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RECOGNIZE EVERYONE AFFECTED BY ABORTION

Editor's reflections by Doug Bean

Making a strong stand for the right to life

In this issue of the *Catholic Times*, a considerable amount of space is devoted to the national March for Life, the Respect Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, the annual pro-life rally at the Ohio Statehouse, and similar events throughout the nation.

It's always uplifting to see so many people come together in a united effort to send a powerful, life-affirming message to the world.

Why do we put so much focus on these events when there are so many other problems deserving of our attention? Simple. As national March for Life director Jeanne Mancini put it last week in Washington, abortion is the social justice issue of our times.

That's a strong statement. But it's a fact. And here's why: If there is no respect for the life of tiny, helpless babies in the womb, how can we expect anyone to care for and have compassion for the poor, the disadvantaged, the homeless, the abandoned, immigrants, our neighbors, people of various races and nationalities, prisoners, the sick, and the elderly?

Those who support abortion often justify the taking of innocent life in the mother's womb by saying it's just a clump of cells. They argue that it's not really a human person.

There's a poignant scene in the pro-life movie *October Baby* from a few years ago in which a former abortion center worker describes what she witnessed after a failed attempt: "When you hear something enough times, you start to believe it. It was tissue. That's what they told us. It was tissue that couldn't survive. Non-viable tissue. ... I didn't see no glob of tissue. I just saw the face of a child."

With advances in technology, we can watch a baby's heart beating in the early stages. Pregnant mothers considering abortion are more inclined to choose life when they actually see the baby in an ultrasound.

All life at every stage is a precious gift. All life has meaning. We may not understand why a child is born into poverty, conceived by rape, abandoned, or neglected by parents. But God has a purpose for

creating that soul. We have to believe that. We have to trust God. We can't play God and decides who lives and who dies. That applies to the beginning of life and the end.

One of the great defenders of the sanctity of the human person was St. Teresa of Calcutta. After picking up thousands of adults and children off the streets in India, she could have said abortion or artificial contraception might be justified to prevent so much suffering. Quite the contrary, she saw the face of Christ in every person she met and spoke out forcefully (even in speeches with prominent politicians present) against abortion.

This past week during Pope Francis' trip to Chile and Peru, he mentioned the importance of protecting all life from conception until natural death – that every life has a purpose. That message has remained consistent throughout his papacy.

Closer to home, many of America's highest-ranking church leaders came together for the Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on the eve of the March for Life to show solidarity on this critical human rights issue.

It's also encouraging to read this week the results of a poll conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, indicating that a majority of Americans want restrictions on abortion. Seventy-six percent support "significant" limits, even though 51 percent of those polled said they consider themselves "pro-choice."

It's unfortunate that politics, parties, personalities, policies, pundits, and politicians muddy the waters. All of the noise shouldn't distract us from the mission or rob us of our passion to stop abortion. No one person is bigger than the cause. It's not our place to judge anyone's personal motives, morals or past sins. We all must work together to end this scourge.

Let's continue to pray fervently for an end to the laws that allow abortion. With God, all things are possible. Do not forget that.



ANGELA JOHNSTON PASSES AWAY



Funeral Mass for Angela Johnston, director of Latino ministry for the Diocese of Columbus since 2001, who died Monday, Jan. 15 at Koberger House in Columbus, was held Wednesday, Jan. 24, in Columbus Christ the King Church. Burial was in Portsmouth.

She spent more than 37 years working with people of various Hispanic and Latino cultures.

Before being hired by the diocese in July 2001 as director of the Hispanic center at Parroquia Santa Cruz in Columbus, she had held various positions with the Columbian Fathers, Catholic Relief Services, and the Peace Corps in Peru, Bolivia, Honduras, Jamaica, El Salvador, and Guatemala.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education from St. John's College, Cleveland, and a master's degree in Latin American studies from Georgetown University in Washington.

"It has been my tremendous privilege to work with her for nearly 20 years, the last 13 as her episcopal moderator here at the diocese," said Deacon Thomas Berg Jr., diocesan chancellor and episcopal moderator for spiritual life and parish ministry.

"During her time with us, she has worked diligently and done so much for more people than we can count, both here in our diocese and around the United States.

"She has been a true national leader in the field of ministry to and with our Latino brothers and sisters.

"Her dedication to and love for those whom she served has been an inspiration to all of us here, and her selflessness is unparalleled.

"Even when she talked about her own illness and discomfort these last four years, she never failed to ask us how we were and to express her concern for us."



Front Page photo:
A family takes part in the annual *Roe v. Wade* Remembrance event in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium on Monday, Jan. 22.

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Thomas J. Vollmer chosen as Catholic Man of the Year

Thomas J. Vollmer of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church has been selected as the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club's 2018 diocesan Catholic Man of the Year.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will present him with the award at the club's meeting following the 11:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, Feb. 2 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. A \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the luncheon.

"Vollmer has been a member of St. Pius X Church for eight years, yet it seems he has been part of the parish for much longer because he is so involved," his nomination form said.

"You can find Tom at the church at almost any hour of the day or night. On weekday mornings, he is the substitute sacristan and an altar server. On Saturday mornings, he is with the 'early birds' of the parish men's group. In the evening, he may be found taking part in the parish's weekly rosary for the sick, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and recital of the Chaplet

of Divine Mercy, or in a faith sharing group. He also has enthroned his home to the Sacred Heart.

"He is the parish 'Mr. Fix-It,' repairing broken kneelers and pews and helping Msgr. David Funk, the pastor, with repairs to the rectory. He also has provided help to parishioners with home projects on several occasions; for example, building a deck for someone in need, helping replace kitchen countertops for a parish member's relative, and repairing a railing for an elderly parishioner. He has been a Parish Council member for three years and is involved in the parish's capital campaign for renovation and addition to parish buildings."

Vollmer, 69, became a Catholic in 2006. He is a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus and deputy grand knight of Father Hohman Council 5253. He has assisted with operation of the council's food truck at summer festivals, worked in the kitchen at the parish's fall craft bazaar and Lenten fish fries, was part of the council's

participation in Reynoldsburg July 4 and Halloween events, and will be coordinating the council's first-time involvement in providing a meal for the Ronald McDonald House this coming February.

This is an extension of his work with the McDonald House, where he volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays and was honored for spending approximately 300 hours as a volunteer in 2017.

He is a retired veteran of four years in the Air Force and 26 years in the Air National Guard, retiring with the rank of master sergeant. He is involved in Stand Down Columbus and the parish's military outreach and has helped with activities at the home for veterans in downtown Columbus. Other community organizations which have benefited from his service include the St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. John's Food Pantry, Mount Carmel East Hospital, and the Metro Columbus bus to feed the homeless.

He also was involved with the community in the Toledo area as a Lucas

County sheriff's deputy for 26 years, working with Habitat for Humanity and the Red Cross and taking young people on mission trips to Louisiana and Texas and to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He was an instructor at Owens Technical College in Toledo for more than 10 years.

He and his wife of 49 years, Chris, came to central Ohio in 2009 to be closer to two of their four daughters. He is a graduate of Toledo Whitmer High School, and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo.

He was chosen for the award by a selection committee consisting of members of the Catholic Men's Retreat League, the Catholic Men's Ministry, the Serra Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the luncheon club.

The club established the honor in 1957, awarding it to John Igoe of Columbus St. Agatha Church, and has presented it every year since then. The 2017 recipient, Josef Banks of Columbus St. Dominic Church, died on Aug. 30 of last year.

Cardinal, archbishop praise new HHS conscience protection policies

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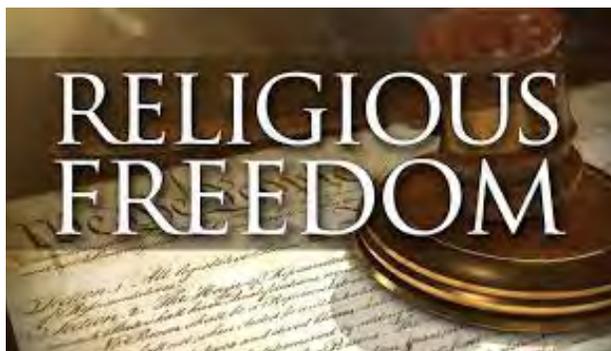
New policies put in place by the civil rights office of the federal Department of Health and Human Services won praise from two former presidents of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

This new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division, which falls under the HHS Office for Civil Rights, will focus on the enforcement of existing laws on rights of conscience and religious freedom. It will also provide an outlet to field Americans' complaints of any discrimination they have experienced in the field of health care.

"We applaud HHS for its significant actions to protect conscience rights and religious freedom," said a joint Jan. 19 statement by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, now chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, chair of their Committee for Religious Liberty.

"We are grateful that HHS is taking seriously its charge to protect these fundamental civil rights through formation of a new division dedicated to protecting conscience rights and religious freedom," they said.

"Conscience protection should not be subject to political whims, however. Permanent legislative relief is essential," added Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop Kurtz. "We urge Congress to pass the Conscience



Protection Act in order to give victims of discrimination the ability to defend their rights in court. No one should be forced to violate their deeply held convictions about the sanctity of human life."

The two churchmen said, "We also appreciate the (Trump) administration's action to rescind a 2016 guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that required states to provide Medicaid funding to family planning providers like Planned Parenthood that perform abortions."

Trump's executive actions were unveiled Jan. 18.

Greater conscience protections for medical professionals has long been sought by those in the pro-life movement.

The first federal conscience protection legislation got on the books with the Church Amendment in 1973's Public Health Service Act, which declared

that hospitals or individuals' receipt of federal funds in various health programs did not require them to participate in abortion and sterilization procedures, and forbade hospitals to make willingness or unwillingness to perform these procedures a condition of employment.

A 1974 bill banned Legal Services Corporation funds from being used to compel involvement in abortion.

And a clause in a foreign aid allocation bill, first passed in 1968 and renewed each year since, barred discrimination against foreign aid grant applicants who offer natural family planning on account or religious or conscientious commitments.

Even the Affordable Care Act, still hotly debated nearly eight years after its passage, allowed health plans to choose to not cover abortion, and prevented them from discriminating against health care providers who are not involved in abortion.

In other areas, a 1994 law permitted employees to cite conscience as the reason to not prosecute death-penalty cases or to participate in executions, and a 1996 law protected aliens who objected to vaccinations due to their religious beliefs or moral convictions.

"The state should not force people to go against their integrated view of humanity," said Roger Severino, the director of the Office for Civil Rights at HHS, at a Jan. 18 news conference.

Faith in Action

By Erin Cordle and Howard York

Why Puerto Rico is poor and what you can do about it



“The Congress shall have the power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States.” This is known as the territorial clause of Article IV of the U.S. Constitution. The Supreme Court always has interpreted this to mean that Congress has plenary, or absolute, power over the territories.

Former Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi has said on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives that this gives Congress the right to treat Puerto Rico differently than the states, and that when it does so, it is almost always to the disadvantage of the territories.

Puerto Rico need not wait for Congress to help. While there are many unscrupulous charities purporting to help Puerto Rico, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), a member of Caritas International, also is there. CCUSA is the national office for the Catholic Charities ministry nationwide. CCUSA’s members provide help and create hope for more than eight million people a year, regardless of religious, social, or economic backgrounds.

In November 2017, CCUSA provided an additional \$2 million to Caritas de Puerto Rico. Generous donors across the nation helped make this effort possible. CCUSA previously provided \$1.5 million in donations to Caritas de Puerto Rico.

Also in November 2017, CCUSA received a check for \$1,500 from students of Blessed Sacrament School in Alexandria, Virginia. The donation was the fruit of a student-run initiative called “Hope after Hurricanes.” The students learned about the difficult realities that school-aged children in Puerto Rico are contending with because of the damage caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, both of which struck the island in September.

Widespread damage, power outages, and isolated communities still confront the majority of Puerto Rico’s residents. Caritas de Puerto Rico has identified four main objectives as the initial steps toward long-term recovery: managing the distribution of supplies from ports to local warehouses to neighborhoods; setting up disaster case management teams; providing mental health counselors; and establishing a health clinic.

Donations to support CCUSA’s continuing efforts in Puerto Rico may be sent to the diocesan Finance Office at 198 East Gay St., Columbus OH 43215, with “CCUSA Puerto Rico relief” in the memo line of the check, or sent to CCUSA by mail at Post Office Box 17066, Baltimore MD 21297-1066. Donations also may be made by credit card at phone at (1-800) 919-9338, or online at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org>.

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Seven-day Bible art challenge

The visual arts ministry of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church is sponsoring its second annual seven-day Bible art challenge.

Artists from central Ohio and beyond are challenged to create an artwork that will be based on a verse from the Bible, unknown to them until exactly seven days (168 hours) before the artwork is due.

The artwork creation week will be from Wednesday, Feb. 21 to Wednesday, Feb. 28, and the signup deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 14.

“This is a unique challenge to the arts community, creating an artwork in just seven days on a topic you don’t know in advance. It’s designed to stretch artists’

creative abilities,” said event organizer Steve Puffenberger. The first such event in 2017 brought more than 30 entries from artists of all ages, walks of life, and religious backgrounds. Puffenberger hopes for at least 100 entries this year.

Cash prizes are offered in youth and adult categories. Any artistic medium that can hang on a wall is welcome, as is small 3-D art that can fit in a showcase. The completed artwork will be on display in the upper floor gallery space at The Church at Mill Run, 2600 Mill Run Drive, Hilliard, for six weeks following the show opening and awards reception on Sunday, March 11. Sale of art by the artists is permitted. Full details and registration forms are available at www.ualc.org/7dayart.

Black Catholic Ministries aids students

The Black Catholic Ministries (BCM) Office of the Diocese of Columbus provided financial assistance for the 2017-18 school year to several students at diocesan elementary and high schools.

Tuition awards were presented to one student selected by the administration at each of the following Columbus elementary schools: All Saints Academy, Holy Spirit, St. Anthony, and St. Mary in German Village.

Also receiving tuition awards were Columbus high school students Lauren Akainyah and Ruth Tesfay, St. Francis DeSales; Arec Chinua Igwebuikie, St. Charles Preparatory; and Atemnam

Maker, Bishop Ready.

In addition, Columbus Cristo Rey High School was presented with \$500 to purchase uniforms for four students. Two students from St. Mary in German Village who attend Catholic high schools were presented with \$100 uniform awards.

Part of BCM’s mission is to support Catholic school education within the diocesan African American community. It provides financial awards to Catholic elementary schools with a diverse population and offers individual financial assistance to African American students who attend Columbus-area Catholic high schools.

Citywide prayer gathering

Columbus Catholic Renewal will be sponsoring a citywide prayer gathering from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 10 at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Rd.

The event will open with Mass celebrated by Father James Coleman, followed by breakfast, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with worship music led by Living Stones, and prayer ministry. A teaching on “Awe and Wonder”

will be presented by Patrick Shroyer. Babysitting will be available. Participants are asked to bring a breakfast dish to share.

Columbus Catholic Renewal, also known as Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Inc., is a 501(c) (3) lay organization under the authority of Bishop Frederick Campbell through his appointed liaison, Father Dean Mathewson. For more information, go to www.cccolumbus.org.

www.columbuscatholic.org

NCEA honors DeSales student

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School senior Kyle Moon has been selected as a 2018 recipient of the National Catholic Educational Association's Youth Virtues, Valor, and Vision Award for his selfless service, determination, and innovation. He was chosen from more than 1.9 million Catholic school students across the nation.

The awards program was created by the NCEA and sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach. The NCEA believes that ordinary people doing extraordinary work for the good of others provides the force that can and will change and enrich the world.

As a freshman at DeSales, Moon es-

tablished a student-led service organization known as Corral for the Kids, which generates money and awareness for pediatric cancer, with all proceeds benefiting the Nationwide Children's Hospital oncology/hematology/bone marrow transplant department.

As founder and executive co-chair of the organization, Moon facilitates and oversees various events throughout the school year, beginning with a dine-to-donate fundraiser at a Chipotle restaurant on the first day of school.

Within the first weeks of school, students can sign up to join the club. Members participate in monthly meetings to plan for coming events, to pray for those

affected by pediatric cancer, and to engage in outreach, sending cards and gifts to pediatric cancer patients and their families.

Throughout the fall season, Corral for the Kids leads awareness initiatives at sporting events, highlighting pediatric cancer statistics, particularly the disparity in federal funding between adult and pediatric cancer research.

In November, the organization leads a childhood cancer awareness day, selling T-shirts, buttons, and pins. In December, it hosts a toy and book drive, with all collected materials packaged and taken to the hospital's oncology department for children spending the holidays there. Club members and students in theology classes make hundreds of Christmas cards to be distributed to the patients, reminding them that they are not forgotten and that the joy and spirit of Christmas prevails.

In February, Corral for the Kids hosts



its signature fundraising event, a dodgeball tournament at the DeSales gym with participants from six diocesan high schools. At the event, pediatric cancer patients share their stories, and there are various stations outside the gym. These include a miracle wall, where members of

the community can pin a ribbon with the name of someone they know battling cancer; an area where merchandise is offered for sale; and sites where people can learn about different ways to be an advocate for childhood cancer and can write a statement of support.

Since its inception, Corral for the Kids has raised more than \$10,000 – a number which will continue to increase as fundraising initiatives continue. Through Corral for the Kids, Moon has formed a community that advocates on behalf of pediatric cancer patients and lets them know they are not alone, providing a voice for the voiceless and standing up for those who cannot.



Diocese of Columbus Child Protection Plan

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

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

To contact the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator, call:
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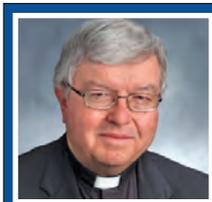
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the **Blessing of the Candles**,
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 and the *Oblatio candelarum* (a special Dominican custom)

Bring your votive and devotional candles to be blessed at this Mass
 Candlemas candles for home use will also be available for a suggested donation

St. Patrick's Church is located at 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus, OH 43215

Annulment if husband unwilling? Christmas bonus for deacon?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. I met my husband 10 years ago, and he is a wonderful, supportive and good man. At the time, both of us had recently been divorced. Soon after, we were married in a civil ceremony. (We have a strong marriage, and I believe that I have found the man with whom I was meant to share my life.)

Sometime later, I (successfully) went through the Catholic Church's process for having my first marriage annulled. But then we found out that even though my husband is a non-Catholic, he, too, would need to get a Catholic annulment for his first marriage in order for us to have our present union blessed by the church. That was eight months ago.

I have asked my husband to complete the annulment process, but he has said that he will not do so. I continue to attend Mass and would like to participate fully in the Eucharist, but I have been told that I cannot do so until my current marriage is recognized by the church. Please help me understand what I might do. (Richmond, Virginia)

A. You are correct that your husband would first need an annulment to have your present marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Many people, I'm afraid, are under the same misconception you were -- thinking that a marriage between two non-Catholics doesn't "count" in the church's eyes. That is absolutely untrue; two non-

Catholics surely have no obligation to seek the Catholic Church's approval to enter into a valid marriage.

You might ask your husband to go with you to speak to a priest about the annulment process itself, which might address some of his reservations. (The priest could assure him, for example, that an annulment has no effect on the legitimacy of children from an earlier marriage. Also, many dioceses now charge no fee at all for processing an annulment.)

But what if your husband still refuses to participate? To me, it would seem unfair for you not to be admitted to Communion when you had tried your best to do what the church requires. And fortunately, some recent church statements would seem to allow for a certain flexibility in such situations.

In a 2016 letter, Pope Francis expressed support for a statement by a group of Argentine bishops that had suggested that in "more complex circumstances, and when it is not possible to obtain a declaration of nullity," a Catholic divorcee, now remarried outside the church, might be allowed access to the Eucharist.

(The Argentine bishops had issued the guidelines based on their reading of Chapter 8 of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*.) A priest with pastoral sensitivity might help you in discerning God's will in your own circumstances.

Q. I am the bookkeeper at our parish. Our deacon does wonderful work and puts in a lot of extra time for the good of the parish -- sacrificing hours he could be getting paid for in his full-time job.

When I was doing our staff Christmas bonuses, I suggested to our pastor that we give our deacon something as a thank-you. He said that would not be appropriate, because deacons serve the church without being paid.

So the poor guy had to watch as the rest of the parish staff received checks during our Christmas lunch. Where does the church stand on this? (City and state withheld, but "in the Midwest")

A. Perhaps surprisingly, some dioceses have issued guidelines to cover this. The Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, for example, stipulates that a deacon in active pastoral ministry will receive a monthly stipend -- fixed, for the year 2016, at \$300 per month. Further, those same guidelines suggest that "the Christmas bonus for a deacon should be equal to his basic monthly stipend."

I believe that most dioceses are far less specific and that usually the question of a Christmas bonus for a deacon falls under the discretion of the pastor. Parish lay staffs, in my experience, are typically underpaid, and a Christmas bonus can be a morale boost at an important time. Whether a deacon should be included might depend on whether he has another income from a full-time job in the working world.

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

Celebrating the vocation of marriage

The vocation of marriage is a beautiful, yet challenging call that was instituted by God. Jesus is with us as we strive to love our spouse, and Dr. Perry Cahall will remind us of that at this year's diocesan World Marriage Day celebration on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road North.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that "God is the author of marriage," and marriage is found throughout sacred Scripture.

Marriage is also a vocation in which married couples are asked to live out the call to holiness by becoming a gift to each other. This requires married couples to live out

the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It also requires total selflessness and sacrifice, which is impossible for all of us. Yet we are not left alone!

Cahall, in his book *The Mystery of Marriage*, tells us, "You have the greatest ally of all in Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, who will ensure that nothing you experience in life will extinguish your love for each other as long as you turn to him."

The event is free, and child care is available through pre-registration. RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 8 at www.columbuscatholic.org/marriage-enrichment or by calling (614) 241-2560.

Ohio Dominican University Events

Cultural festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Bishop Griffin Center, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Those attending the family-friendly event will have the opportunity to enjoy food from around the world, listen to live music, experience a unique dance performance, watch ODU's international fashion show, have your face painted by a member of ODU's Palette Club, tour ODU's 75-acre campus (Spanish-speaking tour guides will be available), and attend a Panther basketball game against Davis & Elkins at either 1 (men's) or 3 p.m. (women's).

To register, visit ohiodominican.edu/CulturalEvent.

The office of campus ministry and the Dominican Sisters of Peace will host a **peace concert** from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at Christ the King Chapel in Sansbury Hall on ODU's campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. A free-will offering will be taken to support this event.

All are invited to join them in praying for peace through music and preaching from the three faiths which trace their origins to Abraham: Christian, Jewish, and Muslim.

For more information, contact Father Paul Colloton, OSFS, Ohio Dominican's chaplain, at collotop@ohiodominican.edu or (614) 251-4563.

Claver auxiliary receives grant

St. Cyprian Court 298 of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary was awarded a Catholic Foundation 2018 mission program grant. The grant will support the court's Claver Cares program, which provides a monthly meal to women in the Community Housing Network.

For more than six years, the

court has prepared and served the meals as part of its community service programs.

Members of St. Cyprian Court attend Columbus Christ the King, Holy Rosary-St. John, St. Anthony, St. Mary German Village, St. Dominic, and St. Thomas churches and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Four diocesan priests plan pilgrimage

Have you considered adding a new dimension to your understanding of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection? Would you like to grow in your knowledge of the Bible through the experience of seeing firsthand the land where Jesus lived?

Fathers Ron Aubry, Tim Hayes, Dean Mathewson, and Jerry Stluka invite you on a life-changing pilgrimage to Israel. Participants will experience the places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, and performed miracles.

Mass will be celebrated daily at vari-

ous holy sites, including the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the site of Our Lord's crucifixion and tomb.

The dates for this spiritual journey are Monday, Nov. 5 to Wednesday, Nov. 14.

An informational meeting will take place at Columbus St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, in the near future.

Contact Sara Chay at Jerusalem Tours at (1-888) 373-8687 or check the information available online at Holy Land November 2018.

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION

A parish community in the Diocese of Columbus is seeking a fulltime Parish Business Administrator who would serve in support of the Pastor and as a staff resource, ensuring that parish needs in administration, personnel, finance and facilities is achieved.

This position will:

- **Administer parish business operations, overseeing and controlling bookkeeping, payroll, employee benefits, and cash flow through management of purchasing and payments.**
- **Coordinate parish liability and property insurance programs; become familiar with all safety inspections for the parish.**
- **Complete an annual evaluation of the support staff and volunteers of the parish.**
- **Attend parish committee meetings as designated by Pastor (includes some evening meetings).**
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THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

By: Rick Jeric

The Life Lesson of Scotchy



Life. It is about to spring forth once again in just another couple of months. Spring gives us so many signs of life. Sun, warmth, flowers, birds, leaves, green grass, golf, baseball, and Easter. For now, we have the focus on the respect and protection of life for the unborn. The reprehensible and embarrassing *Roe v. Wade* decision of 45 years ago leaves us with another scar that we all share. No matter what the abomination is, it seems we can always claim innocence by saying that we had nothing to do with it, because we were not alive, we could not control the powers that be or the politicians, etc. While that may be true, we still must ask ourselves what we are doing right now to make a wrong right, a falsehood true, a bad good, a death a life, hate love, a bigotry an acceptance, a war peace, and depression happiness. Over the centuries, it seems as if we evolve as human beings and beloved children of God. But in so many ways, we devolve, especially when it comes to a real, sincere cherishing of human life. As we evolve, we feel it is easiest to simply accept the manmade laws and provisions of the recent past while always looking forward, promising to be better this time. I know this is a very broad statement, but as a society, we cherish and respect the life of a dog, cat, endangered species, tree, owl, manatee, or whatever, more than our own unborn babies. Of course, this does not fit everyone. I do not even want to know how many would agree. Why are we not repulsed by this as a society? As individuals? I know many of us are, but what is being done to be sure that all life is protected and treated as sacred?

On New Year's Day, we had an emergency and had to put down our family's pet cat of 13 years. Scotchy was beloved by all of us. I never have been a cat lover and never will be, but this cat was pretty good. Aside from a blissful life of eat, sleep, and other, all he wanted to do was jump in your lap and purr. Even I miss him, and I was very sad when he was no more. But I also will say that the lump in my throat is much greater each time I hear of another murder in the area, another heroin overdose, starvation in the world, homelessness down the street, and particularly each time I drive by Planned Parenthood on Main Street. It reeks of death. Do not get me wrong; this is not an animal vs. people issue. It is just my own experience. Even history scolds us. Cain kills Abel. All the firstborn male Egyptians die, including Pharaoh's son. David kills Goliath. David has Uriah killed in battle conveniently. Jonah is thrown overboard to save the rest of the crew. John the Baptist is beheaded over some pleasurable hanky-panky. Jesus is killed over jealousy and power. And for the next 2,000 years, there are countless examples of genocide, civil war, manifest destiny, slavery, coups d'etat, starvation, ethnic cleansing, holocausts, and on and on. Yes, when we view our human existence under this microscope, we have a very difficult time disproving evolution. God never would approve of us as His beloved sons and daughters, evolving into these horrible situations. But that is just too easy to say. There is great hope. For every sad, sorry example of the negative things cited above, there are countless examples of positive love, courage, and respect for life at all levels. As we end a month of love and prayers for an end to abortion and a real respect for life, let us ponder the example of Scotchy. Whenever we are faced with a life choice, instead of wiping out the opposition or taking the easy way out, try curling up on God's lap and purring. He alone provides the love and care and grace that we need. Purr the love and respect for life that every one of us deserves.

84 basilicas, including five in Ohio, now designated in United States

By Catholic News Service

Earlier this month, St. Mary Church in Alexandria, Virginia, was named as the 84th basilica in the United States.

In all, 33 states and the District of Columbia have churches designated as minor basilicas. The earliest existing structures to be so designated are Minneapolis' Basilica of St. Mary and Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica in Lackawanna, New York, both in 1926. New York has the most of any state, with nine; California, Florida and Pennsylvania each have six, and Ohio has five.

Following is a listing of all 84 U.S. basilicas alphabetically by state, and alphabetically by city within a state where necessary, plus the year they were designated as basilicas.

Alabama: Mobile, Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1962.

Arizona: Phoenix, St. Mary's Basilica, 1985.

California: Alameda, St. Joseph's Basilica, 1972; Carmel-by-the-Sea, Basilica of Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo (Carmel Mission), 1960; San Diego, Basilica of Mission San Diego de Alcalá, 1975; San Francisco, Basilica of Mission San Francisco de Asís (Mission Dolores), 1952; San Jose, Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, 1997; San Juan Capistrano, Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano, 2000.

Colorado: Denver, Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1979.

Connecticut: Stamford, Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist, 2009; Waterbury, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 2008.

District of Columbia: Washington, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 1990.

Florida: Daytona Beach, Basilica of St. Paul, 2006; Jacksonville, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 2013; Key West, Basilica of St. Mary Star of the Sea, 2012; Orlando, Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, 2009; Pensacola, Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, 2011; St. Augustine, Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, 1976.

Georgia: Atlanta, Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 2010.



Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Va., processes into St. Mary Church in Alexandria, Va., during its dedication as a minor basilica Jan. 14. "This historic announcement recognizes the important role St. Mary's has played in the diocese, the city of Alexandria and even the very founding of our country," Bishop Burbidge said.

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Hawaii: Honolulu, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, 2014.

Illinois: Chicago, Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, 1956; Chicago, Queen of All Saints Basilica, 1962; Chicago, Basilica of St. Hyacinth, 2003.

Indiana: Notre Dame, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 1991; Vincennes, Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, 1970.

Iowa: Des Moines, Basilica of St. John, 1989; Dyersville, Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, 1957.

Kansas: Victoria, Basilica of St. Fidelis, 2014.

Kentucky: Bardstown, Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral, 2001; Covington, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, 1953; New Haven, Basilica of the Blessed Virgin of Gethsemani, Abbey of Gethsemani, 1949.

Louisiana: Natchitoches, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 2009; New Orleans, Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, King of France, 1964.

Maine: Lewiston, Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 2004.

Maryland: Baltimore, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1937; Emmitsburg, Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton, 1991.

Massachusetts: Boston, Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1954; Chicopee, Basilica of St. Stanislaus, 1991; Webster, St. Joseph Basilica, 1998.

Michigan: Grand Rapids, Basilica of St. Adalbert, 1979; Royal Oak, National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2015.

Minnesota: Minneapolis, Basilica of St. Mary, 1926; Winona, Basilica of St. Stanislaus Kostka, 2011.

Mississippi: Natchez, St. Mary Basilica, 1998.

Missouri: Nodaway County, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Conception Abbey, 1940; St. Louis, Basilica of St. Louis, King of France (Old Cathedral), 1961; St. Louis, Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 1997.

New Jersey: Newark, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 1995.

New Mexico: Mesilla, Basilica of San Albino, 2008; Santa Fe, Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, 2005.

New York: Brooklyn, Basilica of Regina Pacis, 2012; Brooklyn, Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1969; Brooklyn, Cathedral Basilica of St. James, 1982; Lackawanna, Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and

Basilica, 1926; Lewiston, Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 1975; New York, St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, 2010; Olean, Basilica of St. Mary of Angels, 2017; Southampton, Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, 2011; Syracuse, Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1998.

North Carolina: Asheville, Basilica of St. Lawrence, 1993; Belmont, Basilica of Our Lady Help of Christians (Belmont Abbey), 1998; Wilmington, Basilica Shrine of St. Mary, 2013.

North Dakota: Jamestown, St. James Basilica, 1988.

Ohio: Carey, Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 1971; Canton, Basilica of St. John the Baptist, 2012; Marietta, Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, 2013; North Jackson, Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, 2014; Youngstown, Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 2014.

Pennsylvania: Conewago Township, Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1962; Danville, Basilica of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, 1989; Latrobe, St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica, 1955; Loretto, Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, 1996; Philadelphia, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 1976; Scranton, Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Ann, 1997.

Tennessee: Chattanooga, Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, 2011.

Texas: Beaumont, St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, 2006; Galveston, St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, 1979; San Antonio, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower, 1998; San Juan, Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle, 1999.

Virginia: Alexandria, Basilica of St. Mary, 2018; Norfolk, Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 1991.

West Virginia: Charleston, Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 2009.

Wisconsin: Hubertus, Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill, 2006; Milwaukee, Basilica of St. Josaphat, 1929.



Holy and healthy: Holiness in all environments

It's pretty easy to feel holy sitting peacefully in church, whether at holy Mass or in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, but it sure gets a lot harder once we walk out the door.

We are called to be holy, which means loving and serving God and our neighbor, in every environment, all the time. This is something the saints managed to do well by the end of their lives on earth. We know from the stories of their lives that they struggled as we do. Only with God's grace, aided by prayer and frequent reception of the sacraments, can we also hope to achieve this goal.

I realize that most of the time, it's not the environment that challenges us most, but the people in that environment. Sometimes it's the combination of the two, such as a person in the workplace who we simply don't gel along with very well.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "Some people come into your life as blessings and other people come into your life as lessons."

I know this to be true in my life, and maybe you



HOLY AND HEALTHY
Lori Crock

do, too.

Some people challenge us to grow in a virtue, such as patience, kindness, or humility. The Blessed Mother is a beautiful guide for us here. As we seek to grow in holiness, we can ponder in our hearts, as she did, all that is happening around us and our role in it.

Addressing our challenges head-on, no matter how small, with time and attention in prayer and with gentleness toward ourselves and others can go a long way in helping us grow in holiness. Maybe you're like me, and you even laugh when you ponder a situation and suddenly realize how silly your behavior was at that moment. Sigh.

St. Mother Teresa encourages us onward. "God

doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try," she said.

So we continue to strive for holiness with all people and in all environments: at home, at work, on the playing field, at church, at the grocery store, in the car ... there is no time or place where we aren't called to be holy.

St. Mother Teresa said, "You have to be holy where you are – wherever God has put you."

So we can't give up or move away! We must call on God often to help us turn these little scoundrels into sturdy strengths.

St. Mother Teresa's words light the way: "Nothing can make me holy except the presence of God, and to me, the presence of God is fidelity to small things. Fidelity to small things will lead you to Christ. Infidelity to small things will lead you to sin."

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Pro-life Mass and Remembrance

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

This past Monday, Jan. 22, the 45th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* ruling, was a day to remember the estimated 60 million lives lost in the United States as a result of that decision, which legalized abortion nationwide.

But it also was a day to recognize and honor the women who grieve for their abortions and the other women and men who have been hurt as a result.

One of those women, Noelle Geno of Columbus, presented a moving testimony of her experience Monday at the annual *Roe* Remembrance event sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium.

Geno, a single mother, said that 16 years ago in Florida, at the age of 20, she had an abortion because she felt she wouldn't be able to adequately care for a second child after giving birth for the first time when she was 16.

"My mother said 'You can't keep it.' My best friend said 'Please don't do this' and was the only person brave enough to help me," Geno said. She said she went ahead with the abortion because "I thought I'd be fine. I didn't know what abortion was. It was painful, cold, and quick, and every bit of it was a lie."

Five days after the abortion, Geno "barely had strength to stand," and knew something was wrong. Because she was too embarrassed to go to a hospital, she went back to the clinic where the abortion took place.



Father Robert Kitsmiller delivers the homily during Mass. CT photos by Ken Snow

It took her two trips before staff members at the clinic would listen to her demand that she be examined. When the exam finally occurred, the woman who performed the procedure told Geno "she hadn't gotten all of the baby out. And she called it a baby," not a fetus or an embryo, Geno said.

This news devastated her, leaving her with a feeling for the next 10 years that she didn't deserve to live, and ultimately to a conversation with God in which she said, "End my life or fix it."

That was six years ago. "God led me to a pregnancy center which offered post-abortion healing, and it was there I realized that for those 10 years, I was living in guilt and shame," she said. "I was surrounded by women who were also feeling the same thing and didn't know who to talk to.

"We healed together and, by God's grace, I have been honored over the past six years to lead countless others through the same process," Geno said. "I stand before you today completely whole and graciously healed."



She said she had many unanswered questions about what her aborted child might have become. She recognizes this is a feeling she shares with many other parents in the same situation. God "holds our children for us until he calls us home. He loves you and he wants to heal this wound of yours if you've made the same choice as I have. I pray that you let him do what only he can do, and give you your life back," Geno said.

"Sadly, the story Noelle told is not one that's unique," said Beth Vanderkooi, executive director of Greater Columbus Right to Life, master of ceremonies for the event. "At least once or twice per year, I have heard this same story" of abortions not fully carried out.

"We still have 'back-alley' (abortion) clinics; they're just operating under the favor of law," Vanderkooi said. "We are working with several women who experienced botched or incomplete abortions and are in the process of filing lawsuits or complaints against the performing physician."

She said the two abortion clinics in Franklin County – the Founders Clinic on East Broad Street in Columbus and Planned Parenthood on East Main Street in Whitehall – performed nearly 4,500 abortions last year.

"Last summer, the Ohio Department of Health performed a routine inspection of 10 patients at Planned Parenthood, two of whom were minor girls. In both instances involving minors, the department cited Planned Parenthood for failing to obtain the proper consent" necessary for minors to have an abortion, Vanderkooi said.

"Meanwhile, Founders continues to operate despite having no basic business license, failing to pay city, state, and federal income taxes for at least

seven years, as well as failing to pay into the unemployment compensation system. The clinic at one time owed almost a million dollars in back taxes and fees.

"To make matters worse, this same clinic is suing the state of Ohio, saying the state's transfer agreement is not necessary," she said. Abortion providers in Ohio are required to have such agreements, in which a designated hospital says it will treat any patient who is transferred from an abortion clinic because of a medical emergency. The agreements do not obligate hospitals to participate in abortions.

More than 20,000 abortions took place in 2017 in Ohio. That's about 57 each day, including 12 in central Ohio. The numbers remain large, but Vanderkooi noted that they have been declining steadily in the last decade. She said that last year, the number of abortions was reduced by 239 in Franklin County.

"Since 2007, we estimate that there have been 12,000 fewer abortions in

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Fr. Michael Mary Dosch



Noelle Geno



The Rev. Mark Robinette

central Ohio,” she said. “That is a lot of children. Since 2007, we have been working to bring sidewalk counseling and prayer to the community as part of a unified effort by all pro-life organizations in central Ohio, and it is making a difference.”

Again this year, one of the highlights of the Statehouse event was a display of baby shoes in clear containers, representing the number of abortions performed each month at Franklin County’s two abortion clinics. A total of 373 pairs of shoes, equal to the number of abortions at the clinics in one month, were displayed. The previous year, that number would have been 393. Vanderkooi said this is a hopeful sign.

“We are in a new era,” she said. “I watched the March for Life in Washington on Friday and the Women’s March there on Sunday, and there was a marked distinction between the two” in terms of their attitude toward life, she said, noting that the pro-life marchers appeared much more positive.

“It is not because the pro-life movement and pro-life women have not suffered,” Vanderkooi said. “In fact, I believe that history will show that the great tragedy of the 21st century has been the lie that we must forfeit one group of citizens’ rights to another

group in the name of equality and egalitarianism.

“I believe that women who have been told that they must abort their babies in order to be loved, to further their education, to succeed in their careers, and to gain basic equality can stand beside those who have been victims of human trafficking, sexual assault, and sexual harassment, and that together, we can be a powerful force for a change that respects the dignity of all human life,” Vanderkooi said.

Also speaking was the Rev. Mark Robinette, pastor of Foundation Church in Williamsport. “Thank God we now have a pro-life president and vice president. People are starting to see that there will be a day when we remember *Roe v. Wade* was overturned,” he said.

“We can’t look at the issue as ‘us vs. them.’ We can’t look on people who come to an abortion clinic as evil. Remember, most women don’t want to be there. Often, they don’t have a family who would support their pregnancy. They’re lonely; they’re deeply hurting. We can’t be nasty to them or call them names. We need to love them, because if we don’t tell them we love them, we’re never going to reach them.”

Robinette delivered the invocation, with the benediction given by Father Michael Mary Dosch, OP, former pastor of Columbus St. Patrick Church. He is now novice master for



the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph in Cincinnati. He was accompanied by several seminarians, who concluded the program by chanting the *Salve Regina* hymn to Mary.

The noontime rally was preceded by the annual diocesan Respect Life Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, two blocks from the Statehouse. The Mass marks the day of penance observed nationwide each Jan. 22, as called for by the nation’s bishops.

Father Robert Kitsmiller, who is in residence at the cathedral, was principal celebrant for the Mass because Bishop Frederick Campbell, the scheduled celebrant, was ill.

In his homily, Father Kitsmiller said, “We mourn those lost lives (of those aborted) because of their potential in enriching our country. But most of all, we mourn their loss because they were God’s creation, body and soul, his sons and daughters, and therefore have inestimable value. We pray one day to know them in heaven.

“This basic fact of our faith reminds us of the dignity of all human beings from conception to natural death and thus our obligation to see as good all human life – the poor, the immigrant,

the handicapped, the elderly, the sick, and the dying.

The day’s Gospel included Mary’s *Magnificat*, the words of praise to the Lord which she spoke to her cousin Elizabeth soon after accepting her role as the mother of Jesus. Father Kitsmiller said this “is a great reminder of the courage of women – one woman toward the end of her life (Elizabeth), asked to bear a child (John the Baptist), and one at the beginning of her adulthood asked to bear our Redeemer.

“Both, I am sure, knew the difficulties, especially Mary, unmarried and with a child that was not her legal husband’s. Yet their faith was strong and they joyfully did God’s will. One brought forth the forerunner who prepared the way of the Lord; the other brought forth the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world. They also saw to the needs of the other – Mary helping a pregnant Elizabeth, Elizabeth honoring the mother of the Savior,” Father Kitsmiller said.

“May their example spur us on to help those in need, especially the expectant mother, and may our work for the sanctity of life always be done in the spirit of Christian charity and hope.”



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Pro-life strength lies in love, speakers tell March for Life

Catholic News Agency

The pro-life movement's most powerful tool lies in its ability to love, speakers said Friday at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

This year's annual March, the theme of which was 'Love Saves Lives', was an historic event for numerous reasons - it marked the 45th anniversary of the March, it was an uncharacteristically balmy 50-degree day in January, and it was the first time the event was addressed live by the sitting President of the United States.

"I want to thank every person here today who works with such big hearts to make sure parents have the care and support they need to choose life," President Donald Trump told the crowds from the White House via a satellite feed.

"Because of you, tens of thousands of Americans have been born and reached their full God-given potential... you are the living witnesses of the theme 'Love saves lives,'" he said.

Some speakers shared personal stories of love in difficult moments and pregnancies to emphasize this year's theme during the March for Life rally.

One such story was told by Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), who was joined on stage by her family, including her 4-year-old "miracle" daughter Abigail, who punctuated her mother's remarks with questions and exclamations.

Beutler told the audience that while she was pregnant with Abigail, an ultrasound revealed devastating news - their daughter was not developing vital organs properly within the womb, and she would likely suffocate to death as soon as she was born. Beutler said that she and her

husband were told the baby had a "zero percent chance" of survival, and that most parents in their situation opt to get an abortion.

"We prayed, we cried ... and in that devastation, we saw God," Beutler said. Unwilling to abort, the couple sought doctors and experimental treatments that could give their daughter a chance at life. She said their love of their daughter and unwillingness to give up would save her life.

"Through divine intervention, and some very courageous doctors who were willing to take a risk, we now get to experience our daughter Abigail, who is a healthy, happy 4-year-old big sister," Beutler said. "She says that someday she's going to be the boss of mommy's work - look out Speaker Ryan."

Sr. Bethany Madonna of the Sisters of Life told the crowd the story of Raquel, a scared pregnant woman who came to the sisters for help and told them that while she believed abortion was wrong, she could never tell another woman what to do.

That all changed one day when Raquel met a fellow scared pregnant woman in an elevator. She took the mother's hand and had her feel the kicks of her own unborn baby.

"Yeah, my baby's gonna be a linebacker. He's gonna be strong and he's gonna be blessed," Raquel told the woman. "Why is he gonna be blessed? Because he's here."

Raquel then told the woman that she would have a girl, and could name her Raquel Jasmine, after the "fabulous lady you met on the elevator."

Two years later, Raquel met the woman again at the doctor's office. She was pushing a stroller with twin girls



Students and chaperones traveled from Newark Blessed Sacrament and St. Francis parishes to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., to support life.

- named Raquel and Jasmine.

"It was such a small thing, this loving exchange, and the impact reaches in to eternity," Sr. Bethany Madonna said. "You may not see the impact of your love, but God sees it. The love in your hearts is totally unique to you...and your love saves lives."

Other speakers addressing the March included Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, Pam Tebow, the mother of former pro-football player Tim Tebow, U.S. Representatives Dan Lipinski (D-IL), Chris Smith (R-NJ) and well as Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, Orthodox Church of America, and Bishop Vincent Matthews Jr., President of the International Missions Department of the Church of God in Christ.

Ryan encouraged the crowd - mostly made up of young people, he noted - that love is the reason the pro-life movement is on the rise in the United States.

"The pro-life movement is on the rise because we have

love on our side," Ryan said. "We believe every person is worthy of love and dignity."

"That's one thing that gets lost [in the political debate about abortion] - just how compassionate the pro-life movement really is," he said. "I'm proud of what this movement has done for women who have gone through the pain of abortion, how it supports single mothers who are struggling to support their children...this is the face of the pro-life movement," Ryan added.

He also noted several pro-life bills that have been passed by the House in the past year, including the just-passed Born Alive Survivors Protection Act, which protects the lives of babies who survive failed abortions.

"Most importantly, we are striving to do all of this without judgement in our hearts, but with compassion and love for all of the victims [of abortion]," he said.

"Thank you for being here... this is one that we will win this day. Thank you. God bless you, tell everybody come back next year and bring three friends."

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Over 5,000 people from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and other Midwestern states gathered Jan. 14 in Federal Plaza in downtown Chicago for the annual March for Life Chicago commemorating the 45th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Participants carried signs with pro-life messages and balloons during the rally and march through the streets of downtown. The drum line from Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein played in the march.

Chris Murrens of Libertyville brought her two teen-age children to the march and said seeing the many youth and young adults in attendance was "heartwarming" and "inspirational."

"The heavenly Father is smiling. Our Lady is smiling. It's a great day," she told the Chicago Catholic, the archdiocesan newspaper.

Murrens said she brought her two teenagers because she felt it was important to expose them to the event and the message.

"I want them to see how important this is and for them to be part of this generation that is turning things around to become more pro-life," Murrens said. "They are having a wonderful time and getting the message all at the same time."

Young people at forefront of pro-life called 'new Magi' of movement



Above: Chicago Bears' co-owner Pat McCaskey speaks to thousands of participants during Chicago's March for Life Jan. 14.

Right: People carry signs as they brave rigid temperatures during Chicago's March for Life Jan. 14. CNS photo/Karen Callaway, Chicago Catholic

Young people, especially in their teens, are impressionable and open to new things so that is a pivotal time to share the church's teaching that life is sacred from the womb until natural death, the mother of three said.

"This is when they see so much of what is going on in the world. This is the time when you can really grab their hearts and make a difference for the rest of their lives," she said.

Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich -- one of several speakers who addressed the gathering prior to the march -- applauded the witness of young people and, referring to the recent feast of Epiphany, called them "the new Magi."

"You give us confidence that the

energy to protect the child in the womb has not grown weak over these 45 years, but is as youthful, strong and vibrant as you are," the cardinal said. "You are the new Magi in our time, who teach us all to keep our heads up, and amid the darkness of the night at times, to take heart that God is still in the heavens, guiding us like that Bethlehem star and keeping our dreams alive."

The 1973 Roe v. Wade decision robbed the nation of its children and its dreams, he said.

"Now with the recent law passed by our Legislature and signed by our governor, more lives and dreams will be robbed as will family incomes that will be forcibly used to pay for abortions,"



Cardinal Cupich said referring to legislation Gov. Bruce Rauner signed into law in 2017 that provides state health insurance and Medicaid coverage for abortions.

"Can we not better use our tax dollars to support health care for families expecting children, and child care and assistance to parents when their children come into the world?" the cardinal asked. "Can we not better use our tax dollars to keep alive both our children and our dreams as a nation?"

Other speakers at the rally included Illinois Congressmen Dan Lipinski and Peter Roskum and former Planned Parenthood di-

rector Ramona Trevino.

Earlier in the day, Cardinal Cupich celebrated the archdiocesan Mass for Life at Holy Name Cathedral attended by a standing-room only crowd. During the Mass, young people brought white roses to the altar, commemorating lives lost to abortion and homicide in Chicago last year.

In the Denver Archdiocese a day earlier, about 3,000 people gathered outside the state Capitol in Denver for the annual Colorado March for Life. The afternoon rally and march were preceded by the celebration of several morning Masses at a number of churches, including one celebrated by Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila

at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

"This is the Colorado piece of the largest civil rights movement in our lifetime," Lynn Grandon, archdiocesan Respect Life program director, said in advance of the Jan. 13 gathering.

Catholic school leaders throughout the U.S. take thousands of their students to the regional or national March for Life events each year in an effort to engage them in the pro-life cause and to eventually pass the torch of leadership to them, said Steven Bozza, director of the Philadelphia archdiocesan Office for Life and Family.

The pro-life activists who have been embroiled in the movement for decades will not be able to go on forever and it's up to the current leaders to prepare the next generation of advocates, Bozza told Catholic News Service during an interview.

"We're going to win this battle," he said. "Maybe not tomorrow or next week. Maybe not this year, but we're going to win it. Especially with the new generation coming up."

Duriga is editor of the Chicago Catholic, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Contributing to this story was Chaz Muth in Drexel Hill.

Poll shows a strong majority of Americans want restrictions on abortion

Catholic News Service

The annual poll of Americans' views on abortion sponsored by the Knights of Columbus indicates that more than three-fourths continue to want "significant restrictions" on abortion access, even though a slim majority describe themselves as "pro-choice."

The poll, conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, surveyed 1,267 adults in December and another 1,350 adults earlier this month.

Seventy-six percent indicated support for "significant" limits, with 92

percent of those who felt that way identifying as Republicans, and 61 percent as Democrats. Fifty-one percent of respondents overall called themselves "pro-choice."

"I think what you see that's encouraging is that this is not, strictly speaking, a partisan issue," said Andrew Walther, vice president of communications for the Knights of Columbus, at a Jan. 17 news conference. "The labels (pro-choice and pro-life) don't quite tell the full story."

"Policy change," he observed, "could be done with the support of three-

quarters of the American people."

Sixty-three percent indicated they support a ban on abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy. "That's up a bit from last year," Walther said.

The Senate is expected to vote soon on a 20-week ban called the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which passed the House last year.

The bill is not expected to pass in the Senate, since it will require at least 60 votes. But as a symbol to the pro-life movement, the vote could be held as early as Jan. 19 to coincide with the annual March for Life, which

is held to mark the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions, which legalized abortion.

President Donald Trump, who will address the pre-march rally via a satellite hookup from the White House Rose Garden, has said that if the Senate passes the bill, he would sign it into law.

Walther demurred on a question of whether the Knights are supporting Trump. "Some of the actions he's taken have tracked very well and with where the American people are."

He cited Trump's 2017 expansion of the "Mexico City Policy," which requires foreign nongovernmental organizations receiving American health assistance to certify that they do not use other nongovernment funds to pay for abortions.

Other poll findings included:

- A majority of respondents, 56 percent, see abortion as "morally wrong," and of those, most said they practiced a religion. The survey does not break out Catholic respondents.

- If it was considered likely that an unborn child will have a genetic dis-

order, more than 60 percent found abortion morally wrong.

- 52 percent thought that an abortion "did not improve a woman's life in the long run."

- 78 percent agreed that "laws can protect both a pregnant woman and the life of her unborn child."

The results have a margin of error of plus or minus 2.8 percentage points for the December poll, and plus or minus 2.7 percentage points for the January poll. The Knights of Columbus have sponsored the survey annually since 2008.



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to present to you the financial reports of the Diocese of Columbus for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

As Bishop, I have a responsibility to provide all Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus with an annual view of our financial position and activity. I am pleased to inform you that our independent accounting firm has completed their procedures on our reports and have issued unqualified opinions thereon.

2017, was a year of significant positive movement in the financial marketplace. The stock market and overall investment environment were very positive, even though interest rates were increased by the Federal Reserve. As a result, we experienced a much higher return than the prior fiscal year for both our investment and endowment accounts.

The positive direction of the investment market resulted in a significant decrease in our pension liability and clergy post-retirement benefit liability.

We continue to manage closely the prudent expenditure of funds at a Diocesan level, including the issuance of grants to parishes and other Diocesan entities in need.

Our High Schools recorded positive results due to stronger returns on their endowment funds, along with strong fundraising results. For Parishes, overall it was a positive year with excess funds generated for repayment of debt and major capital expenditures.

We, the Church, continue to be blessed by the continued generous stewardship of the faithful, giving their time, talent and treasure, for the benefit of others. Your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal has been most generous, allowing on-going funding for many critical Diocesan programs.

As we look to the future, we must continue to work as one Church, continuing the good works of the Church by assisting those in need. This can only occur with the assistance of those in the community, like yourselves, who possess the talents required to meet the challenges that will present themselves.

I continue to be grateful for the generosity of all those who support the work of the Church, and I greatly appreciate the many volunteers and committee members, both at the parish and diocesan levels, who assist in this work. With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., Ph.D.
Bishop of Columbus

DIOCESAN ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2017 & 2016

The financial statements entitled Catholic Diocese of Columbus – Diocesan Organization, represent the combined financial position and activity for the Chancery, the Catholic Cemeteries, the Diocesan Offices and funds managed at a diocesan level (i.e. Parish Aid, Self Insurance and Varia Trust Funds). The information presented was extracted from audited financial statements. These statements do not include the financial position or activity of our parishes or schools, or agencies that are governed by their own boards, as each reports their financial information separately to their communities.

The financial statements for the Diocesan Organization are audited by the independent CPA firm of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. The audit was conducted according to auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, the auditors provided an unmodified opinion.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, Net Assets increased from the previous fiscal year. Our financial position and results were positively impacted by three factors.

First, by “Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost” and “Post-employment benefit costs”.

In accordance with current accounting principles, we are required to measure these liabilities using current economic factors although these liabilities will be funded and paid well into the future (over the next 40 years or more). The positive movement in the investment market that occurred during the fiscal year, impacted both the return on the investments which fund the liabilities as well as the discount rate used to value the liabilities. The impact of these changes has been recognized as an increase in net assets in the Statement of Activity. It should be noted that although for financial reporting purposes we reflect an overall liability for pension benefits, our actuaries have confirmed that our pension fund is sound.

The second positive impact on Net Assets was due to the increase in market value of both our endowments and our investments, again primarily due to the upward movement of the overall investment market. This occurred even though the Federal Reserve raised interest rates several times during the fiscal year.

Finally, during the fiscal year we closed on the sale of an unused property that generated a significant gain in the Statement of Activity.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS - DIOCESAN ORGANIZATION

Combined Statements of Financial Position

	As of 6/30/2017	As of 6/30/2016
ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 20,717,773	\$ 13,099,320
Accounts receivable, net	3,175,297	2,591,045
Notes receivable for sale of land	1,999,020	-
Pledges receivable, net	1,665,030	1,677,970
Inventory	890,989	956,055
Prepaid expenses	497,032	741,572
Investments	91,046,676	87,641,033
Loans and advances receivable, net	30,709,548	31,983,019
Land under sale contract	8,074,250	8,074,251
Property and equipment, net	15,814,113	15,503,967
Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	39,626,989	37,722,226
	<u>\$ 214,216,717</u>	<u>\$ 199,990,458</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,103,435	\$ 1,638,384
Agency funds	287,782	176,230
Deposits payable	76,642,660	73,766,091
Accrued expenses	1,350,538	1,308,913
Deferred revenue	472,131	447,517
Retired priests accrued costs	13,096,175	14,188,424
Liability for pension benefits	66,125,122	87,623,875
Self-insurance reserve	3,272,000	2,307,000
	<u>163,349,843</u>	<u>181,456,434</u>
NET ASSETS		
	<u>50,866,874</u>	<u>18,534,024</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 214,216,717</u>	<u>\$ 199,990,458</u>

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS - DIOCESAN ORGANIZATION

Combined Statements of Activities

	Year Ended 6/30/2017	Year Ended 6/30/2016
REVENUES:		
Bishop's annual appeal, net	\$ 5,966,553	\$ 5,910,069
Investment income, net	1,812,004	1,722,370
Realized/unrealized (loss) gain on investments	2,144,697	734,139
Change in fmv of beneficial interests in perpetual trusts	3,598,714	(1,277,667)
Operating revenue	4,266,694	4,246,915
Diocesan assessment	4,272,708	4,213,502
Gain on sale of property and equipment	2,921,804	1,270,725
Other	99,651	181,765
Contributions & other additions	1,917,736	3,153,127
	<u>27,000,561</u>	<u>20,154,945</u>
Total Revenues, Gifts, & Grants	<u>27,000,561</u>	<u>20,154,945</u>
EXPENSES:		
Operating expenses	12,344,447	13,650,492
Net periodic pension cost	2,918,908	827,786
Other post-employment benefit costs	(844,514)	1,162,240
Diocesan support	3,712,584	3,861,299
Interest	953,947	927,559
	<u>19,085,372</u>	<u>20,429,376</u>
Total Expenses	<u>19,085,372</u>	<u>20,429,376</u>
Change in net assets prior to pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost	7,915,189	(274,431)
Pension-related changes other than net periodic pension cost	24,417,661	(29,862,061)
	<u>32,332,850</u>	<u>(30,136,492)</u>
Changes In Net Assets	<u>32,332,850</u>	<u>(30,136,492)</u>
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	<u>18,534,024</u>	<u>48,670,516</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 50,866,874</u>	<u>\$ 18,534,024</u>

**DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS FINANCIAL REVIEW
FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2017 & 2016**

The financial statements entitled Catholic Diocese of Columbus – High Schools, represent the combined financial position and activity for the Diocesan High Schools.

The financial statements for the High Schools are reviewed by the independent CPA firm of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. The review was conducted according to Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, enrollment decreased by 2.5%, excluding the impact of adding another class to Cristo Rey High School. Although overall tuition income increased, our ability to increase tuition to offset rising costs continues to be impacted by the economic challenges being faced by our families.

Total Net Assets increased \$5.2 million. The majority of which was related to an increase in cash and an increase in the value of our endowments. Overall net income increased \$5.3 million. The most significant impacts were from market gains on endowments plus positive fundraising efforts. Coupled with an increase in tuition income, this more than offset a 5.2% increase in salary and benefit costs.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS - HIGH SCHOOLS

Combined Statements of Financial Position

	As of 6/30/2017	As of 6/30/2016
ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 24,691,756	\$ 22,467,122
Restricted Cash	600,316	617,695
Accounts receivable, net	1,222,029	893,665
Note receivable	5,939,520	5,939,520
Pledges receivable, net	592,928	1,020,871
Prepaid expenses	6,299	39,259
Buildings, leasehold improvements & equipment, net	54,847,185	55,911,939
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	28,523,267	24,990,161
Total Assets	\$ 116,423,300	\$ 111,880,232
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,340,453	\$ 1,414,894
Accrued liabilities - operations	2,739,834	2,729,686
Deferred revenue	348,498	358,679
Prepaid tuition & fees	5,379,846	5,279,698
Notes payable - related party	14,069,966	14,505,950
Notes payable - other	9,581,988	9,860,000
Total Liabilities	33,460,585	34,148,907
NET ASSETS		
Net assets - controlling interest	77,451,729	71,695,646
Net assets - noncontrolling interest	5,510,986	6,035,679
Total Net Assets	82,962,715	77,731,325
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 116,423,300	\$ 111,880,232

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS - HIGH SCHOOLS

Combined Statements of Activities

	Year Ended 6/30/2017	Year Ended 6/30/2016
REVENUES AND SUPPORT:		
Tuition	\$ 33,955,817	\$ 33,216,425
Extracurricular activities and cafeteria	8,277,159	8,485,079
Contributions & grants	4,868,408	3,949,819
State of Ohio administration cost reimbursement	1,824,188	1,693,333
Net realized and unrealized gains	2,882,263	(736,976)
Parish support	1,198,201	1,233,160
Other school income	511,674	500,245
Fundraising, net	1,245,274	547,377
Gift and grants - Diocese	467,329	574,927
Investment income, net	328,657	238,879
Interest income	244,629	206,459
Total Revenues and Support	55,803,599	49,908,727
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	23,290,831	22,134,639
Extracurricular activities and cafeteria	8,776,595	8,988,960
Benefits	7,771,189	7,255,952
Depreciation and amortization	3,896,248	3,836,959
Utilities	1,422,867	1,320,209
Maintenance	1,133,117	1,050,119
Other	1,413,846	1,336,441
Departmental costs	771,803	740,278
Office supplies	830,804	852,761
Interest	550,887	564,818
Insurance	263,142	258,805
Bad debt expense	242,853	351,776
Central administration fees	111,124	99,149
Total Expenses	50,475,306	48,790,866
Net Revenues in Excess of Expenses	\$ 5,328,293	\$ 1,117,861



DIOCESAN PARISHES FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2017 & 2016

The financial statement entitled Catholic Diocese of Columbus – Parishes, represents the consolidation of the receipts and disbursements for the parishes and associated elementary schools of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus. This statement was compiled from the unaudited financial reports submitted by those organizations.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, Total Parish Receipts increased 2.4%. Offertory rose 2.4% compared to the prior year. Fund Drive receipts decreased slightly. School Income rose 3.1% while school costs rose 2.4%

Total Parish Disbursements increased 2.3% year to year mainly due to increases in school costs (2.4%) and Religious Education costs (2.9%). This was offset by a decrease in Diocesan Assessment (3.1%)

Overall, Excess Receipts over Disbursements increased by 3.4%. It should be noted that much of this Excess is used to retire debt and for major capital expenditures, which is outlined below.

For those interested in the financial results for a particular parish, please contact that parish directly.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS - PARISHES

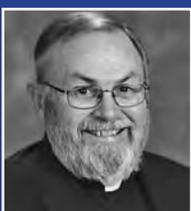
Combined Statements of Activities

	Year Ended 6/30/2017	Year Ended 6/30/2016
RECEIPTS:		
Offertory	\$ 56,338,966	\$ 55,027,016
Fund Drives	7,876,005	7,961,631
Gifts & Bequests	3,498,342	3,372,519
Diocesan Support	3,499,459	3,502,952
Other Parish Income	6,256,599	6,227,459
Religious Education Income	1,935,994	1,766,451
School Income	46,553,323	45,145,885
Total Receipts	125,958,688	123,003,913
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Parish Salary & Benefits	23,953,340	23,693,588
Parish Operating Expenses	20,555,348	20,252,702
Diocesan Assessment	4,034,392	4,162,202
Depreciation	3,603,100	2,944,949
Debt Interest Payments	633,390	654,560
Religious Education Salary & Benefits	4,675,227	4,524,490
Other Religious Education Costs	2,117,177	2,076,025
School Salary & Benefits	45,208,121	44,533,181
Other School Costs	6,898,772	6,345,393
Total Disbursements	111,678,867	109,187,090
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	\$ 14,279,821	\$ 13,816,823
New Loan Funds	\$ 2,946,844	\$ 1,854,440
Payments on Loans	\$ 3,698,941	\$ 3,269,720
Major Capital Expenditures	\$ 13,614,725	\$ 14,083,816



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Mark shows what 'teaching with authority' really means



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Deuteronomy 18:15-20;
1 Corinthians 7:32-35;
Mark 1:21-28

In the opening verse of Sunday's reading from Deuteronomy and in verse 18, we see the only two times that Moses ever refers to himself as a prophet. A prophet in Old Testament terms was one who spoke for God. Though commonly misunderstood as foretellers of the future, prophets were rather "forth-tellers" who spoke forth whatever God commanded them to say. There is also a stern warning for those prophets who either refuse to speak all that the Lord commands them to speak, or add to what the Lord has said. On the other hand, for those who refuse to listen to what the prophet says, "I myself will make him answer for it." For those who either presume to speak an oracle without having come from the Lord or speak in the name of other gods, they "will die."

In the surrounding verses, Israel also is warned against "augurs, soothsayers, diviners, and sorcerers." Those verses also answer the question of how one knows whether an oracle comes from the Lord or not. The text says that if what is said in the name of the Lord does not come true, then it is not from the Lord. Today's equivalents to these figures probably would include palm-readers, astrologers, those who rate college football and basketball teams, political poll-takers, and weather forecasters.

This reading is paired with Mark's Gospel, in which Jesus is portrayed entering a synagogue to teach. No mention is ever made of his credentials for teaching,

but teach he does, so that the people are astonished by his teaching. He teaches "as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Mark does not clarify what he means by that remark, and we do not have much of a contemporary understanding of how scribes taught in the first century.

The classic commentary on Mark by Vincent Taylor writes: "A direct inward assurance of truth, based on a profound sense of divine inspiration, is meant. The authority is given ... and is prophetic in character." It may mean that, but it may not. He goes on to say that "the hearers were astonished because the voice of prophecy had long been silent in Israel." Again, we can say "Maybe; maybe not."

We consider that John the Baptist was certainly a prophet in the biblical sense, and was Jewish in every way, and that the people who came to him in the desert were all Jews of the first century. We also must be aware that John clearly came into contact with the separatist group of Jews at Qumran alongside the Dead Sea, in the area where John baptized. What Taylor describes of Jesus is as much a description of the Teacher of Righteousness at Qumran as it is of Jesus.

What is used as an editorial connective verse by Mark, mentioning how Jesus taught with authority, not like the scribes, seems to put the scribes in a bad light. The authority of teacher Jesus is then established by the tale which follows.

The exorcism Jesus performs on the man possessed by a demon takes place in the synagogue and shows the authority by which Jesus not only teaches, but also acts. The setting for this first demonstration of his authority is dramatic. Before Jesus speaks, the man screams "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, Holy One of God." What begins as "us" ends as "I." Jesus then rebukes him: "Muzzle yourself, and come out of him." The verb "to muzzle" will be used in Mark 4, when Jesus calms the storm on the Sea of Galilee.

The crowd is amazed, asking "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands unclean spirits and they obey." With that, Mark has shown what "teaching with authority" really means.

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

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
2 Samuel 15:13-14,30;16:5-13
Psalm 3:2-7
Mark 5:1-20

TUESDAY
2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3
Psalm 86:1-6
Mark 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY
2 Samuel 24:2,9-17
Psalm 32:1-2,5-17
Mark 6:1-6

THURSDAY
1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12
1 Chronicles 29:10-11b,11d-12d (Ps)
Mark 6:7-13

FRIDAY
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

SATURDAY
1 Kings 3:4-13
Psalm 119:9-14
Mark 6:30-34

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 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.

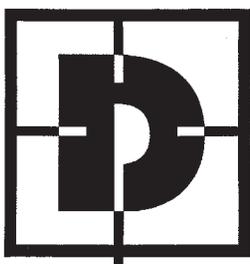
DAILY MASS

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 IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

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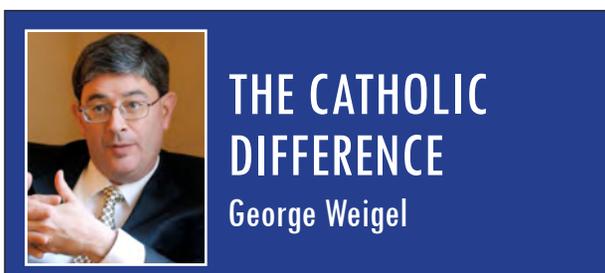
Homage to Don Briel

In the history of U.S. Catholic higher education since World War II, three seminal moments stand out: Msgr. John Tracy Ellis's 1955 article, *American Catholics and the Intellectual Life*; the 1967 Land o' Lakes statement, *The Idea of a Catholic University*; and the day Don J. Briel began the Catholic Studies Program – and the Catholic Studies movement – at the University of St. Thomas in the Twin Cities.

I've long had the sense that Msgr. Ellis's article was retrospectively misinterpreted as a relentless polemic against Catholic colleges and universities mired in the tar pits of Neo-Scholasticism and intellectually anorexic as a result; on the contrary, it's possible to read Ellis as calling for Catholic institutions of higher learning to play to their putative strengths – the liberal arts, including most especially philosophy and theology – rather than aping the emerging American multiversity, of which the University of California at Berkeley was then considered the paradigm. But that's not how Ellis was understood by most, and there is a direct line to be drawn between the Ellis article and the self-conscious if tacit defensiveness of the Land o' Lakes statement, which seemed to say “Yes, we're second-rate, maybe even third-rate, and the way to be first-rate is to be like Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and the rest of what would be called, in 21st-century Catholic academic jargon, ‘aspirational peers.’”

The problem, of course, is that by 1967, those “aspirational peers” were beginning to lose their minds, literally, en route to the postmodern sandbox of authoritarian self-absorption they occupy today.

So there is another direct line to be drawn: this time, from Ellis and Land o' Lakes to Don Briel's



catalyzing the Catholic Studies movement, which, among other things, works to repair the damage that was done to institutions of Catholic higher learning in the aftermath of Land o' Lakes.

But there was, and is, far more to Don Briel's vision, and achievement, than damage-repair. Nourished intellectually by John Henry Newman and Christopher Dawson, Briel's work has aimed at nothing less than creating, in 21st-century circumstances, the “idea of a university” that animated his two English intellectual and spiritual heroes. And, one might say, just in the nick of time.

For the deterioration of higher education throughout the United States in the past several generations has contributed mightily to our contemporary cultural crisis, and the cultural crisis, by depleting the nation's reserves of republican virtue, has in turn produced a political crisis in which constitutional democracy itself is now at risk.

The answer to that cultural crisis cannot be a retreat into auto-constructed bunkers. The answer must be the conversion of culture by well-educated men and women who know what the West owes to Catholicism as a civilizing force, and who are prepared to bring the Catholic imagination to bear on reconstructing a culture capable of sustaining

genuine freedom – freedom for excellence – in social, political, and economic life.

Conversion, then, is what “Catholic Studies” and Don Briel's life project are all about: the conversion of young minds, hearts, and souls to the truth of Christ and the love of Christ as manifest in the Catholic Church, to be sure; but also the conversion of culture through those converted minds, hearts, and souls.

According to the common wisdom, Land o' Lakes and its call for Catholic universities to “Be like the Ivies!” was “revolutionary.” But the true revolutionary in American Catholic higher education over the past decades has been Don Briel, who has enlivened an approach to higher education that embodies the New Evangelization as no one else has done.

Those of us who love and esteem him pray for a miracle that will cure the rare forms of acute leukemia that now afflict him. But, like Don Briel himself, we commend our prayers, as we commend him, to the mysterious and inscrutable ways of divine Providence. We also know that the truths with which he ignited an academic revolution will win out, because this quintessential Christian gentleman and educator taught us by his witness and his work to trust the Lord's guarantee in John 8:32: “the truth will make you free.”

Thank you, Don, and Godspeed on your journey. The work, thanks to your inspiration and example, will continue – and it will flourish.

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BERTINO, Josephine S., 93, Jan. 17

Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

CAHILL, Jeanette L., Jan. 15

St. Agnes Church, Columbus

CONIE, Jack, 84, Jan. 15

Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

CULLER, Shelley (Reid), 48, Jan. 7

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

DeANGELO, Samuel J., 88, Jan. 18

Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

DOW, Janice (Hennessey), 81, formerly of Columbus, Jan. 10

St. John the Evangelist Church, Beverly, Mass.

ENDRES, Richard, 66, Dec. 21

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

FATHBRUCKNER, James D., 60, Jan. 14

St. Mary Church, Delaware

FIELDS, Kim L., 49, Jan. 13

Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

FOLEY, James J., 80, Jan. 18

St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

GAZDIK, Nell (Romanic), 100, Dec. 31

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

GENEROUS, John, 74, Dec. 29

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

GILLESPIE, Margaret A., 94, Jan. 12

Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

HARRISON, Sarah "Sally" (Kramer), 89, formerly of Columbus, Jan. 10

Immaculate Conception Church, Glenville, N.Y.

ILE, Carol (Brown), 79, Jan. 15

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

KOSTA, Alexander, 96, Jan. 17

St. Paul Church, Westerville

KUNTZ, Louis W. "Buzz," 74, Jan. 14

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

LAMONICA, Edna (Martin), 93, Jan. 13

Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

LUDWIG, Donald H. Jr., 82, Jan. 19

St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

LUFFLER, Ralph E., 71, Jan. 19

St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

MULHOLAND, Genevieve I. (Florio), 93, Jan. 13

St. Stephen Church, Columbus

ORLANDO, George R., 99, Dec. 31

St. Agatha Church, Columbus

PAUL, Marilyn K. (Kraus), 91, Jan. 12

Mother Angeline McCrory Manor Chapel, Columbus

ROCK, Charles E., 79, Jan. 13

St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

ROWLAND, Lorene (Friedlinghaus), 95, Jan. 9

Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

SCHNEIDER, Paul E., 80, Jan. 4

St. Mary Church, Lancaster

SEGUIN, Veronica L. (Shields), 65, Jan. 14

St. Andrew Church, Columbus

SHOOK, John H., 88, Jan. 11

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

SULLIVAN, Paul E., 82, Jan. 20

Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

TARANTELLI, Mariantonia F., 88, Jan. 15

Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

TRIANCE, Harold R., 85, Jan. 15

St. Mary Church, Lancaster

ZELLER, Julie M., 58, Dec. 20

St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

ZOLLNER, Richard, 95, Jan. 14

Shirley Poirier

Funeral Mass for Shirley Poirier, 75, who died Sunday, Jan. 14, was held Friday, Jan. 19 at Gahanna St. Matthew Church. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Pataskala.

She was born on June 26, 1942, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, to August and Irene Romanshek and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and a master of education degree from The Ohio State University.

She was in administrative roles at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School from 1998-2005, serving as interim princi-

pal for one academic year and assistant principal in the other years. She also taught at Newark St. Francis de Sales School, in the Groveport-Madison and Reynoldsburg schools, and in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. She moved to Columbus following her marriage in December 1965. She also was a member of the St. Matthew Church knitting ministry.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Nancy Lueck. Survivors include her husband, Gene; son, Michael (Erin); daughter, Patricia Schamma; sister, Carol Fischer; and three grandchildren.

Mariann (Lane) Schmitt

Funeral Mass for Mariann (Lane) Schmitt, 84, who died Saturday, Jan. 13, was held Thursday, Jan. 18 at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1933 to Oril and Mary (Fulcher) Carr.

She was a graduate of Columbus St.

Mary High School and was a retired employee of the diocesan Catholic cemeteries.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Bill Lane and Gene Schmitt; daughters, Judy (Mike) Norviel, Theresa (Michael) Bayes, and Kathy (Eric) Casey; four grandsons; three granddaughters; and nine great-grandchildren.

Dorothy A. Thompson

Funeral Mass for Dorothy A. "Dot" Thompson, 89, who died Friday, Jan. 19, was held Monday, Jan. 22 at Columbus Corpus Christi Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1928 in Foggia, Italy to Giovanni and Maria Capobianco, came to the United States with her family in 1935, attended college in Tennessee, and received a master of education degree from The Ohio State University.

She spent more than 40 years as an

educator in the diocesan school system, serving as teacher and principal at Columbus Corpus Christi School from 1954-93 and principal at London St. Patrick School from 1993-95.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wilbert; son, James; daughter, Joyce; brother, Phillip; and sister, Lucia. Survivors include son, John (Beth Hershberger); daughter, Janice Thompson; one grandson; three granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

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JANUARY

25, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. **Frassati Society Meeting at St. Patrick**
7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Parish's Frassati Society for young adults meets for monthly "Christ in the City" program. **614-224-9522**

26, FRIDAY

Downtown Columbus Serra Club Meeting

Noon, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Downtown Columbus Serra Club meeting. Speaker: Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director. **614-486-4293**

'Convergence' at ODU Wehrle Gallery

5 to 7 p.m., Wehrle Art Gallery, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Opening reception for "Convergence," new work by Columbus artists Char Norman and Anita Dawson. Exhibit continues through March 31. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

'Defender of Life' Talk at St. Peter

7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. "St. Joseph, Defender of Life" talk by Benjamin Hartings, author of "A Return to the Altar -- A Sacred Journey Through Grief and Joy," who will share the experience of he and his wife, Lynn, in deciding to carry their child full term despite a fatal diagnosis while still in the womb.

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26-27, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Building a Culture of Life Conference

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Building a Culture of Life conference featuring talks by more than 20 pro-life leaders and educators. Sponsored by diocesan offices for Social Concerns and Marriage and Family Life, Greater Columbus Right to Life, and FEMM Women's Health Care Center. Tickets \$50 both days, \$35 one day. Students \$15 per day; no charge for clergy and Religious. Cost includes continental breakfast and lunch. **614-241-2540**

Newark Catholic Presents 'Hello, Dolly!'

7:30 p.m., Midland Theater, 36 N. Park Place, Newark. Newark Catholic High School's drama department presents the musical "Hello, Dolly!" Tickets \$15. **740-344-3594**

27, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Bishop Ready Scholarship Exam

9 to 11 a.m., Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. Scholarship exam for students who will enter as freshmen in the fall. **614-276-5263**

St. Charles Scholarship Test

9 a.m. and 1 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School's annual scholarship test for prospective students, open to all eighth-grade boys enrolled in public or private schools in Franklin and surrounding counties. Advance registration required. **614-252-6714**

Parish Trivia Night at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Parish trivia night, giving participants a chance to test their knowledge of Columbus' second-oldest parish. Program includes raffle, silent auction. Tickets \$5 advance, \$10 at door; additional charge for food. **614-224-9522**

28, SUNDAY

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

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

Open House at St. Mary Magdalene School

Noon to 2 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene School, 2940 Parkside Road, Columbus. Open house for new students in preschool through eighth grade, including information regarding the Ohio EdChoice scholarship program. **614-279-9935**

Open House at Our Lady of Bethlehem School

1 to 3 p.m., Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare, 4567 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Open house for parents of prospective students at school which serves students from six months old to kindergarten. **614-459-8285**

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

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

North High Deanery Bereavement Group Meeting

2 to 4 p.m., Old rectory meeting room, Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. First of six meetings of Seasons of Hope support group for the bereaved, for all parishes in the North High Deanery. Other program dates: Feb. 4, 11, 18, and 25, and March 4.

Scout Day with the Bishop

3 p.m. Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Annual Scout Day with the Bish-

op program sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, with Bishop Frederick Campbell honoring diocesan Scouts who have received religious awards.

Open House at St. Mary German Village School

4 to 7 p.m., St. Mary School, 700 S. 3rd St., Columbus. Open house for parents and prospective students in preschool through eighth grade. **614-444-8994**

'Awaken!' Series at St. Michael

4:30 to 5:45 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. First talk in five-part "Awaken!" series focused on empowering parents to a renewed personal relationship with the Trinity and equipping them with the tools to spread the Good News. Topic: "Why Be Catholic?" with lay missionary Brad Pierron. **614-888-5384**

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. **614-237-0401**

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

30, TUESDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

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

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

St. Pius X School Open House

6:30 to 8 p.m., St. Pius X School, 1061 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Open house for parents of prospective students. Includes tours of parish's recently renovated Hohman Hall. **614-866-6050**

Narcan Program at St. Mary Magdalene

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473 S. Roys Ave., Columbus. Program on the potential for saving the lives of overdose victims by giving them the nasal spray known as Narcan. Narcan kits will be available to those in attendance until the supply runs out. **614-274-1121**

31, WEDNESDAY

'Wonder' Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

6:30 to 8 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by staff member Miranda Land. Theme: "Wonder." Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Jan. 29. **614-866-4302**

FEBRUARY

1, THURSDAY

Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests. **Scripture Study at Columbus St. Patrick**
7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Part 3 of Scott Hahn's 11-part "The Bible and the Sacraments: A Journey Through Scripture." **614-224-9522**

2, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting, with Bishop Frederick Campbell presenting Catholic Man of the Year award to Thomas Vollmer of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

Mass, Candle Blessing, Procession at Cols. St. Patrick

6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, followed by blessing of candles, candlelight procession through church, traditional Dominican chant, and the Oblatio Candelarum, a special Dominican custom. Bring candles to be blessed. **614-224-9522**

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

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

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

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

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**

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**

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.

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.

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**

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, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. **614-221-1890**

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

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**

Bosco Bash Youth Rally at St. Paul

2:30 p.m., St. Paul School, 61 Moss Road, Westerville, Columbus. Annual Bosco Bash rally for sixth- to eighth-graders, sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Theme: "Revive, Renew," featuring speaker and author Katie Prejean McGrady, with music, skits, games, dinner, Mass. Cost: \$25 students, \$15 adults.

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. **614-891-0150**



BOOK REVIEW

BEATITUDES



What's the secret to happiness? The beatitudes, this priest says

Catholic News Agency

A parish priest in South Carolina has developed a beatitude challenge that seeks to combat cultural misunderstanding of happiness and encourage Christians to pursue authentic joy.

“The word ‘happiness’ has been hijacked by secular culture, and as Christians we want to take the word back, because that’s a word that properly belongs inside the life of the beatitudes,” said Father Jeff Kirby, pastor at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Indian Land, South Carolina.

“In the end, happiness is knowing

we are blessed and loved by God, and seeking always to be a blessing and an instrument of love to those around us,” he told Catholic News Agency.

The “Be Blessed Challenge” has three parts: a book, a website, and a DVD.

The book is called *Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life*. Each of the book’s eight chapters examines one beatitude, offering examples of the virtues in daily life, as well as prayers that coincide with the specific beatitude.

Also titled *Kingdom of Happiness*, the companion DVD focuses on powerful stories of people who have lived the beatitudes in ordinary and extraor-

dinary circumstances. An example of “Blessed are the merciful” is a woman whose brother and son were killed in the line of duty as police officers. After their deaths, she purposely reached out to the state to request the death penalty not be administered to the murderer.

The website maps out practical ways to live the beatitudes. It includes definitions of each beatitude, psalms and other reflections for each day, and challenges to implement the beatitude in a concrete way.

Father Kirby received his doctorate at Holy Cross University in Rome. He said happiness and the beatitudes were a major theme for the school’s moral

theology department, but when he later became a pastor, he realized that his parishioners inadequately were pursuing happiness.

“I’ve realized that the work in the academic classroom, in theology, is not reaching as broadly as we would have liked – the peoples in the pews [and] in the trenches,” Father Kirby said.

He said the desire to instruct people in the true meaning of happiness arose out of a frustration over seeing people accept a hopeless, unhappy life as the norm.

People seem to have the impression that happiness belongs only to childhood dreams and that hopelessness is the normal human state in life.

But this belief is incorrect, he said. Being truly happy is found in being truly human, living out the beatitudes.

“Happiness is not just about euphoria, it’s not just about an emotional high, (and) it’s not just pleasure,” he emphasized.

True happiness is achievable, he said, but it requires a level of suffering and self-sacrifice that people rarely associated with happiness. Instead, the culture clings to hedonism, materialism, and egotism.

“It will involve an aspect of sacrifice,” Father Kirby acknowledged, but “if we are willing to take up that challenge and make the sacrifices, and we are willing to suffer, then we will understand the full breath and the full enrichment happiness can give to us and those around us.”

Artists sought for exhibition

Our Lady of Grace Church in Pittsburgh is looking for artists wishing to exhibit their works at the church’s Pentecost Sacred Arts Festival from Wednesday, May 16 to Sunday, May 20.

This juried exhibit will showcase and foster appreciation of sacred artistic expression – by artists moved by the Holy Spirit and by the faithful who view these works during the festival. Artworks submitted are required to be in the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Linus Meldrum, assistant professor of fine arts at Franciscan University of Steubenville, is juror for this year’s exhibition. He brings a wealth of expertise and talent as a professional educator, scholarly writer, and accomplished artist who has exhibited in more than 400

regional, national, and international exhibitions and festivals. Meldrum, who is visual arts consultant to the Foundation of Sacred Art, will frame this year’s festival with a lead talk titled “Sacred Art: Bread and Body.”

Total cash prizes of \$1,200 will be awarded. The deadline for entries is Friday, March 23.

Interested artists may download an event brochure with the prospectus for the exhibition and entry form on the Our Lady of Grace Church website at <http://www.olgscott.org/apps/bbmessages>. To receive a brochure by mail, call (412) 279-7070.

The official festival program schedule featuring the art exhibition, live musicians, and literary performances will be announced in April.

Pope in Peru: 'Be the saints of the 21st century'

Catholic News Agency

On his last day in Peru, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to imitate Jesus, who embraces the poor and the suffering and brings hope.

The pope on Jan. 21 urged Peru's youth to look to their grandparents and elders in order to discover "the DNA that guided their great saints," telling them, "Do not lose your roots! And you, grandparents and elders, keep passing on to the new generations the traditions of your people and the wisdom that charts the path to heaven."

"I urge all of you not to be afraid to be the saints of the 21st century," he said, telling Peruvians that there is no better way to protect their hope "than to remain united, so that these reasons for hope may grow day by day in your hearts."

The pope's comments came in a homily during a Mass at Lima's Las Palmas Airbase at the conclusion of his seven-day tour of South America, which included a three-day visit to Chile.

In his homily, he acknowledged the difficulties Catholics in Peru face. "Sometimes what happened to Jonah

can happen to us. Our cities, with their daily situations of pain and injustice, can leave us tempted to flee, to hide, to run away," the pope said.

Jonah is an Old Testament prophet, depicted in a scriptural book of the same name, who attempted to "flee the presence of the Lord" rather than follow a call from God.

Looking around, "Jonah, and we, have plenty of excuses to (flee)," Pope Francis said, noting that while Lima has many people who are well-off, it is also populated by the homeless: "'non-citizens,' 'the half-citizens' or 'urban remnants'" who live on the streets, many of whom are children.

He said that faced with the desperation of people in extreme poverty, some Catholics can contract "Jonah syndrome," which causes them to be indifferent, "deaf" and "cold of heart" to others.

Quoting his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, he said "the true measure of humanity is essentially determined in relationship to suffering and to the sufferer."

A society that is unable to accept the suffering of others and which is "inca-



Pope Francis greets the crowd before celebrating Mass at Las Palmas Air Base in Lima, Peru, on Jan. 21.
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pable of helping to share their suffering and to bear it inwardly through compassion," he said, "is a cruel and inhuman society."

The pope noted that in the day's Gospel reading, Jesus did the opposite of Jonah: rather than fleeing, he entered a city to encounter those who were desperate and suffering and to bring them hope.

Pope Francis encouraged Peruvians to respond with the attitude of Jesus, who entered Galilee "to sow the seeds of a great hope."

He said a seed of hope had been passed down through the apostles and the great saints of Peru, and is present now "in order to act once more as a timely antidote to the globalization of indifference."

"In the face of (Jesus') love, one cannot remain indifferent," he said.

"He begins to bring to light many situations that had killed the hope of his people and to awaken a new hope," and calls new disciples, inviting them to

walk at a different pace, which allows them to notice "what they had previously overlooked, and he points out new and pressing needs," the pope said.

Jesus is involved in the lives of his people and is not afraid to get others involved too, he said, adding that Jesus calls us and wants to anoint us so that "we too can go out to anoint others with the oil capable of healing wounded hopes and renewing our way of seeing things."

The pope said Jesus also wants to awaken in Catholics a hope which "frees us from empty associations and impersonal analyses," and encourages faith to enter "like leaven" into every aspect of our daily lives.

God will never tire of going out to meet his children, he said, asking, "How will we enkindle hope if prophets are lacking? How will we face the future if unity is lacking? How will Jesus reach all those corners if daring and courageous witnesses are lacking?"



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Dr. Perry Cahall, is a professor and Academic Dean of the School of Theology at the Pontifical College

Josephinum. He regularly delivers talks on marriage and Pope St. John Paul II's theology of the body. Dr. Cahall has published articles dealing with marriage in various scholarly journals and his recent book is entitled, *The Mystery of Marriage: A Theology of the Body and the Sacrament*.

Catholic Men's Conference 2018

The 2018 Catholic Men's Conference, with the theme "Cast Your Nets: Become Fishers of Men," will take place Saturday, Feb. 24 in Cardinal Hall at the state fairgrounds, which will be arranged to accommodate as many as 3,500 men.

A dynamic lineup of speakers is scheduled, including Chris Stefanick, Scott Hahn, and Jeff Cavins.

Chris Stefanick, a consultant on laity, marriage, family life, and youth to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is an internationally acclaimed author and speaker who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith.

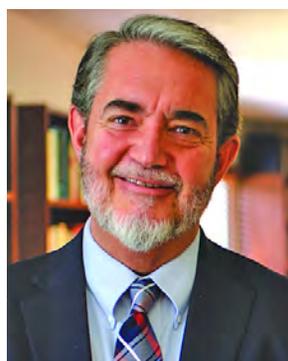
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM, of Philadelphia says he is "one of the most engaging young defenders of the Christian faith on the scene today."

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Chris Stefanick



Scott Hahn



Jeff Cavins

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He is the founder of Real Life Catholic, a Denver-based nonprofit organization which operates as the headquarters for various initiatives.

He and his wife, Natalie, are the parents of six children.

Scott Hahn is a popular speaker and teacher who has delivered hundreds of talks nationally and internationally on topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith. His talks have helped thousands of Protestants and inactive Catholics embrace or return to the Church.

He is chair of Biblical theology and the New Evangelization at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he has taught since 1990, and is the founder and president of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. From 2005 to 2011, he held the Pope Benedict XVI chair of Biblical theology and liturgical proclamation at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Hahn is also the author of several books, including *Rome Sweet Home* (co-authored with his wife, Kimberly). Some of his newer books are *Romans: A Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture*, and *Joy to the World*.

He received a bachelor of arts degree with a triple major in theology, philosophy, and economics from Grove City (Pennsylvania) College in 1979, a master of divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts in 1982, and a doctorate in Biblical theology from Marquette University in Milwaukee in 1995.

He has 10 years of youth and pastoral ministry experience in Protestant congregations in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, Kansas, and Virginia and is a former professor of theology at Chesapeake Theological Seminary. He was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1982 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, Virginia, and he entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 1986.

He and Kimberly have been married since 1979 and have six children and 15 grandchildren.

Jeff Cavins, who spent 12 years as a Protestant pastor, then returned to the Catholic Church, is recognized as a speaker with a deep love for Jesus Christ who communicates his zeal with clarity and enthusiasm.

For six years, he produced and hosted *Life on the Rock*, a live talk show for young adults on EWTN. He

also substituted for Mother Angelica on her live shows when she was ill or traveling, and he continues to appear from time to time on EWTN. He serves as adult faith formation minister at St. Paul Church in Ham Lake, Minnesota, where he and his wife, Emily, live with their three daughters.

Cavins has developed a practical and useful interactive Bible timeline system known as *The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible*. The system enables students to understand the chronological flow of the Scriptures in a way that helps each book of the Bible have more meaning. He used this approach at Franciscan University, where he taught an introductory Scripture course, and presents it in seminar form across the nation and in video and audio formats.

He received a master of arts degree in theology with catechetical certification from Franciscan University. Before that, he received a bachelor of arts degree with honors in humanities from Antioch University in Yellow Springs, then went on to receive Bible training from the Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas and the Institute of Ministry in Bradenton, Florida.

The conference day will begin at 6 a.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Registration and breakfast will start at 7, with talks beginning at 8. Sports caster Doug Lessells again will be master of ceremonies. Music will be directed by Aaron Richards and Brandon O'Rourke.

The day will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell. Mass music will be conducted by Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, music director of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. The day will end around 3 p.m.

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