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## Be not afraid to evangelize in a faithful, loving manner

There seems to be confusion among Catholics about evangelization. For some reason, most Catholics are reluctant to talk about their faith in the public square. It's not a recent phenomenon, but it's an important subject to address because the Church continues to lose potential Catholics and its own members to other denominations and to secularism.

What are the root causes for this? That's a complicated question with many potential answers. Some reasons might be: Catholics aren't good at explaining their faith because they don't know it well; they simply don't accept Church teaching; they believe one religion is as good as another; they're not interested in spreading or sharing Christ's truths; or they think faith should be a private matter.

Here's one example: Go to a sporting event at a Catholic university, and most likely you will see no public displays of faith. But at a sporting event involving a Christian school, you'll more than likely see each team's players, coaches and fans, whether they're from public or private schools, coming together to pray. That's a powerful witness.

Here's another example that sends a confusing message: During a recent papal trip to Africa, it was reported that a young woman was treated strangely when she spoke about bringing two converts, one from Hinduism, into the Church.

There appears to be a growing misunderstanding of the difference between evangelization and proselytism, about whether non-Catholic idols are acceptable in the name of ecumenism, about the exact nature

of what the Church teaches. With proselytism being mentioned with regularity by Church leaders, those who aren't familiar with the word could interpret it to mean that sharing the faith is not a good thing.

So then, let's try to clarify the important differences between evangelization and proselytism.

Evangelization is the proclamation of Jesus Christ and His Gospel, which includes the formation of disciples in the Church, said Father Adam Streitenberger, the diocese's coordinator of evangelization.

"'Proselytism' is one of those words like 'clericalism,'" he said. "It is used to describe something we should all hate, but different people or 'sides' have a definition for it. Proselytism is therefore the incorrect or inappropriate version of evangelization."

Father Streitenberger defines proselytism as "the attempt to bring someone into the Church (or to Christ) without respecting, in charity, their freedom and the truth."

An example would be outright disregard for the truth or goodness in the cultural or religious background of another, or a distorted view such as "Islam is pure evil, so we have to convert them all."

Proselytism also includes an attempt to force someone, or impose pressure upon someone, to convert, Father Streitenberger explained, adding that another example is the emotional manipulation of group dynamics.

"Finally, proselytism would seem to include any distortion of either what the Church teaches or what the other religion or philosophical position holds," he said. "This results from a lack of honesty. So one might

say, 'Protestants reject works, therefore they should become Catholics.' Well, that is a simplistic understanding of Protestantism."

The definition of proselytism helps us understand what authentic evangelization should look like.

Respecting, loving and recognizing the goodness of persons from every culture and religion lead to relationships involving conversation and action with people from diverse backgrounds.

"We are able to dialogue in love and respectfully render an account of what we believe, perhaps recognizing areas of similarity and also differences," Father Streitenberger said. "Christian charity comes from a lived relationship with Christ. Living our Catholic Christian faith, both personally and in our friendships, reveals Christ to others."

"Authentic evangelization is the providing of a context (through friendship, conversation, action or witness) for someone to encounter Jesus Christ and allow Christ to do His work in that person's life. I am attracted to this person; they are attracted to Christ because of our conversation or relationship. The Christian evangelist, infected by the love for Christ, loves others, and this love leads to conversions."

A relationship or encounter with Christ cannot be forced upon someone, Father Streitenberger said.

"They will find Him by engaging their own hearts and freedom," he said. "We must give them the space to want or desire something more or the joy and freedom that we have in Christ."

"Many times, we provide answers to questions that people aren't asking. We must be present to people where

they are and love them. It must be their free choice and based on the needs of their own heart."

Evangelization involves a witness of faith in regular conversation that should not be imposed upon another when explaining a Church teaching.

"Respecting freedom also means being careful how we explain the faith," he said. "We do not want to reduce Christianity to moral laws or a set of customs or through fear mongering. These are unattractive to our contemporaries and do not propose the Gospel as something ultimately freeing."

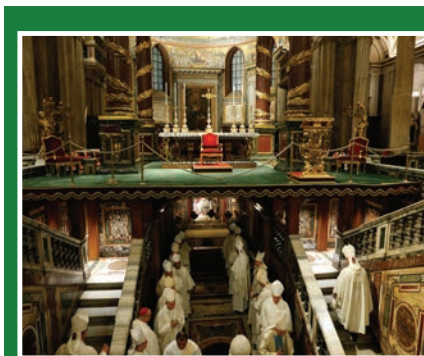
Evangelization includes speaking the truth of what Catholics believe in a consistent, honest and straightforward manner based on tradition.

In a nutshell, Father Streitenberger summarized proselytism as "not motivated by a genuine love or friendship, attempts to force the other and/or distort the truth."

Meanwhile, "authentic evangelization flows from a love for (or a new life or joy in) Christ and His Church into the love of friendship for others. Authentic evangelization respects the person's freedom, needs, desires and journey, and presents the definitive teaching of Jesus Christ as received by the Catholic Church through loving conversation and witness of life."

Speak about the faith with charity, joy and love, but don't compromise or water down Church teaching on difficult issues just to placate someone. The Magisterium of the Church -- not anyone else's personal magisterium or agenda -- provides the blueprint for truth.

Ultimately, it's all about helping souls reach the heavenly home that God intends and desires for each human person He created.



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"AD LIMINA" VISIT  
U.S. bishops from New York  
pray in the crypt after concluding Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome on Nov. 11. The bishops were making their "ad limina" visits to the Vatican to report on the status of their dioceses. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

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## Anxiety can lead to growth, says Walking with Purpose founder

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The founder of the Walking with Purpose program says the key to dealing with anxiety involves looking out, down and up at the same time.

“Look out at your circumstances, look down at the Scriptures and look up at the One enthroned above,” Lisa Brenninkmeyer said at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church.

Speaking on the theme “Hallelujah Anyway!: Discovering Good Despite Anxiety,” Brenninkmeyer encouraged members of her audience to deal with their fears by telling them, “Whatever you face, you are not alone. God has gone before you, knowing the mistakes you are going to make. He’s in the future, fixing what’s going to go wrong. You are not an exception. You are not big enough to get in the way of what God is ultimately doing.”

About 800 women attended two talks in the parish’s sanctuary by Brenninkmeyer – more than 500 on Tuesday evening, Nov. 5 and about 300 on Wednesday morning, Nov. 6, said Jen Vance of the St. Joan of Arc Walking with Purpose group. Walking with Purpose is a Scripture-based Bible study designed for women.

Brenninkmeyer frequently referred to the Old and New Testaments in her hourlong presentation. She began by talking about instances of anxiety she has experienced and how turning to the Scriptures provided her with the peace she needed to deal with those situations.

She said a key Old Testament passage in those times and throughout her life has been Isaiah 62:6 – “I have set a watchman upon your walls, O Jerusalem” – a reminder that God always is looking out for us and that women need to be on the watch for the evils that might endanger their families.

Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, she said, “‘You were not made for comfort; you were made for greatness.’ God has chosen not to deliver me from what I feared most, but through what I feared. ... Philippians 4:6-7 says, ‘Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, ... make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.’ This is a promise from the heart of God.”

She said recent research shows that 40 percent of Americans are more anxious now than they were at this time last year, and that anxiety affects one in eight children and 18 percent of adults in the United States.

“Our fear of anxiety is half the battle. It is blocking our trust in God,” Brenninkmeyer said, following that remark by urging people who believe anxiety is severely affecting them to seek professional help in addition to searching the Scriptures. “Most people who are struggling with anxiety wait for an average of six years to look for help,” she said. “There is no shame in that (seeking help). There is strength and bravery in that.”

She described anxiety as “a response to a perception that we are not



**Julie Ricciardi, board chair of the Walking with Purpose Bible study for women, at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church.**

safe, that our well-being is in jeopardy – a sign we are facing imminent danger.” Referring frequently to Psalm 124, which speaks of God rescuing his people, she focused on three messages she said the Scriptures are telling us about anxiety – this earth is not our own; God is on our side, and that makes all the difference; and good can come from anxiety.

Psalm 124 is described as “a song of ascent” or of pilgrimage. “We are called to live our lives on pilgrimage,” Brenninkmeyer said. “Each one of us is invited to a journey of ascent with God” and to focus on that journey, rather than to grasp all the pleasure and comfort we can for the moment.

“Who and what we choose to live for today will determine the quality and location of our eternity,” she said.

Sometimes a person might feel stuck in a sense of lacking spiritual growth. At such times, the person needs to remind herself or himself, “I am not stuck. I am moving forward continuously on the pilgrimage to heaven ... going ‘from strength to strength,’ not from crisis to crisis,” Brenninkmeyer said.

The Letter to the Hebrews compares the biblical Mount Sinai and Mount Zion. “Mount Sinai is terrifying, a place where God was met with fear and trembling,” she said. “That’s not where you’re going, but to Mount Zion, where you can see the heavenly Jerusalem, encounter angels, followers of Christ and Jesus himself, and

in the midst of anxiety, he can perform surgery on our souls.”

She told the audience, “I pray that as you study (the Walking with Purpose program), you are not becoming a smarter sinner” – a comment drawing much laughter – “but are being transformed. There is a deeper level of growth and transformation we cannot achieve. Only God can.”

Brenninkmeyer, who lives in Florida with her husband, Leo, and their seven children, said that despite the success of Walking with Purpose, she and Leo went through what St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Calcutta have described as “a dark night of the soul” during the summer. “Leo had panic attacks and could not get a grip on his emotions,” she said. “He had no choice but to let go and trust in God. He came out a different man, and his prayers were answered through anxiety.”

Brenninkmeyer said that the anxiety came back for her husband after a time, as she was going through a similar struggle. “The anxiety appeared to be destroying my family,” she said. “I moved from anxiety to nothing – a deep sense of discouragement. But regardless of how I felt, the one thing I held on to was the prayer ‘Jesus, I trust in you.’ I felt nothing, but I kept saying that and surrendering to Jesus.”

“My spiritual director told me that this was a time God wanted to work on my heart, to allow him to be more and more active while I was being passive. This is the kind of situation where God teaches us we don’t have to be in control. The only thing he asks us is to love.

“This journey into darkness took 40 days – the same time it took Leo,” she said. “God was helping me make sense in a deeper way of truths I understood, but not in their fullness.”

“All that we walked through this summer made us more like Christ. The anxiety was a vehicle that brought us to a place where we both wanted to go. It brought a release of control, a level of growth where there is only one will – God’s will.”

Before Brenninkmeyer’s talk, Julie Ricciardi, chief executive officer and board chair of Walking with Purpose, spoke of the organization’s origins and growth.



**Walking with Purpose founder Lisa Brenninkmeyer spoke on the good that can come from anxiety. CT photos by Tim Puet**

‘confidently approach the throne of grace.’”

Returning again to Psalm 124, Brenninkmeyer said, “The psalmist describes a feeling of being overwhelmed. Some of you face difficult circumstances because ... you are serving God and you have an enemy hell-bent on your destruction. I assure you, his power is limited. He is on a leash that only goes so far.”

In many cases, she said, “Anxiety can be the way God is directing attention to your problems so he can connect you with his healing power. Anxiety can be a stripping away God uses to take us deeper into spiritual life. It’s not pointless. If we surrender to God



## The Journey of Hope's message about the death penalty

I keep thinking about the powerful stories I heard at an event last month about the death penalty. These stories have prompted me to deeply reflect on the Church's teaching regarding the inherent dignity of the human person – that each person has value and is worthy of respect from the beginning of life to its natural end.

Led by murder victims' family members, the Ohio tour of the Journey of Hope ... From Violence to Healing program provided a forum for victims to share their deeply personal experiences and to convey that the death penalty does not help in the healing that families need and deserve.

A daylong conference in Columbus titled "Cast No Stones: Standing with Victims to End Executions in Ohio" made a lasting impression on me. Bill Pelke, founder of Journey of Hope, recounted his story of forgiving Paula Cooper, who fatally stabbed his grandmother in 1985. Over time, he experienced a conversion of heart after his grandmother's tragic murder when he realized his faith called him to forgive. Pelke expressed his forgiveness to Cooper through letter writing as she sat on death row.

Pelke told the audience that society has a duty to keep people safe from those who commit violent crimes, but it is not necessary to execute them. His main message was "The answer is love and compassion for all humanity." In his case, as a murder victim's family member, he lived out radical love that

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brought about true healing.

This message was echoed by the Rev. Sharon Risher, who lost her mother and two cousins in 2015 when Dylann Roof, a 21-year-old white supremacist, fired into a prayer service at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, killing nine people. She recounted how her Christian faith teaches mercy and forgiveness, not revenge.

Risher and other victims' family members appealed at the conference for better resources and support to address their needs after the violent loss of a loved one, rather than for the death penalty. In their views, the death penalty creates more victims.

Another group of victims who spoke were the families of the executed and those facing execution. These are the forgotten victims, parents, brothers, sisters and children of those on death row. These panelists shared stories of heartbreak and of public shame and other forms of guilt by association, whether it

be at the supermarket, work, or even church. Their circumstances led to social isolation until they found community support.

The third group of victims included exonerees – those who were wrongly accused and sentenced to death, then were exonerated. One panelist, George White, recalled how his wife was murdered during a robbery. White not only lost his wife, but was convicted of the murder 16 months later. He was exonerated after evidence emerged that proved his innocence. He shared his painful experience of years in prison for a crime he did not commit. He values his friendships with other murder victims' family members and exonerees as he speaks out against the death penalty.

During his pontificate, Pope St. John Paul II urged our nation to end the use of the death penalty. Pope Benedict XVI continued this message, and Pope Francis recently called for a worldwide abolition of the death penalty. The Church's message is the same as Pelke's: The answer is love and compassion for all humanity, even for those who have done grave ill. Faith, forgiveness and a community of care are the essential elements needed for healing along the journey of hope.

To learn more about the Journey of Hope, visit its webpage at [www.journeyofhope.org](http://www.journeyofhope.org) or watch the "Cast No Stones" conference on the Journey of Hope Facebook page.

### Local news and events

## Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas to begin advent with lessons and carols

The choir of Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St., will present its annual service of Advent lessons and carols at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1.

This service is a moving combination of the Scriptural prophecies of Christ's coming and the carols of Advent, sung by choir and congregation.

The service is sung by choirs of many denominations and finds its home in the English collegiate and cathedral traditions.

It can be a welcome moment of prayerful rest in the busy weeks of Advent.

### Five choirs to perform at Church of the Resurrection

The five choirs of the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, will present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

About 200 musicians, accompanied by a full orchestra, will perform classical and contemporary sacred music of the season including the *Hallelu-*

*jah Chorus, Silent Night, Joy to the World, O Holy Night, and more.*

The program will include a sing-along, and interpreting services for the Deaf will be provided.

More details will be on the parish website, [www.cotrna.org](http://www.cotrna.org)

### ODU hosts Christmas reception

Ohio Dominican University's admissions office invites all high-school students to join its campus community for a Christmas reception and information session from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2 on the university campus, 1215 Sunbury Road.

Participants will have an opportunity to talk to university students questions about campus life, speak with staff members about the admissions process, financial aid and available programs and majors; and attend the university's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and creche blessing.

Interested students and their families can register for the event by going to [ohiodominican.edu/Visit](http://ohiodominican.edu/Visit), clicking the

button "RSVP to an Event" and scrolling down to "Christmas Reception."

### St. Elizabeth offers novena

Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., will be the site of a novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 7 p.m. each evening from Saturday, Nov. 30 to Sunday, Dec. 8.

The feast usually is celebrated on Dec. 8, but because that date is a Sunday this year, its observance has been moved to Monday, Dec. 9.

There will be a Mass at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at St. Elizabeth, at which the priests of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception who serve the parish will renew their vows.

### St. Charles auditioning for play

The drama department of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School will conduct auditions for its winter play, *26 Pebbles* by Eric Ulloa, at 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 3 and 4 at the school, 2010 E. Broad St. Participants need only attend on one

of the two days.

Auditions are open to all high-school women in central Ohio.

Rehearsals for *26 Pebbles* will begin at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6.

Production dates are Thursday to Sunday, Feb. 20 to 23.

For more information, email Doug Montgomery at [dmontgomery@scprep.org](mailto:dmontgomery@scprep.org).

The title refers to the 26 people shot to death at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut in 2012.

The deaths, like pebbles thrown into a pond, created ripples and vibrations felt far beyond the initial rings. This is a story of those vibrations.

### Father Yakkel to speak at luncheon club in December

Father Christopher Yakkel will be the speaker for the monthly meeting of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, Dec. 6 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

## Catholic marriages in non-church venues?; morality and video games

**Q** What is the Catholic Church's policy on having a Catholic marriage ceremony (not a Mass) at a reception venue rather than in a church? (My local pastor says that, even if it's just a ceremony, it needs to be in a church.) (Roswell, Georgia)

**A** In answering your question, I am going to assume that both the bride and the groom are Catholic. (If, on the other hand, the marriage involved a Catholic and a Protestant, they would have the option to seek from the Catholic diocese a "dispensation from form," which could allow a Protestant minister to officiate at the ceremony even in a non-church setting.)

For two Catholics, the church's *Code of Canon Law* notes that normally the wedding is to be held in a parish church, but it does allow the local bishop to "permit a marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place" (Canon 1118.2).

My experience has been that most dioceses in most situations are reluctant to give permission for a non-church wedding between two Catholics. The church tries at a wedding to maintain a sense of the sacred. It views marriage as a sacrament, a commitment made in the eyes of God, with the couple seeking the Lord's blessing on their lifelong union.

I am aware, though, that in 2018, the Archdiocese of Baltimore began allowing weddings in

### QUESTION & ANSWER

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non-church settings (including outdoors) with a bit more frequency. (A June 2018 article in *America* magazine noted that, in Baltimore's new policy, the preferred location for weddings was still the home parish of the bride or groom and that locations like bars and nightclubs were still off limits.)

**Q** My son, who is 15, keeps asking for a video game called Grand Theft Auto V. After reading some reviews (gang violence, nudity, extremely coarse language, drug and alcohol abuse), I was not inclined to purchase it for him in good conscience.

He's asked now to spend his own money on the game, but I don't want to be responsible for contributing to something that appears to be of no value spiritually or otherwise. Could playing mature-rated video games also be a cause of sin, like watching

movies with mature content? (Wichita, Kansas)

**A** Video games could of course be an occasion of sin, just as X-rated movies can be. I'll leave aside the issue of violence and simply mention that Adam Lanza, the Sandy Hook shooter, was an avid fan of video violence, as were the Columbine High School perpetrators – though admittedly no one can document a definitive causal connection.

I'm not a patron of video games myself, but I trust the letter writer's depiction of this one; in fact, the ESRB (Entertainment Software Rating Board), the industry's highly regarded "watchdog," notes that in Grand Theft Auto V "players use pistols, machine guns, sniper rifles and explosives" to kill rival gang members.

It adds that "the game includes depictions of sexual material/activity: implied fellatio and masturbation (and) various sex acts ... that the player's character procures from a prostitute" with the option for "a topless lap dance in a strip club." Sadly, Grand Theft Auto V's publisher boasted that, in the first three of years of this game's existence, more than 75 million copies had been shipped.

Now I ask our readers: Is this the kind of "entertainment" you would want for your 15-year-old son? Our letter writer acted responsibly in refusing to purchase the video for her son, and she shouldn't let him buy it with his own money, either.

## No one has figured out how to make the Synod of Bishops work

During the 2001 Synod of Bishops, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, who had suffered through a lot of synodal speechifying and small-group discussions over the years, made a trenchant observation: "Jesus Christ didn't intend his Church to be governed by a committee."

Indeed.

The mechanisms of consultation that exist in the Church – from parish councils through diocesan pastoral councils to the Synod of Bishops – exist to strengthen the governance of the Church by its pastors: priests in their parishes, bishops in their dioceses, the Bishop of Rome in terms of the universal Church. The synods of 2014, 2015, 2018 and 2019, however, suggest that the committee model deplored by Cardinal George has morphed into something arguably even worse: the masquerade model, in which a "synodal process" of "walking together" provides cover for effecting serious changes in Catholic self-understanding and practice for which there is little or no doctrinal, theological or pastoral warrant.

In the final report of the recent Amazonian synod, this masquerade model was described in language sodden with clichés:

"To walk together the Church today needs a conversion to the synodal experience. It is necessary to strengthen a culture of dialogue, reciprocal listening, spiritual discernment, consensus and communion to find spaces and modes of joint decision and respond to pastoral challenges. This will foster joint responsibility in the life of the Church in a spirit of

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service. It is urgent to work, propose, and assume the responsibilities to overcome clericalism and arbitrary impositions. Synodality is a constitutive dimension of the Church. You cannot be a Church without acknowledging an effective exercise of the *sensus fidei* of the entire People of God."

Leaving aside the question of how an "effective ... sense of the faithful" involving 1.2 billion Catholics could be measured, much less "exercised," what does this gobbledygook *mean*? Confusions on that front were amplified by a prominent celebrant of the cult of synodality, whose prose parses, but whose grasp of the reality of recent synods seems deficient. Thus Villanova's Massimo Faggioli, writing in *La Croix International*, recently made several claims about synodality, none of which stand up to what the courts would call "strict scrutiny" by those actually present in Rome during recent synods:

"... Francis has turned the synods into real events." Baloney. The synods led by Cardinal Lo-

renzo Baldisseri, chosen by the Holy Father as secretary general of the Synod of Bishops, have been at least as orchestrated as their predecessors. And after there was serious pushback to the manipulation of Synod 2014 by the synod's general secretariat, care was taken at the synods of 2015 and 2018, and at the recent Amazonian regional synod, to ensure that voices potentially disruptive of the synod managers' plans were not prominent among the invited.

"They (the recent synods) have been prefaced by a serious consultation of the faithful at the local level." Really? Can you, gentle reader, name anyone in your circle of Catholic friends who was seriously consulted about the issues at Synods 2014 and 2015 (the nature of marriage and sacramental discipline)? Leaders of some of the most evangelically successful youth ministries in the United States were noticeably absent from the preparations for Synod 2018. According to several Amazonian synod spin-doctors, 87,000 people were consulted prior to the development of that synod's working document. But how can a local Church unable to tell us how many Catholics there are in Amazonia credibly count the precise number of people "consulted" (much less tell us how well-catechized those people are)? And how was it that 87,000 Amazonians spoke in progressive German Catholic accents, emphasizing "issues" that may be agitated



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Lunch will be served after the church's 11:45 a.m. Mass. No reservations are necessary.

A \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch and meeting.

Father Yakkel, parochial vicar for the Perry County Consortium of Parishes, was ordained to the priesthood in May and plans to be a chaplain serving with the U.S. Air Force.

The club will not meet in January. Its next meeting, on Friday, Feb. 7, will feature the presentation of its annual diocesan Catholic Man of the Year award.

For information on the club, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc) or contact club president Craig Hepner at [craigkofc@gmail.com](mailto:craigkofc@gmail.com).

### Clergy asked to complete hermitage email survey

The board of St. John's Hermitage in Scioto County is asking priests and deacons in six dioceses in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia to complete a short email survey to help the board better understand the needs of the clergy.

The mission of the hermitage, located on 66 acres of wooded hills, is to provide space, facilities and resources to encourage and support the spiritual, emotional, educational and physical health of clergy members.

Stays at the site are completely free of charge for clergy.

Father Marek Kasperczyk of the Pontifical College Josephinum visited the hermitage and said, "I think it is a great idea and we all need to support it.

## Lectors, acolytes installed at Josephinum



**Seminarians in their first and second years of study in the school of theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum were installed as lectors or acolytes on Sunday, Nov. 1, the Solemnity of All Saints. Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell of Columbus was the principal celebrant of the Mass in St. Turibius Chapel. Pictured with Father Stephen Beseau, Josephinum lector-president, and the bishop (fourth and fifth from left) are newly installed lectors and acolytes from the Diocese of Columbus (from left): Anthony Pinto (lector), Chris Crum (acolyte), Daniel Colby (lector), Tyler Carter (lector), Michael Haemmerle (lector) and David Johnstone (lector). Lectors are commissioned to proclaim the Word of God in the liturgical assembly and to catechize the faithful. Acolytes are entrusted with the duties of attending to the altar, assisting the deacon and priest at Mass, and distributing Holy Communion as an extraordinary minister.** Photo by seminarian Peter Stetson

"The location of the place really inspires the deeper reflection of the beauty of creation and refers to the Creator himself. During my recent visit, I took some time to explore the area and had a chance to enjoy it during my walks and hiking.

"It is a true place of rest, peace and inspirational

silence, which makes it possible to be detached from the daily busyness and to be immersed in the presence of God reflected in nature. We all need the place to rest and pray."

For more information on the hermitage, go to [www.stjohnshermitage.org](http://www.stjohnshermitage.org) or call Len Barbe at (614) 738-2464.

### Father Stluka to celebrate 50th anniversary of ordination

Father Jerome Stluka will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in December. He was ordained at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican on Dec. 19, 1969 by Bishop James Hickey, rector of the Pontifical North American College.

Father Stluka will be honored at a reception on Sunday, Dec. 15 at Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., beginning with Mass at 2 p.m. and followed by a reception in Kulp Hall from 3 to 5.

He was pastor of Columbus Holy Spirit Church and Columbus Holy Cross Church, associate pastor of Columbus St. Augustine Church, Columbus St. Aloysius Church and Lancaster St. Mary Church, a weekend associate at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes Church and in residence at Columbus St. Christopher Church.

He also served as assistant director and director of the diocesan family life office and as chaplain at Ohio State University Medical Center and Grant Hospital in Columbus, and was a member of the diocesan personnel board.

He retired in July 2014 and is a resident of the Villas of St. Therese assisted living section.

## Seeing clearly now that the doubt has gone

If you look at the world through a looking glass, many images seem to be distorted or marred. The sightline is so narrow that we tend to focus on what is in the center, where the picture seems clear.

Rarely do we look beyond that point because it makes us feel vulnerable and constricted. What we are unaware of is the simple beauty in chaos, the art it represents and the fears that can be overcome by going outside of comfort zone.

Learning, especially for children, can be difficult and trying or can be a way to retreat to a safe place of regularity. But if we stretch our horizons just a bit, we can begin to see things from a different perspective. We learn to appreciate what we have in common and celebrate what we are thankful for and the freedoms we enjoy.

Discovery is a part of the vision and awesome experience of life. Rich and full in nature, we are all presented to the world in much the same manner as Our Mother and Our Son. Does that surprise you? It shouldn't. We are all bathed in the light of the same

### LIGHTING THE WAY

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spirit, given a name that signifies our presence, and presented before Our Lord.

It does not matter where we live or how we live – Our Mother never leaves our side. She is a point of consistency in an ever-changing, politically correct society. Just because we don't believe does not mean that we are left alone. Our friends, our family and our world can change, but her love for us never changes. And our expectations about her must never cease to amaze us all.

There is a very simple but elegant Byzantine poem I am drawn to. It may not be the most accu-

rate of many translations, but it is the one that seems to tug at my heart. It goes like this:

*"It is truly proper to glorify you, who have borne God, the Ever-Blessed and Immaculate, and the Mother of our God.*

*"More honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who, a Virgin, gave birth to God the Word; you, truly the Mother of God (Theotokos), we magnify."*

Remember, just as we venerate Our Lord, we must also remember what an honor it is to join Our Blessed Mother in prayer. She was presented in much the same manner as her Son, but has become our guide and our mark by which we measure our lives and the way we set our sights on that single light shining in the distance.

May we allow Our Mother to enter our heart, may she guide us and pray for us, and may we come to more fully understand the meaning of the majesty of what we venerate. May His peace be with you always.



## First-graders portray saints



Students at Columbus Immaculate Conception School continued a longstanding tradition by dressing up as saints for All Saints Day. After Mass for the holy day on Friday, Nov. 1, each of the students presented a brief biography of a chosen saint.

*Photo courtesy Immaculate Conception School*

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She said Brenninkmeyer started the program in 2002 as a Bible study group with eight friends in Annapolis, Maryland. Brenninkmeyer, who was raised as an evangelical Protestant and became a Catholic in 1991, felt the Church was lacking in fresh, relevant Bible studies to meet the needs of young mothers. She shared her concerns with her parish priest, who suggested that God was calling her to find a way to help fill those needs.

Within two years, the group had grown from eight women to 55, then spreading to other parishes and along the East Coast. Ricciardi, who lives in Greenwich, Connecticut, joined Walking with Purpose in 2008, when it became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Today, Walking with Purpose, now based in Greenwich, is active in more than 350 parishes in the United States, Europe and Canada, including 25 in the Diocese of Columbus. Father Da-

vid Sizemore, pastor of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, is one of its chaplains. It has helped more than 42,000 women deepen their relationship with Jesus in the past year alone.

“When a woman decides to get engaged in faith, it has a ripple effect through her family, parish, town and nation,” Ricciardi said. “Some women may want to start a Walking with Purpose group, but feel it’s too much for them. A wise woman once said, ‘The Lord isn’t asking you to jump off a diving board. Just put your toe in the water.’ That’s what Lisa did, and look at what happened.

“There’s great power in starting small. Look at the parable of the mustard seed in Mark’s Gospel. The seed is small, but nothing happens until you plant it. A tiny bit of effort can be massively rewarded.”

For more information on Walking with Purpose, go to [www.walking-withpurpose.com](http://www.walking-withpurpose.com).

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in the *Biergarten* of Munich but that seem somewhat removed from the real-world pastoral challenges of the Brazilian rainforest?

“The actual Synod gatherings ... in Rome have featured genuine freedom of expression.” This, I’m sure, would come as news to the African bishops warned against consorting with American bishops at Synod 2018, as it would to the members of the final-report drafting committees at Synod 2015 and Synod 2018, who complained about the manipulation of the process by the

synod’s general secretariat.

Serious consultation and collaboration are essential to effective pastoral leadership, including the leadership of the Bishop of Rome. But over the 50-plus years of its existence, no one has figured out how to make the Synod of Bishops really work. Propaganda about “synodality” that functions as rhetorical cover for the imposition of the progressive Catholic agenda on the whole Church is not an improvement on that track record; it’s a masquerade, behind which is an agenda.

## Day of the Dead at St. Andrew



Students at Columbus St. Andrew School are learning about Mexican culture with the help of Spanish teacher Alejandra Galindo, who created a collection of objects known as an *ofrenda* to give her students an understanding of the Mexican Day of the Dead celebration. She explained how Franciscan missionaries blended portions of pagan Aztec rituals with the pious observance of All Souls Day. *Photo courtesy St. Andrew School*

## Our Lady of Bethlehem ‘eco-saints’



Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare celebrated All Saints Day with kindergarten students researching and portraying an “eco-saint.” Students increased their knowledge of the Catholic faith by researching saints who used signs of creation in their work for God. The students also demonstrated their critical thinking skills by finding ways to imitate the saint they portrayed. *Photo/Our Lady of Bethlehem School*

## St. Rose School ‘saints’



New Lexington St. Rose School first-grade students carried on the tradition of dressing up as one of their favorite saints and giving presentations to other classes on All Saints Day. Deacon Ed Christ (far left), Father Michael Hartge (second from left) and Father Christopher Yakkel are shown with the following “saints” (from left): first row, St. Andrew, St. Rose, St. Patrick and Mary, Queen of Saints; second row, St. Michael, St. Peter, Pope St. John Paul II, St. Nicholas, St. Anne and St. Elizabeth. *Photo courtesy St. Rose School*



# Bishop Brennan to report on diocese during Vatican visit

By Tim Puet  
Catholic Times Reporter

Bishop Robert Brennan will be going to the Vatican next month to report to Pope Francis and other church officials about the state of Catholicism in the Diocese of Columbus.

He and Msgr. Stephan Moloney, diocesan vicar general, will make what's known as an *ad limina* visit, which combines elements of a business trip and a pilgrimage. The phrase comes from the Latin *ad limina apostolorum* – to the threshold of the Apostles.

During the visit from Monday, Dec. 9 to Saturday, Dec. 14, Bishop Brennan and bishops of the other dioceses in Ohio and Michigan will view the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul, spend time in Rome's four principal basilicas and go to various offices of the Roman Curia, in addition to talking with the pope.

"As bishops, we are successors to the Apostles, so the visits to the tombs are the central reasons for going to Rome," Bishop Brennan said. Canon 400 of the Church's *Code of Canon Law* states that "the diocesan bishop is to come to Rome to venerate the tombs of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul and is to appear before the Roman Pontiff." Canon 399 says the reports are to be made every five years, but that time period has been extended because of the growth in the number of dioceses worldwide.

Bishop Brennan said the schedule for the trip indicates that the group of bishops with whom he will be traveling will visit the tombs of Peter and Paul on Dec. 9 as their first stop, followed by a group audience with the pope later in the day. The group will include the bishops of five of the six dioceses in Ohio and all seven of the dioceses in Michigan. Bishop George Murry, SJ, of the Diocese of Youngstown will be unable to attend because he is dealing with leukemia, which is in remission.

The bishops will be staying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, which forms seminarians for priestly ministry in the United States and elsewhere.

Bishop Brennan said that because the bishops will be in Rome on Thursday, Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, they probably will be celebrating Mass for the day at the city's Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Much of their time will be spent visiting the various administrative departments of the curia, which serves the Church's needs throughout the world.

"I don't have the rundown for all the visits yet, but some are essential,"



Retired Bishop Frederick Campbell of Columbus is third from left in this photo of bishops from Ohio and Michigan concelebrating Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome on Feb. 2, 2012 as part of their *ad limina* visit to the Vatican.

Catholic News Service photo/Giancarlo Giuliani, Catholic Press Photo service



Former Bishop James Griffin (right) prays during his 2004 *ad limina* visit to Rome. It was his last visit to the Vatican as the shepherd representing the Diocese of Columbus before his retirement.

CT file photo

he said. These will include stops at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Congregation for Bishops, the Congregation for the Clergy and the Secretariat of State. "There isn't time to visit all of the offices, so some of the schedule will be determined by the interests of the bishops in particular areas."

The current four-month round of *ad*

*limina* visits from the United States began Nov. 4, when the bishops of New England arrived at the Vatican. A total of 15 groups of American bishops will have traveled to the Holy City by the time the cycle is completed on Feb. 22 with a visit by bishops of the nation's

Bishop Frederick Campbell traveled to the Vatican in February 2012. "The most memorable thing about it was that Rome got 6 inches of snow, and that shut down the city for a day or so," Bishop Campbell said.

Pope Benedict XVI was pope at the time and met with the six Ohio bishops as a group. "Three of us sat on either side of him, he gave a little introduction and we had a very pleasant and wonderful conversation for about an hour," Bishop Campbell said. "There were no formal presentations. We just had a good dialogue back and forth, talking about vocations, the economy, marriage and family life and religious liberty issues." At the end of their time with the pope, each bishop received a pectoral cross to share with family and friends.

Bishop Campbell now lives in northeast Franklin County after moving from the diocesan Chancery, the bishop's residence, following Bishop Brennan's installation as his successor on March 29. The retired bishop teaches two homiletics classes at the Pontifical College Josephinum and continues to be heard on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, where he hosts a weekly 15-minute program of reflections titled *Living the Catholic Life*.

He has assisted at several parishes, including the Perry County Consortium in New Lexington, Junction City, Crooksville and Corning. He traveled there each weekend in July and August to celebrate Masses after the consortium's former parochial vicar, Father Dan Swartz, departed for service as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy and before Father Christopher Yakkel arrived in September to replace Father Swartz. Father Yakkel anticipates becoming a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force in three years.

Bishop Campbell made only one *ad limina* visit in 14 years as bishop of Columbus because the death of Pope St. John Paul II in 2005 and the resignation of Benedict XVI in 2013 interrupted the cycle of visits. Bishop Campbell's predecessor, retired Bishop James Griffin, made five of the journeys while he was shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus from 1983 to 2004. The visits still were on five-year cycles then, so Bishop Griffin was able to talk to John Paul II about the state of the diocese in 1983, 1988,

Eastern Catholic churches.

In anticipation of their arrival, bishops are asked to prepare a report on virtually every aspect of diocesan life, including family life, education, the clergy and religious, lay involvement, vocations, priestly formation, religious practices and demographics.

The last *ad limina* visit by a bishop of Columbus came when now-retired



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1993, 1998 and 2003.

“Those were all highlights I really looked forward to,” Bishop Griffin said. “I was able to gain greater insights into the pope’s personality with each visit. The last time I saw him was especially memorable as he struggled with his health problems but continued to serve the Church.

“I enjoyed meeting the cardinals who were heads of various congregations and learning how those organizations worked. The visits also gave me an opportunity to take seminarians and priests who were studying in Rome out to dinner and see how they were getting along. Every time I went to Rome for an *ad limina*, I’d come back refreshed and renewed.”

Bishop Griffin has lived in Powell and been weekend associate at St. Joan of Arc Church there since his retirement.

The report prepared in conjunction with Bishop Brennan’s upcoming visit covers the period from the start of 2011 to the end of 2018.

“We have to submit the report six months ahead of the visit itself,” said Deacon Tom Berg Jr., diocesan chancellor, who was in charge of compiling the document. “The *ad limina* visit is more than the bishop traveling to Rome to tell the pope about the diocese. It’s a big effort. The report we submitted this past summer was about 300 pages long and took from March to June to compile, with the help of many diocesan departments. Once this year ends, we’ll start the process of getting things ready to put together the next report in a few years.”

This will be Bishop Brennan’s fourth *ad limina* visit to the Vatican, but his first as a bishop. He was secretary to Bishop John McGann of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, in 1998, and to his successor, Bishop William Murphy, in 2004 and 2011, making the pilgrimage in those years with both bishops.

“My experience based on past visits is that some congregations will have many questions about the report sent to them, and others will have little or nothing to ask. You just have to be prepared for anything,” he said.

Bishops who have seen Pope Francis for *ad limina* visits in the 6½ years of his papacy said he generally meets with each group of visiting bishops together and has little or no one-on-one time with them.

Asked what he would say to Pope Francis if he has the chance to speak

to him privately, Bishop Brennan said, “First of all, I’d tell him, ‘Thank you, thank you, Holy Father! This is a wonderful diocese, and I’m so grateful that you sent me here. The Church is very much alive in this diocese, with many people of deep faith committed to living the good news of the



**Bishop Robert Brennan will make his first *ad limina* visit to Rome in December as the shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus. The bishops from Ohio and Michigan will report on the state of their local dioceses to Pope Francis and various offices in the Vatican from Dec. 9 to Dec. 14.**  
**CT file photo by Ken Snow**

Gospel. I’ve hit the jackpot.”

He said at the end of October that since his installation as Bishop Campbell’s successor, he has driven his Ford Fusion 12,000 miles through the diocese’s 23 counties. “I’ve been to about 70 percent of the parishes, including most of the ones distant from Columbus,” he said. “I still have to visit some parishes in Franklin and the bordering counties, but I’ll get to all of them by March.

“What’s impressed me most in seven months as bishop is the great variety of life here in central and southern Ohio,” he said. “As someone who has lived all his life on Long Island, it was great to talk to young people here and listen to them tell about their involvement in things like 4-H clubs and showing animals at county fairs. Recently, I was in Perry and Muskingum counties and was struck by the great natural beauty in both areas.

“One of the greatest things has been the chance to start getting to know all of our priests, especially through the diocesan priests’ convocation at Maumee Bay (State Park) in early October. They’re good priests to be around – so committed to their parishes and

the Church. They’ve been incredibly welcoming to me, and I can say the same thing about the deacons and the religious of the diocese – all enthusiastic, warmhearted people.”

Bishop Brennan also noted that “because the diocese has fewer priests than it used to, a number of good, tal-

civic issues, particularly those related to reducing poverty and homelessness. I’m also looking forward to the diocesan men’s and women’s conferences because I’ve heard so many great things about them and the large crowds that attend,” Bishop Brennan said.

For many bishops, the highlight of the *ad limina* visit is the meeting with the pope. During the past 35 years, those meetings have changed significantly because of the increased number of bishops in the world.

Canon law calls for the visits to occur every five years. That hasn’t happened since John Paul II was pope.

Just before Pope Benedict XVI stepped down in early 2013, the Vatican announced that, during the previous seven years, he had hosted *ad limina* visits by the heads of every diocese in the world. A couple of hours later, though, the bishops of the Netherlands pointed out that they hadn’t visited Pope Benedict. In the end, they had to wait until December 2013, when they were among the first bishops to have an *ad limina* with Pope Francis.

According to the latest statistics released by the Vatican, there are 3,017 dioceses, prelatures and vicariates throughout the world. When John Paul II became pope in 1978, there were 2,423.

John Paul would meet privately with every head of a diocese during the *ad limina* visits, inviting groups of them to his morning Mass and giving a speech to each group.

Midway through his pontificate, Pope Benedict adopted a modified format, meeting with seven to 10 bishops at a time instead of having individual encounters. He also cut down on the number of speeches he gave – for example, giving formal addresses to only five of the 15 groups of U.S. bishops during their visits in 2011 and 2012.

The format changes have continued under Pope Francis. His regular practice now is to meet each group together – with sometimes 20 bishops sitting in a circle in the papal library – devoting between 90 minutes and two hours to a freewheeling discussion.

According to bishops who have made their visits in the past year, Pope Francis tells the bishops they are free to comment about or ask him anything. Then, using a soccer metaphor, he tells them the ball is in play, and whoever wants to kick things off can do so.

*Material from Catholic News Service was used in this story.*

ented young priests are becoming pastors much sooner than they would have in the past. All of us need to do whatever we can to give all of our parishes and priests the support they need and to encourage a culture of vocations.”

The bishop said he was impressed with several of the spiritual organizations started by youth and young adults of the diocese, including St. Paul’s Outreach, Young Catholic Professionals and the ministries of the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center adjacent to Ohio State University.

“These are wonderful grass-roots movements, and I want to build on the work they’ve done,” he said. “People don’t realize it, but there are 25 college campuses in the diocese, filled with young people eager for an encounter with Jesus.

“I was at a Young Catholic Professionals meeting in October and was impressed by the way they put it together. I found them to be very top-quality, committed young people with a great desire to spread the faith.

“Now that I’m becoming more settled here, I’m looking forward to being a regular part of the life of the community and becoming involved in more



## Borromeoan Lecture speaker tells St. Charles students to be outliers

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School students were urged to be outliers by the president of Seton Hall University at the school's 18th annual Borromeoan Lecture.

Dr. Joseph E. Nyre defined an outlier as someone who stands out from the norm and can't be grouped easily.

"As a psychologist, as a researcher and a university president, I look for outliers," he said Tuesday, Oct. 28. "Do not become, by default, a member of some readily identifiable group or generation. Don't let yourself be pigeonholed ... and don't pigeonhole yourself. Be the outlier."

He offered three points for his listeners to dwell upon. First, he said, "The times in which we live are not the worst of times. These are our times. Let us recognize that the divisiveness we see around us is not unique in history. In fact, the seemingly irreconcilable differences have been a reoccurring part of the American story."

"Our nation has been having a conversation with itself for more than two-and-a-half centuries," he said. "And keeping that conversation going through good times and bad is our best insurance policy for the centuries ahead."



Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School principal Jim Lower (left); Jan Dilenschneider, wife of the founder of the school's Borromeoan Lecture series; and series speaker Dr. Joseph E. Nyre

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

Secondly, Nyre paraphrased reflections from Father Timothy Radcliffe, who taught Scripture courses

at Oxford University. "When faced with fundamentalism, teach people to think. All questions should be permit-

ted, all disciplines held. The intersection of faith and education undergirds our democracy," he said.

His third point was that one person can make a difference. He said history reveals many stories of individuals who were outliers in their time. "They changed the course of history because of their willingness to stand up and stand apart from others," he said.

He said biographies of several such people may be found in John F. Kennedy's book *Profiles in Courage*. As a more recent example, Nyre cited 15-year-old Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan, whose fight for the rights of girls to be educated in her homeland caused her to be shot by the Taliban but earned her the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.

The Borromeoan Lecture series has been a regular event at the school since 2000, when it was launched through the initiative and support of 1961 St. Charles graduate Robert L. Dilenschneider, founder of a nationally known communications consulting firm, and his wife, Jan. It features a person of national renown speaking on the topics of morals and ethics in society, business and government.

## St. Charles presents 'Men on Boats'

The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School drama department will present the central Ohio premiere of *Men on Boats* by Jaclyn Backhaus at 8 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Nov. 21 to 23 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. at the school, 2010 E. Broad St. Adult tickets are \$10 and student tickets are \$5. Reservations may be placed by calling the school's main office at (614) 252-6714 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cast members include Jane Car-

ney, George Ferris, Alex Smith, Anna Turek, Andy Kraus, Donnie Search, Nathan Schirtzinger, Jack Margiotta, Michael Liss and Noah Kuhr.

In 1869, one-armed explorer John Wesley Powell and his crew of nine men in four boats went down the Colorado River into the Grand Canyon, not knowing what lay ahead. This great adventure will be re-enacted by 13 actors telling about the rapids, the rations and the ride of the explorers' lives.



The *Men on Boats* cast includes (from left): Jane Carney, George Ferris, Alex Smith, Anna Turek, Andy Kraus, Donnie Search, Nathan Schirtzinger, Jack Margiotta, Michael Liss and Noah Kuhr.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

## Former NFL player returns to Ready



Former NFL player Antoine Harris (left), a 2000 graduate of Columbus Bishop Ready High School, returned to his alma mater to speak at its annual spirit breakfast. He is pictured with school president Celene Seamen and his former coach, Larry Wolf. Harris did not play football until his junior year at Ready, but ended up earning a scholarship to the University of Louisville and playing for six years with the Tennessee Titans, Atlanta Falcons and Philadelphia Eagles. He spoke to students about the importance of sports in forming friendships, teaching responsibility and working with others to achieve a goal, but emphasized how small a part of life sports really is.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School



## DeSales upsets top-ranked team to win state volleyball championship

There's no better high school girls volleyball team in Ohio than Columbus St. Francis DeSales.

The Stallions can make that claim after slaying a giant with a major upset on Saturday, Nov. 9 in the Division I state championship match at Wright State University's Nutter Center in Fairborn.

DeSales won its first state volleyball title since 1982 with an impressive 19-25, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22 victory over Parma Padua Franciscan, which entered the match undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 1 nationally by *USA Today*.

Padua (28-1) had won two of the last three state titles and four overall in nine final four appearances.

"The title means so much to all of us because it is the first Division I volleyball state championship for our whole entire (Central) District in 30 years," DeSales coach Brenden Pence said. "That is astounding. Every member wanted to win that match for their teammates, for their community, for their families.

"But the championship itself does not define any of us as individuals or

as a program. We were that team before the first serve, and we were that same team when the final point was scored. ... I think every single member will look back on this time together as something so special, something they will all share for the rest of their lives. And at the end of the day, what more could we hope for?"

Newark Catholic, which also advanced from the diocese to the state final four in Division IV, came up short, falling 25-16, 27-25, 20-25, 26-24 in a tight semifinal with Fort Loramie to finish the season with a 19-7 record.

DeSales (27-2), which reached the state's final four for the eighth time in school history, capped its historic season with a 15-match winning streak that included a semifinal victory over Solon on Friday, Nov. 8.

"No disrespect at all to Padua, because they are an amazing team and have had an incredibly strong season and resume, but so have we," Pence said. "We knew that we may not have the national ranking or hype, but that never defined who we are or what we do. ... I think when the match was over, it hit our kids that it was an 'up-



Members of the state champion St. Francis DeSales volleyball team pose with the trophy after winning the Division I title on Saturday, Nov. 9. Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales

set,' but in the moment, and to anyone who watched what we could do on the court ... I think it was two extremely well-rounded and tough teams battling it out for a state championship."

DeSales recovered after dropping the first game against a Padua team that had lost only nine games all season to sweep the next three and take home the championship trophy.

"In the finals after dropping the first

set, there was definitely no panic from my kids or staff," Pence said. "We have been down before, and I thought we were actually playing pretty well overall. We just missed some opportunities to execute and left too many points on the court. We knew we were battling and we knew we could take a set if we executed a few things a little

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## Three diocesan teams advance to second round of football playoffs

Four diocesan high schools qualified for the state football playoffs and three remain alive after the first week-end of competition across the state.

Columbus St. Francis DeSales in Division II, Columbus Bishop Hartley in Division III and Newark Catholic in Division VII advanced to second-round games this weekend.

DeSales, the seventh seed in Division II, Region 8, upended previously unbeaten Cincinnati Turpin 27-14 on Friday, Nov. 8. Hartley, the top seed in Division III, Region 11, held off eighth-seeded London 14-8 and Newark Catholic, seeded second in Division VII, Region 27, defeated seventh-seeded Reedsville Eastern 35-7.

Junior running back Quintell Quinn scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to rally DeSales, which faced an early 13-7 deficit, and seal its first-round victory.

Quinn ran 38 times for 278 yards and three TDs to boost his season totals to 1,711 yards and 19 touchdowns on 239 carries. The DeSales defense forced four turnovers and held Turpin

to 180 total yards.

Hartley opened a 14-0 lead in the second quarter against London on a 10-yard touchdown run by Marcellis Parker and a 1-yard TD by Mason Sawyer.

The Hawks' defense gave up only a late fourth-quarter score and forced three turnovers. Hartley recovered an onside kick in the final minutes to preserve the victory.

The only first-round casualty from the diocese was Lancaster Fisher Catholic in Division VII. Top-seeded Columbus Harvest Prep eliminated the eighth-seeded Irish 37-7 in Region 27. Fisher Catholic ended its second consecutive season in the playoffs with an 8-3 record.

In this week's second round, DeSales takes on third-seeded Harrison (10-1) at Miami Trace and Hartley faces fourth-seeded Granville (10-1) at Watkins Memorial. Both games begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15. Newark Catholic meets third-seeded Shadyside (8-3) at Byesville Meadowbrook at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

Newark Catholic not only is back in the postseason after a two-year absence, but the Green Wave reclaimed the top spot for most playoff appearances by one school in Ohio, breaking a tie with Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller with its 36th trip to the playoffs.

After finishing each of the past two seasons 3-7 while playing a schedule loaded with larger schools in the Licking County League, Newark Catholic flipped its record this year under head coach Ryan Aiello. The only losses during the regular season were to three playoff qualifiers: Division V Columbus Academy, Division VI Bainbridge Paint Valley and Division IV Newark Licking Valley.

The Green Wave started 1-2 before winning six of their final regular-season games to secure a playoff spot in their first year in Division VII.

Aiello traced the beginnings of the turnaround to last year's seniors, who helped the team's transition to a new coaching staff. It continued with this season's captains and the rest of the senior class.

"I think they're just hungry more than ever," Aiello said. "We haven't been to the playoffs. We're not just grateful to be here. We've got those high expectations and we're not afraid of those expectations."

In the playoff-opening win, Newark Catholic withstood Eastern's opening drive inside the Green Wave's 10-yard line and responded with an eight-play, 92-yard drive culminated by a 9-yard touchdown pass from Matt Carlisle to Brandon Buchanan. Derek Hawk added two touchdowns and Slater Evans caught an 11-yard scoring pass after intercepting a tipped ball on defense, as the Green Wave took a 28-0 half-time lead.

Carlisle capped the scoring in the fourth quarter with a 10-yard touchdown run.

Hawk, a senior, rushed for 148 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries and caught a 55-yard scoring pass. Carlisle ran six times for 39 yards and a touchdown and connected on 6 of 15

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bit better. And if we could take a set, we knew we could win the match.”

In the third game, DeSales opened a decisive lead and finished the set by winning the last three points, including a kill by Maryanne Boyle, after Padua closed within two points.

The decisive fourth game found DeSales trailing by five points at 13-8 before taking its first lead at 17-16 on a kill by Saje Washington.

Four ties and two lead changes followed before the Stallions went ahead to stay at 21-20 on a block by Boyle and Boyd. Padua never got closer than two points again, and a kill from Brown ended the match.

“The two biggest turning points in my mind were, first, down 19-12 in the first set, we made a big run to get within two points,” Pence said.

“I think that demonstrated that we had matchup advantages. We just had to stick to what got us to that point.

“And the other one was in the second set, when Saje Washington came alive. ... Saje was just a little off her game. When she came off the court in a rotation, we talked a bit about going back to what got her here in the first place and trusting her vision.

“She came back in a few rotations

later and looked like a completely different player, like the one she has been all season. When she caught fire, I knew that they couldn’t stop all of us.”

The Stallions received key contributions up and down their roster.

Bella D’Amico, who is committed to Georgia Tech to play volleyball, led the team in assists with 43 and added 18 digs. Bridget Javitch and Gabbi D’Amico chipped in with 28 and 19 digs, respectively.

Brown, who is committed to play in college at Robert Morris, delivered 17 kills and Boyle, who is headed to Providence, was right behind with 16 kills.

Morgan Tydings, Brooke Stablein and Grace Barber also played in all four sets.

“Faith is so important to all our students, and absolutely to our whole program. We begin every practice and match with a Hail Mary, prayed out loud and together,” Pence said.

“Each year, a senior ‘bequeaths’ the role of prayer leader to the next class of seniors at the end-of-the-year banquet. We have faith in each other, in ourselves, and in God every day. We wouldn’t be who we are without FAITH, Family and Tradition!”

**FOOTBALL**, continued from Page 11

passes for 140 yards and three TDs. Evans finished with three receptions for 62 yards and a TD.

“Any time we can get a balance between our run and our pass, that’s going to help us,” Aiello said. “A huge emphasis on offense is the distribution of the ball. We want to get different guys the ball because it makes us a little more diverse and it makes us harder to defend.”

Now Newark Catholic turns its attention to Shadyside, an experienced opponent that’s in the playoffs for the 14th consecutive year. The only year the Tigers failed to reach the postseason since 2000 came in 2004. They’ve finished second in the state twice (2006, 2010) and made the final four two other times (1989, 2001).

“We’ve got to make sure we respect our history and the tradition that has been laid before us,” Aiello said. “But it’s important to understand that that’s not going to help us against Shadyside. Our kids understand that. You’ve got to take this game for what it is.

“Our focus is not on what has been done, but what needs to be done moving forward. It’s an incredible opportunity for us.”

DeSales will be an underdog for the

second week in a row against Harrison, which advanced with a 24-18 victory over sixth-seeded Canal Winchester last week.

Harrison, which never has faced DeSales, is a pass-oriented team that has qualified for the playoffs each of the past four seasons. Its only loss in 2019 came in week two.

Hartley hopes to advance through the regional semifinals after losing at that point last season.

Granville, the Hawks’ opponent, routed fifth-seeded Zanesville 41-7 in the first round last Friday. The Blue Aces’ only loss this year was to Division IV playoff qualifier Licking Valley in week nine of the regular season..

Hartley and Granville never have met, but Aces coach Justin Buttermore was at Tri-Valley in 2017 when his team beat Hartley in the playoffs.

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## NOVEMBER

### 15, FRIDAY

#### Catholic Singles On Fire for Christ

6 p.m., Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Monthly meeting of Catholic Singles On Fire for Christ, for anyone older than 35 who is single in the eyes of the Catholic Church and seeks to grow in faith, bring hope to others and share the love of Christ. Begins with prayer and Adoration, followed by dinner at a restaurant. 614-855-1400

### 16, SATURDAY

#### Sacred Heart Congress at St. Michael

7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Eighth annual Sacred Heart Congress, with talks by Emily Jaminet, Father Stash Dailey and Bill Messerly. Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan at 8:15 a.m. Confessions heard and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. \$10 individuals, \$20 families. Register at [www.sacredheartcolumbus.org](http://www.sacredheartcolumbus.org).

#### Admissions Testing at Bishop Hartley

Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. Admissions testing for the school's Class of 2024. Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship must be tested either on this date or Saturday, Dec. 7. Go to [www.bishop-hartley.org](http://www.bishop-hartley.org) and click the "Admissions" tab.

#### 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.

#### Centering Prayer Group Meeting

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

#### Frassati Society Goes to Dinner, Symphony

6 p.m., Cafe Napolitana, 40 N. High St., Columbus. St. Patrick Church's Frassati Society for young adults goes to dinner, followed by Columbus Symphony concert at 7:30 in the Ohio Theater. Concert tickets \$13, payable in advance. 937-212-1614

#### Fall Harvest Dance at St. Cecilia School

7 to 9:30 p.m., St. Cecilia School, 440 Norton Road, Columbus. Fall dance for all sixth- through eighth-grade students in diocesan parochial schools. Admission \$5. Casual attire; students must follow school "dress down" code regulations. 614-878-3555

### 17, SUNDAY

#### St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

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

talks on "The Biblical Prophets: Do They Have Anything to Tell Us Today?" with Scripture scholar Angela Burdge.

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

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

#### Open House at Bishop Ready

1 p.m., Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. Open house for students in grades five to eight, potential transfer students and their parents or guardians. 614-276-5263

#### Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark

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

#### Polish Mass at Holy Family

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

#### St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

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

#### Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi

4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence and reflection. 614-512-3731

#### Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

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

#### Catechesis at the Cathedral

6:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Eleventh of weekly series of sessions with Father Adam Streitenberger through December on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. 614-224-1295

#### St. Pius X Talk on Rwandan Apparitions

7 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Ave., Reynoldsburg. Talk by Pontifical College Josephinum seminarian Emmanuel Ingabire of the Diocese of Gikongo, Rwanda on the Marian apparitions that occurred in the 1980s in Kibeho, Rwanda, followed by a short documentary film. 614-866-2859

### 18, MONDAY

#### Mass of Healing at Cathedral

6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Healing Mass followed by healing service including Exposition, Benediction and veneration of relic of the True Cross. 614-224-1295

#### Rosary at St. Pius X

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

### 19, TUESDAY

#### 'Unplug' Day at St. Therese's

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. "Unplug" day of quiet reflection and prayer, with Mass at 11 a.m., followed by light lunch. Suggested donation \$20. 614-866-1611

#### 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.

#### Frassati Society Dinner, Adoration

7 p.m., Noodles and Co., 4740 Reed Road, Upper Arlington. Columbus St. Patrick Church's Frassati Society for young adults goes to dinner, followed at 8 p.m. by an hour of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Church at St. Andrew Church, McCoy and Reed roads. 614-224-9522

### 20, WEDNESDAY

#### Abortion Recovery Network Group

9:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected.

#### Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Pius X

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

#### Mommies Matter Harvesting Hope Dinner

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., York Golf Club, 7459 N. High St., Columbus. Second annual Harvesting Hope fundraising dinner benefiting Mommies Matter organization supporting single mothers in crisis. Features music, magic and raffles, food provided by Pasteria, and beer and wine. Tickets \$50. Reservations at [www.mommiesmatter.org](http://www.mommiesmatter.org).

### 21, 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.

#### Lancaster Theology on Tap

7 p.m., Bob's Backyard BBQ, 157 W. Main St., Lancaster. Monthly meeting of Theology on Tap discussion group for anyone ages 18 to 39. Contact Cindy Goss at [cynthia.goss@outlook.com](mailto:cynthia.goss@outlook.com).

#### Holy Hour at Holy Family

7 to 8 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323

### 21-24, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

#### St. Charles Presents *Men on Boats*

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School's drama department presents *Men on Boats*, a tale of John Wesley Powell's 1869 exploration of the Colorado River. \$10 adults, \$5 students. 614-252-6714

### 22, FRIDAY

#### Holy Hour at St. Matthew

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

### 23, 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.

#### Adult Confirmation at Cathedral

10 to 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Robert Brennan administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to diocesan adults who were baptized earlier in life and have completed the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. 614-224-1295

### 24, SUNDAY

#### St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School,

1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Last of five talks on "The Biblical Prophets: Do They Have Anything to Tell Us Today?" with Scripture scholar Angela Burdge.

#### Praise Mass at Church of Our Lady

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

#### Open House at Bishop Watterson

1 to 3:30 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their parents. 614-268-8671

#### Community Supper at St. Aloysius

2 to 4 p.m., Family center, St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St., Columbus. Free community supper, open to all. 614-875-5669

#### Taize Service at Buckeye Lake

4 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Prayer service in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence and reflection. 740-928-3266

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### 25, MONDAY

#### Rosary at St. Pius X

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

#### Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

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

#### Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

### 26, TUESDAY

#### Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

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

### 27, WEDNESDAY

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### 30, 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.

### 30-DEC. 8, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Immaculate Conception Novena at St. Elizabeth 7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. 614-891-0150



## 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

## God wants us to 'hang in there'

**Malachi 3:19-20a**  
**Psalm 98:5-9**  
**2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**  
**Luke 21:5-19**

## Father Timothy Hayes



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

Lots of folks pray to God for very specific things, and they are disappointed when God's answer does not come *in the way they pray for it*. Sadly, this leads many to give up on prayer all together.

A closer look at the Scriptures and at Jesus' approach to human questions can help to find a different way.

Have you noticed that in the Gospel, Jesus often dodges questions? The disciples ask: "When will this be? How will it be? How will we know?" We still have these same questions. At times, answers are given, but they just don't satisfy. They are either too simplistic or overly complicated, or they require something from us that we are not ready to give.

The only real answer given is: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." In other words, Jesus says to us, "Hang in there!"

This is truly an answer that covers every human situation.

You have no money, no job, no prospects for the future: "Hang in there!"

You experience troubles in your marriage, with your children or your parents, or you have painful failures in relationships: "Hang in there!"

You have questions about faith, doubts about our leaders in Church and society, or personal struggles with the teachings of the Church: "Hang in there!"

The Scriptures offer us promises about what is coming

*"The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice."*

*"Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven,*

*when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble,*

*and the day that is coming will set them on fire,*

*leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts.*

*"But for you who fear my name,*

*there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."*

God's ways are mysterious. At times, we just don't see the point of it all. And still we trust Him.

We "fear His Name,"

that is, we acknowledge *Who He IS*. He promises that the sun of justice will arise for us. He will heal our hurts and satisfy our longings and move us beyond our questions. Hang in there!

Lest we think He does not understand that we are weak and of ourselves incapable of the commitment He requires, Jesus says to us, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

Confidence in the Lord and in the truth of his teachings will take us far. We can be sure that God will give us the wisdom we need to meet the challenges that arise.

The only thing that can stand in the way of our doing what God wants is our own refusal to engage in His work. St. Paul says "If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should that one eat."

We cannot keep the faith by keeping it to ourselves. We must share it or we lose it.

How can we share the faith? Speak about it. Commit to live it more faithfully. Get involved in a group that is based on faith, not just on a worldly interest. Choose a communal devotion or way of spirituality and put it into practice in your family: read Scripture, pray the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or spend time in Eucharistic adoration.

The signs of the times remind us that the Church is a pilgrim Church. We are the Church on the march. If we stand still, we are lost and we will never reach the Kingdom. *Lo, the day is coming*, so let's get going!

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## THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

**MONDAY**  
 1 Maccabees 1:10-15,  
 41-43,54-57,62-63  
 Psalm 119:53,61,  
 134,150,155,158  
 Luke 18:35-43

**TUESDAY**  
 2 Maccabees 6:18-31  
 Psalm 3:2-7  
 Luke 19:1-10

**WEDNESDAY**  
 2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31  
 Psalm 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15  
 Luke 19:11-28

**THURSDAY**  
 1 Maccabees 2:15-29  
 Psalm 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15  
 Luke 19:41-44

**FRIDAY**  
 1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59  
 1 Chronicles 29:10b-12 (Ps)  
 Luke 19:45-48

**SATURDAY**  
 1 Maccabees 6:1-13  
 Psalm 9:2-4,6,16b,19  
 Luke 20:27-40

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEK OF NOV. 17, 2019

## SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://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. Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV. 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, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City,

Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville).

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary ([www.stannstmary.org](http://www.stannstmary.org)); Columbus St. Patrick ([www.stpatrickcolumbus.org](http://www.stpatrickcolumbus.org)); Delaware St. Mary ([www.delawarestmary.org](http://www.delawarestmary.org)); and Sunbury St. John Neumann ([www.saintjohnsunbury.org](http://www.saintjohnsunbury.org)).

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## PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

**BRADY, Bette L. (Ruby), 92, Nov. 4**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**CARRIER (SIEFERT, SHANK), Dolores R. (Stephenson), 89, Oct. 13**  
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

**CORTEZ, Michael A., 61, Nov. 1**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**CROCK, Albert J., 99, Nov. 2**  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

**EDLY, Marilyn A. (Winters), 87, Nov. 5**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**EGGLESTON, Donna (Gilgannon), 84, Oct. 31**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newcomerstown

**FOX, Katie "Bug" (Kennedy), 32, Nov. 6**  
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

**HARP, Donald R., 85, Nov. 7**  
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

**HRITZO, Catherine (Dlaciach), 87, Nov. 7**  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

**LINK, William D., 85, Nov. 8,**  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

**MODER, Gerald "Jerry," 78, Nov. 7**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**MORO, Geno J., 88, Nov. 6**  
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

**MURPHY, Dennis J., 67, Oct. 31**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**NIGGEMEYER, Sara (Calametti), 91, Nov. 6**  
St. Leonard Church, Heath

**QUARANTO, Bruno A., 85, Nov. 5**  
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

**REAM, Mary M. (Hoffman), 85, Nov. 3**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**REICHA, Rosemary J. (Krick), 75, Nov. 3**  
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

**ROSS, Lorraine D. (McCreary), 79, Nov. 2**  
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

**SISLER, Cassius C., 96, Nov. 2**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**THOMAS, William G., 95, Nov. 6**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

**VOLL, Martha A. (Wiecher), 80, Nov. 3**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**WOOLEY, Seraphine F. (Dinovo), 102, Nov. 2**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

## Robert J. Overman

Funeral Mass for Robert J. Overman, 81, who died Wednesday, Nov. 6, was celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

He was born on May 27, 1938 in Cincinnati to the late John and Angela Overman and graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1961 with an engineering degree.

He served the Diocese of Columbus for 13 years, first as a cook and head of the housekeeping staff at the diocesan Chancery from 2005 to 2008, then as director of Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark from 2008 to 2018.

He worked for more than 20 years in the aluminum industry with Owens-Illinois in Columbus and else-

where and as vice president of Mid-east Aluminum in Mountain Top, Pennsylvania. His love of entertaining and cooking led him and his wife to leave the industrial world and become operators of the Meadowbrook Inn and Restaurant in Tannersville, Pennsylvania from 1983 to 1997. The couple then lived in retirement in Columbus for several years before Overman went to work for the diocese.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn (Fallon); sons, Robert (Anna), Christopher and Matthew; daughter, Michelle (Dave Marshall); brothers, John and Paul (Claire); sisters, Gerry (Jim) Bender and Mary; one grandson; and two granddaughters.

## Donna P. Starr

Funeral Mass for Donna P. Starr, 89, who died Sunday, Nov. 3, was celebrated Monday, Nov. 11 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Pataskala.

She was born on June 29, 1930 in White Sulphur, Ohio to Stephen Chapin and Anna Lakich, and was a 1948 graduate of Bellepoint High School in Delaware County.

She was employed for 37 years from the 1960s to the late 1990s at St. Pius X Church as a cook for the Sisters of St. Joseph and cook and housekeeper for the pastor. She also was employed at the Shoe Corp. of America, the Athletic Club of Columbus and the downtown Columbus Holiday Inn, and owned a catering company.

At St. Pius X Church and School, she

served as president of the Altar-Rosary Society and the Parent-Teacher Organization, a member of the Mothers Night Out club and the parish women's club, and a Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout Brownie troop leader. She also was a volunteer for Licking County Memorial Hospital, Newborns in Need, the Ohio School for the Blind, and organizations for the developmentally disabled, and was a poll worker in Licking County.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, C. Kelly Starr; son, Steven; and sister, Margaret (Robert) Thomas. Survivors include a son, Timothy; daughter, Brenda (Darrell) Starr-Jude; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.



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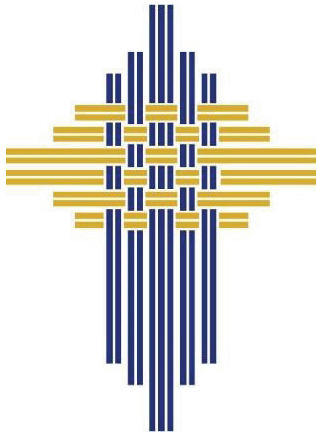
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# Bishop's Annual Appeal 2019

Diocesan Goal: \$6,850,000

Pledged to Date: \$7,601,195

Results as of November 11, 2019

*\*indicates parish has reached goal*

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Parish	City	Goal	Pledge	Parish	City	Goal	Pledge
Christ the King Church	Columbus	\$ 108,706.14	\$ 81,617.55	St James the Less Church	Columbus	\$ 59,822.00	\$ 21,535.00
Church of the Ascension	Johnstown	\$ 38,479.21	\$ 48,734.21 *	St Joan of Arc Church	Powell	\$263,460.96	\$267,500.38 *
Church of the Atonement	Crooksville	\$ 9,660.65	\$ 11,775.00 *	St John Church	Logan	\$ 38,153.24	\$ 32,714.19
Church of the Blessed Sacrament	Newark	\$ 63,069.51	\$ 44,218.90	St John Neumann Church	Sunbury	\$ 187,594.85	\$ 193,264.45 *
Church of the Holy Trinity	Zoar	\$ 23,471.87	\$ 7,877.00	St John the Baptist Church	Columbus	\$ 18,400.83	\$ 20,130.00 *
Church of the Resurrection	New Albany	\$236,368.50	\$ 194,292.54	St John XXIII Church	Canal Winchester	\$ 63,747.14	\$ 67,332.00 *
Comm of Holy Rosary & St John the Evangelist	Columbus	\$ 18,052.67	\$ 10,280.00	St Joseph Cathedral	Columbus	\$ 53,293.14	\$ 86,861.68 *
Corpus Christi Church	Columbus	\$ 12,094.02	\$ 15,001.00 *	St Joseph Church	Circleville	\$ 41,634.65	\$ 66,506.95 *
Holy Cross Church	Columbus	\$ 20,310.62	\$ 31,451.00 *	St Joseph Church	Dover	\$ 71,545.06	\$ 81,127.00 *
Holy Family Church	Columbus	\$ 52,845.57	\$ 46,236.00	St Joseph Church	Plain City	\$ 35,449.75	\$ 39,099.18 *
Holy Name Church	Columbus	\$ 7,233.96	\$ 13,185.00 *	St Joseph Church	Somerset	\$ 12,961.56	\$ 18,360.00 *
Holy Redeemer Church	Portsmouth	\$ 29,761.93	\$ 28,095.00	St Joseph Church	Sugar Grove	\$ 19,279.86	\$ 23,220.00 *
Holy Spirit Church	Columbus	\$ 52,433.77	\$ 110,309.83 *	St Ladislav Church	Columbus	\$ 19,612.31	\$ 21,627.51 *
Holy Trinity Church	Jackson	\$ 12,762.49	\$ 31,556.00 *	St Leonard Church	Heath	\$ 25,131.94	\$ 36,578.00 *
Holy Trinity Church (Pond Creek)	West Portsmouth	\$ 4,492.10	\$ 5,595.00 *	St Luke Church	Danville	\$ 28,347.18	\$ 47,947.90 *
Holy Trinity Church	Somerset	\$ 31,104.67	\$ 44,950.00 *	St Margaret of Cortona Church	Columbus	\$ 57,904.49	\$ 131,603.50 *
Immaculate Conception Church	Columbus	\$ 148,377.94	\$ 132,102.31	St Mark Church	Lancaster	\$ 41,278.71	\$ 51,980.00 *
Immaculate Conception Church	Dennison	\$ 49,718.30	\$ 24,347.63	St Mary, Mother of God Church	Columbus	\$ 47,467.97	\$ 128,928.42 *
Immaculate Conception Church	Kenton	\$ 17,127.56	\$ 24,415.00 *	St Mary Church	Bremen	\$ 12,713.25	\$ 20,570.00 *
Miscellaneous Gifts	Various	\$ -	\$ 14,249.00	St Mary Church	Chillicothe	\$ 43,718.85	\$ 30,185.00
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Ada	\$ 18,632.35	\$ 19,539.00 *	St Mary Church	Delaware	\$ 178,836.30	\$ 130,871.00
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Marysville	\$ 74,018.27	\$ 77,051.77 *	St Mary Church	Groveport	\$ 38,171.18	\$ 30,581.98
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Otway	\$ 5,776.19	\$ 7,950.00 *	St Mary Church	Marion	\$ 70,284.33	\$ 76,347.20 *
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	Buckeye Lake	\$ 28,704.25	\$ 79,250.25 *	St Mary Church	Mattingly Settlement	\$ 5,674.36	\$ 41,584.00 *
Our Lady of Peace Church	Columbus	\$ 83,477.83	\$ 94,601.11 *	St Mary Church	Portsmouth	\$ 35,296.65	\$ 41,257.22 *
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church	Grove City	\$ 165,351.48	\$296,364.00 *	St Mary Church	Columbus	\$ 39,972.83	\$ 37,463.01
Our Lady of Sorrows Church	West Portsmouth	\$ 7,896.22	\$ 11,747.00 *	St Mary Magdalene Church	Columbus	\$ 39,972.83	\$ 37,463.01
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Columbus	\$ 32,563.86	\$ 81,060.01 *	St Mary of the Assumption Church	Lancaster	\$ 116,107.14	\$ 124,800.17 *
Our Lady of Victory Church	Columbus	\$ 75,077.93	\$ 75,283.98 *	St Mary Queen of the Mission Church	Waverly	\$ 9,598.46	\$ 31,520.00 *
Parroquia Santa Cruz	Columbus	\$ 17,582.47	\$ 4,472.00	St Matthew the Apostle Church	Gahanna	\$ 211,286.73	\$367,786.78 *
Sacred Heart Church	Columbus	\$ 11,639.88	\$ 10,151.00	St Matthias Church	Columbus	\$ 70,299.63	\$ 26,424.01
Sacred Heart Church	Coshocton	\$ 38,813.42	\$ 34,375.00	St Michael Church	Worthington	\$ 128,836.54	\$ 185,486.96 *
Sacred Heart Church	New Philadelphia	\$ 86,279.92	\$ 37,384.00	St Monica Church	New Boston	\$ 10,112.27	\$ 11,280.00 *
Sacred Hearts Church	Cardington	\$ 16,106.70	\$ 28,950.00 *	St Nicholas Church	Zanesville	\$ 80,659.86	\$ 48,610.00
Seton Parish	Pickerington	\$ 192,811.41	\$ 135,374.17	St Patrick Church	Columbus	\$ 111,881.72	\$ 159,013.00 *
St Agatha Church	Columbus	\$ 128,076.70	\$ 100,169.00	St Patrick Church	Junction City	\$ 10,830.27	\$ 12,240.00 *
St Agnes Church	Columbus	\$ 20,284.93	\$ 4,158.00	St Patrick Church	London	\$ 43,249.35	\$ 107,464.50 *
St Aloysius Church	Columbus	\$ 15,179.31	\$ 24,485.00 *	St Paul the Apostle Church	Westerville	\$324,882.70	\$287,025.87
St Andrew Church	Columbus	\$ 206,210.42	\$ 227,172.21 *	St Peter Church	Chillicothe	\$ 51,686.09	\$ 81,196.00 *
St Andrew Kim Taegon Korean Community	Columbus	\$ 7,274.56	\$ 2,400.00	St Peter Church	Columbus	\$ 177,884.53	\$ 181,506.52 *
St Ann Church	Dresden	\$ 11,632.38	\$ 26,375.00 *	St Peter Church	Millersburg	\$ 12,993.13	\$ 3,017.00
St Anthony Church	Columbus	\$ 55,226.37	\$ 53,469.98	St Peter in Chains	Wheetersburg	\$ 22,428.24	\$ 33,568.00 *
St Bernadette Church	Lancaster	\$ 41,063.30	\$ 49,785.00 *	St Philip the Apostle Church	Columbus	\$ 18,551.32	\$ 32,966.00 *
St Bernard Church	Corning	\$ 7,077.45	\$ 10,730.00 *	St Pius X Church	Reynoldsburg	\$ 144,505.22	\$ 88,370.32
St Brendan the Navigator Church	Hilliard	\$230,657.25	\$200,206.00	St Rose of Lima Church	New Lexington	\$ 30,371.80	\$ 31,227.00 *
St Brigid of Kildare Church	Dublin	\$282,242.27	\$ 313,808.11 *	St Stephen the Martyr Church	Columbus	\$ 35,658.40	\$ 17,329.98
St Catharine Church	Columbus	\$ 102,839.24	\$ 103,751.00 *	St Sylvester Church	Zaleski	\$ 6,367.00	\$ 7,490.00 *
St Cecilia Church	Columbus	\$ 101,807.09	\$ 62,843.00	St Thomas Aquinas Church	Zanesville	\$ 53,537.73	\$ 57,842.66 *
St Christopher Church	Columbus	\$ 64,566.55	\$ 66,565.00 *	St Thomas More Newman Center	Columbus	\$ -	\$ 9,685.00
St Colman of Cloyne Church	Wash. Court House	\$ 31,179.89	\$ 31,450.00 *	St Thomas the Apostle Church	Columbus	\$ 31,871.29	\$ 16,265.00
St Dominic Church	Columbus	\$ 28,890.81	\$ 28,995.00 *	St Timothy Church	Columbus	\$ 69,997.68	\$ 83,447.10 *
St Edward the Confessor Church	Granville	\$ 99,434.10	\$238,045.00 *	St Vincent de Paul Church	Mount Vernon	\$ 66,929.17	\$ 134,365.00 *
St Elizabeth Church	Columbus	\$ 51,037.84	\$ 38,271.00	Sts Augustine & Gabriel Church	Columbus	\$ 11,473.35	\$ 17,493.00 *
St Francis de Sales Church	Newark	\$ 125,797.93	\$ 101,267.00	Sts Peter & Paul Church	Glenmont	\$ 4,535.93	\$ 725.00
St Francis de Sales Church	Newcomerstown	\$ 5,420.04	\$ 6,320.00 *	Sts Peter & Paul Church	Wellston	\$ 13,876.93	\$ 16,670.00 *
St Francis of Assisi Church	Columbus	\$ 24,488.97	\$ 13,985.00	Sts Simon & Jude Church	West Jefferson	\$ 38,643.17	\$ 63,113.00 *