

The Catholic **TIMES**

The Diocese of Columbus' Information Source

July 3, 2022 • 14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME • Volume 71:14

A LONG-AWAITED VICTORY FOR LIFE



Bishop Fernandes praises U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Dobbs, Roe abortion cases

Bishop Earl Fernandes and the Diocese of Columbus applauded the decision handed down Friday, June 24 by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* abortion case.

The court ruled, in a 5-4 vote, in favor of a state of Mississippi law, which was challenged in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, that bans abortions in almost all circumstances after an unborn baby's heartbeat is detected.

"We in the Diocese of Columbus are thankful for the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Healthcare Organization*," the diocese said in a statement issued on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "The Catholic Church affirms that each human life is a gift from God, the Author and Lord of Life. In the Gospel of St. John (13:34), Jesus Christ taught that we are to love one another and to see and treat all human life the way our Lord and Savior sees us and treats us."

The Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the controversial 1973 ruling that enshrined a right to abortion into federal law in all 50 states, and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), which upheld *Roe*.

As a result of the Supreme Court's ruling, decisions on abortion laws and regulations will revert to individual states. The court's opinion in *Dobbs*, written by Catholic Justice Samuel Alito, determined that abortion should not be considered a constitutional right. Voting in the majority in addition to Alito were Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney

See **LIFE**, Page 3

Inside this issue



Rescue Project: Father John Riccardo, a priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit who hosts a popular show on EWTN Radio, came to Columbus in June to present *Rescue Project Live* before a crowd of approximately 2,500 at the state fairgrounds, Page 6



Rosary for Our Lady: Notre Dame elementary school students and Catholic parishioners in Portsmouth gathered on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima in May for a rosary procession, Page 18

Ohio bishops, politicians, right to life groups react to decision

“The Catholic bishops of Ohio are encouraged by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*. This is a positive step toward a desperately needed conversion to a culture of life in our country, one that respects the inherent dignity and sacredness of every human being from conception to natural death. This decision enables the possibility of the state of Ohio to fully protect the lives of preborn children.

“The Catholic Church in Ohio – including its dioceses, eparchies, parishes, and social service ministries – remains committed to serving women in crisis pregnancies, both before and after delivery, with both material resources and personal accompaniment so that they can flourish and contribute to the common good.” – **The Roman Catholic and Eastern Rite Catholic bishops of Ohio in a joint statement from the Catholic Conference of Ohio**

“My fellow Ohioans, I fully understand that the Supreme Court’s decision ... is deeply troubling to many of you. Those of you who are pro-choice believe this is a matter of freedom and is a decision only the woman can make. Those who are pro-life, including my wife, Fran, and me believe that the life of a human being is at stake and that we have an obligation to protect that inno-

cent life.

“We all have friends and others close to us whom we respect and who are on both sides of the issue. But whether you are pro-life or pro-choice, Republican or Democrat -- we all need to be kind, civil, and respect one another as we debate this issue. ... Like any family, while we may disagree vehemently on some things, we can still find common ground in other things. And so, let us now find that common ground, roll up our sleeves, dig deep and join together in solving the problems that we all agree must be solved.” – **Gov. Mike De Wine**

“Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) opened the doors to our first Pregnancy Resource Center on the eighth anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, on January 22, 1981. Since then, PDHC has stood as a beacon of hope for women who need compassionate care and support when faced with an unexpected or challenging pregnancy. For over 41 years, our founders, staff, volunteers, and a community of supporters, have been praying and working toward this moment in history and we give all the glory to God.

“It’s important to know that the mission of pregnancy resource centers does not change. Our work continues and becomes more important than ever, as

women will still face challenges and barriers regarding their pregnancies. We believe every woman deserves love and support during an unexpected pregnancy, and no woman should feel alone, coerced, or so hopeless that she feels abortion is her only option. Chemical abortions, via the abortion pill, still exist and have been rapidly increasing. Individuals can order them online and have them delivered right to their doorsteps with instructions on how to self-manage their abortion in their home, alone. PDHC joined Heartbeat International’s Abortion Pill Rescue Network (APRN) in late 2019 and can provide Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) services to women who have started a chemical abortion, regretted their decision, and wanted a second chance to save the life of their baby. Time is of the essence, and PDHC stands ready to help during this critical time. ... Our work continues.” – **Kathy Scanlon, president, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers**

“When I originally began my work here at Ohio Right to Life 14 years ago, the idea of *Roe* being overturned in my lifetime seemed completely out of reach. ... (The) *Dobbs* decision by the Supreme Court finally reverses the most destructive court decision in our nation’s history that is responsible for over 62 million deaths.

“Ohio now can save countless innocent lives. Ohio Right to Life encourages our pro-life legislative majorities and Gov. DeWine to be ambitious and end abortion once and for all in our great state. We are dedicated and prepared to pass our Human Life Protection Act and send it to Gov. DeWine’s desk as soon as possible

“While we should pause to reflect and give thanks for this life affirming decision, we must also recognize that our work is far from over. We will continue to labor every day until all life, from conception until natural death, is protected under Ohio law. All Ohioans must work together to help women in need to ensure they have access to the best health care and support services so that they can have a healthy pregnancy and raise their child to fulfill their God-given purpose.” – **Michael Goniakakis, president, Ohio Right to Life**

“Heartbeat International works hard to equip and prepare pregnancy help organizations with the tools they need for any situation. With *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, it is important that they are ready for whatever situation may come their way. To help, we’re addressing the topic with podcasts, webinars, articles,

See REACT, Page 5

Roe reversal took 49 years of prayer, persuasion, work

Before assessing what the future holds for abortion in this country after the historic reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, let’s give thanks to almighty God for the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday, June 24 overturning this ill-conceived law that has resulted in the loss of more than 60 million unborn babies in 49 years.

A ruling so long in the making shows what a grassroots movement can accomplish through faith, patience and persistence. So many have waited for a day that they thought would never arrive, and so many who worked so hard for so long never lived to witness this moment.

Make no mistake: The faithful from every corner of this land are responsible for this happening. So many prayer warriors have offered rosaries in front of abortion clinics while others have remembered the unborn every day in their prayers at home.

Thousands of pregnancy centers were started during these many decades and staffed by volunteers to give expectant mothers an alternative to abortion. Ministries were developed to accompany these mothers and

EDITOR’S REFLECTIONS

Doug Bean



families who needed help, and scores of children were adopted into loving homes.

Sidewalk counselors talked to women and girls outside abortion clinics hoping they would choose life rather than make the regrettable decision to end their pregnancies. Some of the counselors and pro-life witnesses at these clinics risked being arrested – and many were taken into custody – for doing nothing more than peacefully trying to save lives.

Pro-life doctors, medical ethicists, biomedical engineers and scientists deserve special mention for developing and using technology that gives the public a clearer understanding of when a baby’s heartbeat is detected. As a result, states such as Ohio enacted laws that prevent abortion when a heartbeat is detected at about six weeks.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in its response to the court’s decision on abortion, emphasized the importance of the ruling while affirming the Church’s unwavering support to mothers in need and anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy.

The Diocese of Columbus is blessed with pregnancy resource centers and parish programs to help expectant mothers who need assistance. Their work with mothers-to-be, especially those faced with unexpected pregnancies, answers the false charges of the anti-life side that baselessly accuse pro-lifers of not caring about the children after they are born.

Many faith denominations have supported the pro-life cause, but none more so than the Catholic Church, which has consistently decried the killing of innocent life as a moral evil and the preeminent issue facing our world. Pope St. John Paul II called it the “culture of death.”

While the Catholic Church has maintained its strong

See REVERSAL, Page 5



Front Page photo:
GIVING THANKS FOR LIFE
Catholics gathered at Columbus St. Catharine Church on Saturday, June 25 for Mass, a holy hour of praise, adoration, worship and the rosary to give thanks for the U.S. Supreme Court’s abortion decision a day earlier.
Photo courtesy St. Catharine Church and Catholics for Life

Catholic TIMES

Copyright © 2022. All rights reserved. Catholic Times (USPS 967-000) (ISSN 745-6050) is the official newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. It is published every other week throughout the year. Subscription rate: \$17 per year, or call and make arrangements with your parish. Periodical Postage Paid at Columbus OH 43218.

Bishop Earl K. Fernandes: President & Publisher
Doug Bean: Editor (dbean@columbuscatholic.org)
Kimberly Colston: Layout/Design (kcolston@columbuscatholic.org)
Mailing Address: 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215
Editorial/Advertising: (614) 224-5195 FAX (614) 241-2518
Subscriptions: (614) 224-6530 FAX (614) 241-2573
(subscriptions@columbuscatholic.org)

Postmaster: Send address changes to Catholic Times, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215. Please allow two to four weeks for change of address.

Dobbs decision should serve as a call to action

By Beth Vanderkooi

There is an insurance company that, for many years, used the phrase, “Life comes at you fast.” There is no better way to sum up the last few days since the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in the *Mississippi vs Dobbs* case.

In many ways, the 6-3 decision, a draft copy of which was leaked about six weeks ago, was not a surprise. The decision overturns the national abortion precedent established by cases like *Roe vs. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey*. This precedent found an alleged “right to privacy” in the U.S. Constitution and dictated broad rights to abortion, limiting states’ ability to restrict or prohibit abortion prior to the point of viability.

Before *Roe*, a little more than half of the states prohibited abortion. At *Dobbs*, nearly as many states had legislation pending in various federal courts that pushed back against the precedent. The *Dobbs* decision found that there is no Constitutional right to abortion, returning the decision to regulate, prohibit, encourage or subsidize back to the individual states.

This decision was announced a little after 10 a.m. the morning of June 24, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In future years, the anniversary will fall on the feast of St. John the Baptist. The readings for the Vigil and Feast of John the Baptist are some of the most explicitly affirming of the humanity of the unborn child – recognizing not only

LIFE, continued from Page 1

Barrett.

In the past few years, more than 20 states, including Ohio, have passed laws that would severely restrict abortion.

Abortion is now illegal in Ohio after a federal judge last Friday afternoon removed a block on Ohio’s Heartbeat Bill, which was passed in 2019 and bans abortion after a baby’s heartbeat is detected at approximately six weeks’ gestation. Approximately 10 states had trigger laws already in place that went into effect after the Supreme Court made its announcement. Another 10 to 15 states have laws that will severely restrict abortion.

Pro-life advocates praying at Planned Parenthood on East Main Street in Columbus rejoiced after the decision became public. Clergy members also expressed sentiments of gratitude for this monumental day.

“St. Pope John Paul II wrote in (his encyclical) *Familiaris Consortio*, ‘Inspired and sustained by the new commandment of love, the Christian family welcomes, respects and serves every

God’s hand in our marvelous design, but the wonder that the first person to recognize Christ was the infant John, who was said to “leap in the womb” of his mother.

While extraordinarily welcome, the decision has brought with it some confusion. Prior Ohio law generally prohibited abortion after the point of viability. Numerous other life-affirming laws have been enacted but were not in effect due to court challenges, such as the heartbeat law and the humane disposition of fetal remains law. Immediately after *Dobbs* was announced, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost filed a motion to dissolve the injunction against the heartbeat law. By 7 p.m. Friday, the Courts agreed, and Gov. Mike DeWine issued an emergency order adopting rules related to the heartbeat bill. Less than 12 hours after the *Dobbs* ruling, abortions became illegal after a heartbeat can be detected – about six weeks. We do not know exactly what this will do in terms of ending abortions. Last year, there were just over 20,000 abortions performed in Ohio. Ohio’s abortion statistics group abortion “up to nine weeks” together – last year, that was about 12,000, but it can be presumed that many of those were in the stage after a heartbeat can be detected.

We also anticipate that there will continue to be considerable legal maneuvering. Groups like the ACLU have declared their intent to file new lawsuits to block the heartbeat law. The Biden administration is saber-rattling

human being, considering each one in his or her dignity as a person and as a child of God,” Bishop Fernandes said.

“The Diocese will continue to work to nurture Ohio families and will continue to accept the responsibility of supporting mothers and their children, and to fight for the right to life for every human, born and unborn.”

The court’s draft opinion was first revealed last month in an unprecedented leak. The justices had acknowledged the document was authentic but had cautioned that it was not the final version.

Since then, pro-life supporters have prayed that *Roe* would be overturned, and abortion supporters have unleashed violent attacks on pregnancy help centers and Catholic churches throughout the country. Protesters have demonstrated in front of the houses of several Supreme Court justices, and one was arrested after allegedly threatening to kill Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Abortion advocates began protesting throughout the country, including at the

that states will be forced to permit the abortion pill. At the same time, sources in the Ohio legislature indicate that efforts to reconvene the House and Senate to pass prohibitions on all induced abortions are underway. Life is coming at us fast, but we will continue to keep our members updated at www.gctrl.org/post-dobbs and on social media.

To be very clear, *Dobbs* is not our victory cry, it is our call to action. It will intensify, not eliminate, efforts to enshrine abortion laws and hearts of Ohio. It will amplify the needs of the most vulnerable who are often pushed to abortion because of a crisis. Abortion does not solve poverty, addiction, domestic violence, human trafficking, discrimination, fear, isolation, or any of a myriad of very real problems, but those who seek abortion in these instances will still go looking. We need to all become missionaries of mercy building strong families and strong communities in the long run and by reaching out our hands to those who need it today. We will need to redouble our organized and individual efforts if we want to build a pro-life future.

As part of this effort, Greater Columbus Right to Life and the Diocese of Columbus’ Office for Social Concerns are partnering to bring a program called Into Life to Columbus. The Into Life Conference will be held Saturday, July 23 at St. Catharine Church. Into Life invites participants into a new vision of pro-life ministry, one grounded not in slogans but in authentic relation-

ships, genuine dialogue and intentional accompaniment. Our program is a one-day version of the 12-week series designed by the Sisters for Life. Participants will be invited, but not obligated, to lead small groups through the full series this coming year.

This condensed program will focus on the foundations of what it means to be human, learn about the “crisis” of crisis pregnancy, look inward to the qualities of our own mercy and walk with those in need. We have included ample time for small group discussions, reflection, and silent and communal prayer. To learn more or to register, visit: www.gctrl.org/into-life.

In addition, Gov. DeWine has announced a new initiative, Bold Beginnings: Mothers and Children First. Gov. DeWine has shown exceptional life-affirming leadership in this program, a combination of consolidating existing programs to help families and new initiatives designed to show the state’s commitment to pregnant women, their babies and their families through pregnancy and into adolescence. It is a one-stop-shop of resources to help families in need. It is a strong compliment to the work that pregnancy centers, churches and organizations are already doing. You can find Bold Beginnings online at <https://boldbeginning.ohio.gov>. With support for new parents, benefit information, provider credentialing, prenatal and post-natal care information,

See **DOBBS**, Page 16

Ohio Statehouse, and continued to engage in acts of violence in the days after the decision was announced.

More than 15 states have passed laws that will keep abortion legal. The closest state to Ohio where abortion remains legal is Illinois.

Politicians who support abortion, from the President of the United States on down to the local level, immediately vowed to do everything in their power to fight to make taking the lives of unborn children legal.

“This issue brings with it a lot of passion,” Bishop Fernandes said. “As Bishop, I invite all Catholics to show compassion and understanding. I pray that you will truly be instruments of our Lord’s peace.

“I encourage you to reflect on two passages of scripture: the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and Jesus’ call to love one another as He loves us and that what we do for others, we do for the Lord (Matthew 25:31-45). These passages display the disposition that we as Christians are called to have in our

lives. It is on the basis of our love that we will be judged, so let us ask the Lord to increase our love.”

The Catholic Church has remained one of the strongest voices for the unborn since the *Roe* decision was handed down 49 years ago. Not only has the Church been engaged politically in defending the defenseless, but it has provided support for mothers in need through a variety of means.

“The Catholic Church witnesses to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, and works to build a true culture of life in our nation,” Bishop Fernandes said. “May this decision result in a renewed commitment to life overflow into increased protection of unborn children and expanded support for their mothers and families.” (USCCB, Standing with Moms in Need, March 15, 2022)

“We are a people of life.

“We celebrate, nurture and protect life.

“This is our moment to be heralds of the true Gospel of Life.”

To those who peacefully persevered: our humble thanks

By Dina Giddens

This is an expression of gratitude written from a doubting heart.

When I heard that *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, my first reaction was, “They did it?”

I was not questioning the decision made by the U.S. Supreme Court. Rather, I was rendered speechless because of the reality that the people who have been humbly marching for the rights of

the unborn for the past 40-plus years changed the law through their spiritual acts of mercy and prayers.

I admit that throughout my entire adult life I shamefully doubted that this law would change. I watched beautiful, humble people gather in prayer, year after year, and I felt sad for them. They quietly marched, poor in spirit, never causing harm to anyone, while smiling. They believed that one day the unborn would once again have the right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Today my heart is weeping with joy

for these beautiful souls who marched for justice, the souls who did not suffer in vain, and the souls who will be born. If only I could gather all of you who believed; I would hug you for humbling me. You would see the gratitude in my eyes and feel love from my heart because you never gave up, and you caused me to understand how faith and hope are not just words.

Mostly, I want to thank you for never seeking to be recognized, or to need validation from anyone. Your humility and meekness have surely caused Our

Blessed Mother and Our Lord Jesus to be joyful.

In these times when I sense their sadness because of our grandiose secular culture, you persevered. May God bless you all for being a constant light to me, and others who needed to be touched by the pure in heart, so that we would obtain the meaning of faith, hope and love.

Forgive me for ever doubting your courage.

Dina Giddens is a parishioner at Columbus Holy Family Church.

Dobbs and the vindication of American democracy

Prior to June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court’s most important civil rights decision was handed down on May 17, 1954. Then, in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, the Court declared racially segregated public facilities unconstitutional, effectively reversing its 1896 decision in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, which upheld state-mandated segregation laws. Now, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, the Court has effectively buried the gross errors of constitutional interpretation made in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Casey v. Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania* (1992), the first of which invented a spurious right-to-abortion that was affirmed by the second.

Roe and *Casey* are now consigned to the dustbin of history. The highest court of the world’s pre-eminent democracy has determined that the U.S. Constitution includes no “right” to terminate the life of an unborn human being. In doing so, the Supreme Court has struck a blow for civil rights as important as the blow it struck in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

There will be ample time in the months ahead to reflect upon the political, cultural and social ramifications of the *Dobbs* decision, which are sure to be tremendous. For the moment, and in the immediate aftermath of a decision that at least some pro-lifers privately feared they would never see, it is good to celebrate the heroes of the pro-life cause. They fought for the truth against immense cultural and political pressures; they refused to accept the dictum of *The New York Times* editorial board, which, the day after *Roe* was issued, harrumphed and declared the abortion debate over; and they respectfully declined to follow the instruction to cease-and-desist addressed to them by the Supreme Court’s plurality opinion in *Casey*.

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

George Weigel

George Weigel is the Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.



Those pro-life heroes have been, and are, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and secular. Permit me to mention several Catholic heroes living and dead, whose conscientious work won the scientific, medical, philosophical, and legal arguments while creating thousands of pro-life pregnancy and maternity centers where women in crisis pregnancies can find a humane response in their immediate hour of need, and beyond.

I think of then-Msgr. James McHugh, who created the pro-life office at the U.S. bishops conference. Often embattled, that office became a bulwark of the pro-life movement’s argumentation and advocacy thanks to such stalwart leaders as Gail Quinn, Richard Doerflinger, Helen Alvaré, Deirdre McQuade, Amy McInerney and so many others.

I think of Cardinal John J. O’Connor of New York, who refused to let his brother bishops flag in their pro-life advocacy when some were growing tired of the struggle.

I think of public officials of both parties: Henry Hyde of Illinois, the powerful and effective leader of congressional pro-life forces for decades; Chris Smith of New Jersey, who assumed Hyde’s mantle on his retirement; and Gov. Robert Casey of Pennsylvania.

I think of scholars and authors: John T. Noonan Jr., who briskly eviscerated *Roe v. Wade* in *A Private*

Choice; James T. Burtchaell, CSC, whose *Rachel Weeping* is perhaps the most elegant book-length statement of the pro-life case; Richard John Neuhaus, a pro-life champion as both Lutheran pastor and Catholic priest, whose 1967 article in *Commonweal*, warning his liberal friends in the civil rights movement against being seduced by the “pro-choice” mantra, won a Catholic Press Association award (those were the days ...); Mary Ann Glendon, whose impeccable scholarship has kept the pro-life flag flying boldly at Harvard Law School and throughout the world.

I think of Jeanne Mancini, who, with the unflagging support of the Knights of Columbus, has built on Nellie Gray’s work and made the annual March for Life bigger, more powerful, and ever more insistent that the pro-life movement is a pro-women movement.

I think of the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel and the volunteers who staff those expressions of Christian love and compassion, which demonstrate the mendacity of the charge that pro-lifers only care about babies before they’re born and ignore women who’ve suffered the trauma of abortion.

There are so many more. God bless them all.

One final point as the debate over the right-to-life moves into state legislatures: After *Dobbs*, it will be harder to argue that the abortion license decreed by *Roe v. Wade* was gestated in the womb of the Declaration of Independence and latent in the concept of liberty prevalent at the American Founding. Properly understood, the civil rights triumph of June 24, 2022 will help clear the ground on which the hard work of rebuilding a culture of life can continue — a culture that does not mistake liberty for license, which was a notion foreign to the Founders and Framers.

Order of Malta honors members

The Columbus Region of the Federal Association of the Order of Malta along with members from the American Association held its annual St. John the Baptist Mass with Bishop Earl Fernandes on June 23 at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church.

Assisting at Mass were Deacon Frank Iannarino and Tyler Carter, a seminarian at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Dinner followed Mass and certificates and medals for the COVID-19 Campaign were presented to members who served the poor and sick during the darkest days of the pandemic.

To express gratitude to those who

provide assistance in an emergency and to give a tangible sign of the special contribution made by members and volunteers in specific campaigns, the Sovereign Council established the ‘Sovereign Order of Malta Campaign Medal.’ Given the global presence of the Sovereign Order of Malta in dealing with the pandemic, the first Campaign Medal is being awarded for the COVID-19 emergency. It acknowledges the Order’s members and volunteers who have put their health at risk to bring aid to those directly or indirectly affected by the virus.



Members of the Columbus Region of the Federal Association of the Order of Malta gather with Bishop Earl Fernandes (center) after a St. John the Baptist feast day Mass on June 23 at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church. Photo courtesy Order of Malta

REACT, *continued from Page 2*

and other resources designed for those working in pregnancy help to prepare. Please continue to pray for these organizations who may be facing challenges in the coming days.” – **Heartbeat International, a Columbus-based network of pregnancy care centers**

“Cleveland Right to Life joins the entire pro-life community across the country in celebrating this decision. Roe and Casey have been a blight on the American judicial landscape for nearly five decades. There is no constitutional right to abortion, and I am heartened that the Supreme Court has finally acknowledged that. Tragically, the decision has come too late for the more than 63 million innocent souls who have been slaughtered in the womb in the name of choice since 1973.

“While we applaud this decision, our work is far from over. Cleveland Right

REVERSAL, *continued from Page 2*

stance against abortion, not every Catholic believes what the Church teaches. Some professed Catholics take the opposite view and believe that women have the so-called right to “choose.” The most prominent Catholics among the “pro-choice” are President Joe Biden and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, who leads Pelosi’s diocese, courageously instructed the Democrat not to present herself for Holy Communion when she is at home, not as a political statement or punishment but to protect her soul and the sanctity of the Holy Eucharist from the sin of unworthy reception of the Eucharist.

Not long after that, bishops in Colorado made a similar statement regarding abortion-supporting politicians in their state. The world desperately needs more bishops like them to help their flocks embrace the truth about life.

That leads us into the where-do-we-go-from-here part of the equation now that Roe v. Wade is history.

We’ve seen the news coverage the past few days of the often-vulgar protests from abortion supporters. Their actions and behavior indicate the stark contrast between the two sides in this unfortunate debate.

If you’ve relied on mainstream media for coverage, you have been hard-pressed to find any reporting – other than from conservative outlets – that is not dominated by the pro-abortion side.

If this column was being written for a mainstream media outlet, the words would be edited to say “anti-abortion” rather than “pro-life” and “fetus” rather than “baby.” And it’s not OK to say “pro-abortion.” Those are accepted Associated Press style rules in the world of journalism, and any editors who try to challenge these guidelines might have their keyboard taken away.

It’s quite sad and sickening to see

to Life will continue its fight to protect our most vulnerable citizens from pre-birth to natural death. To that end, we urge Ohio lawmakers to enact the most stringent laws possible to protect human life in the womb and provide hope and assistance for their mothers.” – **Kate Makra, executive director, Cleveland Right to Life**

“(The) decision by the U. S Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade and Casey v. Planned Parenthood is one of the most consequential moments in our history. For almost 50 years, the Roe decision has allowed for the killing of millions of Americans. Today that ruling is history and now women and their children can live out their best futures.” – **Margie Christie, president, Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio and executive director, Dayton Right to Life**

people so angry about losing the right to kill someone. They seemingly will do anything now to fight for unlimited access to abortion, which is still going to be accessible both surgically in some states and also through abortion pills, which have become more widely used in recent years.

Going forward, the challenge will be to remain patient and calm and win over hearts of dissenters with love and not angry words. Easier said than done sometimes, but it’s what the pro-life movement has done for the past 49 years.

Legitimate questions have arisen about why Catholics make such a big deal out of abortion. Anyone who participated this spring in the Synod on Synodality conversations in the diocese probably heard more than one attendee argue that the Church shouldn’t focus so much on abortion and instead emphasize other issues.

Yes, the Church and the world face many problems – mass shootings, health crises, drug abuse, poverty, to name a few.

We don’t need to look further than the gut-wrenching shootings at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas in May that took the lives of 19 children and two teachers. Some will ask, “Isn’t protecting schoolchildren more important than laws that save the lives of children in a mother’s womb?”

Here’s what Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio said about what happened in Uvalde, which is in his archdiocese:

“The cause is a society with a culture of death and with instruments that kill,” he said. “The person is discarded from conception to natural death. (But) in the Church, we say we must protect every human person.”

The United States took a huge step in that direction, but there’s more work to be done. Keep fighting the good fight.

Spanish-speaking families honor Sacred and Immaculate Hearts

Approximately 400 people process through a neighborhood near Columbus St. James the Less Church on Sunday, June 26 as part of a celebration for Spanish-speaking families in the diocese in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Bishop Earl Fernandes carries the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament.



Bishop Fernandes and the faithful kneel before the Blessed Sacrament on an outdoor altar. Members of 11 parishes in the diocese participated in the celebration, which also included food, entertainment and games for children.

CT photos by Ken Snow

Rescue Project looks at Jesus as 'ambush predator'

By Tim Puet
For *The Catholic Times*

D-Day and Christmas Day wouldn't seem to have much in common. But as Father John Riccardo pointed out recently in Columbus, both days were important in history because they were moments of liberation.

"Soldiers from the Allies risked their lives to come to France in June 1944. Why were they there? Not because they'd heard the beaches were beautiful and the coffee was good or because they wanted to see the *Mona Lisa*," he said.

"They were there to fight because they wanted to liberate the people of France and all of Europe from a tyrannical dictator. Their mission of liberation was clear.

"Now imagine a scene nearly 2,000 years earlier in a cave in Bethlehem. A baby is born to a young Jewish woman named Mary and her husband, Joseph. Why was that baby there? Because He also was on a mission. He was there to liberate all of humanity from the power of sin. As great as the news of D-Day was to the people of France, this news is infinitely better.

"But somehow there seems to be no clarity on that. People haven't heard the Gospel in this way, in the context of telling a story in this way," he said. "Everybody sees reality through a different lens.

"One day, I met a woman who was beautiful and seemed to have everything. She came to me because inside, she felt her life was a mess. I asked if I could take a moment to tell her about the lens through which I view the world. I told her of God's love for her, and five minutes later, she was crying and saying, 'That's not the God I knew growing up. I've never heard that before.'

"I can't impose my view of the Gospel on you, but I can propose a way of seeing that leads to greater hope," said



Father John Riccardo gives a talk during the Rescue Project Live event on Saturday, June 18 at the Ohio Expo Center. CT photo by Ken Snow

Father Riccardo, a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit who is a nationally known speaker and author and host of the EWTN program *Christ Is the Answer*, heard weekdays on St. Gabriel Radio in Columbus and southern Ohio.

The way of viewing Jesus as he mentioned is the basis of his book *Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel*, which forms the basis for The Rescue Project Live!, a one-day event combining five talks by Father Riccardo, small-group discussion and Mass. Father Riccardo hopes to take these events nationwide. The first of them took place Saturday, June 18 in the Celeste Center of the state fairgrounds.

A key moment of the program came when Father Riccardo described Jesus as an "ambush predator." He said those words came into his head and wouldn't let go one day during Holy Week when

he was looking at a crucifix.

He looked up "ambush predator" and found that it describes "a creature which lies motionless and still, camouflaged by its environment for one purpose – to attract prey and pounce on them." He illustrated that image with pictures of snakes, spiders and ocean creatures whose eyes were the only things that made them stand out from their surroundings.

"Jesus on the cross is an ambush predator in the way He seems invisible, even helpless, while in reality being in charge of the situation until it's time to free sinners from Satan's power," Father Riccardo said.

"I'm not implying that He's not suffering, that He's play-acting. He is up on the cross doing something, even though He appears totally passive. He's showing God's love and going to war for us," he said.

"He's been sweating blood, arrested, slapped, judged, stripped, scourged, crowned with thorns and nailed to a cross. He looks utterly helpless, but He's engaging the enemy in battle. Like the Trojan horse, this is His disguise.

"He allows Himself to become man and succumb to death so He can get into hell, beat Satan and liberate it from inside. When it looks like He's lost, He's actually won. Jesus on the cross is the ultimate ambush predator."

Father Riccardo said this way of looking at the victorious Jesus was common in the early Church but seemed to fade over the years and be replaced with emphasis on His suffering. "We need to return to this kind of preaching (on the triumph resulting from Jesus' death) because this is how men in particular get won," he said.

He quoted from the words of several Church fathers on the victorious Jesus, including one homily from a second-century bishop, Melito of Sardis, which Father Riccardo described as the story of "trash-talking Jesus."

In it, Jesus says, "Who takes issue with Me? Let him stand before Me. I set free the condemned. I gave life to the dead. I raise up the entombed. I am He who destroys death and triumphs over the enemy and crushes Hades and binds the strong man and bears humanity off to the heavenly heights."

"What difference does this make in our lives?" Father Riccardo asked. "It changes everything. By His death and glorious resurrection, Jesus has changed humanity, destroyed death, transferred us, given us access to the Father, recreated us, rendered sin impotent, given us authority over the enemy and sent us on a mission to get His world back."

In talks earlier in the day, Father Riccardo described the Gospel as "not merely good news, but the most ex-

See **RESCUE PROJECT**, Page 8



More than 2,500 people attended Rescue Project Live in the Celeste Center at the state fairgrounds. CT photos by Ken Snow



Members of the Catholic Cross Bearers motorcycle ministry include (from left) Cecil Johnson of Moore, Oklahoma; Dave Schaffer of Columbus and Scotty Snodgrass of Moore, Oklahoma.



Father David Sizemore, pastor at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, introduces Father John Riccardo.

Treasuring our future timelines

Dom Brand of South Carolina, in an apparently random act in 2020, shot and killed an 80-year-old woman named Mary Ann Elvington. His action resulted in several tragedies unfolding simultaneously. Mary Ann could have lived many more years had she not been shot. Her children were unable to spend time with her for the rest of their lives. No longer could she babysit the grandkids or share the wisdom of her years. The 29-year-old shooter also upset any real prospects for his own future, as he became subject to the criminal justice system and lifelong incarceration. So many future goods and future timelines were damaged or destroyed by one wrong action.

Then there was Michael Webb of Clermont County, Ohio, who set his own house on fire with his wife and four children inside in 1990. He poured gasoline on the beds of his sleeping children and around the house before sparking the blaze with a match. The prosecutor concluded that he intended to kill his family, collect the insurance money and start a new life with his mistress. His wife and three of his four children managed to survive the flames, but 3-year-old Mikey perished from smoke inhalation. There were devastating consequences all around. Mr. Webb was sentenced to spend the rest of his life in jail. His wife and remaining children struggled to move on without the support of their husband or father. Little Mikey's long future timeline, with all its youthful potential, came to an abrupt and tragic close.

Some of the longest timelines we destroy are those of unborn children with almost their whole earthly lives still ahead of them. This is often done in ways that virtually nobody ever sees or notices, through stealth

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

Father Tad Pacholczyk



Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org.

abortions with the “abortion pill,” which, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, now accounts for about 54% of all U.S. abortions.

The lamentable power to destroy future timelines through abortion was poignantly addressed by Kathy Barnette in a riveting YouTube video entitled “It wasn’t a choice. It was a life.” Barnette was recently a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania. Whatever her controversial positions may have been on some of the issues of the day, and regardless of what one thinks about her other political views, her personal testimony on abortion ought to be heard by everyone.

Kathy was conceived after her mom, Mamie Jo, was raped at age 11. In the video, Mamie Jo, now in her 60s, stresses how abortion cannot be an answer to sexual assault, even as she acknowledges the trauma of her own rape:

“It was hard. We were all devastated. But my mother said, ‘You know, you’re pregnant, so we’re gonna get through this,’ and she helped me get through it. I don’t want to use the word ‘choice.’ ... [My daughter] was going to be born. I didn’t have a choice to say ‘You are

going to live, or I’m going to abort you.’ That wasn’t a choice for me, and I thank God it wasn’t a choice for me.... Regardless of how old you are, and how the child was conceived, that child deserves a chance. If I had made that ‘choice,’ where would I be right now without my daughter?”

Kathy likewise speaks to the false and damaging “choice” that abortion can tempt us with. She stresses how profoundly her life matters, as well as the new lives and timelines of her children, grandchildren and further generations that will unfold into the future:

“Before the foundation of the world, God saw me and he decided that I would be, and he said in his word that not only did I see you, but I called you. I predestined you. And so as a Christian, I believe in the value of life, that when I was in my mother’s womb, he was knitting me together. Even among Christians, even among staunch conservatives, an exception to the rule of being pro-life for many is in the case of rape. And yet my life has value. From me have come two very beautiful and charming and smart kids. I’m married to a wonderful husband and we’ve made a life for ourselves, and none of this would have happened if the exception to the rule had applied. ... You have to be able to see the difference. ... I’m left with an overwhelming sense of gratitude, that not only did God see value in my life, but that my family saw value in my life. I’m very grateful for that. I’m eternally grateful that they chose to allow me to be born.”

Our choices today powerfully affect future timelines in either positive or detrimental ways. In choosing to protect human life, we open up a more beautiful and fulfilling future for ourselves and all those around us.

With God’s courage, we can evangelize in baby steps

“Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel, he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!” – Psalm 68:35

Previously, I have written about prudence and justice. In this column, we will look at fortitude (sometimes referred to as courage).

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* 1808 defines fortitude as a “virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life.” The CCC goes on to mention how fortitude enables one to conquer fear.

Reread the definition from the CCC. Summing up the first sentence, we would probably think of perseverance. With the second sentence, we would probably think of patience. When we think of courage, we might think more of overcoming a fear.

In talking about fear, Peter Kreeft, in *Practical Theology: Spiritual Direction from St. Thomas Aquinas*, writes, “‘Fear’ in modern English can mean three different things, which St. Thomas distinguishes. First, is a fear of pain or suffering. ... Second, it can be the fear of losing or offending a beloved friend, human or divine. This is ‘filial fear,’ the fear proper to a friend or lover. Third, it can mean deep, wondering reverence, or ‘awe’ at something immeasurably superior (like seeing an angel).”

With the first type of fear, which can be very broad, St. Thomas says there are two ways we can overcome it, one being practice. This requires repeated exposure to fearful things together with the opportunity and the

AQUINAS CORNER

Richard Arnold

Richard Arnold, a parishioner at Chillicothe St. Mary, holds an MA in Catechetics and Evangelization from Franciscan University of Steubenville and is a husband and a father to two children.



motivation to rise above them. For example, if we consider jumping off a diving board, we would start with a smaller jump before moving on to higher boards.

The second way of overcoming such fear is courage from God. It is a particular gift of the Holy Spirit that we receive at baptism and is strengthened through confirmation. It is the disposition to suffer well, to bear the painful things that often come upon us when we’re doing the right thing.

With fear, St. Thomas principally has in mind the Christian martyrs. The martyrs were faced with a choice to renounce the name of Christ or die, and they chose the latter.

In the current daily Mass readings, we read about the Apostles in the temple preaching about Jesus. We read how the temple authorities were none too pleasant to them. They were evangelizing and exhibiting fortitude to keep going and courage to withstand the painful treatment they would receive.

When we think of evangelization, we might think that we do not have the skills to do it so we shouldn’t even attempt it. The Spirit’s gift of courage is necessary, but that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t discount the human ability of overcoming fear through practice.

Just as if we were to practice jumping off a diving board that is a few feet above the water before moving on to higher boards, we should practice evangelization in small ways first.

We must also think of it sometimes as quality versus quantity. Evangelization doesn’t require a lengthy dissertation about Jesus or His Church but often small, often spontaneous moments where your humanity (fear) doesn’t negate the divine courage to act.

As I close this column, I leave you with a quote from St. Teresa of Avila:

“It is a great help in our quest to have high aspirations, because often our actions begin with our thoughts and dreams. ... It is the devil who makes us think that the lives and actions of the saints are to be admired but not imitated.

“If we do not limit our spiritual goals, we can with great confidence, little by little, reach those heights that by the grace of God many saints have reached. If they had never resolved to desire, and had never, little by little, acted upon that resolve, they would never have ascended so high.

“Like them we need to be humble but bold in our pursuit, trusting God and not ourselves. For our Lord seeks and loves courageous souls. Let us not fail to reach our spiritual destiny because we have been too timid, too cautious in our desires, because we sought too little.

“It is true that I might stumble for trying to do too much too soon, but it is also certain that I will never succeed if I hope for too little, or out of fear of failing start not at all.”

Our elders carry our history, deserve our loving care

I'm walking in a new role lately of daughter and parent to my father as he ages, and the stakes are high as I realize my children are watching this process.

Not every parent/child relationship is easy. Clearly that is an understatement, as I ponder the different relationships I have with my children. These relationships, however, matter, and we must pursue them and allow ourselves to be formed through them.

For me, this is especially important because I will be walking in my father's shoes one day and will need my children to care for me with tenderness, charity and compassion. But just as parenting young children requires humility and patience, these virtues become refined as we lead our parents to heaven.

My father and I live in separate states. I have eight children whose needs keep me close, so I cannot get home often. I am grateful for the care my younger sister gives, who also lives out of state, navigating the finances and medical aspects of my father's life. God has equipped each of us with the gifts necessary to care and minister to those around us, including our children and parents. Those roles switch as we age, but we must always be using our gifts toward this good.

This means going over my father's schedule with him every day, sometimes multiple times. We put Grandpa on FaceTime so he can hear the ins and outs of our family life. We have groceries delivered when he forgets to go to the store. We listen to music together. We encourage him to step outside his apartment and make new friends. It won't be long before he needs more help than just us. I want to preserve our time together.

For many months, I have been feeling the nudge to pray with my father, and I pushed that to the side because my prayer life is where I find peace and fill up my spiritual and physical well for the day. Recently,

RESCUE PROJECT, continued from Page 6

traordinary news we can imagine," and said its proclamation can be summed up through its answers to the questions "Why is there something rather than nothing? Why is everything so obviously messed up? What, if anything, has God done about it, and if God has done something, how should I respond?" He said an easy way to remember this is through the words "created, captured, rescued and response."

His other topics included the difference between the Genesis creation story and all other stories of its type; the importance of a sense of wonder and awe in realizing God's power and understanding why He made us; and the tactics of accusation, lying, division, flattery, temptation and discouragement used by Satan to destroy people.

In the discussion on Satan's tactics, he talked about his own sexual abuse by family members for several years and how he never told his parents because he listened to Satan's accusations against him.

After his parents' death, he told his sisters. He said he was sharing the information with his audience because he knew many in attendance also have suffered abuse. He urged them to talk about it and to seek professional help.

At one point, he used the phrase "the grace of despair," which sounds like a con-

tradition but describes the ability to realize how hopeless people would be if there were not a God who wanted to save them by sending Jesus on a rescue mission to bring them from captivity into hope.

The event, sponsored by St. Gabriel Radio, drew more than 2,500 people from Ohio, surrounding states and throughout the Midwest. Two of those who came the farthest were Cecil Johnson and Scotty Snodgrass of Moore, Oklahoma, members of the Catholic Cross Bearers motorcycle ministry. They joined ministry member Dave Schaffer of Columbus at the event.

The three men have been involved with Acts XXIX ministry started by Father Riccardo and were part of a three-video series related to Father Riccardo's Rescued book which was done by Zoom when the COVID pandemic limited public gatherings.

"We have also been a test group during the past eight weeks, participating via Zoom during the ministry's weekly Tuesday morning men's group meeting," Johnson said. "We've had lots of interaction back and forth with Father Riccardo's team, and it's been wonderful.

"So, we were very excited when we saw that the first Rescue Project Live! was going to be in Columbus, and we decided to come. Scotty and I rode our bikes 1,000 miles to be here."

ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard

MaryBeth Eberhard writes about marriage, life experiences of a large family and special needs. She attends Sunbury St. John Neumann Church.



however, as I sat in my den wrapped in a blanket, sipping tea, I felt the nudge to pray the rosary with my father, so I sent him a text to set a time. He immediately FaceTimed me. It was early in the morning. Clearly my day was going to begin with this offering.

My dad is getting older. There are moments where I feel more the parent and he the child. It is a challenging place. As I helped Dad through the rosary, teaching him the order of the mysteries, the call and response method of praying together, I had to take a couple of deep breaths. I begged Jesus for patience because I felt mine slipping. Why is it easier to teach our children than our parents?

Bead by bead, I told the stories to my dad, answering questions, refocusing his attention on the prayer. My son Joseph took a decade as I ran to get kids out of bed. "My turn, Grandpa," I heard him say. "Now your turn." Such ease, such patience. It was good.

As I jumped back in, I encouraged my dad to go to daily Mass. I told him that there he would also find people with whom he could pray the rosary, perhaps even grab a bite to eat after Mass. Full disclosure, I did tell him the ladies who pray the rosary are always so pretty and kind and might make a mean lasagna. I'm pretty sure he'll be front row tomorrow.

A little deception, but such truth: The ladies are beautiful, and I'm sure they love to cook. He is lonely. There is comfort in praying in community, and I know

they will love him as I do.

Pope Francis, in one of his general audiences in St. Peter's Square, remarked, "If we don't treat the elderly well, when the time comes, we won't be treated well, either."

While we are not called for that reason, there is a recognition that, as parents of our own children, how we model caregiving matters. This not only models how we hope to be cared for, but, more important, it also teaches the recognition that every person, no matter his or her age, has value and dignity. I want to model that to my children.

We have a neighbor who just turned 99 years old. Her wit and smile never cease to amaze me. Yesterday, when my daughter and I were visiting her, we were discussing travel. She said she had always wanted to visit Italy. I asked her if it was the history there she most longed to see. She said, "Oh heavens, if I wanted to see history, I'd just look in the mirror!"

I chuckled but later, when pondering, gathered grace from that moment. I am often asking the Lord, "How can I help my father? How can I be more patient? How can I love him better?" As our dear neighbor pointed out, she is a living history book and loves to share her stories. Stories are a great way to bond.

My dad and I created a new story when we prayed the rosary together. My children were part of that. Perhaps by putting the value back into our elders' stories, they can feel necessary again.

Pope St. John Paul II is often quoted sharing how necessary children are. So, too, are the elderly. They are a necessary part of our society. They carry our memories. Caring for them preserves their dignity, forms us to a better version of ourselves and models a circle of familial love that, we hope, our children will carry on through the generations.

Following Father Riccardo's fourth talk, Columbus Bishop Earl Fernandes celebrated Mass, and there was a Eucharistic procession inside the Celeste Center to honor the Feast of Corpus Christi and to begin the diocesan celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival being sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Father Riccardo's final talk was followed by a ceremony commissioning those present as heralds of the Gospel. Praise and worship music was provided throughout the day by musicians from the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus in Knox County.

In his concluding message, Father Riccardo urged those present to be "ac-

MALTA, continued from Page 4

Also included are those who aided these efforts through special financial assistance. The Columbus Region along with the Catholic Medical Association and the Community of Holy Rosary/St. John operates the Order of Malta Center of Care. Twenty-eight members and colleagues were awarded medal and certificates in the Columbus area for their work at the Center of Care.

Members of the Order include Leonard Barbe, Dr. William Bobowicz, Marilyn Dono, Dr. Joseph Fiala, Thatcher Hallock, Jeff Kaman, Dr. Brian Kenney, Teresa Kenney, Dr. Richard Mena, Rich Mena, Dr. William Miely, Charles Mifsud, Donald Miller, Dr. Michael Parker, James Powell, John Reiner and Jason Thomas. Collaborators who participated in the works of the Order include Norman Altman, Robin Altman, Shirley Hairston, Jackie Hunt, Dr. Amy Imm, Kathy Kuhn, Dr. George Lewandowski, Dr. Thomas Rankin, Dr. Marian Schuda, Dr. William Turek and Julie Winland.

tive agents of sabotage," in the words of noted Christian author C.S. Lewis.

"Our weapons are love, truth, beauty, goodness and justice," Father Riccardo said. "We wield them to continue God's work and to spread His rescue mission in every sphere of influence in our lives. While creation will only be fully restored when the rightful king returns and puts everything right, that doesn't mean that there isn't work for you and me to do right now.

"We should strive to bring everything that we touch and encounter back into conformity with the Father's original intent. God has already done His part, if you will, and now it's our turn."

Father Bay endured prison, refugee camps

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

The road to ordination was a rocky one for Father Joseph Bay, taking him more than 20 years to complete and including prison and periods in refugee camps. But he never lost sight of his goal of the priesthood. Except for two years of study in Rome, he has been serving the Vietnamese Catholic community of central Ohio since 1994.

Father Bay, 62, lived in the Mekong Delta in what was then known as South Vietnam while he was growing up and said hearing the noises of battle during the Vietnam War was a regular occurrence for his family, which included his parents, now deceased, and his three brothers and four sisters, all of whom now live in Columbus.

"The sounds of bombing and shooting were familiar to us," he said. "My family was fortunate in not losing anyone, but we regularly witnessed people dying."

After troops from the United States left Vietnam in 1975, the Communists who ruled the nation's northern half took over the rest of the country, forcing the Catholic Church underground. Prominent Archbishop (later Cardinal) Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan was imprisoned from 1975-1988 and spent nine years in solitary confinement.

Relations between Vietnam and the Vatican later improved, and there has been a representative from the Holy See in Vietnam since 2018. The Catholic Church has remained strong in that nation despite persecution, with a seminary in northern Vietnam announcing expansion plans in 2020 because the number of vocations to the priesthood has grown too large for the institution to handle without more buildings.

The Catholic Church in Vietnam has about 7 million Catholics in 27 dioceses, with 11 major seminaries and about 2,800 seminarians, according to Catholic News Agency.

Father Bay began studying for the priesthood in high school in the 1970s. He graduated from high school in 1978 and continued to study philosophy and theology at St. Qui Seminary in Can Tho, Vietnam.

"Once the Communists closed the seminary, I had no chance to pursue the priesthood further in Vietnam and began looking for a way to escape," he said. "While I was a seminarian, I served as a parish religious educator, and, at one point, I was put in jail for one week for the 'crime' of being an active Catholic."

It took him six years and several unsuccessful attempts to get out of the country. One of those attempts resulted in eight months in jail.

Father Bay said that when he finally escaped in 1987, he was among 31 people in a small boat that crossed the Gulf of Thailand into Cambodia and later to Thailand. He was one of about 800,000 "boat people" who successfully fled Vietnam by sea between 1975 and 1995. Another 200,000 to 400,000 died in the attempt.

"I knew escaping was a life-or-death situation," Father Bay said. "Chances were high that the Communists would kill me or arrest me, or I could die at sea. But I had felt I was being called to the priesthood since about age 11 and was determined that no setbacks would stop me."

He said he was one of several young men interested in the priesthood who were called together by their

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

Answering God's Call profiles the life of a priest, deacon or professed religious sister in the Diocese of Columbus.

Vietnamese pastor to serve Masses and learn more about the Catholic Church from him. Three of them, including Father Bay, entered the seminary at age 13 and became priests, with the other two staying in Vietnam.

In Thailand, Father Bay was among 5,000 people in a refugee camp and was supervisor and religious education teacher for about 170 unaccompanied children staying there. He spent about 18 months there, left the camp in spring 1989, then spent six months at a facility in the Philippines that prepared people to come to the United States.

"I wanted to live in a place with few Vietnamese so I could learn English faster, so the U.S. State Department sent me to Columbus," he said. Bishop James Griffin invited him to attend classes at the Pontifical College Josephinum beginning in fall 1989. He received a Master of Arts degree from the college in 1993 and a Master of Divinity degree the following year and was ordained by Bishop Griffin at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on June 11, 1994.

He was associate pastor at the cathedral for the next two years and began serving at the same time as pastoral minister of the Vietnamese community that had found a home at Columbus Sts. Augustine and Gabriel Church, where he has remained since his arrival, except for his two years in Rome, and has been pastor since July 2008.

"I am pastor for both the English and Vietnamese communities in the parish, with the English community remaining primary because it's the larger of the two communities," he said. "People often think of us as 'the Vietnamese parish' because of the number of the Vietnamese here and because I am Vietnamese, but they are mistaken if they do so."

He studied canon law from 1996-1998 at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome at the request of Bishop Griffin. "I always wanted to pursue canon law because I felt the more I knew about it, the better I could be as a priest," he said. He earned a licentiate in canon law (the equivalent of a master's degree) at the university and



Father Joseph Bay
CT file photo

became part of the diocesan Tribunal upon his return.

He has served there at various times as defender of the bond, judicial vicar and judge. "I didn't know what the Tribunal was until I was appointed to it," he said. "I imagine I've helped several hundred people resolve the canonical status of their marriages. It's provided me great satisfaction to give people a second chance and to share what they need and walk with them."

Father Bay became a U.S. citizen in 1995. This, combined with a promise to support them financially for their first three years in this country, allowed him to serve as sponsor for six of his seven siblings, who joined him in the Columbus area. One brother had preceded him in coming to Ohio.

The brothers and sisters came to Ohio one by one and found jobs – some as seamstresses, others with Goodwill Industries and in software technology. All are among the approximately 70 people who take part in a Mass in Vietnamese every Sunday at Father Bay's church.

"This church is not only a building but has been a spiritual home and a social and cultural center for Columbus Vietnamese Catholics for 47 years," Father Bay said.

Besides Sunday Masses, the parish, which serves about 270 families altogether, hosts a May crowning; a Vietnamese New Year event each March; a mid-autumn celebration; a commemoration of the Feast of the Vietnamese Martyrs on the Sunday closest to Nov. 24, the actual feast day; and quarterly potlucks for everyone affiliated now or in the past with the former St. Augustine and St. Gabriel churches and schools on Columbus' east side.

"I have been through many difficulties – religious persecution, times when I thought my goal might be beyond reach – but I never doubted God was calling me to the priesthood," he said. "A priest is a shepherd who dedicates his life to the people of God, and, as Pope Francis has said so well, I always want to have the smell of the sheep with me. I chose the right vocation and am a very happy man."

DIOCESAN

WE'RE HIRING

Diocesan is searching for an
Advertising Sales Representative

Diocesan is the provider of communication
solutions enabling Catholic Churches to create
Disciples, Stewardship and Evangelization.

Ideal candidates are energetic, motivated,
organized, 3 year outside sales experience,
willing to travel and a college degree preferred.

In return, we offer a high commission rate,
Health/Dental/Vision Insurance, 401k, company
car and cellphone.

CALL MARK FITZGERALD AT 614.205.4841
OR EMAIL MFITZGERALD@DIOCESAN.COM

Hodgkin's Lymphoma patient graduates from Hartley

What began as a regular checkup at his pediatrician's office by Columbus Bishop Hartley High School sophomore Zaven Solomon two years ago turned out to be anything but routine.

The X-rays taken during the doctor visit led to Zaven's being diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, and that diagnosis resulted in treatment that enabled him to beat the cancer and to graduate on time with the Hartley Class of 2022 on May 28.

Before his diagnosis, "I had no idea anything was wrong with me other than shortness of breath," Zaven said. "If I hadn't told Dr. (Celina) LaBrec-Salmons about that, the lymphoma would have continued to grow. She took an X-ray right away, and she called me and my parents that night and told us to go to Nationwide Children's Hospital." This occurred in August 2019, about five days after Zaven had started his sophomore year at Hartley.

"I went to the intensive care unit, and about 10 cardiologists and oncologists were there, all asking the same questions. I told them I felt like something was pressing down on my heart, making it hard to breathe," he said. Zaven then was admitted to the hospital and underwent a biopsy, with some tissue being removed to determine what was causing his problem.

Results of the biopsy were inconclusive, so some bone marrow was taken from him for a second biopsy about a week after his admission to the hospital. After the operation, he was told he had lymphoma.

"I had no idea what that was," he said. But his mother and father did. "I recall that when Lee (her husband) and I heard the diagnosis, there was dead silence," said Stephanie Solomon, Zaven's mother.

Hodgkin's lymphoma is a type of cancer that attacks the lymphatic system, which is part of the body's germ-fighting immune system. In Hodgkin's lymphoma, infection-fighting white blood cells called lymphocytes develop changes in their DNA and grow out of control, causing swollen lymph nodes and growths throughout the body. A cell's DNA contains the instructions that tell it what to do.

Doctors aren't sure what causes Hodgkin's lymphoma, which is the most common cancer for those age 15 to 19, accounting for 11 percent of all cancers in this age group. Hodgkin's lymphoma also is common in young adults, especially those in their 20s. Zaven had just turned 15 when his lymphoma diagnosis occurred.

Following the diagnosis, his heart fluid was drained



Recent Columbus Bishop Hartley High School graduate Zaven Solomon (left) and principal Chris Kowalski

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

to stabilize his heart. He then underwent the first of four rounds of chemotherapy, receiving heavy doses of drugs to kill his cancer cells. Following the first round, he was sent home, but he had to return to the hospital once a month for the next three months, checking in on a Friday morning and being released on a Sunday evening. His appendix ruptured during one of those rounds. Other common side effects of chemotherapy are dizziness and vomiting.

After his fourth round of chemotherapy, he saw doctors at the James Cancer Hospital at Ohio State University, who told him the best way to eliminate the lymphoma would be through proton therapy, which uses protons to send beams of high energy that can target tumors more precisely than other forms of radiation. The cancer was close to his heart and lungs, so there was a particular concern about keeping it from spreading.

Zaven and his parents were told the only two hospitals offering such therapy were Cincinnati Children's Hospital and a hospital in New York. So in January 2020, he and his mother made the four-hour round trip from the family home in east Columbus to Cincinnati for the treatment every day for 15 days.

"This was in the winter during COVID, so it wasn't the best time to do this, but it gave us a lot of mother-son time," said Stephanie Solomon, who works for NetJets. Her husband is part of a logistics business.

"Most importantly, the therapy worked," she said. When the therapy was completed, there were no signs of the lymphoma in Zaven. For the next

year, he went back to Cincinnati once a month for a checkup. The frequency of those visits was changed to every three months, then every six months. His next checkup is in September.

"So far, there's been no indication of the lymphoma coming back," Zaven said. "The amazing thing through all of this is that I've never felt discomfort other than being short of breath at the beginning. If Mom hadn't insisted on calling the doctor, I may not have been as fortunate as I am."

During his sophomore year, he kept up with his education through use of a tutor from Columbus Walnut Ridge High School, where he was enrolled for that year. During that time, Hartley students and teachers kept in touch with him through texts and handwritten notes and sent him a "goodie bag" of Hartley items.

Zaven returned to Hartley for his junior and senior years of high school. "When I got back after a year away, the transition wasn't hard at all," he said. "It was as though I had never left. I picked up with the same friends, and things seemed as they had been before."

"When you looked at him when he returned to school, you'd never have believed he was sick for a year," his mother said. "He looked healthy then and continues to."

"When we found out Zaven's diagnosis, it was devastating to say the least," Hartley principal Chris Kowalski said. "Even though Zaven had to take a year away from Hartley in order to receive the treatment he needed and get his credits, he excelled in his studies and came back to Hartley as an academically strong student."

"Over the last two years that Zaven has been back at Hartley, he never let his diagnosis be a problem and rarely wanted attention surrounding it. He is a respectful, hard-working, successful young man who continues to impress those around him."

Zaven's period away from Hartley was difficult for him, but it also was a hard time for most of his fellow students. Much of his absence coincided with the COVID pandemic, which closed all Ohio schools in mid-March 2020 and resulted in students attending classes in alternating groups for most of the 2020-21 school year.

"During everything I went through, my faith in God was of great help," Zaven said. "Once I understood what I was going through, my worries went away. I felt there was no doubt I would be all right if I did what I was supposed to."

"Zaven's always been that kind of kid, always a fighter," his mother said. "Cancer was the last thing on our minds, but we just pushed through and made decisions together, with his father leading all of us, and we got through to where we are today. We leaned on each other."

Beautifully Handcrafted Memorials
From Our Family to Yours

MARY LOU (LaBOUNTY) 1935 - 2012
WILKINSON
ZHANG

MODLICH
Monument Company

614-276-1439 modlich-monument.com

Nativity Pilgrimage
10
Celebrating 10 Years

Join Us On A 12 Day Pilgrimage To
The Holy Land & Jordan
March 05 - 16, 2023

With Fr. Hilary Ike, St. Mary's of Groveport, OH

Round-trip Air From Columbus, OH
\$3,750.00
Price Per Person

Contact Tour Coordinator Lisa Balek
(614) 307-1645 • lisa@somersettravels.com
https://app.nativitypilgrimage.com/trip/7?trip=02050

Visiting Angels
LIVING ASSISTANCE SERVICES

80% COVID Deaths from OH facilities, we're 0%
1 Hr. up to 24 Hr. Care
We send you the **Best Home Caregivers**
Rates as low as **\$15.21 an hour!**
"We Do Things Your Way"
614-80-ANGEL (614-802-6435)
Call or text for info. www.v-angels.com

Bishop leads Corpus Christi procession at St. Cecilia

Bishop Earl Fernandes joined priests, deacons, religious and the faithful for a Eucharistic procession, Adoration and Benediction on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19 at Columbus St. Cecilia Church.

The event was organized by the parishes of the diocese's West Deanery and served as a kickoff to the three-year National Eucharistic Revival initiated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that will culminate with a National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024 in Indianapolis.

Included in the West Deanery are Columbus parishes Holy Family, St. Agnes, St. Aloysius, St. Cecilia, St. Mary Magdalene and St. Stephen the Martyr and Plain City St. Joseph, London St. Patrick, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help and West Jefferson Ss. Simon & Jude churches.

Numerous parishes throughout the diocese held similar outdoor processions at their churches on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, which was the last Sunday before the Church calendar returned to Ordinary Time.

The Eucharistic procession at St. Cecilia started after Vespers in the church.

"Every type of procession should remind us of the procession that leads to heaven, to paradise, and that Jesus promises us that if we eat His flesh and drink His precious blood we will live forever," Bishop Fernandes said in his homily during Vespers. "He will raise us on the last day. ... We want to go to heaven, and the Eucharist is our superhighway which leads us all the way to paradise. ..."

"The procession at the end of Vespers will remind us of our future glory: the promise of the resurrection on the last day. It will remind us that those who eat His flesh and drink His blood will live and die in friendship with Jesus so as to be raised in glory with Him."

Bishop Fernandes then carried the monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament out of the church and throughout the parish grounds with adorers following behind.

Stops were made at four stations with makeshift altars upon which the Body of Christ was placed for a brief time of prayer, Adoration and a Gospel reading.

Bishop Fernandes, celebrating his first Corpus Christi Sunday in the diocese, incensed the monstrance at each station and then knelt in prayer along with some of the adorers while others stood silently in prayer.

"Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, handed on to His disciples a commandment: 'Do this in remembrance of Me,' and the Church does this in memory of Him," the bishop had said during his homily. "And if our faith should waver, we need only to come into a church. For there He is, waiting for us. He did not fail us. He left us his most precious sacrament.



Bishop Earl Fernandes carries the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament at the start of a Corpus Christi procession on Sunday, June 19 at Columbus St. Cecilia Church.
CT photos by Ken Snow



Bishop Fernandes incenses the Blessed Sacrament at the fourth station during the Corpus Christi outdoor procession at St. Cecilia Church.



Bishop Fernandes prays at the third station of the procession in front of a statue of St. Cecilia, the parish's patroness.



Some of the participants in the Eucharistic procession stand or kneel in the parking lot at St. Cecilia Church.

"He also wants to hear from us, to speak to us. Jesus thirsts for us. He thirsts for our love.

"For what do you thirst? We, who receive the body and blood of our Lord, ought to be transformed so that we can bring God's love to the world. This is our mission. As Pope Benedict XVI said, 'The way we live should be different because of our knowledge of the love of God and the source of Christ Jesus in the Eucharist, and that we live lives consistent with the mystery we receive and mystery we worship.'"

Father Nic Ventura, pastor at St. Cecilia, read a Gospel passage at the first stop, and Father Seth Keller, parochial vicar at St. Cecilia, did the same at the second station.

The third station was situated in front of a statue of St. Cecilia, the parish's patron, and the fourth station marked the final spot for a brief Adoration period before the procession returned to the

church for Benediction.

"It is one thing to say with our lips, 'My Lord and my God, I believe,'" Bishop Fernandes had reminded those gathered during his homily. "It is another thing to show it by our words and our deeds. To be consistent, to be consistently Catholic, to be consistently Eucharistic, is to be blessed, broken and healed for the life of the world.

"Jesus thirsts – now – for our love. Jesus thirsts for our authentic worship, not only with our voices but with our actions. Let us satiate the thirst of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar."

Other Eucharistic Revival activities are planned in the diocese during the next three years, including relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old Italian who died of leukemia and was beatified in 2021, coming to Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral in the fall.



The faithful pray at the first station during the Eucharistic procession.



THE
CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION

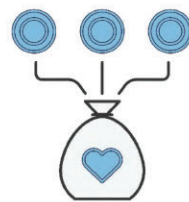


Flexible. Simple. Charitable.

How does a
Donor Advised
Fund work?



MAKE A GIFT
TO YOUR DAF



SUPPORT A
SCHOOL, PARISH, CHARITY



GROW THE BALANCE

The Best way Catholics
manage their charitable giving!

www.catholic-foundation.org/daf

To learn more, contact Scott Hartman

614-443-8893 ext. 104

shartman@catholic-foundation.org

Key Benefits

- \$0 minimum to open
- Same-year tax benefits
- Grow your donation, tax free
- Support the charities you love over time
- Make donations anonymously
- Create a family legacy of faith
- Invested in accordance with Catholic teachings
- Ability to add to the fund at any time

PEACE OF MIND WITH AUTHENTICALLY CATHOLIC GIVING

Rare 17th century tapestries coming to Columbus

By Tim Puet
For The Catholic Times

During the Renaissance, the woven decorative fabrics known as tapestries provided powerful ways of telling stories in the absence of the printed word, and of displaying the wealth and status of their owners because only the very rich could afford them.

The best of those works have endured for centuries, including cartoons (large paintings) created by the artist Raphael to serve as designs for tapestries woven to hang in the Sistine Chapel in the early 16th century.

About 100 years after Raphael's death in 1520 at age 37, the Prince of Wales, who later became the British King Charles I, ordered tapestry makers in Mortlake, England to weave duplicates of Raphael's Vatican tapestries. Six of these works are the centerpiece of an exhibition titled "Raphael - The Power of Renaissance Images: The Dresden Tapestries and Their Impact," which will be presented at the Columbus Museum of Art from Friday, July 15 to Sunday, Oct. 30.

The tapestries will be among 50 works that include two drawings by Raphael that were studies for his cartoons; two full-size facsimiles of those cartoons; works by Renaissance and Baroque masters influenced by the tapestries, including Albrecht Durer, Nicolas Poussin, Peter Paul Rubens and Rembrandt van Rijn; 19th-century works that illustrate the tapestries' continued impact; and portraits of the powerful individuals involved in production and acquisition of the tapestries, including Charles I and Augustus the Strong, elector of Saxony and king of Poland, who brought them to Dresden, Germany in the 18th century.

The tapestries stayed in Dresden and were restored in the late 20th and early 21st centuries by the Old Masters Picture Gallery, one of Germany's great art museums and part of the Dresden State Art Museums. The restored tapestries made their debut at the Dresden museum in 2020. This is the first time they have traveled outside of Europe. They were originally scheduled to come to Columbus in 2020 to mark the 500th anniversary of Raphael's death, but the exhibit was delayed for two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"They've had a remarkable history, sort of like an Indiana Jones adventure," said David Stark, chief curator

emeritus of the Columbus museum. "Somehow they survived the massive bombing of Dresden in World War II and the era of Communism afterward, when Dresden was in East Germany. One section of the exhibition is dedicated to telling the story of their odyssey over the years."

Dresden and Columbus have been sister cities since 1992. This is the third time since 1999 that the art museums of the two cities have cooperated in an exhibit.

"Some years ago, the Dresden museum director suggested several possible loans to Columbus, and we decided the tapestries would have the most interest," Stark said. "Earlier this year, in April, we loaned our painting by Edward Hopper, Morning Sun, to the Dresden museum, where it was the focal point of an exhibition centered around it. We look forward to the continuation of such exchanges in future years."

"Before photography, ways to disseminate images were limited," Stark continued. "One approach was to replicate works in the same medium, often to scale. A key example is the set of tapestries in our exhibition, woven from the cartoons by Raphael that were used as templates for the Vatican set of tapestries."

"Even though Raphael did not weave any of the tapestries (the weaving was done on looms in strips), they were all based on his cartoons," Stark said. "In a similar way, Le Corbusier or Frank Lloyd Wright didn't actually build the structures attributed to them, but the buildings resulted from their designs."

The compositions and imagery of the tapestries also were distributed widely across Europe through prints such as etchings and engravings, which could be duplicated in multiples. There are many examples of such prints, (plus drawings), in the exhibition, either faithfully copying Raphael's compositions or incorporating various figures or passages for entirely different subjects.

The word "cartoon" might bring an animated image of Charlie Brown, Mickey Mouse or Homer Simpson on a newspaper page or the movie or television screen to mind, but in the art of tapestry weaving, it refers to the full-scale paintings transformed by weavers into images on cloth.

Raphael's cartoons for the Vatican tapestries were acquired by Charles I and have remained in England. Today, they are installed in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, and are considered "valued na-

tional treasures whose art historical importance contributed to discourses about British cultural identity," according to the catalog accompanying the Columbus exhibition.

The tapestries depict scenes from the lives of Sts. Peter and Paul and were commissioned by Pope Leo X, in part to reinforce the authority of the papacy at a time when he was in conflict with Martin Luther, whom he eventually excommunicated.

The catalog suggests the pope also may have wanted "to surpass the magnificence of Michelangelo's (Sistine Chapel) ceiling fresco, painted at the behest of his predecessor Pope Julius II."

Stark said the religious difficulties of the era also show themselves in the tapestries, with the Vatican version depicting the Apostles and others with halos, which are absent in the English tapestries. He also notes that besides the Dresden tapestries, many other sets woven from Raphael's original cartoons or copies of them were produced during the 16th and 17th centuries, some in Brussels (where the Vatican tapestries were woven), and others at Mortlake.

Besides the Dresden museum, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, the National Gallery in London, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and other museums are loaning items for the exhibition.

"This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see masterpieces which have never been in the United States before and are not likely to be here again, at least for a number of years," Stark said.

"Seeing the scope of these tapestries - their size, beauty, color and technique - will be a moving experience. Viewers will rarely have an opportunity to see such a rich, diverse assemblage of Renaissance art again."

The exhibition is supported by the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. Tickets are available to museum members now and will be on sale to the general public beginning Friday, July 1. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$16 for students and senior citizens.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday through Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. The museum is closed on Mondays. For more information, go to www.columbusmuseum.org.

Words of Wisdom

by Pat Battaglia, aka Dr. Fun

Draw a path from letter to letter to spell the capitalized words to complete the wisdom statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

In God we trust ...



IS RIGHT ON THE MONEY

New puzzle feature begins

We are starting a family-friendly puzzle column titled *Words of Wisdom* created by Pat Battaglia. It's satisfying to solve and includes amusingly stated wisdom aphorisms. Battaglia has been devising word games for over 30 years and has written seven books of brain games. He is also known as Dr. Fun when presenting in his hilarious costume reminiscent of his former career as a rocket scientist when he worked on rockets for the U.S.'s moon landing program.



Compliments of



DEE PRINTING, INC.

4999 Transamerica Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43228

777-8700

the Murnane Family

Specializing in Catholic Church Sunday bulletins and
Serving Columbus Diocese and others since 1974

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Sharing prepares way for Christ

Isaiah 66:10-14c
Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

The world needs a new proclamation of the Gospel that is clear and direct. Only believers who put the Gospel at the center of their lives can be effective witnesses. Jesus calls us to be disciples.

The sending of the 72 is a model for discipleship. Jesus sent them two by two to the towns He would visit to prepare the way for Him. The description of their responsibilities is rather unusual. Jesus tells them not to take supplies, to accept the hospitality offered to them and not to fight for a place if it was not offered. He gives them the charge to give "peace" to anyone willing to accept it.

Shalom is translated as *peace*, but the concept is far more than that. It is not the absence of war. The proper way to ask how a war is proceeding in Hebrew is: "How is the *shalom* of the war?"

Shalom means fullness of being, completeness, wholeness. It includes recognition of wounds, emptiness and longing for something more. Offered and accepted, it establishes a relationship.

Relationship with Jesus is the essence of discipleship. What the 72 are to experience is a sharing of relationship, first with the One Who sends them, then between the two who walk without resources as companions, and finally, as two who have been made one in *shalom* by the journey together, to whomever they meet in the town to which they were sent.

This is to prepare the way for Jesus to start the process all over again as those who have been prepared receive Him into their lives and establish a living relationship with Him as disciples.

Evangelization continues this pro-

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

Father Timothy M. Hayes is pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary and St. Peter; and Waverly, St. Mary, Queen of the Missions.



cess. We tend to make it more complex than it is. Each of us has a relationship with the Lord. If we are truly seeking to be disciples, we open our hearts to Him. We become empty, unattached, not clinging to our set patterns of behavior or to the skills we have developed for ourselves. We look to Jesus as our all and make our own all that He offers us, His gift of *Shalom*.

When the 72 return to Jesus, they are filled with joy and with stories of what they accomplished in the name of Jesus. They are amazed at what they did, including freeing others from the grip of the devil.

The Lord's response is to point out that their actions have had an effect far greater than they can imagine. What they have done is not just for their time; it is for eternity. Their names are written in heaven.

Consolation and joy are given to us as we walk the earthly journey. We are invited to be engaged with this world, reaching deep into our relationship with the Lord, to share not what we have on our own, but what He has given to us. When we encounter Jesus, He offers us His *Shalom*. Then, He draws us into the act of sharing that *Shalom* with others.

The troubles of our time seem too much for us. We can be overwhelmed by the complexity of these challenges. There are layers upon layers of difficulties. Political attitudes, social situations and familial strife can sap our energy.

There are signs that powers beyond us at the spiritual level are behind the divisions that we experience among the

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

7/4-7/9

MONDAY

Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22
 Psalm 145:2-9
 Matthew 9:18-26

TUESDAY

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13
 Psalm 115:3-6, 7ab-8, 9-10
 Matthew 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
 Psalm 105:2-7
 Matthew 10:1-7

THURSDAY

Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9
 Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16
 Matthew 10:7-15

FRIDAY

Hosea 14:2-10
 Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-4, 17
 Matthew 10:16-23

SATURDAY

Isaiah 6:1-8
 Psalm 93:1-2, 5
 Matthew 10:24-33

7/11-7/16

MONDAY

Isaiah 1:10-17
 Psalm 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23
 Matthew 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY

Isaiah 7:1-9
 Psalm 48:2-8
 Matthew 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16
 Psalm 94:5-10, 14-15
 Matthew 11:25-27

THURSDAY

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
 Psalm 102:13-14ab, 15-21
 Matthew 11:28-30

FRIDAY

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8
 Isaiah 38: 10-12, 16 (Ps)
 Matthew 12:1-8

SATURDAY

Micah 2:1-5
 Psalm 10:1-4, 7-8, 14
 Matthew 12:14-21

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF JULY 3 AND JULY 10, 2022

SUNDAY MASS

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

10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.

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.

12:05 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. Saturdays, Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org. (Saturdays on radio only).

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these and many other parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannismary.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org); and Columbus Immaculate Conception (www.iccols.org). Check your parish website for additional information.

We pray Weeks II and III of the Liturgy of the Hours.

nations, in our families and even within our own being. Jesus' response is to send us out, two by two, into all the places He wants to visit.

Shalom, fullness of being, is offered to us. It begins with our relationship with the Lord. Will we be disciples, re-

lying on what He supplies?

Listen to His voice, speaking within your heart: "*The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.*" And then, "*Go on your way.*"

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Good Samaritan's compassion, mercy fulfill God's law

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
or Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan is among the best-known stories of the Gospel. Jesus tells the tale in a way that allows everyone who hears it to find his or her "place" in it. As Luke presents the parable, it is designed to invite "authorities" and "experts" who are apparently indifferent to "real life troubles" of ordinary folks to think again about their priorities.

A few details about the world of the parable might help us understand the context. But it is a parable that has a message for us, just as for those who heard it the first time.

The road down to Jericho from Jerusalem and the direction the traveler is going suggest that he was someone who had done his duty according to the law, coming from the Temple. Falling among robbers was common along that desert road. The fact that he was traveling alone, not with a caravan, might raise questions, but it also shows how vulnerable he was.

The priest and the Levite who passed

by were on the same road, but they were going up to fulfill obligations of the law. Their choice to pass by the victim was no doubt motivated by giving priority to fulfilling the dictates of liturgical practice rather than mere indifference. If the traveler was dead, their encounter with his body would mean they would be ritually impure and would not be fit for worship. For that reason, they could not even stop to check out his condition.

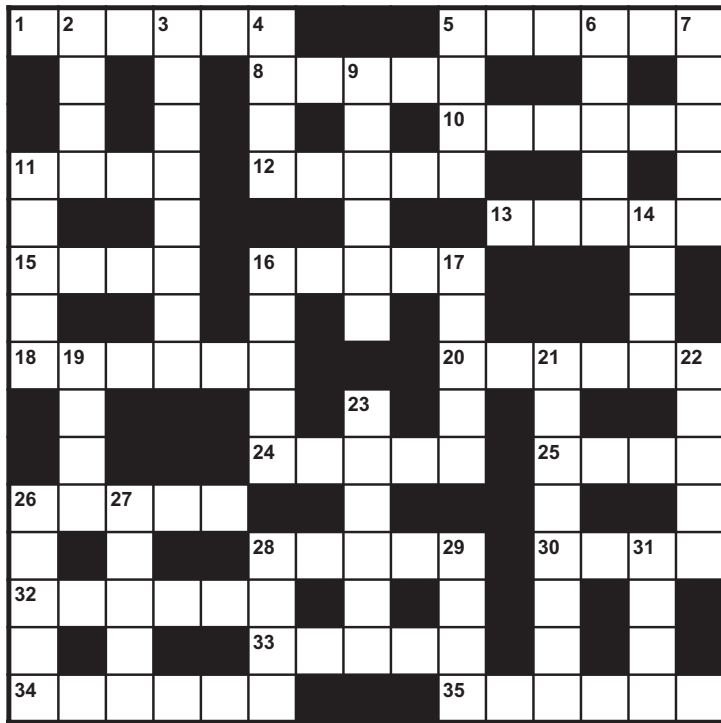
Samaritans did not worship in Jerusalem. They did not regularly interact with those who did. We are not told why the Samaritan was on the road. His compas-

sion and his willingness to share his resources with the unfortunate man who fell among thieves are the example Jesus wanted to emphasize.

As the tale is told, no judgment is made on any of the responses. That does not come until Jesus asks the scholar of the law, who wanted to test Jesus and to justify himself, "Which of the three was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

The judgment of the expert came quickly: "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus has no hesitation in offering

CATHOLIC CROSSWORD



www.wordgamesforcatholics.com

SAMARITAN, continued from Page 14

the invitation: "Go and do likewise."

The world of today is not so different from the world of the parable. We might have different places of worship and different expectations of folks who pass by one another on their journeys. But the invitation to find the right response is the same. We are to be compassionate, to show mercy. We are not to discriminate against others, deciding who is our neighbor. Rather, we are to be neighbor to whomever we encounter.

In Deuteronomy, Moses tells God's people that the law they are to practice is written into their very being. It is not something distant to be discovered from the outside. Rather, they are to find it in themselves.

Jesus' question to the scholar of the law makes this concrete. He is asked to judge a choice of behavior not by putting others into categories of worthiness, but rather by listening to his heart. We know immediately, from the habits of heart that

have been formed in us by putting the law into practice what we should do in the face of the needs we discover in front of us. Compassion and mercy are always available. These actions are the true fulfillment of the law. They are what God desires of us.

As we listen to the parable, we might find ourselves in any of the characters. We might directly hear the call to be the Good Samaritan. We might be the priest or Levite or scholar of the law with a readily formed attitude that can miss the needs right in front of us.

We might be the innkeeper asked to assist the Good Samaritan in the care of the stranger. Or we might be the victim in need of compassion, without whom there would be no story to tell. We might pray that we are not the robbers who put others into the role of victim. We are certainly called to be neighbors to all in need.

ACROSS

- 1 Biblical wood
- 5 See 6D
- 8 "Ave ____"
- 10 Papal dispensation permitting a deviation from church law
- 11 Good ____
- 12 Peter's name, originally
- 13 Saucer for the Eucharist
- 15 The New Jerusalem in Revelation was made of this
- 16 It was in the carcass of the lion that Samson killed
- 18 The Crown of ____
- 20 Brother of Peter
- 24 Commandment word
- 25 Our ____ of Fatima
- 26 They blew these outside the walls of Jericho
- 28 Wages of sin (Rom 6:23)
- 30 Saint of Lima
- 32 Death place of Saul (1 Sam 31:1-6)
- 33 Food of the Exodus (Ex 16:15-31)
- 34 ____ Creed
- 35 Describes some sins

DOWN

- 2 Refer to a biblical passage
- 3 Medieval Christian soldier
- 4 Second of a Latin trio
- 5 Slayer of Abel
- 6 With 5A, Elijah held his challenge here
- 7 Rite in the Church in the West
- 9 Catholic star of "Everybody Loves Raymond"
- 11 "Silent ____"
- 14 Land of Sts. Brendan and Brigid
- 16 "Heavenly ____ sing alleluia. . ."
- 17 Biblical expanding agent
- 19 Celestial topper
- 21 Jerusalem's Via ____
- 22 "Fort" diocese in Indiana
- 23 Where Caleb was sent as a spy
- 26 This Jesuit has a crater on the moon named for him
- 27 Holy object
- 28 Title for Catholic poet Edith Sitwell
- 29 Christ's relationship to the church (Eph 5:23)
- 31 AKA Paul

POSITION AVAILABLE
Director of Music Ministry
St. Joseph Church, Dover

The community of St. Joseph Church in Dover, Ohio, seeks an experienced pastoral musician to serve as Director of Music Ministries. This is a full-time, professional, ministerial position with benefits. The Director of Music will oversee, direct and coordinate the music ministries for all Liturgy and Parish worship including our Hispanic and Elementary School liturgies. The successful candidate will recruit, train and oversee all musicians, choirs (both English and Spanish speaking choirs), cantors, song leaders and other music volunteers, must be knowledgeable/comfortable with traditional, contemporary and praise and worship music. He or she will also serve as a resource to parish ministries and develop a plan for introducing new repertoire.

This person must work collaboratively with the Pastor, Parish Clergy, and all Parish Staff. Qualified applicants must be highly organized, possess a friendly demeanor, and dedicated to St. Joseph's mission of becoming a parish of authentic, missionary disciples. The ideal candidate will have previous experience as a pastoral musician and proficient in both the piano and organ. An excellent working knowledge of Catholic worship is required and the ability to converse in Spanish will be a plus.

Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening, completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" program and reference checks. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Contact Father Hatfield at the Parish Office (330) 364-6661 or e-mail to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com

POSITION AVAILABLE
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
St. Joseph Church, Dover

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph Church in Dover, Ohio and parish of 850 families is currently accepting resumes to be a candidate for a Coordinator of Youth Minister. The ideal applicant must be a practicing Catholic and exhibit an attitude and behavior for cultivating lifelong learning and development in faith. He/she must possess a bachelor's degree in religious education, theology or the equivalent. Catechetical, professionalism, flexibility, communications and public relations skills are essential for this position; must have superior written skills and oral communication, and excellent interpersonal skills to work with children, parents, parish staff, and the parish priest. Passing a background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" course are mandatory. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

To apply, send cover letter, resume and references to:

Father James Hatfield
c/o St. Joseph Church
613 North Tuscarawas Ave.
Dover, Ohio 44622

or email stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com

LANDSCAPING
OAKLAND NURSERY
VOTED BEST IN THE U.S.
Now is the best time to plan and design your landscape, patios, pools, walk-ways, retaining walls, and sprinkler systems.
614-268-3834


MUETZEL
SINCE 1967
• PLUMBING
• HEATING
• COOLING
614-299-7700
MUETZEL.COM


IGEL
Since 1911
GEORGE J. IGEL & CO., INC.
2040 ALUM CREEK DRIVE . COLUMBUS, OHIO
614.445.8421 . www.buildwithigel.com
SITE DEVELOPMENT . EARTHWORK . UTILITIES
CONCRETE . STABILIZATION . EARTH RETENTION
ROLLER COMPACTED CONCRETE . ASPHALT PAVING

JOHN N. SCHILLING INC.
Since 1894
• Air Conditioning
• Heating
• Roofing
• Sheet Metal Work
1488 Bliss St. • 614.252.4915
WWW.JOHNSCHILLINGINC.COM

SHERIDAN
FUNERAL HOME
740-653-4633
222 S. COLUMBUS STREET
LANCASTER, OHIO 43130
WWW.SHERIDANFUNERALHOME.NET

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

BENNETT, Lawrence C., March 22
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

BOYLES, Thomas, 80, June 16
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

CENTOFANTI, Iris J. (Dotter), 76, June 20
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

DICK, Ivan, 79, June 2
Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton

ELDRIDGE, David W., 63, June 15
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

GLASER, Dr. Walter T., 68, June 20
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

GRACE, John, 79, June 19
Christ the King Church, Columbus

HAMILTON, Emily M., 88, June 24
Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark

HOFFER, Patricia "Patty," 75, June 21
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

JENNINGS, Harry L., 74, May 25
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

JONES, Larry, 83, June 9
St. Joseph Church, Dover

LABRADOR, Dr. Rosario M. "Rosie," 81, June 23
St. John Church, Logan

LEARY, Helen A., 92, June 13
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

LERCH, Mary E. "MeMe" (Spear), 94, June 21
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

LITTLE, Harold V., 92, June 8
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

MILLER, Wendi M. (Weckesser), 53, June 14
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

O'CONNOR, Michael J., 70, June 6
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

PALOMBO, Felix A. "Cat," 95, June 14
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

PALOMBO, Joan "Vix" (Alspach), 90, June 22
St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

ROJO, James H., 77, June 21
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

SAYER, David Q., 84, June 12
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

SPEARS, Robert D., 74, June 21
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

STROMINGER, Daniel H., 85, June 14
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

TAYLOR, Terry L., 54, June 13
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

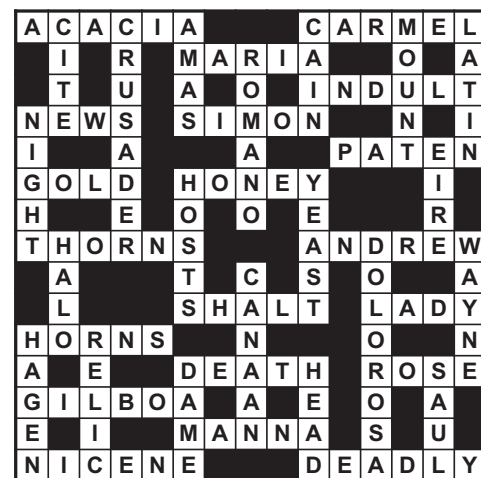
TRUMM, Margie A, 62, of Reynoldsburg, June 16
St. Peter Church, Cascade, Iowa

WAGONER, Joan L. (Steinhagen), 92, June 16
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

WANNER, Delores O. (Starcher), 87, June 8
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

WEAVER, Kathy Sue (Schultz), 68, June 8
St. John Church, Logan

WHERLEY, Pauline "Polly," 96, June 1
St. Joseph Church, Dover



www.wordgamesforcatholics.com

JOB OPENING

The parishes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake, and St. Leonard, Heath are seeking a person to fill the position of Coordinator of Religious Education. This is a part-time, salaried position of 25 hours per week. Travel is required on Sundays between the two parishes for PSR and once during the week. Main responsibilities include recruiting and training of catechists, preparing schedules, ordering PSR materials, working closely with those preparing our youth for the sacraments, and helping in the coordination of Vacation Bible School and other faith formation programs. For further information or to apply for the position, please contact Father William A Hritsko by calling 740-928-3266 or by email at office@olmbuckeyelake.org. Protecting God's Children and a BCI background check are required.

Sister Elaine Ballmann, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Elaine Ballmann, SNDdeN, 90, who died Monday, June 20 at the Mount Notre Dame Health Center in Cincinnati, was celebrated Wednesday, June 29 in the St. Julie Chapel at Mount Notre Dame.

She was born on Nov. 1, 1931 in Dayton to the late Gabriel and Viola (Zink) Ballmann.

She graduated from Dayton Julienne High School in 1949 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Our Lady of Cincinnati College in 1962 and a Master of Science degree in education from Xavier University in 1966 and pursued further studies at Regis College in Toronto in 1983 and 1984.

She entered the community of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur on July 26, 1949 and made her first profession of vows on Jan. 26, 1952, taking the name Sister Mary Gabriel, and her final profession on Aug. 13, 1957.

From 1987 until her retirement in 2019,

she was at St. Therese's Retreat Center in Columbus, where she helped with administrative tasks, including overseeing work schedules, calendars, payroll and purchasing. She also assisted with the physical tasks of running a retreat center: serving in the dining room, doing dishes, cooking meals, making beds, answering the phone and making sure people were welcomed. She directed retreats, served as regular spiritual director for individuals, led evenings of reflection for parish groups and met regularly with a group of women to explore various spiritualities.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher and principal at Columbus St. Augustine (1958-1960) and St. Christopher (1960-1965) schools, and was administrator of the sisters' Columbus convent (1985-1987). She also taught at schools in Hamilton and Dayton.

She had five brothers and four sisters and 28 nieces and nephews.

Lawrence C. Krueger

Funeral Mass for Lawrence C. Krueger, 75, who died Saturday, May 28, was celebrated Friday, June 17 at Columbus Holy Family Church.

He was born on April 14, 1947 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin to the late Clarence and Virginia (Prast) Krueger and grew up there and in Appleton and Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

He received an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and a Master's degree in higher education administration from Indiana University.

He spent about a decade working at the former Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral Book Store and before that managed book

stores at Wittenberg University, Franklin University and Columbus State Community College. Earlier, he was employed in the student life office of the University of Akron and was assistant dean of student life and director of the student union at Capital University.

He sang in the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral choir for about 30 years, then was in the Holy Family Church choir. He also was a professional pianist, organist and singer, a founder of the Columbus Gourmet Club and a restorer and preserver of antiques, often working with the Museum of Catholic Art and History in Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline (Rudolph) and sons Stephen and Michael.

DOBBS, continued from Page 3

nutritional support, material aid, foster care and adoption support and more, Ohio is leveraging more than a billion dollars to help support families.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge that there are incredibly strong feelings and emotions right now from people who believe that women's rights and equality are predicated on abortion – that killing their children in the name of bodily autonomy is requisite to freedom. When someone hears something enough – and five decades is a lot, they believe it to be true. We have a tremendous opportunity to respond in truth and charity, remembering that we are fighting evils and ideas and sin, not people.

A few hours after the Dobbs decision came out, a friend messaged me that their family lost their unborn baby due to miscarriage and they were having a funeral Mass and interment if I could

make it. I did.

As I sat in that church, I surveyed a group of 40-50 people gathered. While their grief was evident, so was their joy.

It stood in stark contrast to what I drove past on my way there: a crowd of angry abortion advocates heading to the Statehouse, one of whom had painted the inside of her legs red and was holding what appeared to be a painted baby doll representing a child to be aborted.

These past few days, it has been impossible not to compare the two scenes repeatedly in my head. There is no real difference between the baby deeply loved and fully mourned and the baby aborted by choice. The difference is in us: in the formation of our hearts and the quality of our mercy. Life is coming at us quickly, and we have to choose – will we choose life or death? I pray we choose life.

Former Catholic conference director's quiet effectiveness remembered

By Tim Puet
For The Catholic Times

Tim Luckhaupt never sought praise for his work in 33 years with the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO), but his successor as its executive director said he was an outstanding voice in the legislature for the state's bishops in matters of education, health care, pro-life issues and other public policy activities.

Luckhaupt, 78, died on Monday, June 6. He had served the conference as government programs director from 1974 to 1988 and as executive director from 1988 to 2007, when he retired and was succeeded by Carolyn Jurkowitz.

"Tim was a real force for good in his role as an advocate in the public sector for the bishops of Ohio's six Roman Catholic and three Eastern Catholic dioceses," said Jurkowitz, who took over Luckhaupt's role upon his retirement and served as CCO executive director until August 2021.

"He never sought the limelight but built a strong staff of people who were a constant, strong presence in the Statehouse and were respected for their gracious but forceful efforts on behalf of Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes and other institutions."

"Tim truly was a servant of the Church," said current CCO executive director Jerry Freewalt, who succeeded Jurkowitz when she retired last year. "Although Tim had a special passion for Catholic education, he cared deeply about all ministries of the Church in Ohio. His faithful leadership and dedication touched many lives."

Freewalt was with the Office of Social Concerns of the Diocese of Columbus for 26 years until being hired by the CCO. "During my time with the diocese, I got to know Tim when I attended various department and committee meetings at the conference offices," he said.

"When I walked by his office, he always asked me how I was doing. Tim was sincerely interested in what I had to say and replied with kindness and good advice. I could tell he lived the Christian virtues, and this served the conference well."

Luckhaupt began serving the Catholic Church in 1965 as a teacher at Columbus Bishop Ready High School. He was there until 1971, taking two years during that period to serve with the U.S. Army. In the fall of 1971, he became principal of Columbus St. Christopher School, taking on the additional duties of principal of Columbus Our Lady of Victory School the following year and of Columbus Trinity Elementary School (a merger of St. Christopher, Our Lady of Victory and Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona schools) the year after that before coming to the CCO.

Luckhaupt was the fifth director of the state conference, which was founded as the Catholic Welfare Conference of Ohio in December 1945. He succeeded Nelson Harper in that role. Father John Staunton was the founding director, serving from 1945 to 1956, and was followed by James Hollern, Ted Staudt and Harper.

"Ohio had taken its first steps to provide nonsectarian assistance to Catholic and other nonpublic schools when Nelson hired Tim to be a liaison between the conference and the legislature in 1974," Jurkowitz said.

"The state had allowed public schools to provide bus transportation to private schools in the mid-1960s and had permitted nonpublic schools to receive specified benefits and materials known as auxiliary services from the state beginning in 1967.

"Tim's efforts greatly expanded the auxiliary services program. His work also resulted in creation

of the administrative cost reimbursement program, through which the state pays nonpublic schools for the costs involved in complying with state educational mandates.

"Thanks to Tim's efforts, in every two-year session of the legislature during Tim's tenure, more state money and services became available to nonpublic schools."

At the time of Luckhaupt's hiring, the CCO also had a health-care affairs director who dealt with state agencies on behalf of the many small Catholic hospitals then existing.

In 1987, shortly before Harper's retirement, Jurkowitz as education director and Jim Tobin as social concerns director were added to the conference staff as it began to increase involvement in areas such as the death penalty, immigration, pro-life matters, poverty, hunger, housing, criminal justice, gun violence, payday lending, elder care, care for creation, human trafficking and religious liberty.

"One of the most significant things Tim did was his work in successfully holding off challenges to the Cleveland school voucher program in state and federal courts, going all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court in 2002," Jurkowitz said. "That program ultimately led to today's Ohio EdChoice scholarships, which the state began in 2005."

The EdChoice program gives students from designated public schools the opportunity to attend participating private schools and provides scholarship opportunities at those schools for low-income students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Beginning in the late 20th century and continuing through the early years of this century, most of the state's small Catholic hospitals were absorbed into larger Catholic and private health-care organizations, eliminating the need for a separate health-care office in the conference. Tim Pond retired as head of that department in 2010. Luckhaupt, Jurkowitz and Tobin dealt with health-care matters in the following years.

"Another important matter Tim (Luckhaupt) worked on, which was sort of under the radar for most parishioners, involved discussions with the state's bishops and the leaders of congregations of religious sisters to create a standard schedule of pay and health-care benefits for retired sisters in Ohio," Jurkowitz said.

"That became increasingly important as the role of sisters changed, and many sisters stayed in the community after retirement rather than returning to a convent.

"Fundraising for long-term diocesan and parish needs also underwent a big change during Tim's tenure. When he started with the conference, organizations like The Catholic Foundation in Columbus and other diocesan foundations didn't exist. Most parish efforts to provide for their future involved small-scale efforts such as bingo, raffles and festivals.

"Tim worked with the state and with parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations to develop more sophisticated ways of raising money for the Church's long-term needs," Jurkowitz said.

"Tim also provided great help to the Ohio Catholic Education Association (OCSEA)," she said. "People there called him the king of the OCSEA annual convention because he organized it each year and put on great programs that were fun and gave teachers a chance to gain their necessary in-service hours every year.

"Proceeds from those programs also helped greatly with advocacy efforts for Catholic education. Besides Ohio teachers, they attracted others from Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois.

"Tim grew with the conference," Jurkowitz said. "He came in really organized, provided great leadership, hired a great staff and never tried to take credit for the things they did. The bottom line for him is that he was a man who got things done."

Luckhaupt is survived by his wife of 54 years, Karen; sons Kevin and Kris and their respective wives, both named Jennifer; daughter Erin; and six grandchildren.

PARISH

St. Matthew

FESTIVAL

July 14, 15, 16

THURSDAY-6PM -11PM- FAMILY NIGHT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY-6PM-12AM- MONTE CARLO

RIDES FOOD GAMES

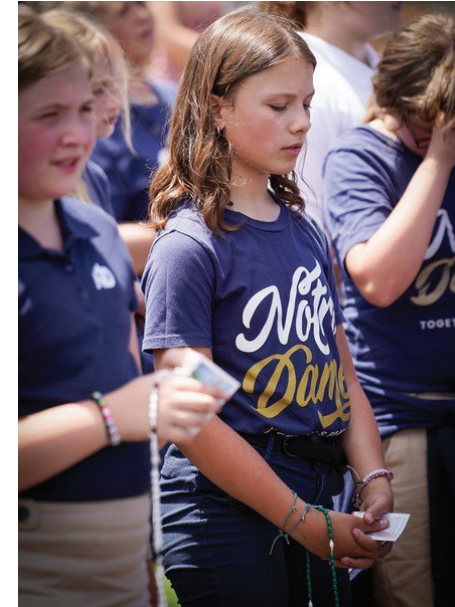
Portsmouth students honor Our Lady of Fatima

On May 13, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, students at Portsmouth Notre Dame elementary school and adults from the area gathered at Holy Redeemer Church for a rosary procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The rosary was led by Father Brian Beal, pastor of the four-parish consortium in Scioto County, and included priests from the area and children from the school. They processed outdoors behind a statue of Our Lady of Fatima donated by the Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters that was carried on a platform constructed by a parishioner and decorated with flowers by Sister Soledad Sauzameda, LIHM.

Children who did not have rosaries of their own were provided one and the older people who had come to participate sat in the park next to the parish to join in praying the rosary during the procession. An ice cream social followed the rosary.

Portsmouth Notre Dame High School students were unable to participate because of exams, but organizers are hoping to hold another procession and rosary on Oct. 7, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.



Sister Soledad Sauzameda, LIHM, (left photo) joins Portsmouth Notre Dame elementary school students in praying the rosary during an outdoor procession, which was led by Father Brian Beal (center photo), on May 13, for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Other students (right photo) pray along. Photos courtesy Mark Delabar

“I feel that it is so important to teach our children how powerful a weapon the rosary is against the evils of this

world,” said Jane Brown, one of the organizers and a Holy Redeemer parishioner. “If we get our children in the habit

of saying and understanding the rosary, then we will have lifetime promoters of the rosary.”

JOSEPHINUM
4-MILER
RUN/WALK
 SUPPORTING THE SEMINARIANS
 Register now at m3ssports.com

OCTOBER 8, 2022
PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM
7625 NORTH HIGH STREET

Event parking provided at Crosswoods Center I office park located at 100 Crosswoods Blvd. Jessing Center parking may be used by those with small children, or mobility challenges.

Packet pickup: 7:30am | **Start time:** 9am
Swag: All participants receive bread and a bottle of wine, or bread and a jar of Trappist Monastery jam.

Family rate:
 Save \$5 per person when registering at least 3 participants at one time.

PRESENTED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE JOSEPHINUM

Chillicothe Knights award scholarships



Abigail Wiley



Jack Huggins



Carmen Corcoran



Chillicothe St. Mary's Knights of Columbus, Bishop Flaget Council 1071 and Chillicothe St. Peter's Knights of Columbus, Father Charles Griffin Council 15793 combined to award eight college scholarships of \$750 each to graduating high school seniors and members of St. Mary, St. Peter and Waverly St. Mary churches. Recipients (from left) included Savannah Davis, Evan Friend, Gabriel Corcoran, Simon Brown and Hannah Pickerrell. The other recipients are pictured individually.

Photos courtesy Chillicothe Knights of Columbus

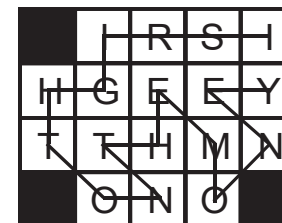
Seasons of Hope to meet on Sundays

The Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry sponsored by the North High Deanery, will host a six-week session on Sundays from July 10 to Aug. 14 for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one and looking for friends to share in the grief.

The sessions will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave. Any appropriate COVID protocols will be followed.

To register, call Karen Droll at (614) 582-8848 or via e-mail at ksdroll@gmail.com. Registrations will be taken through Sunday, July 17.

WORDS OF WISDOM SOLUTION



JOB OPENING

Bookkeeper/Accountant

Local funeral home looking for part-time bookkeeper. Great work environment, flexible schedule, competitive salary. Knowledge of QuickBooks and Microsoft Word and Excel required. Send resume to Kevin at kevin@egan-ryan.com.

Sacred Heart billboards go up around Columbus



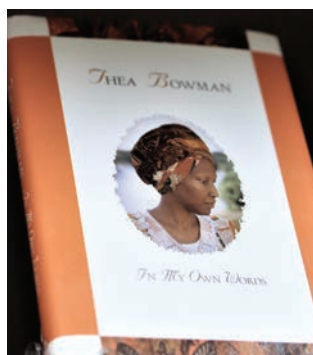
During the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June, five billboards were placed in Columbus that included a picture and message from St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a 17th century French nun known for promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart. Two more billboards are scheduled to go up in the near future, organizer Tim McAndrew said, adding, "Let's show Columbus who our King is. The loss of one soul plunges our Lord into mortal sadness. Let the Sacred Heart of Jesus bring peace and love to our city." Current billboard locations in Columbus include Alum Creek Drive (pictured), Hague and Sullivant Avenues, Cooke Road and Indianola Avenue, Mound Street and Central Avenue, and Greenlawn Avenue and Front Street. Anyone interested in helping should contact McAndrew at 614-565-8654 or at Mcandrewfourlife@gmail.com.

Juneteenth at St. Dominic



Bishop Earl Fernandes (above, center) visited Columbus St. Dominic Church for a Juneteenth celebration on Sunday, June 26. Joining him was Father Ramon Owers (right), the pastor at St. Dominic and Columbus Holy Rosary/St. John churches. The event included a celebration of African-American Catholic culture and featured a Juneteenth presentation by students as well as books about the holiday and influential Black Catholics, including Servant of God Thea Bowman, a religious sister and advocate for racial harmony who died of cancer in 1990.

Photos courtesy Abigail Pitones



Serran learns to ask for grace, spread the faith, trust in God

By Diane Prettyman

I am a two-month Serra Club member. I am called a Serran and am learning fast about the need to bring Catholics (and non-Catholics) to a greater understanding of living out our faith.

There is much I need to learn about this responsibility, but I'd like to share some thoughts after attending my second meeting.

We heard Father Seth Keller speak about his first two years as a priest in the Diocese of Columbus. I came away with simple and profound things to think about.

Father Seth reminded us how much we need the powerful grace of God. Simple and profound. We can accomplish nothing good without it. Relying on His grace encompasses faith, hope and love. Praying for grace is always answered in the positive.

Father Seth loves to see the faith of young children. He shared precious anecdotes of professions of faith from kindergarten and first-grade students. One child saw the pastor and Father Seth walking together and commented,

"There's the Father and the Son!" Simple and profound. I so want our children to keep the joy they know about Our Lord their entire lives. We must make sure of it.

Father Seth also said there are three types of Catholics: practicing Catholics, fallen away Catholics and potential Catholics. The COVID virus didn't help matters. So many families haven't yet returned to church. Some "potentials" just haven't been invited.

Father reminded us that evangelization is painstaking work, but with grace we can plant seeds – simple and profound – and let the Holy Spirit work His amazing miracles.

Father made one final, simple and profound point: God. Is. Working. He has the whole world under control. When I listen to the news I forget that fact. If we really listen, He is saying, "I've got this!" He made the world. He made us. He knows what to do.

Finally, let's remember to pray diligently for our priests. And let's not forget that we need vocations to be heard and answered so that we can be led toward more simple and profound truths.

Catholic Men's Ministry Leadership is looking for "The 72."

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

- Luke 10:2



If you are interested in helping our Ministry, please contact us by visiting our website.

CatholicMensMinistry.com



Local news and events

Ohio Dominican, OhioHealth enter degree partnership

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) has entered into a partnership with OhioHealth that will give dependents of OhioHealth's 30,000 employees the ability to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at more than half off the current cost of tuition.

This would enable those dependents to apply for a scholarship that would allow them to attend ODU full time at more than 60 percent off the current tuition rate, which is a savings of approximately \$20,000 per year.

The benefit will be available to OhioHealth associates starting in the fall 2022 semester. ODU is still accepting applications and deposits for students interested in joining its fall incoming classes.

First-time and transfer students will be eligible to receive the scholarship, which is renewable for as many as eight semesters. The scholarship replaces any additional institutional aid for which students may qualify; however, students may still be eligible for need-based aid from other non-university sources.

It does not cover costs associated with textbooks, supplies, course fees, private lessons, room and board or other miscellaneous fees. Students also must

meet certain requirements to maintain eligibility, including enrolling on a full-time basis (at least 12 credit hours) and maintaining a 2.5 grade-point average.

OhioHealth associates interested in learning more about this scholarship should contact OhioHealth's human resources office at HRRRC@ohiohealth.com.

To view a complete listing of ODU's academic programs, visit ohiodominican.edu/Academics.

State librarians to honor DeSales student for reading

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School student Emma Young was recently selected to receive a Read On! Ohio Award for Children & Teens from the Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA), the state's professional association for K-12 school librarians.

Award winners in primary (K-grade 2), intermediate (grades 3-5), middle (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12) from four regions throughout the state are nominated by school and public librarians for showing enthusiasm for reading. Young was recommended



St. Francis DeSales student Emma Young
Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

by Pam Van Arsdale, the library media specialist at DeSales.

"Emma is a standout student and athlete at our school. But, most importantly, she is also the top patron in our school library," Van Arsdale said in her nomination letter. "On any given day, you can see Emma during her study hall or lunch time either reading a book, sharing a book with a friend, or checking out a book. Emma has checked out

more books this year than any other student.

"She reads for her classes, reads for participation in clubs, and reads independently for fun. Often, you can find Emma talking with her friends (or me) about the books she is reading.

"She is a part of our Battle of the Books team and is quick to help her team with answering questions about the novels this year. She is a leader and one of the few students who have read almost every book on the Battle list. And, she also suggests quite a few books to read that are not on our list!

"In addition to the books she is reading for class and for the Battle team, she checks out books to read on her own. In general, Emma checks out a book approximately every 10 days. Her choices range from classics to modern YA and fantasy. She has strong opinions about books and is not afraid to share them with me and with her fellow students."

Young will be recognized at the OELMA's state conference and awards ceremony at noon Oct. 7 at the Dublin Embassy Suites hotel.

This marks the seventh year for the Read on! Ohio awards.



St. Timothy Parish Festival On The Green



JULY 15TH & 16TH, 6PM-12 MIDNIGHT

1088 THOMAS LANE • COLUMBUS, OHIO 43220

FELLOWSHIP • FOOD • KIDS RIDES • HOMEMADE THICK CRUST PIZZA

FRIDAY
DAN ORR
PROJECT

LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY
REAGANOMICS

More information at sttimfestival.org

CAR RAFFLE

NEW 2022 HONDA ACCORD LX

One (1) ticket for \$20.00 or Six (6) tickets for \$100.00.

Please Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets and see official rules.

(please scroll up on the webpage)



Buy 2022 Accord
raffle ticket here.