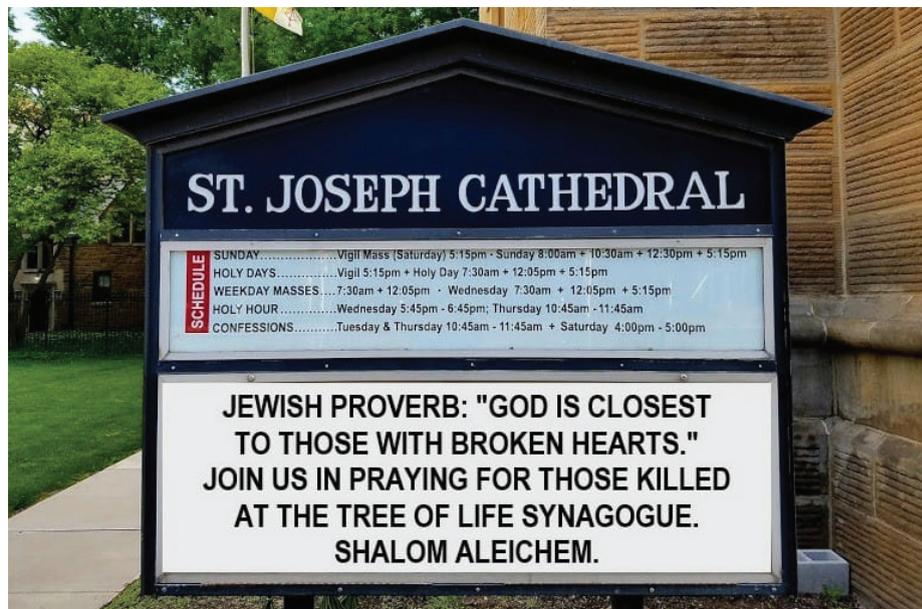
USCCB condemns shooting at synagogue, all 'acts of hate'

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The U.S. Catholic bishops stand with "our brothers and sisters of the Jewish community," the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said on Oct. 27 after a horrific shooting in Pittsburgh at the Tree of

Life Synagogue, "the plague of gun violence," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston.

"Violence as a response to political, racial or religious differences must be confronted with all possible effort. God asks nothing less of us," he said.



The sign in front of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral expresses the sentiments of the Diocese of Columbus after the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh that left 11 people dead and six others injured. "These situations are horrific and very sad," said the cathedral's rector, Father Michael Lumpe. "We need to pray for those who were killed or injured, for their families, for the Tree of Life Synagogue congregation, for an end to anti-Semitism, for an end to all hatred and violence, and certainly for a wholesale conversion of mind and heart for those who embrace evil and hatred, that they will turn to Christ who has taught us how to love others." Photo courtesy St. Joseph Cathedral

Life Synagogue, described as a hub of Jewish life in that city.

The shooting occurred during a morning baby-naming ceremony, for which an estimated crowd of 45 to 100 people had gathered, according to news reports. Eleven people, all adults, were killed. Six others were injured, including four members of law enforcement.

"We condemn all acts of violence and hate and yet again, call on our nation and public officials to confront

"He begs us back to our common humanity as his sons and daughters."

At the Vatican on Oct. 28, Pope Francis prayed for those affected by the deadly attack, calling it an "inhuman act of violence." "May the Lord help us extinguish the fires of hatred that develop in our society," the pope prayed after reciting the Angelus prayer.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society
The entrance to the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Center, 578 E. Main St., Columbus.

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Diocesan Safe Environment Office's role increases

By Tim Puet, *Catholic Times Reporter*

The role of the diocesan department charged with protecting children and providing safe environments for them has grown constantly in the 15 years since its establishment.

Bishop Frederick Campbell recognized this in September by elevating the agency in the diocesan structure. What now is known as the diocesan Safe Environment Office is led by Regina Quinn as director. She has been manager of what had been known as the Safe Environment Program for more than nine years. A second staff member will be hired for the office because of the significant increase in its duties in recent years.

“Regina has been working tirelessly and expertly for the Diocese of Columbus, and this will give her some much needed help and allow us to continue building initiatives that further strengthen our Diocese’s ability to protect children and young people and prevent problems from occurring,” said Deacon Thomas Berg Jr., diocesan chancellor.

The office’s work is constant and ongoing. The Diocese requires training and background checks for all diocesan employees and volunteers who may come in contact with minors while working with any diocesan church, school or affiliated institution.

These include priests, deacons, candidates for clergy formation, educators, and staff members of any of these organizations, along with parish and school volunteers.

The office’s principal role is administration of the VIRTUS Protecting God’s Children (PGC) program, which is required training for all the groups of people mentioned above. Since 2003, PGC sessions have been conducted regularly throughout the 23 counties of the diocese. Quinn said between 150 and 180 sessions are conducted each year. Sessions are given in English and Spanish. Additionally, the Safe Environment Office has copies of PGC videos with Korean subtitles, and a translation of the script in Vietnamese.

PGC emphasizes five steps for preventing child abuse:

1. Know the warning signs of potential abusers.
2. Control access.

3. Monitor all programs.

4. Be aware. Know what is going on in the lives of the children in your care or in your life.

5. Communicate your concerns.

Required background checks are conducted by the state Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) and can be done at any location that offers WebCheck services, including private companies, sheriff’s offices, police departments, state Bureau of Motor Vehicles offices, and other locations certified by the BCI. Fingerprinting also is required for anyone whose work with a diocesan organization involves contact with minors. Fingerprinting can be completed at any WebCheck location.



Once it takes place, an applicant’s fingerprints are compared with state BCI records.

Quinn said that during the year which began on July 1, 2017 and ended on June 30, her office conducted safe environment training for 63,739 people. The total includes children, clergy, candidates for ordination, educators, diocesan employees, and volunteers who work with children at diocesan parishes, schools, and institutions. Background reports were reviewed for 24,150 people. Minors are not subject to such reports. Quinn says these annual totals have been consistent since the diocesan Safe Environment Program began 15 years ago.

Besides overseeing the Protecting God’s Children and background check programs, Quinn’s office is in

charge of annual audits required by the Diocese and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; assurance of parish, school and agency compliance with equal-employment guidelines and all other applicable local, federal and state laws; independent reviews of problem situations that may arise; providing regular guidance to parish, school and agency personnel to answer questions and advise them on handling situations; one-on-one teaching of people who are new to safe environment work; speaking at diocesan-sponsored workshops on asbestos removal and other safety-related subjects, as well as school administrator meetings and other gatherings; and collaborations at the national lev-

People issued by the USCCB in 2002. This document provides a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of abuse of minors. It has been revised several times, most recently this year. It includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.

Among other requirements, the charter calls for annual audits of dioceses and Byzantine eparchies to ensure compliance with USCCB guidelines. Annual audits have been conducted since 2003. The USCCB publishes results of the audits online in May. Through Protecting God’s Children and other safe environment programs, more than 2.5 million people active in the Church have been trained to recognize and respond to signs of inappropriate behavior, thus preventing abuse.

All parishes, schools, and agencies in the Diocese of Columbus must inform the Safe Environment Office of their compliance to the charter’s guidelines or of any instances of failure to comply by March 15. Each location must provide a list of all parish and school employees, all school volunteers, and all parish volunteers who work with minors. The list must include dates of the criminal background check and of Protecting God’s Children training for each of these persons.

There are 145 locations in the Diocese which must provide this information – 105 parishes, 11 high schools, two independent schools, and various other agencies including the St. Vincent Family Center, St. Stephen’s Community House, St. Therese’s Retreat Center, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, the Bishop Griffin Center, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs and The Catholic Foundation in Columbus; the St. Francis Center in McArthur; Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark; and Catholic Social Services offices in Newark, Zanesville and Portsmouth.

Deacon Berg and Quinn visit these locations every three years to conduct on-site audits, with the institutions providing information to the office during the other years.

The office also conducts ongo-

el, especially with the USCCB.

The Diocese recently formed a suicide task force in response to growing concern about that subject, particularly in relation to young people. Quinn is a member of that group, which recently sponsored a suicide prevention seminar attended by 180 representatives of diocesan organizations.

The first diocesan safe environment coordinator was hired for a part-time position in the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2003. The coordinator’s position became a full-time post, reporting to the diocesan chancellor, in 2013, when the Safe Environment Program became independent from the youth ministry office.

The coordinator’s position was created in response to the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young*

Have Faith in Education

By Adam Dufault

Responding to perceptions of Catholic schools



Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the nation's superintendents of Catholic schools. This conference, held this year in Jacksonville, Florida, is sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), the membership organization that unites and advocates for Catholic education throughout the United States. Besides seeing old friends, meeting new colleagues and gathering ideas, I learned of recent market research that has been conducted on the perceptions of Catholic education in this country.

Last year, the NCEA enlisted the services of a company called Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA) and conducted a nationwide research initiative. Using a survey and conversations with diverse focus groups in five cities, the study produced information on the American public's perceptions of Catholic education, its accessibility and its benefits.

Overall, the conclusions were not surprising. The study found that Catholic schools generally are held in high regard, but that parents had misconceptions about cost and curriculum. In short, our schools offer a significant and beneficial opportunity to parents, but American Catholic schools have not done enough to share our value

proposition far and wide. That is, why should a parent spend his or her hard-earned money to send their child to Catholic school?

Ultimately, perception becomes the reality for parents. They are confronted now with more educational choices than ever before, and fewer parents have the time or knowledge to thoroughly research their options. While the overall image of Catholic schools is positive – the study found that 63 percent of respondents had a favorable view of Catholic education – the strongest reason why parents opted for a public school was concern over affordability. Forty-one percent of respondents opted for a public education because of concerns about tuition costs. Yet, for many parents there is a desire for Catholic education. The survey found that 74 percent of respondents agreed with the idea that “Recent changes in society and technology mean students need a firm moral background – something that our Catholic schools provide.” At the same time, many respondents worried that Catholic schools did not do enough to offer critical science and technology instruction and did not do enough to serve students with special needs or learning challenges. These last two items were

among the factors least associated with perceptions of Catholic schools held by the respondents.

A survey conducted at a national level offers only a small glimpse of the overall picture in Catholic education. There are more than 6,300 Catholic schools serving 1.8 million students across the country, and broad conclusions from this survey cannot accurately describe the experience in all areas. The schools in the Diocese of Columbus are well positioned to respond to the findings of this survey.

Catholic education must be seen as an investment in children. There is a growing tendency in society to commoditize everything, asking, “Where can I find the best deal?” Parents should not fall into this trap when considering education. A child's formation cannot be viewed as just another good or service. It is far too valuable. Catholic schools uniquely offer the opportunity to educate students in robust, thoughtful curricula in an environment of faith and love. Catholic schools provide the opportunity to know the fullness of the world. St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, taught that we may find God in all things. Education is not complete without the recognition of God's presence in all of life – in science, in math, in art, in language, in service to others. A number of our Catholic schools here in the Diocese of Columbus have developed engaging STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs to further prepare students for the rapidly changing world. Many of our schools offer services for students with special needs

through Jon Peterson scholarships, Title-funded services, and support from the SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education) ministry, and from services through the Office of Catholic Schools. Catholic schools will work with families who desire a Catholic education to ensure that it is affordable. Parishes, schools and the Diocese provide financial aid to families annually. Many of our families qualify for EdChoice scholarships through the state of Ohio that allow them to access the benefits of non-public education.

Still, our schools do have to proudly proclaim our mission and the good that they bring to our community. Pope Francis has written that “An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic schools,” and it is our obligation to ensure that this rich education is available to all.

Perhaps the best response to the survey conclusions would be to invite all parents, guardians and grandparents reading this article to stop by their local Catholic school and take a look. If you have children in that school, be reassured that they are in a wonderful, caring place that will provide an outstanding, faith-filled education. If you do not have children in that school, consider the differences that you see and remember that Catholic schools are a direct investment in your children's future. I invite you all to take another look. I believe you will like what you see!

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PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

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

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ing training for people conducting the PGC program. Six employees of parishes, schools or other agencies in various parts of the Diocese serve as safe environment coordinators for their regions and meet four times a year with Quinn.

The Diocese's efforts at providing a safe environment for children have received national recognition. Quinn has served as a mentor for other safe environment coordinators at the request of the USCCB. She and Deacon Berg went to Washington last year to take part in a USCCB "think tank" session on examining ways of applying principles used by high-reliability organizations, such as hospitals and the military, to the Church's safe environment program. Quinn serves on a USCCB subcommittee on this topic.

Before being hired by the Diocese in 2008, Quinn worked overseas for 16 years for the Air Force Judge Advocate General's office as a lawyer dealing with child abuse and child sexual assault cases. She also was employed by the East Knox School District as a tutor.

All dioceses and eparchies have victim assistance coordinators who ensure that victims of abuse will be heard. In the Diocese of Columbus, you can reach the victim assistance coordinator, Msgr. Stephan Moloney, by calling (614) 224-2251 or (866) 448-0217, or by sending an email message to helpisavailable@columbuscatholic.org.

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

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



MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS Father Tad Pacholczyk

Sexual orientation: Hope for restoration and healing with SOCE

Sexual orientation change efforts (SOCE) rely on professional therapy and counseling, often in a religious context, to assist those struggling with unwanted homosexual inclinations who would like to diminish their same-sex attractions and grow in their ability to abstain from same-sex behaviors. Many proponents of same-sex lifestyles argue that sexual orientation change efforts not only are ineffective, but also are harmful and unscientific, going so far as to advocate for legislation that would restrict a practitioner's ability to offer SOCE. A sweeping bill recently tabled in California, for example, would have labeled any sexual orientation therapy offered for a fee as "consumer fraud." Are such laws sensible or reprehensible? What do scientific studies indicate about attempts to change sexual orientation?

Peter Sprigg, senior fellow for policy studies at the Family Research Council in Washington, has provided a very helpful analysis of six studies published between 2000 and 2018 in a recent review article titled "Are Sexual Orientation Change Efforts (SOCE) Effective? Are They Harmful? What the Evidence Shows." He concludes that SOCE "can be effective for some clients in bringing about significant change in some components of sexual orientation," and that "few harms were reported." Older reports from the literature, including 600 studies and five meta-analyses, support the same conclusions.

One of the six SOCE studies reviewed by Sprigg, "A Longitudinal Study of Attempted Religiously Mediated Sexual Orientation Change," was published in the *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy* in 2011. In this study, researchers Stanton Jones and Mark Yarhouse evaluated 61 men and women who opted to pursue religiously-mediated change efforts. At the end of the study, after tracking them through therapy for six years, they found that 53 percent of them self-categorized as some version of

success, either as "success: conversion" (23 percent) or "success: chastity" (30 percent). That was more than twice the number (25 percent) who described the outcome as "failure: confused," or "failure: gay identity."

Interestingly, the observed success rates in the study trended higher as the study continued. Between the third and sixth year, for example, the "success: conversion" results improved from 15 percent to 23 percent of the participants, while the "success: chastity" portion improved from 23 percent to 30 percent. In commenting on this phenomenon, Sprigg notes that "rather than relapsing into homosexuality after initial success in overcoming it, as SOCE critics claim, clients are more likely to achieve success the longer they persevere in the process."

When participants reported "success: conversion" as an outcome, this did not indicate that all same-sex attraction went away, but that "a reduction in homosexual attraction and an increase in heterosexual attraction" had occurred. Similarly, "success: chastity" was defined as "stable behavioral chastity and a reduction in homosexual attraction," which, in the words of the report, can "also be regarded as a successful outcome" by "conventionally religious persons." As with most studies of this type, most participants reported some significant, but not complete, change.

This same research study by Jones and Yarhouse also assessed any reported "harms" from SOCE during the course of the change efforts. They evaluated psychological distress among the participants using a standardized checklist of symptoms, but the only statistically significant trends indicated "improving psychological symptoms" rather than harms to SOCE clients.

In his review of the literature, Sprigg examines the issue of SOCE "harms" from another angle as well, evaluating the methods and claims of a very influential paper by Ariel Shidlo and Michael Schroeder, two self-identified

gay researchers whose work was sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (the latter being a political activist group).

Their paper, published in 2002, is one of the more widely cited works asserting that clients who undergo SOCE may experience significant damage. Sprigg observes that the authors make no pretense of "being unbiased, nor of recruiting a representative sample of SOCE consumers." Despite a scholarly veneer, their report offers almost entirely anecdotal reports of harm. It fails to offer compiled data, statistical evidence or data analysis, and relies on a narrative approach and dubious claims regarding various harms and negative outcomes from SOCE.

The more robust and rigorous research studies reviewed by Sprigg, meanwhile, do not find notable harms to clients from SOCE, but, on the contrary, find very notable improvements both in the ability to resist homosexual behaviors and in the clients' sense of sexual reorientation.

Set within a broader religious and human framework, these statistically significant findings about SOCE from the field of psychotherapy help push back against the dogmatism of same-sex advocates and even of some professional medical societies. Such dogmatism ignores the best interests of clients by seeking to restrict the availability of important and potentially helpful therapies when everyone should instead be supporting access to ministries of healing and change for those desiring to restore psychological and spiritual wholeness in their lives.

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Mass and clergy sex abuse; Sacraments and defrocked religious



QUESTION & ANSWER
Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service

QI have been a lifelong Catholic, never missing Mass on weekends or holy days. But for the last four or five weeks, I have not attended Mass, and it was a conscious decision. I am utterly disgusted at what the Catholic Church has become. I still believe that the Catholic faith is the correct one, but in order to stay a Catholic, I have to separate internally the “faith” from the “church.”

You probably know what I am talking about: decades of rampant child abuse by priests, bishops, cardinals. And instead of kicking out the rapists and abusers, they have instead been protected and even promoted within the church. (And we have all read about financial improprieties within the Vatican bank.)

So my question is this: If the church is hopelessly morally corrupt, am I really committing a sin by not attending Mass? (central Missouri)

AA. It pains me to read your question, and I pray every day for those Catholics like yourself who are experiencing doubts and deep distress because of the criminal and disgraceful behavior of some clerics. It does little good to remind readers that the number who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors represents a small minority of clerics – perhaps three or four percent. Even one case, of course, is too many – especially when you consider the lifelong turmoil it brings into a child’s life.

I try to encourage people to separate, if they can, not so much – as you say – the “faith” and the “church.” The distinction, in my mind, is between the church as founded by Jesus and the human and fallible individuals who make up that church, including some in leadership roles.

To answer your question, yes, you still do have the moral obligation to “keep holy the Lord’s day” by sharing in the Mass. I can readily understand why you have begun to drift away, but that’s not really fair to yourself.

Why punish yourself because of the infidelity of some clerics? Why deprive yourself of the benefit of the Eucharist, of the comfort that is offered from the closeness to Christ, of the strength for daily living that comes from being nourished at the table of Jesus?

QI think that faithful Catholics would like to know about the validity of the sacraments received from disgraced or defrocked priests and bishops. Were sins forgiven in the sacrament of penance? Did the act of consecration take place for the bread and wine to become the body and blood of Christ? (Saratoga Springs, New York)

AA friend of mine who was married years ago by a Catholic cleric later removed from ministry likes to tell me – jokingly – that his wedding “did not count” and that he is free now to marry someone else! That, of course, is not true.

The question you raise was answered in the church nearly 1,700 years ago in what was known as the Donatist controversy and ratified later in the teaching of St. Augustine.

Since it is really Christ who is acting in the sacraments, the personal unworthiness of the minister would not prevent Jesus from acting.

Later, medieval church theologians would explain it in more formal terms by saying that the sacraments operate *ex opere operato* (“from the work having been done”) and not *ex opere operantis* (“from the work of the worker”).

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states it today, “From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the church, the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister” (No. 1128).

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

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The gunman, later identified as Robert Bowers, a 46-year-old Pittsburgh man, allegedly shouted that “all Jews must die” as he stormed the synagogue in the Squirrel Hill section of the city. Once inside, he began shooting. Police said he was armed with three handguns and an AR-15 “style” weapon. He is believed to have acted alone.

In Pittsburgh, Special Agent Robert Jones, who heads the FBI’s field office there, said on Oct. 28 that Bowers was formally taken into federal custody the previous night. He has been charged with 29 separate federal crimes, including hate crimes and weapons offenses. Jones said 22 of the counts are “punishable by death.”

“We will spare no effort or resource to make sure the defendant is held fully accountable for his unspeakable crimes,” Jones said at an early morning news conference.

Bowers was apprehended by local law enforcement after exchanging gunfire with police outside the synagogue following his shooting spree inside.

He was hospitalized for injuries he sustained, which required surgery, according to Jones. He said Bowers remained in the hospital in fair condition and was under guard. The alleged shooter went before a federal magistrate on Oct. 29.

Officials also released the names of those who were killed: brothers Cecil and David Rosenthal, ages 59 and 54; a husband and wife, Sylvan and Bernice Simon, ages 86 and 84; Joyce Fienberg, 75; Richard Gottfried, 65; Rose Mallinger, 97; Jerry Rabinowitz, 66; Daniel Stein, 71; Melvin Wax, 88; and Irving Younger, 69.

Reuters reported that a post on social media, later identified as coming from Bowers, said “I can’t sit by and watch my people get slaughtered. Screw your optics, I’m going in.” Shortly before the shooting, it had been posted on Gab, a Philadelphia-based social networking service described as an alternative to Twitter. Gab.com confirmed the poster’s profile belonged to Bowers.

In his statement, Cardinal DiNardo, who was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, said, “I commend to our Lord the victims, including first responders, and the consolation of their families. May Almighty God be with them and bring them

comfort at this tragic time.”

Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik denounced the shooting and said the entire Pittsburgh community is devastated. The relationship between the Catholic diocese and the synagogue, he said, has been “close over many years.”

In a statement to the media, he said, “May God free us from fear and hatred, and sow peace in our lives, our communities and in the world. ... My heart and prayers are especially lifted up for our Jewish sisters and brothers and the law enforcement officers who rushed into harm’s way.”

Prayer, loving one’s neighbor and working to end bigotry must be the response to the hatred shown by the shooting, he said.

“Anti-Jewish bigotry, and all religious and ethnic bigotry, is a terrible sin,” he said. “As we pray for peace in our communities and comfort for the grieving, we must put prayer into action by loving our neighbors and working to make ‘Never again!’ a reality.”

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera of Scranton, Pennsylvania, the chairman of the USCCB Committee for Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs, called the attack “a cowardly act” that must “be condemned by all Americans.”

“Those killed and injured represent the best of who we are: people of faith gathered to pray and celebrate the birth of a child, and officers responding to the ensuring violence with no concern for their own safety,” Bishop Bambera said.

He said the committee “stands with our Jewish brothers and sisters during this time of great distress. May God grant peace to the dead, healing to the injured, and comfort to the families of those hurt and killed and to all the Jewish community.”

President Donald Trump addressed the shooting as he was leaving Washington for a rally in the Midwest and again at the rally, which he said he had considered canceling because of the horrific shooting. He said he and the entire nation were “stunned and shocked by the unleashing of such terrible violence during a baby-naming ceremony.”

He called it “pure evil” and a “wicked act” of anti-Semitism. The “widespread persecution of Jews ... must be condemned and confronted anywhere it appears,” Trump said. “There must be no tolerance for religious or racial hatred or prejudice.”

LIVING Faith

Mary in the stars as Our Lady of the Southern Cross

“Look, Mommy! Look, Daddy! Don’t they look like sparkly connect-the-dots?” We were late getting home and I was in a hurry to get in the house and get the kids to bed, but my four-year-old’s voice stopped me with its enthusiasm.

Only my four-year-old could make me look to the night sky without the shadow of cynicism or adult perspective. When I looked up, I had to agree with her. The stars did look like sparkly connect-the-dots.

I haven’t been able to go outside since without a reminder of the wonder of the stars. As the days get shorter during the autumn and I have more opportunities to see stars, I think of the many things in my life that seem disconnected. I look back over the years and see how things have, over time, been linked and connected, as though there were someone connecting the dots.

I look skyward and think of how Heaven’s supposed to be “up there” somewhere. I see the stars and am reminded of how far away they are, which leads me to reflecting on how far I am from Heaven.

In Mary, though, I have a link to Heaven. I can see her there, in the sky of my life, connecting the dots, when I can conquer my initial distrust of



FINDING FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Sarah Reinhard

others, and overcome the distraction of how holy she is and how I’m not.

She’s been there so often for me. From my earliest inquiries into the Catholic faith to yesterday, her gentle touch is all around me, leading me back to her Son.

Just the other day, I felt that touch. I had been at Adoration earlier in the morning (perhaps it’s more accurate to call it the middle of the night) and had been praying for guidance. I found it, to some extent, in the psalms I read while I sat there in the silence. I also felt it in the stillness and the presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament.

Driving home, I decided to stay awake and work. I knew it was going to be tough, but somehow, I did it and was incredibly productive.

My mother-in-law, showing up for an early morning cleaning session at my house, commented, “I don’t know why, but I’ve been praying for you since 4 a.m.”

In that statement, I felt Mary’s touch and the wonder of the stars. Who else

but my heavenly mother would have thought to have my mother-in-law deliver such a beautiful message to me? There’s wonder at knowing how much God must love me to give me the gift of Mary in my life.

When I first saw the image of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, commissioned for World Youth Day in 2008 in Sydney, Australia, I couldn’t help but notice the bright stars over her shoulder. They are a constellation known as the Southern Cross, seen only in the southern hemisphere. In the background is the dry desert land of Australia.

Though the stars were unfamiliar to me, Mary’s gaze and her way of holding her infant was not. Jesus is cuddled into her arms, looking straight into my eyes. Mary’s looking down. Could she be inhaling that sweet baby smell? Did Jesus just come out of the bath? Is it a warm night, right before bedtime?

The Southern Cross over her shoulder reminds me that this baby and mother have a hard road ahead of

them, but it also reminds me that God was with them every step of the way. God did not demand this of them; He asked.

God didn’t tell Mary that she would be the mother of the long-awaited Messiah; He sent Gabriel and asked if she would be willing to accept. He didn’t demand that Jesus give His life on the cross, He asked and was rewarded as Jesus withstood temptations in the desert and went to Calvary. From the cross came the opportunity for the empty tomb.

When I see the Southern Cross and the Australian desert in the background of this image of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, I see my own cross and my own desert of temptation. Though they seem large and impossible, I can’t deny that infant’s direct gaze and His mother’s snuggle.

Mary offers the same to me: the tender cradle of her arms, the company during my trials, the reminder that God is with me every step of the way. She stands with her Son, in the desert of Australia or the chaos of my living room, as Our Lady of the Southern Cross.

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Holy Spirit Walkathon



Columbus Holy Spirit School conducted its third annual walkathon on Friday, Oct. 19 for the tuition assistance fund that helps families at the school. Students raise money in the community and ask businesses and families to sponsor them. As a school, students walk approximately a mile up and down Yearling Avenue. The Whitehall police and fire departments help with the event and greet the children as they walk by. After the walk, the Knights of Columbus serve ice cream to all the students and volunteers. It's a great event that brings Holy Spirit School and the Whitehall community together. The school thanks all of its supporters for their donations and helping to make the event a success.

Photo courtesy Holy Spirit School

Lunch Week at Logan St. John



The theme for this year's National School Lunch Week was "School Lunch: Lots 2 Love." Students at Logan St. John School wrote "love notes" to the school cafeteria workers, saying what they enjoyed most about their lunches. The notes talked about love for cook Pat Robers, love for specific foods on the menu, and love for their classmates' pleasant company. Each response was posted with a picture of the student who wrote it (if the notes were signed) and was attached to a balloon floating in the cafeteria.

Photo courtesy St. John School

ODU graduate receives \$25,000 award for teachers



Krista Trent is surrounded by her students after receiving a Milken Educator Award.

Photo courtesy Milken Family Foundation

Krista Trent, a 2010 graduate of Ohio Dominican University, was surprised at an all-school assembly to learn that she was one of 40 teachers across the nation – and the only teacher in Ohio – to receive the 2018-19 Milken Educator Award, which includes an unrestricted \$25,000 cash prize.

Trent, who earned a degree of master of education in curriculum and instruction from ODU, teaches fourth-grade mathematics at Thornville Elementary School.

State school Superintendent Paolo DeMaria and Dr. Jane Foley, Milken Educator Awards senior vice president, presented Trent with the award.

"I am thrilled to honor Krista," DeMaria said. "She exemplifies what it means to be an amazing teacher. She inspires hope, ignites imagination and instills in her students a love of learn-

ing that will last forever."

Trent's classes regularly score high on state and value-added assessments. She also attended specialized training to enable her to serve gifted students for enrichment without having them pulled out of class.

In addition to teaching mathematics, she serves on the school's leadership team and on its positivity project team, which is designed to help build good character in students, the school and the community.

Trent will receive membership into the National Milken Educator Network, a group of more than 2,700 top teachers, principals and specialists dedicated to strengthening education.

For more information on Ohio Dominican's education offerings, including available bachelor's and master's degrees, licensures and endorsements, visit ohiodominican.edu/Teach.

Our Lady of Bethlehem kindergarten info night

Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare, 4567 Olentangy River Road, will host a kindergarten information night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 for parents of students who will be attending kindergarten in the 2019-20 school year.

The school serves children from six weeks old through kindergarten

during the school year, as well as offering before- and after-school child care. It also has a summer program for children in preschool through grade six.

Its mission since its founding in 1956 has been to give children a strong, loving start for a lifetime of success.

60 young women attend diocesan Marian Dinner

Approximately 100 people, including 60 young women, attended the annual Marian Dinner sponsored by the diocesan vocations Office on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Bryce Eck Center of Columbus St. Andrew Church. Sisters representing 11 religious orders were on hand to tell about their lives and to talk to the young women about discerning their vocations.

Featured speakers were Bishop Frederick Campbell and Sister Bozena Tyborowska, LSIC, of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who serve at Columbus Holy Family Church.

“If you want to be truly happy, you must know your vocation and embrace it with joy and generosity. And it is important for us throughout our lives to ask a very simple but profound question: ‘What is God’s will? What am I to do?’” Bishop Campbell said.

“I ask all of you to consider very

deeply that call of God to a vocation of a consecrated life, a vowed life. The Second Vatican Council calls the consecrated life ‘the soul of our Church’s community.’ And consider also to what type of service you are called. Every community has its particular charism, its particular form of life, and its particular work that it does.

“This is why I think it’s so important to meet religious and vowed women – to talk with them, to ask what is their charism, what is the character of their community.

“We are called in general to be holy. The call to a vocation – the vowed life – is a call to be holy in a particular way and to offer our response to that general call in a very specific fashion.”

Sister Bozena said, “At the age of 16, I felt I was to serve the Lord somehow, but it was 10 years before I finally entered the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. My



Ohio State University student Alanna Restifo speaks to Sisters Maria Ecclesiae (left) and Macarena de Maria, H.S.M.C.J., of the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus at the annual diocesan Marian Dinner for young women. CT photos by Ken Snow

journey of faith was full of twists and turns that crossed two continents, and a number of obstacles were part of my journey, which almost led my life in another direction. However, I knew that my heart loved the Lord, and I realized I could not say ‘No’ to him.

“So let me say to you, listen carefully when God speaks to you, because he does, though we don’t want to hear him a lot of times. Through your prayers, through other people and events in your life, what is God asking of you? Be open to the possibility that God may be calling you to become a consecrated sister.”

Religious orders represented included the Order of the Most Holy

Savior (Bridgettines); Missionary Servants of the Word; Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus; Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm; Dominican Sisters of Peace; Dominican Sisters, Immaculate Conception Province; Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist; Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity; Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception; and Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Also represented were the Children of Mary, a public association of the faithful that was founded in Newark and now is based in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Two area residents invested into Order of Malta



Two residents of the Diocese of Columbus – Dr. Bill Miely and Geraldine Dixon Speer – were invested into the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, commonly known as the Order of Malta, at St. Matthew’s Cathedral in Washington. They are pictured at the left and right of the first row, along with Order members Charles Mifsud (center) and Len Barbe, Dr. Richard Mena and John Reiner (back row, left to right). The homilist at the investiture Mass was Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, who spoke of the special place the Order has in the life of the Church. There were 56 new members welcomed into the Order at the Mass, which anchored the Order’s annual national members’ meeting. The Order operates a center of care at the St. John Center next to Holy Rosary-St. John Church in Columbus.

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Sister Maria Lukaszuk, LSIC, of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (left) and Sister Leonard Mary, FIH, of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary with 12-year-old Geraldine Noel, a Chillicothe St. Peter Church parishioner.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY EXPANDING ITS MISSION

By Tim Puet, *Catholic Times Reporter*

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is taking on a new dimension.

For more than 180 years since it was founded in France, the society has been known for its works of charity, with volunteers known as Vincentians providing aid in the form of food, clothing, utility payments and other forms of assistance to the needy.

While continuing in that role, it also is expanding its vision and becoming increasingly involved with works of justice through programs dedicated to advocacy and systemic change, looking beyond people's immediate needs and toward eliminating the causes of poverty.

"We want to do more than offer temporary help to the poor," said Warren Wright, president of the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Society. "We want to give people a better opportunity to see what they want their future story to be and to achieve fuller lives."

Recent initiatives by the society aimed at helping people better themselves include a microloan program, a course titled "Getting Ahead in a 'Just Gettin' By' World," and the Vincentian Ohio Action Network (VOAN).

The microloan program's mission is to provide an effective alternative to high-interest payday loans and to create a community in which individuals receive financial mentorship and consumer protection information from SVDP volunteers.

It provides loans of no more than \$500 at three percent above the prime rate, based on availability of funds. The money is for one-time expenses such as car or home repair, emergency medical expenses, apartment security deposits, educational expenses, and paying off payday or car title loans. It is not to be used for rent, food, utilities or other everyday items.

Loan applicants are visited by SVDP volunteers, who ask them to provide the reason for the loan, their current salary and other income, current debts, and other relevant information. Completed loan applications are forwarded for a final decision to SVDP microloan boards in one of the six counties where the program is in operation.

Successful candidates agree to repay the loan and to have a review of credit and payment history during the life of the loan. For that period, they are matched with an SVDP financial mentor.

Funds to start the program were provided through a large anonymous donation and other small gifts, and have been deposited in five credit unions. Those institutions, and the counties in which they are providing loans to microloan applicants, are: Columbus Metro Federal Credit Union, Franklin; Columbus Municipal Employees FCU, Fairfield and Delaware; TrueCore FCU, Licking; Chivavo FCU, Ross; and CES FCU, Knox.



A cross stands at the entrance of St. Lawrence Haven, the former Holy Cross School in Columbus, where the St. Vincent de Paul Society has been serving lunch every weekday (except holidays) for more than 60 years. CT photo by Ken Snow

Wright said about 30 loans have been taken out through the program to date, mostly in Licking County, where it began in 2016. It did not start operating in the other counties until this spring. The society is working on bringing it to additional counties in the 23-county Diocese of Columbus.

SVDP volunteer Deb Zabloudil is coordinator of the program, working with the county microloan boards and the volunteer mentors. Phil Hunt, retired chief financial officer of a local credit union, is the program's liaison with credit unions and is trying to get more financial institutions to sign up. The society also is looking for more mentors to provide advice and financial education for loan recipients.

"This is one way we are trying to address the root causes of poverty," Zabloudil said. "One of the things that helps people stay in poverty is exploitation. Payday lending is a prime example of that, particularly in Ohio, where payday lending laws have been some of the nation's most oppressive."

The Pew Charitable Trusts say that Ohio has the highest average payday loan interest rate in the nation by far, at 591 percent. That recently changed because of the state's new Fairness in Lending Act (House Bill 123), which went into effect in October after the Legislature approved it in July and Gov. John Kasich signed it.

Zabloudil testified in the Ohio Senate on behalf of the measure, which supporters say will rein in the payday loan industry by setting limits on the amount, terms and cost of its loans. Many Vincentians also contacted their legislators to express

support for HB123. A state law adopted in 2008 to curb the industry proved unsuccessful because payday lenders were able to find a loophole and work around it.

"Getting Ahead in a 'Just Getting' By' World" is a 16-week course, developed by aHa! Process based on its Bridges Out of Poverty principles, and presented by the society in partnership with Mount Carmel Urban Health. It began being offered in October 2017. In the past year, it has taken place at three Columbus sites – the Marion-Franklin Opportunity Center; the new Columbus Central High School, located in the former Diocesan Child Guidance Center at 840 W. State St.; and the Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center.

A second year of the course began on Oct. 30 at the Marion-Franklin center. Dates when it will be offered in 2019 at the other two sites are to be determined.

"When visiting the people we serve, Vincentians see that so often, these are people caught in the tyranny of the moment. They find themselves in situations where immediate needs demand all their attention and they are unable to think of the future," Wright said. "When someone has an income that's sufficient and a network of resources and relationships (social capital) to count on, that person can plan ahead and stabilize his or her life. People in poverty don't have this luxury."

The "Getting Ahead" program gives participants a chance to step back and look at the causes of pov-

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erty and at its impact on them and on the community. It is centered on informal “kitchen table” workshops in which six to 12 participants, known as “investigators,” meet with a group of trained facilitators, talk about the realities they face in everyday living, identify barriers holding them back, and try to find ways to overcome those barriers.

Each session takes three hours, beginning with a one-hour meal and conversation, followed by a two-hour investigation session. The meals are free, participants are paid for their time, and free child care is available for those who need it. In return, participants are expected to show up for each session, be willing to make

ion-Franklin, nine at Central and eight at Clintonville. Those who have gone through the course are given the chance to serve as facilitators for future sessions, as some of last year’s participants are doing for the program that just got started at Marion-Franklin.

“What’s special about the Getting Ahead program is that no one is telling people ‘This is your plan for a stable, secure future.’ They make their own plans and they are valued as problem solvers,” Wright said. “It means so much more when people can find their own solutions, rather than feel they were given answers by others,” Wright said.

“What limits us most is funding,” he added. “It costs \$10,000 for each



Volunteers prepare meals at the St. Vincent de Paul Society’s St. Lawrence Haven in downtown Columbus, which provides 300 to 500 people daily with weekday lunches.

up any assigned work if a session is missed, and be accountable to their fellow investigators by following any ground rules the group establishes.

“In many programs dealing with poverty, the participants have people talk to them and tell them what to do, in a sort of ‘top-down’ format,” Wright said. “In this case, it’s more ‘bottom-up,’ in that the participants are considered the experts, rather than the other way around, and we are showing them how much we value their input by paying them for their time.” Their pay comes in the form of gift cards for food or gas purchases.

In the past year, 27 people have completed the program – 10 at Mar-

session to pay for the facilitators, gift cards and meals. There’s enough interest that we could have more sessions if we had the money for them. We’re also looking for additional facilitators, but believe we’re likely to get them as more people complete the course.”

The Vincentian Ohio Action Network, directed by Wendy Tarr, was formed by the SVDP diocesan council in 2014 with the support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. It includes several groups which have a common goal of developing the leadership skills of people experiencing poverty and marginalization so that they can educate the commu-



The St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Center at the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs building, located at 578 E. Main St. in Columbus, provided assistance to 7,800 people last year. It’s open four days a week for people who need clothing.

nity and talk with policymakers about issues that directly impact their lives.

Wright said the efforts of Sheila Gilbert, national president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society from 2010-16, are a principal reason why Vincentians have become more involved with long-term programs aimed at changing the systems that keep people in poverty. “Systemic change requires that we first listen to and learn from those in poverty, develop programs and processes to help individuals move forward, and advocate for change at the local, state and national levels,” she said.

One VOAN affiliate, the Newark Think Tank on Poverty, was recognized when the SVDP national assembly met in Columbus in 2016. The group was organized in the summer of 2014 by the society’s Newark conferences and the people they serve.

The think tank meets monthly and consists of Vincentians, interested community members, and people who have experienced barriers in obtaining sustainable work, safe housing and accessible transportation. At the meetings, they look for ways to challenge those barriers.

Concerns the organization has been dealing with include the problems of people returning from incarceration, mental health issues, and addiction recovery. This year, it partnered with

the Newark city schools on an addiction and treatment workshop. It was a leader in the “Ban the Box” campaign, which led to adoption of measures barring the state government and the city of Newark from including questions on job applications regarding an applicant’s criminal background.

“For many people, that small box on a job application asking if they have been convicted of a crime is their biggest obstacle to a productive life,” Wright said. “We’re grateful to the state Legislature and Newark City Council for eliminating that question and are trying to get other cities and counties, as well as private employers, to do the same.”

Zablouidi said similar think tanks have been or are being formed in Zanesville, Lancaster, Johnstown, Perry and Morgan counties and Columbus, with plans to expand to Mount Vernon. “Each one is concentrating on issues specific to that community,” he said. “For instance, our Perry County group is working on establishing an Internet Point of Presence (POP), which the county is lacking.” This term refers to the local access point which allows users to connect to the Internet with their Internet service provider. “Not having a POP greatly affects economic devel-

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opment there, because without broadband access, businesses don't want to locate there."

Several other VOAN programs share a mission of helping former prisoners successfully return to society. The ARCH (Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope) Ministry is a collaboration between SVDP, VOAN, the diocesan Office for Social Concerns and The Catholic Foundation. It is focused on raising awareness about the criminal justice system and equipping and mobilizing Catholics and their parishes for a variety of re-entry ministries.

Another VOAN affiliate, the Columbus Think Tank on Poverty, is working toward building a more humane and restorative approach to criminal justice for people in Franklin County who are impacted by incarceration and the justice system.

In Delaware County, VOAN is collaborating with the Community of Grace, a network of more than a dozen faith-based institutions joining with local colleges and re-entry organizations to improve the re-entry system for those returning from imprisonment.

As it has expanded its social justice programs, the St. Vincent de Paul Society has continued providing food and clothing for the needy. For more than 60 years, it has served lunch to between 300 and 500 people every weekday (except holidays) at St. Lawrence Haven, located in the former Holy Cross School in downtown Columbus. The food is donated by various suppliers and by individual SVDP parish conferences, which combine to make

more than 5,000 homemade sandwiches per month. Additionally, healthy, hot cooked food items have been added to the meals. Wright said St. Lawrence Haven served about 80,000 people in 2017.

The society has a clothing distribution center located at the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs building at 578 E. Main St., Columbus, which provides clean clothing in good condition without cost year-round for men, women and children. It is open from 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday for people who need clothing and accepts donations at the same times Monday through Friday. It provided assistance to 7,800 people last year, Wright said.

The society also operates thrift stores in Newark and Lancaster where clothes, furniture and other household items are available at reduced prices. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in Newark, and 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Saturday in Lancaster.

The Newark St. Vincent de Paul Society, which includes six parish conferences in the Licking County communities of Newark, Heath, Granville, Johnstown and Buckeye Lake, also operates St. Vincent Haven, which is a 26-bed emergency shelter for homeless men, as well as the Gardens on 6th, providing 23 units of transitional housing for single adults with or without children. Services at both sites are geared to assist residents toward self-sufficiency and independent living on a permanent basis.

In addition, many parish conferences operate or assist at parish food pantries throughout the diocese.

Most conferences obtain their funding through collections after or during weekend Masses. Many of those collections are taken up quarterly, on the fifth Sunday of Masses with that number of Sundays, while some parishes have monthly collections.

The diocesan SVDP organization sponsors four annual events: the Top Hat Award Mass and dinner in April, a Sunday of recollection in August, an appreciation Mass celebrated by the bishop in December, and the one-mile Friends of the Poor walk in September, with all proceeds from the latter event going to parish conferences.

The society was founded in 1833 in Paris as a student group by Blessed Frederic Ozanam, a 20-year-old college student at the time. He named it for St. Vincent de Paul, who began the Congregation of the Missions (known today as the Vincentian Order) and the Daughters of Charity in 17th-century France and was known as "the Apostle of charity." It was estab-

lished in the United States 12 years later.

Today, it has about 85,000 active and 12,000 associate members in the United States, who provided assistance to about 5.4 million people last year. Its worldwide membership is more than 800,000 in 153 nations.

In the Diocese of Columbus, it has 62 parish conferences and eight youth conferences. They have 2,500 active members, who regularly come to meetings and participate in projects, and 500 associate members, who occasionally take part in projects. It



Kitty Whitehead of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church sorts items at the St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Center, where she volunteers one day a week.

has an office in the Catholic Center in downtown Columbus.

"The key to everything we do is our conferences," Wright said. "They respond every day to people's concerns, providing assistance at the parish level, where they know what people need better than anyone. They're our greatest strength."

"Once we take care of those immediate needs, we're able to begin finding out the causes of poverty, of what's holding people back, and how all of us – those in need and those who want to help – can work together toward a better future for everyone," he said.

"That's our mission as Vincentians – to combine spirituality with justice, in the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and the newly canonized St. Oscar Romero. This helps us grow in holiness, which is the key component of our new mission statement – 'A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to those in need.'"

For more information about the diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society, call (614) 221-3554 or go to its website, www.vincentianvoice.org. For more on its programs for systemic change, go to www.svdpcolumbus.org.



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Young Catholic Professionals kickoff attracts large crowd



Pictured are some of the more than 300 people who attended the kickoff event for the Columbus chapter of the Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) organization on Oct. 17. YCP will host a monthly executive speaker series, quarterly happy hours, twice-a-year retreats, and other events. Its next event will be a talk by Steve Bollman, founder of the national lay ministry *Paradisus Dei*, from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at The Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Free appetizers and drinks will be provided, with plenty of time for networking. For more information, visit www.ycpcolumbus.org.

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U.S. bishops to hold retreat following abuse scandals

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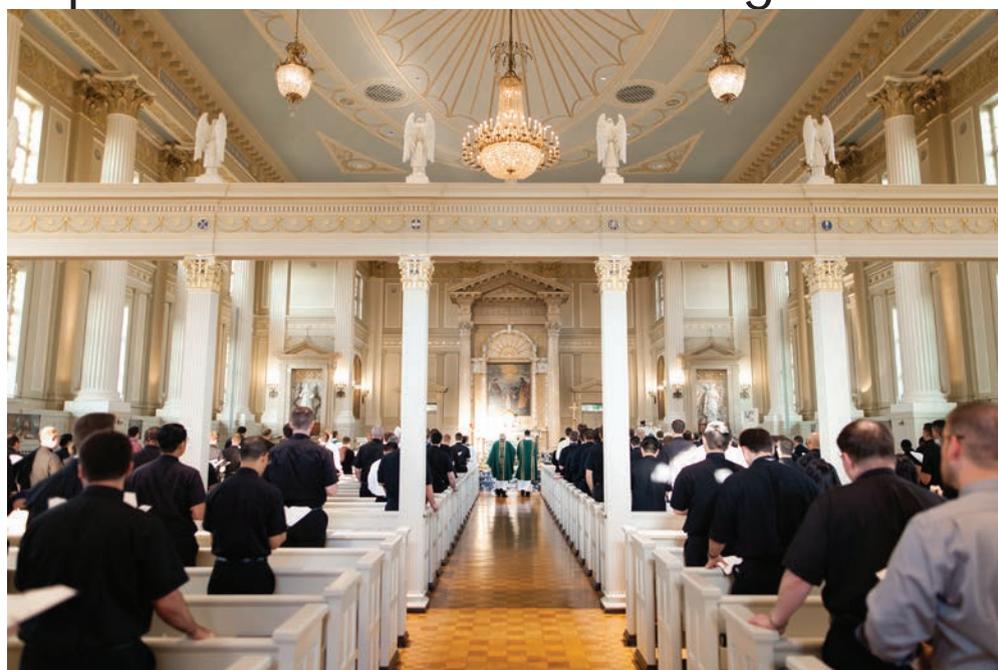
The bishops of the United States will meet for a weeklong retreat to reflect upon the current situation facing the Church in America. The meeting will take place early next year.

In a statement issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on Oct. 23, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, USCCB president and archbishop of Galveston-Houston, said that Pope Francis had offered the services of his personal preacher to direct the retreat.

“The Holy Father has kindly offered the preacher to the papal household, Reverend Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap, to serve as the retreat director as we come together to pray on the intense matters before us. For this I am grateful,” Cardinal DiNardo said.

The bishops will gather at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois, from Jan. 2 to 8. The university houses the primary seminary for the Archdiocese of Chicago, often referred to simply as the Mundelein Seminary.

Cardinal DiNardo also expressed his gratitude to Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago for offering to host the event.



Seminarians attend Mass in 2017 in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois, near Chicago. The U.S. bishops will start 2019 with a spiritual retreat Jan. 2-8 at Mundelein to pray and reflect on the important matters facing the Catholic Church, such as the abuse crisis.

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It was Pope Francis who first suggested that American bishops have a retreat as they consider how to respond to the ongoing sexual abuse crises facing the Church.

On Sept. 13, Cardinal DiNardo met with Pope Francis in Rome, together with other leaders from the USCCB,

to discuss the various scandals unfolding in the United States. Cardinal DiNardo also met with the pope earlier this month in what the U.S. bishops' conference described as a “regularly scheduled visit” to the Curia.

The announcement of the retreat comes as the American bishops pre-

pare to meet in Baltimore in November for the general assembly of the bishops' conference. That meeting is widely expected to focus on how the Church can respond to the fallout of the scandal surrounding former Archbishop Theodore McCarrick of Washington and the growing number of investigations into allegations of clerical sexual abuse in different states.

Authorities in 13 states and the District of Columbia have either announced or already begun investigations into the abuse of minors by priests. Federal authorities in Pennsylvania have also opened an investigation into the dioceses of that state.

In September, the USCCB Administrative Committee announced a series of policies aimed at addressing the sexual abuse crisis and increasing accountability and transparency in how bishops dealt with allegations, including against themselves.

These included a proposed third-party reporting mechanism for accusations, a code of conduct for bishops, and new protocols for bishops who either resign or are removed from office following abuse allegations.

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God is love

By Jem Sullivan
Catholic News Service

Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51
Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

The award-winning movie *The Mission* tells the story of Jesuit missionaries who attempt to bring the good news of the Gospel to remote regions of northeastern Argentina and Paraguay as they evangelize the native Guarani people who inhabited that beautiful, rugged land. The story unfolds against the backdrop of 18th-century rivalries between the political powers of Spain and Portugal who seek to expand the wealth and power of their global empires.

At first, the Guarani resist the Jesuits' evangelizing efforts, but gradually they come to faith in Jesus Christ. The Jesuits established plantations, protected by Spanish law, as places of refuge where the newly baptized Christians were educated in language and agricultural and trade skills to make them self-sufficient.

The story focuses on the difficult choice the Jesuit missionaries faced as a new treaty among European political powers required that their Christian territories be transferred to the Portuguese, who permitted slavery. Two main characters, Father Gabriel and Father Mendoza, struggle with how best to protect and defend the Guarani who they have nurtured in the Christian faith. Father Gabriel chooses the path of nonviolent resistance, while Father Mendoza, a former mercenary and reformed slave trader, chooses to fight the invading colonists.

In one of the movie's many poignant scenes, Father Gabriel challenges Fa-

ther Mendoza's decision to take up arms, reminding him that his decision undermines everything their mission stood for. Father Gabriel sums up his passionate argument in the words of Scripture – "God is love!"

In today's Gospel, Jesus responds to a question posed by one of the scribes of the law who wants to know which is the first of all commandments. And as he does so often in the Gospels, Jesus invites the scribe, and each of us, to see with eyes of faith.

Jesus gives the scribe not one, but two commandments that are inextricably linked – the command to love God and to love neighbor. By connecting the two commands, Jesus sums up what our life should look like if we call ourselves Christian.

In these early days of November, the church invites us to contemplate the saintly men and women whose witness to holiness echoes across the centuries. In the glorious company of saints, we find holy men and women from every time, place, language and race. These diverse men and women are united by their love of God and love of neighbor.

Each saint in his or her own unique way makes Jesus' words in today's Gospel a living reality in their witness to love. For the grace to live the double command to love God and neighbor, we join the church in humble prayer saying, "Speak to me, Lord."

Reflection Question:

Who is my neighbor that I am called to love, just as I strive to love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength?

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

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Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office

THE WEEKDAY
BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY

Philippians 2:1-4
Psalm 131:1-3
Luke 14:12-14

TUESDAY

Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 22:26-32
Luke 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY

Philippians 2:12-18
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
Luke 14:25:33

THURSDAY

Philippians 3:3-8a
Psalm 105:2-7
Luke 15:1-10

FRIDAY

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

SATURDAY

Philippians 4:10-19
Psalm 112:1-2,5-6,8-9
Luke 16:9-15

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO
AND TELEVISION MASS
SCHEDULE: NOV. 4, 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.

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Shifting tectonic plates in Eastern Christianity

ROME – While Synod 2018 was trying to grasp the polyhedron-like character of “synodality” and wrestling with the differences among sexual inclination, sexual orientation, and sexual attraction, tectonic plates were shifting beneath the surface of world Christianity. Like similar shifts in geology, which can produce tsunamis and earthquakes, dramatic movement in the underlying structures of ecclesiastical life can lead to great historical consequences. The recent decision by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople to grant autocephaly to a unified Ukrainian Orthodox Church – which would mean its independence from the Russian Orthodox Moscow patriarchate – would be precisely such a dramatic, tectonic shift; perhaps the greatest in Eastern Christianity since Constantinople and Rome formally severed full communion in 1054.

This is, then, a Very Big Deal. That it got virtually no attention during Synod 2018, either inside the synod hall or in the synod’s “Off-Broadway” conversations, says something (not altogether edifying) about the self-absorption of Catholicism as it continues its seemingly endless wrestling with the ethics of human love, the exercise of authority in the Church, and a raft of sexual and financial scandals. But one synod father was paying close attention to what was afoot 2,300 kilometers northeast of here, and that was the ever-more-impressive Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Major-Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, largest of the Eastern Catholic Church-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE George Weigel

es that are Byzantine in liturgy and polity but in full communion with Rome.

Many commentators, including your scribe, have looked at what may be the impending independence of Ukrainian Orthodoxy in terms of its potential to derail Vladimir Putin’s attempts to re-create a simulacrum of the old Soviet Union in the name of a historic “Russian space” (*Russkie mir*). Others, your scribe again included, have speculated on what Ukrainian Orthodox autocephaly would mean for ecumenical relations. Vatican ecumenists have bet most, if not all, of their chips on Russian Orthodoxy as the “lead Church” in Eastern Christianity. That position would become even more untenable if Russian Orthodoxy loses a considerable proportion of its parishes and congregants to an independent Ukrainian Orthodoxy recognized as such by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, first among equals in the Orthodox world.

It was Major-Archbishop Shevchuk, however, who put all this in its most appropriate context when, during the synod, he gave an interview to my friends John Allen and Ines San Martin of *Cruz*. There, he described any impending Ukrainian Orthodoxy autocephaly as a matter of a people re-

claiming its spiritual and historical heritage, which had been hijacked for centuries by Muscovite claims to be the sole heir of that legacy. What was happening, the major-archbishop said, was the exercise of a people’s right to “have its own interpretation of its religious past, present, and future ... the right to have its own voice.”

Shevchuk also foresaw major ecumenical implications, as a reunited Ukrainian Orthodoxy might enter into a more fruitful, if challenging, dialogue with both the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and with the center of the Catholic Church’s unity in Rome. As the major-archbishop put it, a realized autocephaly for Ukrainian Orthodoxy would “mark a new period in the history of the Universal Church. I don’t believe it will be an easy period, but definitely interesting and also an impulse of the Holy Spirit.

Major-Archbishop Shevchuk was appropriately concerned about Mos-

cow’s immediate response to an independent Ukrainian Orthodoxy, for Russian Orthodoxy “thinks in geopolitical categories” and speaks “the language of threats, blackmail, and ... ultimatums.” That is simply realism, given the vitriol that has recently poured out of the Patriarchate of Moscow, which has broken communion with Constantinople, refuses to pray for Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in its liturgy, and blames the move toward Ukrainian autocephaly on the White House, the Vatican, the Greek Catholics of Ukraine, and other bogeymen. I do wonder, however, if the major-archbishop might not agree that, in the long view, this will be good for Russian Orthodoxy.

Why? Because it could help liberate that Church from its historic role of chaplain to the czar of the day. Because such a liberation might encourage a recovery of the vast spiritual riches of Russian Orthodoxy piety and theology, now being suffocated by political games and power plays. And because it might, over time, accelerate what we should all be praying and working for: the genuine reconversion of Russia, which could be a spiritual powerhouse but won’t be, so long as the Gospel is mortgaged to state power.

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BERENDTS SNYDER, SallyAnn (Nass), 73, Oct. 24
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

COONEY, Patricia A. (Bussard), 81, Oct. 19
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

DiCENZO, Lisa M., 59, Oct. 3
St. Michael Church, Worthington

ESTEP, Melissa M. (Motter), 61, Oct. 22
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

HOYT, Anne (Sherwood), 98, Oct. 20
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KLINE, Jacqueline (Adams), 79, Oct. 21
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

KRAMER, Priscilla (Sherritt), 80, Oct. 20
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

McCLOSKEY, Kathryn (Carlson), 89, Oct. 23
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

McCRADY, Leah J. (Moore), 85, Oct. 24
St. Joseph Church, Sugar Grove

McNAMARA, Edward J. "Ned," 88, of Columbus, Oct. 20
St. Gabriel Church, Charlotte, N.C.

MELVIN, Therese E., 71, Oct. 28
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

REID, Mary K. "Katie" (Walters), 98, Oct. 28
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

ROACH, Mary H. (Hoile), 79, Oct. 24
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

ROARHIG, James E. "Gene," 91, Oct. 25
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

RUDELL, David L., 65, Oct. 9
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

RUTH, Mary A. (Kuskowski), 87, Oct. 25
St. Thomas Church, Columbus

SANDER, Edward G. III, 86, Oct. 23
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

SHESKEY, Michael C., 81, Aug. 24
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

SIKORA, Elizabeth "Betty Ann" (Reilly), 88, of Columbus, Oct. 28
St. Frances Cabrini Church, Colerain

SNIDE, Robert V., 71, Oct. 27
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

STURTZ, Robert, 77, Oct. 14
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

TOCCI, Frank P., 55, Oct. 17
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

WALSH, James A., 71, Oct. 23
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

Sister Phyllis Dugan, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Phyllis Dugan, SNDdeN, 90, who died on Monday, Oct. 22, was celebrated on Friday, Oct. 26, at the Mount Notre Dame convent in Cincinnati. Burial was at the convent cemetery.

She was born on Nov. 3, 1927 to Patrick and Regina (Nunan) Dugan and was a graduate of Columbus Holy Name School and Columbus St. Joseph Academy. She received a bachelor of arts degree in Latin from Our Lady of Cincinnati College in 1957 and a master of arts degree from the University of Detroit in 1964. She also was certified as an educational specialist in administration by Purdue University in 1974 and received a doctorate of ministry from McCormick Seminary in Chicago in 1994.

She entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur on Aug. 14, 1945, and made her first profession of

vows on Jan. 24, 1948 and her final profession on Aug. 13, 1953.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught at Columbus Holy Cross School in 1952 and 1953 and was diocesan director of pastoral services from 1993-2001. She also taught at schools in Cincinnati and Dayton, and served as principal of Chicago Notre Dame High School for 10 years.

She served as a consultant to secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago for five years in the mid-1980s, then had a five-year tenure as assistant superintendent for secondary education in the Diocese of Cleveland before returning to Columbus. She was in community service at Mount Notre Dame from 2002-14, then entered into a ministry of prayer at the Mount Notre Dame Health Center.

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2, FRIDAY

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

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

First Friday Masses at Holy Family

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

Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, with talk by Robert Ryan of Columbus St. Catharine Church about the SPICE program for special-needs students.

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.

Bishop Watterson Presents '12 Angry Men'

7 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School presents the drama "12 Angry Jurors." Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students. **614-268-8671**

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.

2-4, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Interactive Retreat for Men at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Interactive retreat for men sponsored by Catholic Layman's Retreat League, with Father John D. Corbett, OP. Theme: "An Eagle's Flight: Following Jesus in the Gospel of John." Cost \$150, includes meals, lodging. **614-392-0146**
Bishop Ready Presents 'Grease'
7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School presents the musical "Grease." Tickets \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students. **614-276-5263**

3, SATURDAY

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

First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc

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

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

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

meeting. **614-861-4888**

Ohio Dominican Preview Day

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Preview day for prospective students, featuring campus tours and discussion on courses, activities and financial aid. **614-251-4500**

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family

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

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

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

Adult Confirmation at Cathedral

10 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to adults who already have been baptized.

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**

Reception for Sister Wilma at St. Ladislav

1:30 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m., Huber Hall, St. Ladislav Church, 277 Reeb Ave., Columbus. Reception honoring Sister Wilma Ross, SCN, who has served the parish almost continuously since 1963 and is retiring to live with the Sisters of Charity in Nazareth, Ky. **614-443-2828**

Bishop Watterson Presents '12 Angry Women'

7 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School presents the drama "12 Angry Women." Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students. **614-268-8671**

Filipino Mass at St. Elizabeth

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

4, SUNDAY

Family Day at Ss. Augustine & Gabriel

10 a.m., Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, 1550 E. Hudson St., Mass, followed by Friends and Family Day celebration in cafeteria, featuring food and raffles. **614-268-3123**

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Sixth-grade classroom, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints," Part 8 of Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series.

Mass of Inclusion at St. Catharine

11 a.m., St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus. Mass of Inclusion for People With Special Needs, in partnership with SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education). Includes American Sign Language interpretation, wheelchair accessibility, low-gluten hosts. **614-231-4509**

Open House at St. Charles

1 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Open house for all eighth-grade boys and their parents. **614-252-6714**

Feast of St. Martin de Porres Celebration

2 to 4 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Center's annual celebration of the Feast of St. Martin de Porres (Feast day is Nov. 3). Includes talk by Peruvian native Ana Berrios about St. Martin's work in Peru, music by the Catholic Community Choir, and Peruvian-inspired dances. **614-416-1910**

Remembrance Service at St. Andrew

3 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Parish's 10th annual remembrance service in honor of departed loved ones. **614-451-1839**

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

Compline at Cathedral

9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline, the Catholic Church's official night prayer. **614-241-2526**

5, MONDAY

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory

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

Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit

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

6, TUESDAY

Our Lady of Good Success Study Group

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

Serra North Columbus Girls Vocations Lunch

11:30 a.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Annual vocations lunch for girls, sponsored by Serra Club of North Columbus, followed by tour of the seminary. Speaker: Sister Bozena Tybrowska of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who serve Columbus Holy Family Church parishioners. **614-507-2037**

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

Abortion Recovery Network Group

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

7, WEDNESDAY

Newark Catholic Information Day

9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Newark Catholic High School, 1 Green Wave Drive, Newark. Eighth-grade students interested in attending are invited to spend a day at the school. A parent information session will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. **740-344-3594**

Day of Prayer for Peace at Shepherd's Corner

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Day of prayer for peace, led by Sister Marguerite Chandler, OP. Lunch of soup and bread included. Suggested donation \$10. Registration deadline Nov. 5. **614-866-4302**

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 Nadine Buchanan, OP speaks on "I Was Homeless and You Sheltered Me" as part of Center for Dominican Studies series on justice. Lunch provided. **614-**

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Hospitaller's Dinner at Josephinum

6 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Inaugural Hospitaller's Dinner hosted by the Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta. Proceeds benefit Knights of Malta Center of Care at St. John Center in Columbus. Speaker: Dr. Thomas Madden, director, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, St. Louis University. Topic: "Servants of the Poor: The Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in the Middle Ages." Tickets \$125. **614-738-2464**

Marian Devotion at St. Elizabeth

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

8, THURSDAY

'In God's Service' Program at Christ the King

10:30 a.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Sixth annual "In God's Service" program for high-school students, honoring Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary churches, with Father Vince Nguyen, pastor of Columbus Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav churches, and Sister Cora Marie Billings, RSM, of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, talking about their religious vocations. Includes noon Mass celebrated by Father Nguyen, followed by lunch. **614-221-5565**

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.

Ohio Dominican Special Programs Open House

6 to 7:30 p.m., Battelle Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for special programs designed for high-achieving students in several fields. **614-251-4500**

Our Lady of Bethlehem Kindergarten Info Night

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare, 4567 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Information night for parents interested in enrolling their children in the school's kindergarten for 2019-20. **614-459-8285**

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**

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 Father Michael Lumpe, rector of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, speaking on "Turning to God, Jesus, Mary and All the Saints in Your Time of Need." RSVP to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

Josephinum Lecture Series

7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Talk by Dr. Brad Gregory, history professor at the University of Notre Dame, on "The Paradoxical Long-Term Legacy of the Reformation Era." Part of Josephinum's "Building Spiritual Bridges to the Community" lecture series. **614-885-5585**

9, FRIDAY

Bishop Watterson Presents '12 Angry Men'

7 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School presents the drama "12 Angry Men." Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students. **614-268-8671**

Watterson to present two versions of same play



The casts of "12 Angry Men" and "12 Angry Women."

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

The theater department of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School will present two versions of the same play – *12 Angry Men* on Friday, Nov. 2 and Friday, Nov. 9, and *12 Angry Women* on Saturday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 10. Performances will begin at 7 p.m. at the school, 99 E. Cooke Road.

The play, written by Reginald Rose, was widely acclaimed when it was shown on television in 1954 and again when it was made into a movie starring Henry Fonda and Lee J. Cobb in 1957.

The courtroom drama focuses on 12 jurors who are to decide the fate of a young man on trial for murder. As the deliberations proceed, tempers get short and arguments get heated, leading to the jury's conclusion of guilt or innocence.

The jurors in *12 Angry Men* are John Agan, Nathanael Arehart, Jake Bramlish, Christian Divierte, Hunter Hicks, Sam Koehler, Liam Lenzotti, Matt McCarthy, Anthony Michalski, Angelo O'Dorisio, Liam Ott and

Blake Tippett. Cole Petrilla will play the guard.

Playing the jurors in *12 Angry Women* are Reagan Bramlish, Helen Ciesinski, Kenzie Gelo, Emily Hohlfelder, Izzy Koehler, Riley Neville, Arden Noblitt, Bridget Noonan, Nicole Orsini, Molly Rafferty, Abby Rieser and Ava Williams. The guard will be played by Erin Rankin.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and may be reserved at www.bishopwatterson.com.

Watterson alumni from the cast and crew of its 1994 production of *12 Angry Men/12 Angry Women* have been invited to attend the Nov. 3 performance.

The school is one of 10 in the area which the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts has chosen to take part in its Marquee Awards, an official regional awards program of The Jimmy Awards/National High School Musical Theater Awards. The Marquee Awards will be handed out on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Lincoln Theater in Columbus.

Saints alive: Tuscarawas Central Catholic reaches football playoffs in 'incredible' season

By Doug Bean, *Catholic Times* Editor

At the beginning of the summer, there were some doubts that Tuscarawas Central Catholic would be able to field a football team this fall.

A recently hired coach had quit and several other candidates subsequently turned down the position. At that point, Casey Cummings, who had stepped away after coaching the Saints for six years, decided to come back "before they killed the program."

But there were still concerns about whether there would be enough boys to field a team. Tuscarawas Central Catholic is no different than high schools across the nation that have experienced a decline in football participation over the last decade, but its situation was more acute.

"Throughout the summer, we had 14 kids," Cummings said. "We ended up getting to 18 and then to 21, but we never had a full 21 because of transfers who weren't eligible."

The Saints made it through preseason practices and scrimmages, arriving at their first regular season game relatively healthy. For most of the fall, they've been dressing 16 players for games – and it takes 11 just to field a team.

Amazingly, the Saints not only survived the 10-game season, but qualified for the state high school playoffs in Division VII, Region 25 with a 5-5 record as the eighth and final seed. Tuscarawas Central Catholic will play at top-seeded Cuyahoga Heights (8-2) in the first round on Saturday.

"It's crazy. Just crazy," Cummings said. "It really is."

Two other teams from the Diocese of Columbus advanced to the 2018 playoffs.

Columbus Bishop Hartley (8-2), the top seed in Division III, Region 11, will host The Plains Athens (9-1) in the opening round on Friday.

Lancaster Fisher Catholic (7-2) made the playoffs for the first time since 2006 in Division VII, Region 27 as the sixth seed after defeating Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans 25-22 in the final game of the regular season. The Irish will play at third-seeded

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE FIRST ROUND

Friday, Nov. 2

Division III, Region 11

The Plains Athens (9-1) at Columbus Bishop Hartley (8-2), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3

Division VII, Region 25

Tuscarawas Central Catholic (5-5) at Cuyahoga Heights (8-2), 7 p.m.

Division VII, Region 27

Lancaster Fisher Catholic (6-3) at Glouster Trimble (9-1), 7 p.m.

Glouster Trimble (9-1) on Saturday.

Columbus St. Francis DeSales (5-5) failed to make the postseason after losing to Bishop Watterson (5-5) in their annual Central Catholic League rivalry game last Friday. Columbus Bishop Ready (4-6) finished two spots out of the playoffs in Division V.

That Tuscarawas Central Catholic is still alive and playing could be considered a miracle.

"We're doing this with 13 players and a kicker," Cummings said. "It's been an incredible journey for our team. We're very pleased where we're at. We're just going to relish the moment."

They've done it by using freshmen on special teams, undersized underclassmen at various positions, and modifying practices to deal with the dearth of players.

"We have no backup linemen," Cummings said. "If someone goes down, our H-back has to switch his jersey right there on the field (to become a lineman). We have a 119-pound kid that we've told (if necessary) we may need to get you on the field for a couple of plays as a lineman."

After three injuries in the opening game, Cummings admitted that "we were just hoping we can hold up. There was a game that I thought this really might be it."

But the Saints remained relatively injury-free after that.

"For me, the most rewarding thing is

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FOOTBALL, *continued from 18* that the Almighty has plans we don't always get to make – that are better than we could possibly imagine," Cummings said.

With three weeks left in the season, the playoffs didn't seem like a possibility. The Saints' record had fallen to 2-5 after a 35-10 loss to East Canton.

But the players didn't despair, realizing they had lost to respectable opponents, and they rallied to win their final three games. Last Friday night, Central Catholic had to beat Strasburg-Franklin to have any hopes of continuing its season, and the Saints managed to hold on for a 32-22 victory.

That wasn't the clincher, though. They still had to wait for the outcome of a Saturday night game. Southington Chalker needed to lose for Central Catholic to get in, and that indeed happened. Ashtabula St. John beat Chalker 32-0 and TCC was in.

"The games we had to win, we won," Cummings said. "I'm just so proud of these guys."

The Saints have won games with an offense that comes to pass. Junior



Tuscarawas Central Catholic running back Ryan Dick (7) follows a block by wide receiver Antony Fragasse. Dick is the leading rusher this season for the playoff-bound Saints.

Photo courtesy Times-Reporter

Alex Price has completed 155 of 323 passes for 1,642 yards with 11 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. That's 32 attempts per game.

"He's fast, he's throwing the ball well, and he's such a great manager," Cummings said. "We're a 'gun' team and he's calling out all the blitzes. He's rock solid."

Price spreads the ball around to six players with 10 or more catches. Antony Fragasse has 41 receptions for 532 yards and two touchdowns, followed by Ryan Dick (39, 204, 2), Reese Blanchard (24, 243, 2), Jake Miller (22, 259, 2), Anthony Fredericks (16, 176, 1) and Ben Martin (10, 210, 2).

Dick, a sophomore, is the team's leading rusher with 577 yards and eight touchdowns on 170 carries.

Two-way starter Cordell Tingler

leads the team in tackles with 65.5 and has four sacks and 10 tackles for loss. The 6-foot-1, 240-pound senior was named the Inter-Valley Conference lineman of the year.

"He's the guy that when you play football, you've got to have some muscle," Cummings said. "He's the guy that refuses to give in to anything. The guys see him and they follow him right down the alley. I don't know if we would have won a game without him. He just changes the entire dynamic for us."

Moving beyond the first round of the playoffs promises to be a difficult task.

Cuyahoga Heights is considered a small-school power, reaching the state championship game the past two years in Division VI and VII. The Redskins are making their 21st playoff appearance and have a 24-20 postseason record.

Tuscarawas Central Catholic is 0-4 in four previous trips to the playoffs.

"I told the guys that you have exceeded all expectations," Cummings said. "Anything you do from here on, all this adds to the legend. They refuse to go away. Here we are still in it. We've got nothing to lose."

Win or lose on Saturday, "either way, these guys are champions," Cummings said.



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Ohio Ballot Issue 1 — November 2018 election

There is one statewide issue on the Nov. 6, 2018 ballot. Issue 1 will amend Ohio's Constitution to reduce penalties for crimes of obtaining, possessing and using illegal drugs, and put savings obtained from these measures into rehabilitation and crime victim programs.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio has not taken a position on this issue. It offers these reflections as an aid to one's discernment process.

Prudential Discernment

This issue requires prudential discernment. In the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' directives on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, it was stated that "Catholics may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, but we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended."

Reflections on choosing political candidates

By Catholic Conference of Ohio

"We take up the task of serving the common good with joy and hope, confident that God, who 'so loved the world that he gave his only Son,' walks with us and strengthens us on the way (John 3:16). God is love, and he desires that we help to build a 'civilization of love' – one in which all human beings have the freedom and opportunity to experience the love of God and live out that love by making a free gift of themselves to one another" (Introduction, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*).

Respectful, thoughtful and civil dialogue

"For some years now, many of us in the Catholic and other faith communities have been lamenting the disintegration of civility and substance from one major national election to the next. ... I invite everyone to take the pledge to promote civility, clarity and compassion this election season. You can do so by going to www.CivilizeIt.us, where you will also find simple tips to create respectful dialogue" (Most Rev. Dennis Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati).

State Issue 1

To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing and Using Illegal Drugs

This Constitutional amendment will:

- Require sentence reductions of incarcerated individuals, except individuals incarcerated for murder, rape, or child molestation, by as much as 25 percent if the individual participates in rehabilitative, work, or educational programming.

- Mandate that criminal offenses of obtaining, possessing or using any drug such as fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, LSD, and other controlled substances cannot be classified as a felony, but only a misdemeanor.

- Prohibit jail time as a sentence for obtaining, possessing or using such drugs until an individual's third offense within 24 months.

- Allow an individual convicted of obtaining, possessing or using any such drug prior to the effective date

Prudential discernment

"The Church's teaching is clear that a good end does not justify an immoral means. As we all seek to advance the common good – by defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death, by promoting religious freedom, by defending marriage, by feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, by welcoming the immigrant and protecting the environment – it is important to recognize that not all possible courses of action are morally acceptable.

"We have a responsibility to discern carefully which public policies are morally sound. Catholics may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, but we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended" (Paragraph 20, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*).

Important questions

What is the candidate's commitment to protect all human life, from conception to natural death?



of the amendment to ask a court to reduce the conviction to a misdemeanor, regardless of whether the individual has completed the sentence.

- Require any available funding, based on projected savings, to be

applied to state-administered rehabilitation programs and crime victim funds.

- Require a graduated series of responses, such as community service, drug treatment or jail time, for minor, non-criminal probation violations.

Catholic Conference of Ohio Reflections

We affirm the good intentions behind Issue 1. Our dedicated prison ministers, social services workers and the formerly incarcerated cry out for new approaches and additional funds to combat the drug crisis. Too many of our current approaches are not fully restoring and rehabilitating people. It is indeed critical to be suggesting new alternatives.

Catholic social teaching supports many of the goals of Issue 1, such as: increased programming for rehabilitation, substance abuse treatment, community re-entry, and crime victim support. The question before us involves a prudential determination as to whether Issue 1 is appropriately conceived to achieve these and its other stated goals. Are the provisions the right prescription for the problem?

We encourage your careful and prayerful discernment of the pros and cons of this issue. Our website, www.ohiocathconf.org, offers links to such informational resources.

Regardless of the outcome of this issue, we encourage continued advocacy in addressing these important aspects of restorative justice.

What is the candidate's commitment to addressing threats to marriage and family, as understood by the Church, as well as other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care, or an unjust immigration policy?

How does the candidate measure up in both words and actions with the totality of Catholic social teaching?

What would be morally grave reasons to support and/or oppose a candidate? (Refer to the U.S. bishops' document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, paragraphs 34 through 37).

What is my assessment of the candidate's personal integrity, governing philosophy, performance and ability to influence a given issue?

Has the candidate demonstrated sufficient competency to hold such an elected position?

Examining party platforms in light of Catholic teaching may be a helpful consideration, especially when a voter faces a dilemma in a voting choice.