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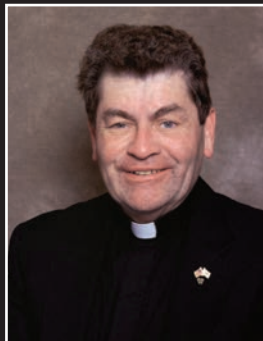
Funeral Mass for Father William J. Faustner, 74, who died Sunday, July 31, was celebrated Wednesday, Aug. 3 at Columbus St. Timothy Church. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Wescosville, Pennsylvania.

He was born on Jan. 24, 1948 to Joseph and Teressa (Schrampf) Faustner in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

He entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia in 1963 and earned a Bachelor's degree in philosophy at St. Mary's College in St. Mary, Kentucky in 1970. His studies continued at the Pontifical College Josephinum and Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he earned a Master's degree in theology in 1976.

He was ordained a priest by Bishop Edward Herrmann on May 29, 1976 at Columbus Corpus Christi Church. He

served as associate pastor at Dennison Immaculate Conception, Westerville St. Paul the Apostle, Worthington St. Michael, Columbus Our Lady of Peace, Columbus St. Mary Magdalene and Columbus Christ the King churches, administrator pro-tem at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Church, and pastor at Kenton Immaculate Conception and Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales churches.



He also was a teacher at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School and chaplain at Ohio State University (OSU) Hospital and Grant Hospital in Columbus. His final assignment,

while in residence at Columbus St. Timothy Church, was as chaplain at Riverside Methodist, Mount Carmel West and OSU Hospitals in Columbus. He retired from active ministry in March 2018.

Father G. Michael Gribble passed away on Aug. 3, 2022

Funeral Mass for Father G. Michael Gribble, 79, who died Wednesday, Aug. 3, was celebrated Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Newark.

He was born on Feb. 7, 1943 in Zanesville to the late George and Catherine (Keane) Gribble, was a 1961 graduate of Newark Catholic High School and earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English education from Ohio State University in 1969 and 1972, respectively.



After several years as a teacher, he entered seminary at the Catholic University of America Theological College in Washington, earning his Master of Divinity degree in 1981. He was ordained on May 16, 1981 at Saint Francis de Sales Church by Bishop Edward Herrmann.

He spent the last 13 years of his active priesthood as rector of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral before retiring in 2013 and moving to the Buckeye Lake area. He remained active as a senior priest, celebrating Masses and assisting with pastoral ministry at many parishes and schools in Licking County and nearby. He also was the fleet chaplain at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club.

Earlier, he was pastor at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church and Granville St. Edward the Confessor Church and associate pastor at New Philadelphia and Groveport St. Mary churches, and was a teacher at Columbus Father Wehrle High School and chaplain at Denison University.

He is survived by his sisters Susie Gribble and Rose (Greg) McEntire.

Father William Hritsko's funeral homily for Father William J. Faustner

"It is my honor to be here to offer the homily for Father Faustner's funeral. For those of you who don't know who I am, ... for the last going-on two decades, I was the frequent confessor of Father Faustner. Just know that I am not breaking that seal.

"Everything that we might share is not within this, and one of the things I want to start with is something we all start with, particularly us as priests:

"O God, come to my assistance."

(Congregation: "O Lord, make haste to help me.")

"That's the beginning of our prayer, every Office – and then we pray the

Glory to God:

"Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit."

(Congregation: "As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.")

"That was the center of Father Bill. ...

"We had a very long friendship ... and many of you who served with him over the years know the stories (about him), too. You have your own. A priest even just said 'May you say the stories you're supposed to and not say the ones you're not supposed to. Offer the homily you should, not the one you want.'

And it's true, because there's so much that goes beyond, and both options are equal with Father Bill. ...

"As we come here and offer this Mass of burial and of resurrection for Father Bill, we come as something he recognized in himself, because we talked about this outside of the confessional. It was that we are sinners – redeemed, but we're sinners and we live within that, really – relying on the mercy of God for our own continuing conversions, and Father Bill was part of that.

"He had his way. He never changed from his desire always to be a good priest. ... His model was always dedication to his priesthood, and that is what we can all take from him.

"There are other things – and I know, Bishop Fernandes, you know this from the times Father Bill went down to visit the pastor at the parish where you were assigned as an associate at the time – about once a month, when he would come out, there was a ritual. I won't share it, but we know what some of it is. And with that, there was a consistency in what he did, consistency in what he felt, and the strongest is there was consistency in loving the people of God.

"The Gospel that we have proclaimed – the sheep and the goats – I don't know if all the sheep were as pure as the Lord

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, August 15

When this Solemnity falls on a Monday or Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is waived. Check parishes for schedule of Mass times.



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CHANGES IN FORMATION
Father William Hahn, director of vocations for the diocese, greets young men and families at the start of the Quo Vadis retreat in late July at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Vocational formation changes in the U.S. will impact future aspirants to the priesthood.
CT photo by Ken Snow

CORRECTION

A story in the July 31 issue of The Catholic Times incorrectly listed Msgr. William Dunn's status because of an editing error. Msgr. Dunn remains active in retirement in the Columbus area.

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More priests, sisters from orders come to diocese

By Tim Puet
For *The Catholic Times*

Priests and sisters from religious orders have been an essential part of Catholic life in Ohio since its earliest days. Dominican friars celebrated Ohio's first Catholic Mass in Somerset in 1808 and established the state's first parish there 10 years later, and Dominican sisters followed them in 1839. They were joined by many other orders in the next two centuries.

That tradition is continuing, with several orders new to the diocese sending members to its parishes in the past year to serve as staff members at parishes and schools and to take part in a variety of ministries.

"The addition of new congregations and the growth in numbers for some congregations already present in the diocese point toward the stability and vitality of the local Church," said Father Stash Dailey, diocesan vicar for religious, who helped several orders of priests and sisters establish themselves in the diocese during the past several years while he was pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church.

"There is a mutual benefit regarding the growth of congregational 'families' in the diocese and the growth of family life among the faithful. Both are signs of incredible hope for the diocese. This has been true from the arrival of the Dominicans until the present day," said Father Dailey, who will become vice rector of formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum when the seminary starts its academic year this month.

"Today, religious orders are involved in all types of apostolates – teaching, healing, early childhood development, evangelization, serving in hospitals, visiting the homebound, adult faith formation and much more. They are a critical part of the diocese's work, especially as the number of diocesan priests has decreased," he said.

Father Dailey said he is constantly looking for additional orders willing to serve in the diocese at the invitation of Bishop Earl Fernandes.

Father Dailey's former parish, Holy Family, is one of several parishes formerly served by diocesan priests that are being staffed entirely by priests from orders. Two friars from the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy, known as the Mercedarians, arrived at Holy Family on Jan. 17, with a third expected in Columbus this month.

Father Michael Donovan, O de M, the church's new pastor, is from Chester, Pennsylvania and has been a pastor in New York and Florida and a parochial vicar in Cleveland and Philadelphia. Father Joseph Eddy, O de M, parochial vicar, also is from Pennsylvania and most recently was pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Cleveland. He



Theatine Fathers Victor Méndez-Cano, C.R. (left) and Father David Arroyo-Alonso, C.R., recently assigned to the diocese, are in residence at Columbus Christ the King Church.



Father Jins Devasia, HGN (left) and Father Anish Thomas, HGN, of the Heralds of Good News order are serving at Sunbury St. John Neumann and New Albany Church of the Resurrection churches as parochial vicars.
Photos courtesy diocesan Chancery Office

also has served parishes in Florida and Philadelphia and was a teacher before discerning his call to the priesthood.

Their order was established in Spain in 1218 to ransom Christians held captive in Muslim lands. Besides their traditional vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, they take a fourth vow pledging to give everything, including their lives if necessary, to redeem the captive and the oppressed. This means they sometimes have physically exchanged themselves for suffering Christians. They have been in Ohio since arriving in Youngstown and Cleveland in the 1920s.

Besides serving Holy Family, they will be establishing a student house there for young men training at the Josephinum to be Mercedarian friars.

The most recent priests from religious orders to arrive in the Columbus diocese are members of the Heralds of Good News. The order was established in India in 1984, sent its first members to the United States seven years later and now has 350 priests in six nations. In the United States, the Heralds serve the dioceses of Fort Worth, Texas; Gallup, New Mexico; Lexington and Owensboro, Kentucky; Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia; and now Columbus.

Father Jins Devasia, HGN, is the new parochial vicar at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. In his 12 years as a priest, he has been a parochial vicar, a director of a home for the poor and a school administrator in India and served as a missionary in Papua New Guinea for five years.

Father Anish Thomas, HGN, is the

parochial vicar at New Albany Church of the Resurrection. A priest for eight years, he was a school and parish administrator at several locations in India. This assignment is the first in the United States for both.

Three priests from the Theatine Fathers, also known as the Congregation of Clerics Regular, came to the diocese in 2021, becoming the first members of the congregation to serve in a state outside Colorado since their order, which is based in Rome, left New York more than 100 years ago.

Father Tomas Carvajal, CR, is assigned to Dover St. Joseph and Zoar Holy Trinity churches. Newly ordained Fathers Victor Cano, CR, and David Arroyo, CR, came to Columbus Christ the King Church in the fall of last year. All three are on one-year assignments, are fluent in Spanish and are serving parishes with large Latino populations.

The Pallottine Fathers were given administration of Columbus St. Christopher Church in 2020, with Father Wojciech Stachura, SAC, serving as pastor and Father Andrzej Kozminski, SAC, as parochial vicar. They will be joined by two more members of their order who will receive assignments in the diocese, with one expected to arrive before the end of this month and one in October, Father Dailey said.

Three members of the Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Mother Assumpta Tangan, LIHM; Sister Soledad Sauzameda, LIHM; and Sister Chiara Francisco, LIHM – arrived in Portsmouth in October 2021 and live in the convent at Portsmouth St. Mary

Church.

All three visit the four parishes of the Scioto Catholic community – Portsmouth St. Mary and Holy Redeemer, Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains and Pond Creek Holy Trinity.

Sister Chiara serves as the community's religious education director and teaches at Portsmouth Notre Dame Elementary School and High School. Mother Assumpta is the community's safe environment coordinator and director of its Protecting God's Children program and Sister Soledad assists at Notre Dame Elementary and is involved in ministry to the homebound.

The sisters' apostolate also includes household enthronements to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and First Friday and First Saturday vigils. Their congregation was founded in the Philippines in 1991.

The sisters serve in Alabama, Nebraska, South Dakota, Australia and the Philippines. The Portsmouth convent is the order's first in Ohio. Its members work for the conversion of broken families, young people and the parishes they serve.

Three members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary moved in June into the convent of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, which since the parish's founding in 1946 had been occupied by members of the Dominican Sisters of Peace and its predecessor congregation, the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs.

The three are Sister Zephрина Mary, FIH, director of the diocesan Missions Office; Sister Leonard Mary, FIH, who is on the parish ministerial staff; and Sister Riya Mary, FIH, who works in the diocesan Tribunal. Members of their order also have been serving since 2014 at Chillicothe St. Mary and St. Peter churches and Waverly St. Mary Church.

The sisters moved to the Our Lady of Peace convent from the convent at Columbus St. Aloysius Church. Their move opened up space for members of the Sisters of Our Lady of Kilimanjaro to move to St. Aloysius from the Columbus St. Ladislav Church convent.

Their congregation, which is based in Tanzania near Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest peak in Africa, is involved in health care and pastoral work. Its only other congregation in the United States is in Clearwater, Florida.

Sister Joo Yun, Sister Monique, Sister Guerline and Sister Loretta, all members of the Salesian Sisters, will begin their second year of service at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School in the fall, leading Bible studies and assisting with prayer services and Mass preparation.

Sister Joo Yun also helps with choir practice and First Communion at Co-

Bishop blesses new ultrasound machine

The Women's Care Center and the Knights of Columbus welcomed Bishop Earl Fernandes on Monday, July 18 at the center's 935 E. Broad St. location to receive and bless an ultrasound machine, purchased by the Knights, that will allow more mothers and fathers to see their baby for the first time.

"How wonderful it was to see our new shepherd bless this lifesaving device and pray over all present," said Chris Sarka, Ohio state warden of the Knights.

"The Columbus Chapter Knights of Columbus raised 25% of the funds to match a donation made to the Women's Care Center, and the Supreme Council contributed 50% of the funds ... as part of the Ultrasound Initiative Program."

Over the past 10 years, the Knights of Columbus have placed more than 1,500 ultrasound machines in pregnancy resource centers, with machines in every state and throughout the world. Many women come to the Women's Care Center in search of resources and hope, and with programs like the Ultrasound Ini-



Bishop Earl Fernandes blessed a new ultrasound machine at the Women's Care Center at 935 E. Broad St. in Columbus on Monday, July 18. The machine was funded through contributions from local Knights of Columbus chapters. Photo courtesy Abigail Pitones

tiative, the Knights and Women's Care Center have undoubtedly saved lives.

Women's Care Center directors Madeline Pesavento and Katie Beiter were in attendance, along with care cen-

ter staff members, to welcome Bishop Fernandes. During his traditional blessing, the bishop sprinkled Holy Water in the ultrasound room and on those in attendance.

After the blessing, the bishop toured the Women's Care Center, met with staff and spoke about the importance of resources, accompaniment and support for pregnant women and their babies.

The Women's Care Center welcomes more than 50 women each day for services and parenting classes. And, with skilled support and 2,850 ultrasounds performed last year, it is no surprise that 9 in 10 women choose life.

With the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, more women than ever will come to Women's Care Center first. Pesavento said, "Because of this support, thousands of mothers will have the opportunity to hear their babies' heart beating and see their little limbs moving. So many lives will be saved.

"The Women's Care Center is thankful for the generosity of the Knights of Columbus for the purchase of this ultrasound machine, and we are eternally grateful for the blessings offered by Bishop Fernandes."

Bingo event benefits Women's Care Center

By Elizabeth Pardi

Women's Care Center (WCC) last month hosted its 10th annual Luxury Bingo at the Exchange at Bridge Park in Dublin. WCC, which serves underprivileged mothers during and after their pregnancies, has two locations in Columbus and recently received a new ultrasound machine from the Knights of Columbus.

WCC's Luxury Bingo aims to provide a fun-filled "thank you" to the organization's donors. Speakers during the evening told stories and offered statistics about how donations have helped WCC reduce abortion rates in Columbus and aid struggling mothers and their babies.

About 375 attendees played seven games of bingo to win deluxe prizes, including a \$1,000 gift certificate to The Spa at River Ridge in Dublin and a three-night stay at Shell Island Resort in North Carolina. Guests also could make additional donations to WCC.

Madeline Pesavento, director of outreach for WCC, said the evening was likely "our most financially successful event to date."

Bishop Earl Fernandes opened the event with a speech about the need for financial donations not only to assist women while they are pregnant but also for their journeys through parenthood. "We're not just against abortion, we're pro-life," he said. "We care for women, their children, their families, and we walk with them."

Pesavento thanked those attending



Kristina Keiffer (right) holds baby Maya, whose mother, Meiry (center), benefited from the parenting classes offered from the Women's Care Center in Columbus. Joining them is supporter Maria Frommeyer. Photo courtesy Women's Care Center

for their contributions and for making Women's Care Center successful. "Thanks to all of you, the Women's Care Center has flourished throughout our over 14-year history," she said. "We ... have become the go-to resource, the first stop for pregnant women in need. ... We're excited to share that with the newest numbers - 1 in every 8 babies (in our community) are born to Care Center moms, and ... abortions (in Columbus) have declined 47 percent since we opened our doors in 2008."

Pesavento told the story of a WCC client named Meiry, who felt lost and afraid upon finding out she was pregnant. "But when Meiry Googled where

she could receive an ultrasound, Women's Care Center came up first," Pesavento said. "She called to make an appointment and came to the center that same day."

In the following months, Meiry completed 95 of the parenting classes WCC offers, despite a two-hour bus ride to attend.

"With 95 classes, Meiry earned everything she could possibly need (from the Crib Club Baby Store) to welcome her daughter, Maya, into the world," Pesavento said. WCC's Crib Club Baby Store carries baby supplies that clients can purchase with coupons earned by doing positive things for their children,

such as attending the classes.

"But Meiry's story doesn't stop there," Pesavento said. "She will welcome her son, Aidan, in January, and Maya and Aidan's father will attend our parenting series Strong Fathers so sweet Maya and Aidan will have two strong parents to look up to." Pesavento then asked Meiry to stand so donors could applaud her progress.

Another WCC affiliate who was acknowledged was Kathleen Gibbons, whose mother, Kay, is a founding WCC board member. "Kathleen is a lifelong philanthropist and has always cared deeply for the WCC," Pesavento said.

Maria Frommeyer, another WCC board member, said the Luxury Bingo fundraiser was Gibbons' idea 10 years ago. Frommeyer said it at first sounded crazy but became a tremendous success.

"Yes, it was a crazy idea," Gibbons told the donors, "but the important thing was getting (people) behind it because ... we all love babies. I was never blessed with children of my own, so this is just great."

Gibbons also praised the work of WCC staff members. "(It's) amazing work the girls do at the center. They are truly angels from God."

In keeping with tradition, Chris Davis, president of Auction Ohio, was volunteer emcee for the event, calling out bingo numbers and encouraging attendees to donate.

For more information on the Columbus Women's Care Center locations or to donate, visit WomensCareCenter.org/Columbus-Ohio.

Living in accord with the Lord's Day

By Sister John Paul Maher, OP

With the Eucharistic Revival (www.eucharisticrevival.org) underway, it is fitting to reflect on how we live Sunday as the Lord's Day. Sunday was created by God to benefit the human person. Sunday affirms the great dignity of the human person, made in the image of God.

When Christians make a choice to celebrate Sunday, they bear witness to the true meaning of freedom and the goal of life.

How does Sunday relate to the meaning of freedom? Pope Benedict XVI said that "to lose a sense of Sunday as the Lord's Day, a day to be sanctified, is symptomatic of the loss of an authentic sense of Christian freedom, the freedom of the children of God." (*Sacrament of Charity*, para. 73, 2007)

Why is it a day to be sanctified? In *Dies Domini* (*Day of the Lord*), Pope St. John Paul II wrote of the "various dimensions of the Christian celebration of Sunday," calling it the "*Dies Domini* with regard to the work of creation; *Dies Christi* as the day of the new creation and the Risen Lord's gift of the Holy Spirit; *Dies Ecclesiae* as the day on which the Christian community gathers for the celebration, and *Dies hominis* as the day of joy, rest, and fraternal charity." (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 73)

These dimensions are mysteries of our faith that we are meant to recall and draw strength from for our journey to heaven. We remember we are created, coming from God, and returning to the Father's house.

On Sunday, we keep in mind the joy of Easter Sunday and our own rising to new life in Christ by His divine mercy. We do this through prayer and most especially in the holy sacrifice of the Mass. We set aside time to be with and support loved ones and join the larger community of the faithful at Mass as family members of Christ's Body, the Church.

We keep an "authentic sense of Christian freedom" by prioritizing Sunday, making a free choice to use our time as it was intended. This includes work and activities that incorporate "the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2185)

Children of God act with freedom when they make deliberate decisions to set time aside to become a gift of self to God and others, giving of their time, attention and charity.

Keeping the Lord's Day also reflects a Catholic perspective of time. God made time and each day of the week for our participation in His plan for our salvation. All time is a gift and comes from God for our good. God made Sunday to help us become more fully human on our life's pilgrimage.

Most of all, Sunday is a day to adore God and receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament. It is a day to worship the Lord, in keeping with the virtue of religion.

Pope Francis emphasizes the Eucharist as "the living center of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life." (*Laudato Si*, 236). "Sunday,

like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world." (LS, 237)

Recently, Pope Francis said, "Sunday, before being a precept, is a gift that God makes for his people; and for this reason, the Church safeguards it with a precept. The Sunday celebration offers to the Christian community the possibility of being formed by the Eucharist." (*Desiderio Desideravi*, 65)

Let us reflect on how to best prepare our hearts and lives to be formed by Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and live in accord with the Lord's Day.

Readings on this topic, available online at www.vatican.va, include:

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 1343, 1163, 1193, 1389, 1166-67, 2042, 2174-7, 2180-2195, 1994.

- *On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy* (*Dies Domini*), Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II, 1998.

- *On the Eucharist in its relationship to the Church* (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*), Encyclical of Pope John Paul II, 2003.

- *Sacrament of Charity* (*Sacramentum Caritatis*), the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Benedict XVI, paragraphs 70-83 on "The Eucharistic Form of Christian Life," 2007.

- *On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God* (*Desiderio Desideravi*), Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, paragraphs 63-65, 2022.

Sister John Paul Maher, OP, is principal of Worthington St. Michael School and a member of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

Dominican Sisters of Mary celebrate 25 years



The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist celebrated their 25th anniversary on Saturday, July 30 at a gathering that attracted family, friends, benefactors and clergy from throughout the country to the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The celebration included games for children, carnival food, food trucks, spiritual talks, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a Mass celebrated by Bishop Earl Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing. The four sisters who founded the order, which has grown to more than 150 members, were on hand, as were Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane, Washington, and other bishops and priests,



including Father Anthony Dinovo of Worthington St. Michael Church. Families, teachers and staff from Worthington St. Michael School, where the sisters work, and diocesan schools Superintendent Adam Dufault also traveled to Michigan to support the sisters. (Above) Sister Teresa Paul, one of the sisters assigned to St. Michael School, participates in one of the children's activities during the celebration.

Photos courtesy Openlight Media

Bishop blesses Run the Race Center gym expansion project

The Run the Race Center on Columbus' west side launched a gym expansion project on Thursday, July 28 with a groundbreaking ceremony that included a blessing from Bishop Earl Fernandes.

The 4,200-square-foot expansion, funded by the center's donors and benefactors, is scheduled to begin soon and take about nine months to complete. Hamilton Contractors will oversee the construction, and New Avenue serves as the architects and engineers for the project.

The Run the Race Club began in 2005 in the basement of Columbus Holy Family Church. It is part of the Brian Muha Foundation, which was started in late 1999 in memory of Brian Muha, a Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduate who was murdered earlier that year while attending Franciscan University of Steubenville.

As the Run the Race Club grew, several other locations served as its home before a move was made to the former Wayne Avenue Elementary School, located at 880 S. Wayne Ave. near Hilltonia Park. The center opened after a year of renovations and has developed into a spot where children in the neighborhood come to have fun, learn about God and receive much-needed affection and direction.

"They receive food, clothing, tutoring, art, games, sports, education, parties and more – all given by volunteers who love them," said Rachel Muha, the club founder and director and Brian's mother.

The center's gym, particularly popular with boys, is an important space in the building that Muha described as a place "where competition, teamwork, hard work, glory and defeat are experi-



Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony at the Run the Race Center on Thursday, July 28 were (from left with shovels) Shawn Golden, president of KJG Consulting; Cathy Wickert, president of the board of trustees of the Brian Muha Foundation; Rob Miller, principal architect of New Avenue Architects-Engineers; Brian Hamilton, president of Hamilton Contractors; Rachel Muha, founder of the Brian Muha Foundation; and Bishop Earl Fernandes.
CT photo by Ken Snow

enced and learned from."

"The gym is also used for back to school, Christmas, birthday, graduations and other types of parties, (and) it is used for theater, where the students learn so many skills," she said. "That is why we are expanding the gym – just as what we can do for and with the children expands.

"But what we are really doing is trying to create a community based on the beautiful teachings of Jesus Christ."

She described five aspects that denote a healthy community:

- A strong sense of belonging, a feeling that there is a special connection among all members of the group.
- An agreement on many important

beliefs and values; feelings of love and devotion for the community.

- A sense that the community is more important than the individual.

- That the individual member should be willing to sacrifice for the good of the community and that, if need be, the member should be willing to risk his or her life for the good of the community.

- Fun, enjoyment, laughter and celebrations.

"Life is to be enjoyed, and one of the greatest joys is serving others – those we know and love and those we don't know but love anyway," Muha said.

Bishop Fernandes thanked Muha for her work before offering a closing prayer. "She gives a great witness to building

up a culture of life showing respect for those in the womb and also young people as they grow, to make every person feel valued, and I hope you all experience that here," he said.

"They say justice is giving another person his or her due. And if you want peace you have to work for justice. But charity or love is even greater than justice. And that's what Rachel has tried to do – not only to forgive but to teach us how to love one another.

"Through this center and the expansion of the gym, she gives our young people a sense of hope, hope for a better future, a hope that doesn't involve violence but instead involves peace."

The foundation of the physical building is made of materials, but Christian virtues form the cornerstone, the bishop reminded the supporters and benefactors at the groundbreaking.

"St. Paul says, 'And so these three things remain: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love.' And that's what this project represents: building a culture of life and a civilization of love," Bishop Fernandes said.

"And so, we give thanks (to everyone) who has contributed to this and especially for those who experience this space for whom it is built. Above all, we give thanks to Almighty God for if the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labor."

To learn more about Run the Race Club, visit www.brianmuhafoundation.org. For more information about endowments to the foundation, go to www.catholic-foundation.org.

Msgr. Lane to speak at Holy Land foundation benefit

Msgr. Frank Lane will be the featured speaker at the Cradling Christianity benefit dinner supporting the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land on Thursday, Sept. 22 at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road.

A retired priest from the diocese who now lives in Cincinnati, Msgr. Lane, 82, will present "Christianity in the Holy Land: An Epic Tale" after a reception and social hour that begins at 6 p.m. and a dinner at 7 p.m.

Msgr. Lane has served as a parish priest, an instructor at the Pontifical College Josephinum, a military chaplain and as a spiritual director at The Athenaeum of Ohio – Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati. He also hosts a weekly series on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio in Columbus and southern Ohio.

Bishop Earl Fernandes will celebrate a Mass at 5 p.m. He is one of the honored guests for the event along with Father Peter Vasko, OFM, president of the Fran-



Father Peter Vasko, OFM, president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, presents one of his past talks in Columbus at the invitation of the local Cradling Christianity group.
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Cradling Christianity was founded in 2006 by a small group of Catholics in Columbus to support the work of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land. The group held fundraising events supported by Father Vasko for 14 consecutive years until they were

suspended in 2020 and 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local members, who have participated in pilgrimages to the Holy Land through the years, have raised more than \$1 million since Cradling Christianity's inception to provide funds for the Franciscan Foundation's university scholarship program.

The principal mission of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, founded in 1994, is to prevent Christians from leaving the region by providing educational opportunities.

Only 0.2 percent of the population in the Holy Land (approximately 175,000 people) are Christians. An estimated 300 families leave each year because of political strife and economic hardship, raising concerns that Christians might disappear from the area of Christ's birth, death and resurrection in the next 50 years.

As an example, Bethlehem has gone from being 70 percent Christian in 1946

to 12 percent in 2018. The other 88 percent today are Muslims.

Since 1997, the Franciscan Foundation's university scholarship program has provided more than 500 full scholarships worth a total of \$6 million to give students who show academic talent but are economically challenged an opportunity to find gainful employment in the region.

Father Vasko has led the Franciscan Foundation since its beginning. He has lived in Jerusalem for more than 30 years. The Franciscans have been the official custodians of the holy sites since 1342 after a decree by Pope Clement VI.

Tables and individual tickets for Cradling Christianity's reception and dinner are available online at www.FFHL.org/regions/Columbus-region. Space is limited.

For more information on the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land and Cradling Christianity, visit www.FFHL.org.

Faith allows us to accept 'both ... and' opposites

Recently, I was talking with a friend about elements of our Catholic faith that do not get the attention they deserve. One of those is that the Catholic faith holds many apparent opposites together in a creative tension that helps us better understand and express truth.

As one wise priest said, "We are a people who have come to live with mystery, with the 'both ... and' of the seemingly irreconcilable, able to stand there on the threshold of truth." We cannot oscillate between the poles of "both ... and," holding first one part of the couplet and then the other, no matter how rapidly we might try to do so.

One part of the couplet is just a half truth, or, better stated, not the fullness of truth. We must hold both at the same time in the creative tension of an isometric exercise for the truth to shine through. Jesus is both God and man. Mary is both virgin and mother. The kingdom of heaven is both here and not yet.

The reality of "both ... and" is not just an intellectual exercise. F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote: "The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function. One should, for example, be able to see that things are hopeless and yet be determined to make them otherwise."

We must live and move in the liminal space between the opposites. At a recent funeral, the homilist encour-

FAITH IN ACTION

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aged family members of the deceased to live in that space holding both the incredible grief of an unexpected and premature loss and the hope that comes through baptism in Christ that those who die with Christ will also rise with Him. Faith and God's grace sustain us.

Catholic social teaching has its share of "both ... and" couplets. We speak of both fundamental rights and responsibilities, both solidarity and subsidiarity, both the right to private property and the universal destination of goods, both justice and charity.

Pope St. John Paul II's definition of the common good had its own "both ... and" couplet. In *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, the common good is defined as both the good of all and the good of each individual.

Our perspectives on public policy issues as well as our advocacy work must consider the full truth of "both ... and." Thus, our advocacy on immigration accepts both that a nation has the right to control its bor-

ders in furtherance of the common good and the right of human persons to migrate so that they can realize their God-given rights.

Consequently, nations should receive migrants fleeing war, famine, poverty, oppression and human trafficking to the extent possible. (See *Strangers No Longer, Together on the Journey of Hope*, A Pastoral Letter Concerning Migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States, 2003, paragraph 39.)

Justice and charity are an inseparable couplet. It has become somewhat fashionable even in certain sectors of the Church to belittle justice as an ugly stepchild in charity's family. Pope Benedict XVI states in *Caritas in Veritate* that justice is the primary way of charity, meaning that giving each person what belongs to him or her by right is the first step toward showing the unconditional love and concern required by the Gospel.

Even our pastoral practice must account for living in the "both ... and" space. The Gospel of Life calls us to care for both the mother and the unborn child at the same time. We reach out to both the victims of violent crime (and their families) and to the offenders with our care.

This week, let us try not to run from the liminal space between the "both ... and" of apparent opposites, but rather live joyfully in that creative tension that reveals both truth and God.

Virtuous life possible with our effort, God's help

"If anyone loves righteousness, (Wisdom's) labors are virtues; for she teaches temperance and prudence, justice, and courage." – Wisdom 8:7

In the previous four columns, I wrote about the four "cardinal" virtues – prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.

To recap, from *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) 1803, 1804, human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They make possible ease, self-mastery and joy in leading a morally good life.

The moral virtues are acquired by human effort. They are the fruit and seed of morally good acts; they dispose all the powers of the human being for communion with divine love. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all his sensory and spiritual powers; he pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions. The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God.

With each of these four virtues, God is also there with us. We sometimes in our "religious" life, in our praise, our worship, our evangelization, whatever, forget that we are His children. We are able to call God Father, not in some metaphorical or analogical sense, but really as our Father. What do good fathers (parents) do with their children? Love them, work with them, help them.

"Human virtues acquired by education, by deliberate acts and by a perseverance ever-renewed in repeated efforts are purified and elevated by divine grace. With God's help, they forge character and give facility in the practice of the good. The virtuous man is happy to practice them." (CCC 1810)

"It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance. Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues. Everyone should always ask for this grace of light and strength, frequent the sacraments, cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and follow his calls to love what is good and shun evil." (CCC 1811).

How to become virtuous? St. Thomas writes, "Vi-

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cious habits are caused by evil acts. Much more, therefore, can virtuous habits be caused by good acts.

"...(E)verything that is ... moved by another is disposed by the action of the agent ... if the acts be multiplied, a certain quality is formed in the power which is ... moved, which quality is called a habit ... the habits of moral virtue are caused in the appetitive powers according as they are moved by the reason.

"(W)e see that because fire cannot at once overcome the combustible, it does not enkindle at once, but ... gradually. ... Now it is clear that ... reason cannot entirely overcome the appetitive power in one act. ... Therefore a habit of virtue cannot be caused by one act, but only by many."

In other words, if you want to be virtuous (and, consequently, truly, deeply happy), you need to practice. Name one thing that is worthwhile that doesn't require work and practice.

In his book *Practical Theology: Spiritual Direction from St. Thomas Aquinas*, Peter Kreeft notes, "It begins in the mind and will, with thinking and deciding. 'Sow a thought, reap an act. Sow an act, reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a character. Sow a character, reap a destiny.'"

"It has to be gradual.

Every good choice makes the next one easier and more delightful. Every bad one also makes the next bad one easier and more delightful.

"Reason can instantly see a truth, but it cannot instantly convince the will to form a habit of choosing the good, and it cannot instantly tame the appetites. The appetites are like dogs or horses; training takes a long time."

Where to begin? As we said at the outset, prudence requires the other three virtues, so we can't start there. It seems a good place to start would be temperance. Have you ever started out to do something and your body would not cooperate or would "slow you down?" Fatigue, hunger, aches, etc.

At the same time, begin to reinvigorate your religious life. Realize many saints have "been there, done that." The sacraments, the Holy Spirit, are all there for you.

Rest assured, know that you are not alone on your path for a virtuous life. Your success will pay dividends for you and will be an inspiration to others. Holiness and happiness are contagious!

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Harbaugh's pro-life comments showed courage

Like Jim Harbaugh or not, you have to give the University of Michigan football coach credit for boldly speaking out against abortion last month and exposing himself to intense public criticism.

Harbaugh defended the sanctity of human life while speaking at a pro-life fundraiser on July 17 in Plymouth, Michigan, also attended by Father John Riccardo, a priest from the Archdiocese of Detroit who hosts a popular program on Catholic radio.

"I believe in having the courage to let the unborn be born," Harbaugh said, as reported by Detroit Catholic, the archdiocese's news outlet. "I love life. I believe in having a loving care and respect for life and death.

"My faith and my science are what drive these beliefs in me. Quoting from Jeremiah, 'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'"

Harbaugh acknowledged the tensions that emerged in this country after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June.

"Passions can make the process messy, but when combined with respect, it ultimately produces the best outcomes," Harbaugh said at the banquet, according to Detroit Catholic. "This process has been passionate and messy, but I have faith in the American people to ultimately develop the right policies and laws for all lives involved.

"I recognize one's personal thinking regarding morality of a particular action may differ from their thinking on whether government should make that action illegal. There are many things one may hold to be immoral but the government appropriately allows because of some greater good or personal or constitutional right.

"Ultimately, I don't believe that is the case with abortion. Yes, there are conflicts between the legitimate rights of the mother and the rights of the unborn child. One resolution might involve incredible hardship for the mother, family and society. Another results in the death of an unborn person."

Not surprisingly, the sharks immediately descended

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on him. Abortion-supporting fans, mainstream media members, academics and athletes condemned the Catholic coach for his comments.

Some said his employment at the University of Michigan should be questioned because his employer supports abortion "rights." Several players shared in interviews that they believed in a woman's right to "choose."

Others thought his comments would be a deterrent in attracting high school athletes to play for the Wolverines. Recruiting is the lifeblood of college athletics, and there's a school of thought that the mothers of prospects might have a problem with what Harbaugh said about life.

To his credit, he didn't back down during a follow-up interview with ESPN. Questioned about his pro-life statements, Harbaugh explained how he relates to his players and what he and his wife would do if a player or staff member was facing a pregnancy and considering abortion.

"I've told (players) the same thing I tell my kids, boys, the girls, same thing I tell our players, our staff members. I encourage them if they have a pregnancy that wasn't planned, to go through with it, go through with it," Harbaugh told ESPN's Gene Wojciechowski in an interview.

"Let that unborn child be born, and if at that time, you don't feel like you can care for it, you don't have the means or the wherewithal, then (wife) Sarah and I will take that baby."

He went on to say that "the abortion issue is one that's so big that it needs to be talked about. It needs serious conversation. What do you think? What do I think? What do others think?"

"It's a life-or-death type of issue. And I believe in, and I respect, people's views. But let's hear them. Let's discuss them because there's passion on both

sides of this issue. So, when you combine that with respect, that's when the best results come. ... (I'm) just contributing to that conversation and that communication, which I think is really important, in my opinion."

You can't argue with that. Unfortunately, abortion procurators have devilishly tricked women into the belief that disposing of a child allows them to be successful in life and eliminate the burden of raising that child.

Harbaugh begged to differ, saying at the Big Ten media days in late July that abortion is "the most horrendous thing I could possibly conceive."

He's right. Dismembering a child in the womb is inhumane, and if you disagree, just watch a video about the procedure and try not to weep. But abortionists don't want the public to see what really happens.

Harbaugh's remarks are not a surprise. He hasn't shied away from hot-button topics. In 2020, he spoke out after George Floyd's death, participated in an anti-police brutality march and has supported controversial former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

All of this won't help Harbaugh win games at Michigan. And that's how a coach is ultimately judged.

His teams were 0-6 against nemesis Ohio State until finally breaking through with a win last year and going on to claim the Big Ten championship.

Now, Ohio State football fans might not want to acknowledge that the coach of the team's fiercest rival said something highly commendable, but that's exactly what he did.

On the Ohio State side, a spokesman for the football program did not respond to a Catholic Times request asking Buckeyes coach Ryan Day for a response to Harbaugh's comments or to offer an opinion on abortion.

No doubt Day wants to avoid controversy. But that's not Harbaugh.

In this game of life, we need more men and women with the same type of courage.

"You get to change hearts by fighting for what you stand for," he said.

Elizabeth Warren, woke totalitarian

The subject-line on the email was, shall we say, striking: "Crone swoops with talons toward younger women with babies." The predatory beldame in question was Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and my cyber-correspondent was drawing my attention to this Tweet from @SenWarren: "With Roe gone, it's more important than ever to crack down on so-called 'crisis pregnancy centers' that mislead and deceive patients seeking abortion care. My bill with @SenatorMenendez would stop these harmful practices."

What would the bill touted by Senator Warren do? A justifiably irate editorial in *National Review* gave the nasty details:

"Under Warren's bill, charities could be fined \$100,000 or '50 percent of the revenues earned by the ultimate parent entity' of the charity for violating the act's 'prohibition of disinformation' related to abortion. But the legislation itself does not define prohibited speech. Warren's bill directs the Federal Trade Commission to 'promulgate rules to prohibit a person from advertising with the use of misleading statements related to the provision of abortion services.' Warren's bill would thus turn the Federal Trade Commission into a national abortion disinformation board." And who would define "disinformation"? One likely suspect would be Liz Warren's friends at NARAL Pro-Choice America, whose study of crisis pregnancy centers complained that "more than 67 per-

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cent" of the centers surveyed "intentionally referred to the fetus as 'baby'."

The NR editorial went on to note that this Orwellian enterprise was of a piece with recent efforts by Senator Warren and other members of the U.S. House and Senate to pressure Google into "suppressing search results" for crisis pregnancy centers. Thus self-styled "pro-choice" advocates propose to constrain the choices available to women by driving compassionate and life-affirming care out of business through the porcine regulatory apparatus of the administrative state.

Pondering this latest spasm of progressive totalitarianism, I was reminded of an evening in Chicago in 2008. The occasion was a fundraising dinner for a venerable crisis pregnancy center in the Loop, Aid for Women, at which I was giving the postprandial keynote address. I thought I did a decent enough job of encouraging the hundreds attending to support Aid for Women with generous donations. The real clincher

came from elsewhere, though.

A rather shy woman came to the dais, a small child in her arms, to say a few halting words. A year or so before, she had found herself pregnant, her boyfriend had abandoned her, and she had wandered into Aid for Women, assuming it was an abortion facility — and thinking that abortion was the only solution to her dilemma. The love and support she received from the staff persuaded her to carry her child to term: the child she was now clutching with such evident joy. And she just wanted to thank everyone present for making a place like Aid for Women possible, because, as a mom, she was happier than she'd ever been in her life.

The hotel ballroom erupted in applause and cheers, more than a few tears were shed, and I imagine that some rather substantial checks were written. Later, over a nightcap, I asked the friend who had invited me to speak why Aid for Women had wasted money flying me to Chicago. Nothing I could have said, however artful or elegant, would have been 1/100th as persuasive as that wonderful woman and her baby. The joy on her face and in her voice made the cause of life come alive in a singularly compelling way.

Were they successful, that's the joy Elizabeth Warren and her ilk would suppress in the name of a bogus

Daily prayer can welcome God as a treasured friend

I have good intentions to start my day with prayer. I've written many times about morning rituals of making tea and lighting candles. I've posted on social media pictures of my front porch where I sit in my rocking chair and admire God's majesty in the sunrise. Those prayerful moments are sacred, and I hold them close because they are as rare as a treasure.

You see, my humanity creeps in, and, more often than not, prayer is a tug of war for me. I'm not sure why this is, as I love my prayer time. However, I am easily distracted by other commitments. Though I typically have the discipline to begin my day thanking the Lord, far too often the next step is checking my text messages, then opening my laptop, and that begins a slippery slope toward distraction and away from God.

I recently shared a discussion on prayer with a friend where the suggestion was made to open your front door each morning and welcome God into your day. I work well with such spiritual anchors: the idea of welcoming God into my day as a treasured friend, the kind who rolls up his sleeves and folds laundry with you while you talk or does your dishes while you prep dinner.

This friend stays for the day and wants to be with you. This friend recognizes that we might not get that one-on-one time for deep conversation, but moment by moment we talk as we work. We share looks across the kitchen island that speak volumes. We are in constant communication, and it is a loss when this friend goes home.

Welcoming God into the everyday allows us to work with Him and to call on Him. I cherish the friendships I have where the friend lets me into the messiness — when the laundry is in baskets overflowing and dish-

ALL THAT WE HAVE

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es are in the sink, and I have a “You, too?” moment. My heart is softened by the realization that this person loves me enough to welcome me into her real world.

Imagine opening the front door every morning, rain or shine, thunder or lightning, because family life has all of these, right? Imagine opening the front door and welcoming Jesus into it all.

Humor is often my saving grace, and I sprinkle it heavily throughout my days. The old saying, “Better to laugh than to cry,” runs through my head frequently. The image of a waitress announcing the daily special as you sit down. Today's order is an aging parent who needs help scheduling doctor appointments mixed with a teenage daughter who wants a ride to a friend's house.

The chef has also prepared a broken dryer, a kitchen full of dishes and a toddler with a tummy ache. But for dessert we have a delicious family dinner where everyone is seated together and getting along and afterward a joy-filled game of ultimate frisbee. The ups and downs of family life are not unfamiliar to Jesus, and certainly not for Mother Mary, whose ups and downs of motherhood began from conception to her assumption into heaven.

How blessed are we that the messiness of our daily life is right where God wants to be!

Rebuilding in the Heartland

THE CATHOLIC CULTURALIST

Dr. R. Jared Staudt

just 12 monks, and they are now approaching 60, with a new wing of the monastery rising, alongside of their half-completed Romanesque church.

Like these growing institutions, there is a story to be told about Catholic efforts to rebuild Christian culture. Todd Hartch has begun to paint this picture in his *A Time to Build Anew: How to Find the True, Good, and Beautiful in America* (Angelico, 2021). I actually found the book during our trip on the coffee table of my good friend, Dr. Richard Meloche, head of the Alcuin Institute for the Diocese of Tulsa, which steeps teachers and catechists in the treasures of Catholic culture. Hartch points out that even though many committed Catholics may read books or study theology, “they do not know how to spend their time. The culture is declining noticeably, their local church offers little of interest, and the world of politics seems crass and unchangeable, so they work and read and pray and attend Mass but make no difference to the world around them. They know they should be doing something, but they do not know what to do or how to do it. They might know what is true, but they do not know how to communicate or teach truth. They might know what is good, but they do not know how to do good, or are afraid to start. The ugliness and banality of their world drives them to despair, but they do not know how to beautify it” (14).

To help us reflect on what to do, his book identifies “those who have lived well so that twenty-first-century American Catholics can follow their example. Of

One way we have welcomed Jesus into the reality of our family is to enthrone our home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We have both the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary hung in a place of honor. We have entrusted our family, our home and our lives to Jesus, and living that fully means truly welcoming Him as family and keeping Him close to our hearts. Perhaps this is an anchor you can use in your prayer life.

St. Jean Vianney, patron saint of priests, says, “Without prayer we have neither light nor strength to advance in the way which leads to God.” I love this quote because it orients me back to where I need to be as someone who is trying to follow Christ.

Mother Teresa reminds us that, “Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God,” welcoming Him into your home and your heart. She also says, “Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself.”

This is the type of continuous, working together kind of prayer where we keep God so close to our hearts what we become one with Him through prayer. I love that that is attainable through something as small as opening my front door.

This is not my season for monastic prayer, though it is a beautiful form of prayer. As a mom of eight children, I savor deep moments of reflection and conversation with the Lord. I also recognize how much easier my days are when I don't keep Jesus just in a little box I take out when I pray, but rather walk with Him hand in hand, heart to heart throughout every raindrop, every eye roll, every hug, every song and every whispered prayer as I persevere throughout my day.

It's amazing what happens in what many people call “flyover” country, where many Catholics quietly are going about the work of rebuilding in the nation's heartland. On a recent road trip through Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, my family explored a corridor running through the center of the country, home to many vibrant communities that can serve as models in our efforts to live the faith and share its beauty.

Setting out from Denver, we followed the South Platte River into Nebraska, leading us toward Lincoln, with its Newman Institute for Catholic Thought & Culture, founded by Bishop James Conley. Housed at the Newman Center, with its stunning church, it offers University of Nebraska students an immersion into the Great Books. After a family reunion in southern Iowa, we headed south to Missouri, praying alongside the nuns with heavenly voices at the Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus in Gower (which has released many popular CDs). Their average age appeared below 30, with enough vocations for a new foundation, the Monastery of St. Joseph in Ava, Missouri. From there we dropped in on some friends in Atchison, Kansas, the home to Benedictine College, a major site for collegial renewal, perched on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River. We headed further south to Fort Scott to check in on developments at St. Martin's Academy, a boarding school for high school boys that incorporates regular farm work and hands-on experiences. Finally, we landed at Clear Creek Abbey, outside of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where I am an oblate. I gave a talk to the monks on the relation of beauty and worship, and my four boys and I were able to enjoy the abbey's wholesome food grown and produced on the abbey grounds. The monastery was founded in 2000 with

course, your own gifts and talents are unique, as is your specific situation, so you should not copy them blindly or mechanistically. Rather, study them, take inspiration from them, and adapt their insights and methods to your circumstances” (2). His examples are Frederick Hart's sculpture, the Sisters of Life, the Dominicans of the St. Joseph Province, Franciscan University of Steubenville, the Notre Dame School of Architecture, and mayor Joe Riley's work revitalizing Charleston.

Chapter three focuses on one of the most impactful education programs of the last century, one that influenced many of the places we visited on our trip: the Integrated Humanities Program (IHP) at the University of Kansas. Running throughout the 1970s and spearheaded by John Senior, Dennis Quinn and Frank Nelick, IHP took undergraduates through four semesters of a living immersion into the great tradition. Students read the Great Books, accompanied by humanizing experiences that included memorizing poetry and folk songs, stargazing, speaking Latin, waltzing and touring Europe. Students learned poetically through a direct immersion into reality that reawakened their minds and imagination in wonder. This awakening led more than 200 of them into the Catholic Church, inspiring vocations (including founding monks of Clear Creek) and many other initiatives to pass on IHP's legacy, such as the Newman Institute and St. Martin's Academy.

As we consider what we can do, the wonderful work of Catholics in the heartland should encourage and inspire us. We, too, can rebuild, if we gather likeminded people together to pursue the true, the good and the beautiful. It's amazing the impact that even one strong community can have.

Bishop blesses diocese's new studio



Bishop Earl Fernandes blesses the diocese's new Our Lady Star of the New Evangelization studio in the Catholic Center on Wednesday, July 27. The studio will be utilized by diocesan offices, parishes, organizations, schools, religious, clergy and St. Gabriel Radio for video production, radio and television, podcasting, social media and photography. Taking part in the blessing were (from left) Abigail Pitones, diocesan videographer and studio manager; Bishop Fernandes; Andy Johanni, senior director of the diocesan Office of Real Estate; Bill Messerly, executive director of St. Gabriel Radio in Columbus and southern Ohio; Julie Greer, executive assistant to the bishop; Father David Schalk, pastor of Columbus Christ the King and St. Thomas the Apostle churches and diocesan vicar for Hispanic ministries; and Loren Brown, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation.

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Bishop expresses thanks for prayers



Bishop Earl Fernandes looks at some of the Rosary a Day in May responses he received in his office from the faithful who offered prayers for him leading up his installation and ordination as the 13th bishop of the Diocese of Columbus on May 31. Bishop Fernandes expressed his heartfelt thanks for all those individuals, families and groups throughout the diocese who prayed in a special way for him in May, offered greetings and information about their parishes or families, and included photos. *Photo courtesy Abigail Pitones*

Columbus bishops travel to Cleveland ordination



Bishops from throughout Ohio and beyond gathered on Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist for the installation of Bishop Michael Woost (fourth from right) as the auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. Among those in attendance were Bishop Earl Fernandes (fifth from right) and Bishop Emeritus James Griffin (third from right) of the Diocese of Columbus. Also present were Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati (second from right), Bishop Daniel Thomas (right) of Toledo, Bishop Edward Melesic of Cleveland (sixth from right) and Bishop Jeffrey Monforton (third from left) of the Diocese of Steubenville. Newly ordained Bishop Woost has two brothers who serve as priests in the northeast Ohio diocese. *Photo courtesy Diocese of Cleveland*



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Bishop calls deacons to be voices for the voiceless

Bishop Earl Fernandes, in his first opportunity to speak to the diocese's permanent deacons since his ordination two months ago, described the role of a deacon as being a voice for the poor; an evangelist and catechist; and a man of communion, serving as an intermediary between the bishop and the poor.

"The ministers of the Church have a particular role to play in promoting the Gospel of Life," he said. "It is the role of the Church and the deacon, as one who is in solidarity with the poor and the defenseless, to be the voice of those who have no voice."

"If the deacon is ... to mediate between individual members of the Church and those in need, then the deacon would have to be knowledgeable of the needs of the poor in the community," the bishop said. "He does not gain this knowledge by sitting in a classroom or by spending his time entirely concerned with liturgical functions; rather, he acquires this knowledge by being among the poor. It is through this being with the poor that the deacon learns to be for the poor, to be the voice of the poor."

The bishop's remarks came on Saturday, Aug. 6 at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church at the annual diocesan convocation of deacons.

The event began in the morning with the bishop celebrating Mass for the



Deacons celebrating significant ordination anniversaries who were honored at an annual convocation on Saturday, Aug. 4 at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church included (front row from left) Jack Malone (10 years), Joe Meyer (10 years), Joe Ciaciura (10 years), Jeff Carpenter (10 years), Doug Saunders (10 years), John Crerand (30 years), John Duprey (30 years), John Vellani (30 years), Tony Bonacci (25 years), Dan Hann (25 years), Ed Christ (10 years), Jim Rouse (25 years), Chris Reis (10 years), Bob Ghiloni (25 years); (second row from left) Joe Knapke (10 years), Tim Birie (10 years), Todd Tucky (10 years), John Westover (10 years), Tom Barford (30 years), Dan Murray (10 years), Steve Venturini (40 years), Terry Acox (10 years), Mark Scarpitti (25 years), Mark Allison (25 years); (back row from left) Father Tim Lynch (St. Brigid of Kildare parochial vicar), Deacon Tom Berg Jr. (diocesan Chancellor), Bishop Earl Fernandes, Deacon Paul Zemanek (St. Brigid of Kildare), Father William Hahn (diocesan Vicar for Clergy) and Deacon Frank Iannarino (diocesan Director of the Office of the Diaconate).

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Feast of the Transfiguration, followed by reflections on his thoughts and ex-

pectations regarding the diaconate as a permanent order. Throughout his ad-

dress, he answered questions and shared many of his thoughts on his vision for the Diocese of Columbus and how deacons can continue to assist him and the diocese's priests.

His talk was followed by lunch and presentations on vocations by Father William Hahn and evangelization by Father Adam Streitenberger, who are directors of the diocesan offices relating to those matters.

Convocations take place each year to give the bishop a chance to be with all the deacons at one time and to support their ministry and share their concerns.

The diocese has 115 permanent deacons. Eleven men are studying for the diaconate in anticipation of being ordained in 2024.

Twenty-four deacons were honored for reaching significant anniversaries of ordination. They are: Deacon Steve Venturini, 40 years; Deacons John Crerand, John Duprey, John Vellani and Tom Barford, 30 years; Deacons Tony Bonacci, Dan Hann, Jim Rouse, Bob Ghiloni, Mark Scarpitti and Mark Allison, 25 years; and Deacons Jack Malone, Joe Meyer, Joe Ciaciura, Jeff Carpenter, Doug Saunders, Ed Christ, Chris Reis, Joe Knapke, Tim Birie, Todd Tucky, John Westover, Dan Murray and Terry Acox, 10 years.

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notion of "health care." They won't succeed. But the very attempt to eradicate crisis pregnancy centers — first by lying about what these institutional expressions of the culture of life do, then by regulating them into oblivion — is wickedness. And it fouls the public space. What is going on here?

What is going on is a grotesque distortion of moral judgment, often based on a bizarre concept of women's empowerment that denigrates the extraordinary natural power that only women possess. That distortion can create fanatics. In the most extreme cases, soi-disant "pro-choice" ideology so warps the moral sensibilities of its adherents that they try to deny women a real choice by firebombing or otherwise vandalizing crisis pregnancy centers. The rhetoric and actions of the junior senator from the Bay State are less overtly violent, but they are nonetheless reprehensible. Catholic Democrats in Massachusetts and elsewhere might well have a few candid words with Elizabeth Warren about her woke bullying; ditto for Catholic Democrats in New Jersey with Senator Robert Menendez.

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New route to ordination will affect U.S. dioceses, seminaries

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

Changes in the pathway to priestly ordination announced in June will significantly impact dioceses and seminaries across the country.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, working with the Dicastery for the Clergy in Rome, promulgated on June 24 an updated Program of Priestly Formation (PPF) in the United States. The sixth edition of the document is designed to guide seminaries as well as diocesan and religious orders on the formation of men for the priesthood.

The program is so new that most U.S. dioceses, including Columbus, are trying to discern how to implement the new structure, which encompasses four stages designated as propaedeutic, dis-

cipliship, configuration and vocational synthesis.

“The big shift, I would say, in this is the process of priestly formation,” said Father Brian O’Connor, assistant vocations director for the diocese and pastor at Canal Winchester Saint John XXIII Church.

“Seminary formation naturally has followed an academic kind of structure and calendar. This new PPF allows for seminaries to be truly like houses of formation and not academic institutions with extra opportunities. Seminaries have done a great job over the last several years providing those extra opportunities, but it was always adjacent to the academic system.

“Now, by breaking formation into four clear stages, guys have more time to work on the other dimensions of priestly formation, which was human,

intellectual, pastoral and spiritual. All four of those are equally important.”

Under the current design, a man in formation for the priesthood would enter seminary and begin with academic studies focused on philosophy before proceeding to four years of theology studies, with the final year split between classroom and parish work after being ordained a transitional deacon.

Depending on whether a candidate enters out of high school or has college experience, ordination to the priesthood currently is achieved after approximately six to nine years of study.

Under the new format, the length of time to ordination does not appear to drastically change, but how a seminarian reaches the ultimate goal will involve some rather dramatic reconfiguration.

Exactly how this new way of doing things will affect current seminarians is

under review, but the seven new seminarians for the diocese starting classes this month will not be impacted, at least in the short term.

Their arrival brings the total of Columbus seminarians to 25, diocesan vocations director Father William Hahn reported, with one ordination to the priesthood scheduled next spring and a yet-to-be-determined number of candidates preparing for ordination to the diaconate in 2023.

The two most noticeable alterations in the PPF will come at the beginning and the end of the process.

For all aspirants, there will now be one to three years of what is called a propaedeutic stage, which will be spent in prayer and doing works of mercy

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Josephinum hosts 39 young men for diocesan vocations retreat

Thirty-nine young men from the diocese attended the annual Quo Vadis vocations retreat during the final week of July at the Pontifical College Josephinum for three days of activities that included prayer and contemplation while seeking to hear God’s voice in their hearts.

The Latin phrase Quo Vadis is translated to mean “Where are you going?” The theme of the retreat is to help the high school-age men discern the Lord’s calling in their lives.

“Obviously, it’s focused on the priesthood, but it’s also about growing closer to Jesus in being with Him and being one of His disciples,” said diocesan seminarian Sam Severence, who is entering his second year of theology at the Josephinum and organized the event.

“We know that not all of these guys are going to be priests, but we need more priests so we’re opening the door for them to think about how Jesus is calling them into His life and into deeper union with Him.”

Similar vocations retreats are held in other dioceses throughout the country for high school and college students who might be discerning a call to religious life.

Diocesan seminarians help lead the activities for the young men at the retreat. Attendees participate in games, listen to talks about faith and seminary life, and attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, community prayers and Mass.

“The Quo Vadis retreat is a great opportunity for young men to have an experience with seminarians so they can visualize what they may be called to,” said Father William Hahn, diocesan vocations director.

“Having the retreat at the seminary keeps it from being such a foreign idea



Gavin Dillon, 14, of Zoar Holy Trinity Church pushes a sled during one of the outdoor activities at the Quo Vadis summer retreat for young men in the diocese at the Pontifical College Josephinum.



Leonard Berglund IV, 17, (left) of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church and Aaron Schaefer, 17, of Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church pull for their team in the rope tugging competition.

and makes it more concrete as to what it might be like for them.

“Also, the flow of prayer and talks gives the boys the opportunity for them to be apart from their everyday lives and to listen more clearly.”

The young men also could talk one-



Seminarian Jason Fox (left) talks with Samuel Hahn (center) of Bremen St. Mary Church and Dominic Paulus of Delaware St. Mary Church during dinner on Sunday evening.



Bishop Earl Fernandes speaks with the young men gathered for the Quo Vadis retreat at the Pontifical College Josephinum after their arrival on Sunday, July 24.

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on-one with the seminarians. In addition, Father Hahn and Father Brian O’Connor, the associate director of vocations, were available to describe the seminary process and discernment.

Bishop Earl Fernandes attended Vespers on Sunday evening at the start of

the retreat and returned on Wednesday to celebrate a closing Mass and join the young men and their parents for lunch.

He asked the participants to consider their plans for their lives and how their hearts might be directed.

“We have to recognize the reality of our personal situation and of the world around us,” he said. “We also have to interpret what we recognize in order to know what is good, including faith which comes to us from the Gospel, through the liturgy, through prayer, and which has been transmitted through our families. Sometimes things are truly mysterious, and we have to begin to interpret them in the light of faith.”

The second part of discernment is to choose to say “yes” to God, Bishop Fernandes told the group.

“Think about Mary when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her,” he said. “She had to think: ‘Is this angel really from God?’ And she had to use her mind: ‘How can this happen to me since I do not know a man?’ But she used her reason and said also, ‘Let it be done to me according to your Word.’”

The bishop pointed out that Mary listened to the Word of God and lived a life of prayer that helped inspire her as the mother of God, and Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, had to choose after Gabriel appeared to him between his earthly plans and God’s greater plan to be the guardian of the Redeemer.

“Mary and Joseph’s path wasn’t clear,” Bishop Fernandes said. “We are similar in that sense. We have to recognize, to interpret, and, with prayer and discernment, we choose.

“Mary and Joseph were simple people who had great faith, and they said ‘yes’ to God. And so, we try to follow in their footsteps.”

Serra Club holds Priests Appreciation Banquet

The Serra Club of Columbus hosted its annual Priests Appreciation Banquet on Tuesday, Aug. 2 in the Walter Commons at St. Charles Preparatory School.

More than 70 priests in the Diocese of Columbus and all 25 seminarians from the Pontifical College Josephinum attended along with Bishop Emeritus James Griffin and Bishop Earl Fernandes.

“We’re grateful to all of our seminarians here and pledge to them our prayers and support,” Bishop Fernandes said.

Prior to the banquet, Bishop Fernandes joined with the priests in a Holy Hour to pray for more priestly vocations. He then talked to the priests about his vision and priorities for the diocese.

“When I look out at this presbyterate, I am proud to be the bishop and see great potential for the Diocese of Columbus,” Bishop Fernandes said. “Each one of you has the potential to be a catalyst for the Lord’s will for our people, and His will is that all should be saved and none should perish, and that

all should share in the experience of His mercy and love.”

The talk was followed by a social hour and dinner.

“I thank you for making the offering of yourself — your life — to God and His Church,” Bishop Fernandes told the priests in attendance. “Each of us is different, each of us has different gifts.

“As a new bishop, I’m grateful for your presence, for your warm reception, for your prayers and especially for your ministry. You are co-workers with the bishop in the Lord’s vineyard and each of you, I know, works very hard to make sacrifices. You suffer with and for your people, and for that I’m grateful.

The Serra Club of Columbus has hosted this event for 40+ years. The club aims to foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood of the Church and to support priests in their sacred ministry.

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More than 70 priests and 25 seminarians from the diocese gather for a holy hour to pray for vocations in the chapel at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School before the annual appreciation banquet sponsored by the Serra Club of Columbus. Bishop Earl Fernandes spoke with the men who serve the diocese about his vision and priorities for the diocese.

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without any college studies other than general courses. There will be no philosophy classwork during this period, which is a radical departure from the current model when men immediately begin to take philosophy courses to provide a foundation for theology studies later.

“The focus is on human and spiritual formation,” Father O’Connor said. “Seminarians have already begun to recognize the need at this time for a guy to take a little bit of a step away from our culture, which has many challenges and difficulties, and form good habits of prayer.”

In this initial stage, Father O’Connor explained, “nowhere is there a benchmark where, like you know for certain that God is calling you to be a priest. That comes during the next stage. This is more of a time for pastoral works.”

Some parallels can be drawn to what religious orders call as part of their process a novitiate, where men often spend a year together praying and doing works before moving on to seminary. Religious orders are subject to the same rules as dioceses under the new guidelines, and it remains to be seen how they will adapt their structures.

From a practical standpoint, the propaedeutic stage allows the candidate to get to know different parts and ministries in the diocese, and, on the other side, the bishop and priests have more time to become acquainted with the aspirant, particularly if someone is relatively new to the diocese or a college student who wants to pursue the priesthood for this diocese.

“Another interesting part of the propaedeutic stage, which in some ways mirrors aspects of a novitiate, is getting to know the diocese, know the history, what pastoral needs exist, what kinds of parishes there are,” Father O’Connor said.

“If you grew up at Westerville St. Paul’s, you don’t know what a parish in, say, Jackson at Holy Trinity (would be like), or if you grew up in Jackson, you may have no idea what a St. Paul’s parish would be like. So, the idea is to allow young men to have another opportunity for discernment.”

At the back end of the new version of priestly formation, one other major adjustment will be incorporated before ordination, and that involves the diaconate.

Currently, after a seminarian is ordained a transitional deacon following three years of studying theology, he remains at the seminary for a final year of theology while working as a deacon in a parish to gain hands-on ministerial experience.

That will now change, and the newly ordained deacon will have completed all seminary studies before spending a minimum of six months working solely at a parish before his ordination to the priesthood.

“That time as a transitional deacon at a parish will be finalizing the preparation for priestly ordination,” Father O’Connor said. “This will also give them a chance to work with men who are already formed as priests and learn from them.”

Between the first and last stages are

discipleship and configuration. Each could last about two-four years.

“The discipleship stage is marked by philosophy studies and also more things like teaching or aspects more regularly associated with parish experiences,” Father O’Connor said. “This stage is more about discernment of a vocational calling.

“One of the benchmarks of this stage in the seminary is going from asking the question, ‘Am I called to be a priest?’ to making the statement, ‘I am called to be a priest.’ This time should give you the freedom to make that statement.”

The third level might be the most similar to the current seminary setup, and that is theology studies. None of the content in philosophy and theology classes is expected to drastically change.

“The formation there is really configuring yourself to Jesus Christ as a priest,” Father O’Connor said. “You’re not discerning ‘Am I called to be a priest?’ to now finding out who you will be as a priest.”

Numerous questions about the implementation remain up in the air, including where the propaedeutic time will be spent, how seminarians will be reconfigured and who will serve as formators to assist the men on their vocational journey.

Seminarians already had begun incorporating some of the new aspects into the process even before the new document was approved in June. Two Columbus seminarians will spend the upcoming academic year away from the Pontifical College Josephinum, which diocesan seminarians currently attend,

on a pastoral year.

“I think breaking it into stages really gives guys those clear moments of ‘I’m advancing from propaedeutic to discipleship, where do I need to be?’” Father O’Connor said. “And from discipleship to configuration, he can say, ‘Yes, I’m at the point where I should be.’”

“Under the previous PPF, there weren’t clear points where we were evaluating where a young man was in his discernment.”

The new PPF reflects the Vatican’s insistence on forming priests with a missionary and evangelization mindset and attempts to address the process of vetting candidates in light of the clergy scandals that have sullied the Church’s reputation in the past few decades.

Since the installation of Bishop Earl Fernandes on May 31, he has preached often about the urgent need for vocations — for men and women to consider giving their lives to Christ in service of His Church. A chief reason cited for the recent restructuring at Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center near Ohio State University was to provide an atmosphere conducive to fostering vocations.

“I’m going to steal a phrase from Sister Maria Ecclesiae (of the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus congregation) who gave a talk to the guys recently at the Quo Vadis vocation retreat at the Josephinum,” Father O’Connor said.

“She broke it down and said, ‘When you’re discerning, it’s not like you’re going to get on the wrong plane when you’re flying. There are too many people checking your ticket.’”

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accepted them, but in that mercy, He did. He (Father Faustner) brought those who love Him and strove to be right – feeding the hungry, (giving) drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked. (Asking) ‘What need is there? Who needs an ear? Who needs a shoulder?’ and offering those, and offering it freely.

“There were times when I had the opportunity and he listened to my venting. Once, he even turned off the television to listen, and I don’t mean just putting the mute on, but actually turning it off. Those of you who knew Father – and I’m sure the bishop would agree to this – he would come in and I would greet him with a hearty hug and take the bags that he had brought and hand him the remote.

“How he shared his love was practical and reflecting one of the things – because of how his growing up within a very staunch, strong German community, that we had very similar growing up – deep faith and practical living. You lived your faith practically. That’s what the Gospel was. Somebody’s hungry; feed them. They’re thirsty; give them drink. Don’t ask what the cost would be.

“That brings me to one of the other scriptures from Matthew’s Gospel: ‘When you give alms or assist someone, don’t sound the trumpet before you

so that you may be praised by others. I tell you instead, let your right hand not know what your left hand is doing, then what your heavenly Father sees in secret, He will reward.’

“Many people don’t know of some of his assistance, of his assisting others in need, making sure particularly when children were involved ‘What do they need? What would make them happy?’

“I got to look at some of the cards that the children from here (Columbus St. Timothy Church) wrote on his retirement, and recognizing their simple trust and love.

“I read a letter of support to him (which said) that one of the first times that the writer met him, he saw Father Faustner as the lead of the movie ‘Up’ – the Ed Asner character with that curmudgeon face. Even as he had his conversion in the movie, when he (the writer) began to speak about God, the conversion of thought because of the diligence that he (Father Faustner) recognized in the man.

“And I know that as we go through, and his wanting to reach out always, to touch, to be God to others, he (Father Faustner) also, I think, had a little bit of St. Francis of Assisi in him. When he would come to visit, I had two dogs at the time and they would always be hap-

py to see him, and then I would become nothing because they would follow him around.

“He’d sit on the couch and one would be on one side and one would be on the other, and he would never give them treats. They just knew they would find something with him, and I say and I believe that’s special. Even though he would call my little female a wench, she would just wag her tail.

“But what a love he expressed in the practical, and that’s what legacy he hands down for us to be modeled. We need to do that. We need to recognize always our need for God – Number 1, ‘Come to my assistance, make haste to help me.’

“‘Act in service and in love,’ which was his motto that would have been emblazoned on his coat of arms. It was about service; it was about love; it was about compassion; it was about peace; it was about recognizing the need of mercy that he had. ‘Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner,’ like the tax collector, like the parable when Jesus was commenting on that, that this one would be justified before God. ...

“And then Jesus called children to Himself to find the energy, to get that loving energy, to offer it and to receive it. That’s part of it. For the Lord said ‘It

is just to such of these that the kingdom of heaven belongs’ and that’s for us.

“With the second reading (of Father Faustner’s funeral Mass), ‘I am poured out as a libation,’ I snickered in my head. I thought he (Father Faustner) wouldn’t pour out a libation. He offered to, and he would always offer to, but he would never pour a libation out. But that’s OK. We know of that. And that’s part of – you know, the Lord crated the ability for us to ferment, which is good.

“I’m going to tell on myself. Discreetly, we have at his feet a can of Miller Lite and a bottle of Beefeater’s (gin) because when he gets up at the resurrection and the Lord calls him, he might need a drink. I had to put it there so – I’m sorry, Bishop – you know what he’ll do. He’ll say ‘Here Lord, you want one too?’ That was a joy of his and a blessing.

“And as I said, with the children, you know he loved children, he loved being around people. Even when he was at the Forum (of Knightsbridge nursing facility), for all of those new children – prayed with them, prayed for them, led prayers at dinners, at meals. All of those things that a shepherd does, he did. ...

“Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace, Amen.”

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lumbus St. Matthias Church, located next to DeSales. The sisters live in the former convent of Columbus Holy Name Church, near Ohio State University, al-

lowing them to minister to students at the university.

Father Dailey said members of the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus will begin

living at the former St. Therese’s Retreat Center on Columbus’ east side in September. The congregation was founded in Spain in 1984, came to the United States in 2011 and has a novitiate in Steubenville.

Since 2020, it has offered monthly devotional programs known as DOYMAR encounters at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church for girls and young women ranging from first- to fifth-graders to college age. DOYMAR is a Spanish acronym that translates to “Prayerful and Marian-Apostolic Disciples of the Redemption.”

Other congregations of sisters who have established themselves in the diocese in the past three years include the cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, at the former Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark; the Order of the Most Holy Savior of St. Bridget (the Briggittines), in a building adjacent to Holy Family Church; and the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the former Columbus Sacred Heart Church convent.

Former coach, principal recalled at St. Mary German Village festival

Two notable Columbus German Village figures of the 1950s were honored at the annual St. Mary Church and School Homecoming Festival held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 12-13.

The festival, which dates to the 1920s at the parish in the German Village neighborhood, honored Coach Ken Neville and Sister Mary Laurene Fetter through historic artifacts, photos and game-day footage displayed in the Specht Center.

Both Neville and Sister Laurene are still applauded today for their lasting impact.

“Ken Neville was my coach during my last year of high school, back in the day,” said James Moore. “He was a wonderful coach, and I have a lot of respect for him.”

Neville, an alumnus of St. Mary School, was a successful football and basketball coach. He led St. Mary’s High School to the Class B state championship game in 1956, when the team finished as the runner-up after a 72-71 loss to Arcanum in the final.

His daughter, Elizabeth Neville Hewey, said, “We treasured our time in

German Village. It was a memorable, diverse community where neighbors supported and respected each other. Dad loved his players, students, St. Mary and the community. Nicknamed the Bear, Dad relished coaching and teaching.”

Sister Mary Laurene was known for her joy and generosity during 50+ years of teaching in Catholic schools. Originally a student at St. Mary, Sister Laurene joined the Joliet Franciscans and later was received into the novitiate in 1919.

Although she took the name Sister Mary Laurene, her students fondly referred to her as “Laurene Honey” because of her sweet demeanor. Sister Laurene taught throughout Ohio and Illinois but found herself back in her home parish upon retirement.

“The church here at St. Mary has a rich history and a nostalgic community,” said Father Vince Nguyen, the current pastor. “We’re excited to honor the alumni who helped shape German Village into what it is today. What better time to do that than during our homecoming festivities?”



Father Ted Machnik (left) and Father Seth Keller (right) speak with seminarian Matthew Waldman during the reception at the annual Priests Appreciation Banquet at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. *CT photo by Ken Snow*

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“To all the Serrans who are present and to all who have volunteered to make this evening so special for us and an opportunity for true fraternity, I thank you for your constant prayers and sacrifices for making our lives better in ways known only to God through whose grace we are able to do what we do,” Bishop Fernandes said.

Pope St. John Paul II said, “Serrans, you are the lay vocation arm of the

Catholic Church.” In addition to the banquet, club activities that support and pray for vocations include First Friday Adoration, annual Outstanding Altar Server Awards presided over by Bishop Fernandes, monthly luncheons with guests speakers and an Adopt a Seminarian program.

Serra International was founded in 1935. The Serra Club of Columbus was chartered Sept. 14, 1954.

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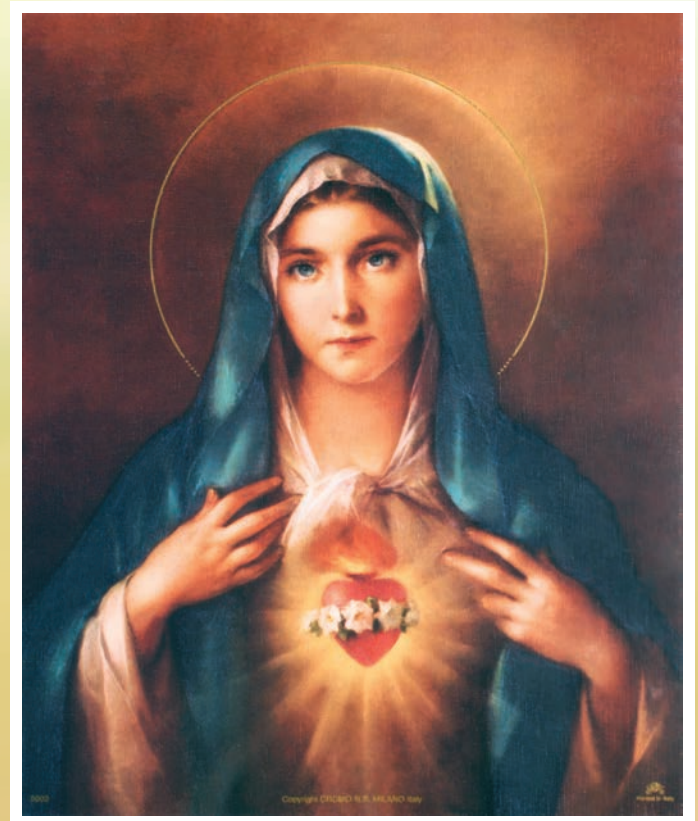
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Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

God's plan for us is not about the accomplishment of our self-interest. Although God uses rulers and nations for His purposes, He never charts their course according to a short-term gain.

God does not worry about whether He is "popular." Instead, He allows those who work for Him to bear their difficulties as best they can, supplying the strength they need to persevere. The Scriptures give many examples of God's servants who do not find things easy.

Jeremiah ends up in an empty well. It could have been an inglorious end. However, having been told about the prophet's plight by a servant, the king did not let him die of hunger there. He sent his servant to draw the prophet out of the well.

Thus, Jeremiah was free to continue to prophesy in the name of God and to let the people know the "bad news" that had to be accepted before Good News could be announced.

Most of the kings identified in the Bible are described as incompetent and unfaithful. In the account from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, Zedekiah is represented as a king who wanted to do the right thing but who caved in when the influential people around him did not agree. Yet in his own imperfect way, he served to permit God's Word to be proclaimed.

Having incompetent rulers makes things hard for us, but they cannot impede the plan of God. When we "put our trust in princes," we are doomed to be disappointed. But God is with us, and He strengthens us on our journey.

The Gospel this weekend presents a moment when Jesus shares a deeply felt anguish with His disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I

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wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"

That fire will cause division. That fire directs us to the truth that must be acknowledged, that our earthly attachments, including attachment to persons, are secondary. God has the prior right in our lives. When we are committed to God, we will inevitably discover that all other relationships are compromised. Division comes, but we can rise above it.

The Letter to the Hebrews invites us to keep our eyes fixed on God's plan, aware of the "cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us, those who have gone before us in the life of faith. It calls us to "rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."

With subtle humor, Hebrews hints as to what can be expected when the decision to follow the example of Jesus has been made. "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood."

We live in a world that often rejects God because of the "problem of evil." The fact of human suffering, especially senseless suffering and the suffering of the innocent, leads to a rejection of belief in a "good God."

Ironically, this rejection often creates a greater suffering on the part of those who choose to pursue their unenlightened self-interest rather than to accept suffering in freedom, open to the love of God that offers strength for endurance.

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THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

8/15-8/20

MONDAY

Revelation 11:9a;12:1-6a;10 ab
 Psalm 45:10-12,16
 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
 Luke 1:39-56

TUESDAY

Ezekiel 28:1-10
 Deuteronomy 32:26-28,30,35cd-36b (Ps)
 Matthew 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY

Ezekiel 34:1-11
 Psalm 23:1-6
 Matthew 20:1-16

THURSDAY

Ezekiel 36:23-28

Psalms 51:12-15,18-19
 Matthew 22:1-14

FRIDAY

Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 107:2-9
 Matthew 22:34-40

SATURDAY

Ezekiel 43:1-7b
 Psalm 85:9ab-10-14
 Matthew 23:1-12

8/22-8/27

MONDAY

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12
 Psalm 96:1-5
 Matthew 23:13-22

TUESDAY

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a,14-17

Psalms 96:10-13
 Matthew 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY

Revelation 21:9b-14
 Psalm 145:10-13,17-18
 John 1:45-51

THURSDAY

1 Corinthians 1:9
 Psalm 145:2-7
 Matthew 24:42-51

FRIDAY

1 Corinthians 17:25
 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,10-11
 Matthew 25:1-13

SATURDAY

1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Psalm 33:12-13,18-21
 Matthew 25:14-30

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF AUG. 14 AND AUG. 21, 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 Breezeline 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

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We pray Weeks IV and I of the Liturgy of the Hours.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Sharing your faith story a way to save others, share joy

Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm 117:1, 2
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

"Are you saved?" is a question posed in many religious discussions today. The concern expressed is whether a personal assent has been made to the offer of the gift of salvation. Catholics are often unsure how to respond.

Those who ask the question usually have several criteria in mind: There is a definite day and hour when one's "acceptance of the Savior" has been

expressed by one who is "old enough" to make such an assent for himself or herself. (Baptism as an infant is not enough.) There also must be a way of expression that shows that Jesus continues to be the "personal Lord and Savior."

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We are called to do all we can to lift the suffering of others. When it becomes clear, however, that the fire that surrounds us is blazing so that it cannot be put out, we must choose to persevere, confident of the power of God to bring good out of evil and to enable us

to persevere.

The first Christian virtue that the world notices is patient endurance. We understand that "whatever doesn't kill us makes us stronger." But it is always fitting to cry out with the psalmist: "Lord, come to my aid!"

she believed we were "saved," even though we were Catholics. She must have seen in us the necessary acceptance and the joy of a living relationship with Jesus.

So, I answer, "Yes, I am saved" without wondering about it. I have the affirmation of a Baptist that it is so, and the deacon was a witness (as I am for him)!

A Catholic answer to the question, "Are you saved?" can be expressed this way: "I hope so!" This captures a nuance that is not present in the question and the expected answer.

Salvation is a process that must be re-

newed and deepened. We are saved by grace, the grace of the Paschal Mystery, the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus the Lord. We are given the gift of the Spirit that frees us to live in the hope of salvation through our journey of faith.

Each moment, we are invited to open our hearts more to the Savior, Who shares with us the divine life that will be ours fully only in eternity. We move from glory to glory and grow in holiness as we share the life of God.

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Solemnity of the Assumption Year C

Entrance into heaven exemplifies Mary's trust

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Mary's journey from time into eternity, taking with her all that it means to be human. She was a person of charity and grace, with great compassion for those around her on earth, and she continues her motherly intercessory role now from heaven.

The celebration of the Assumption is about Mary's experience of the promise of resurrection and, at the same time, of our own sharing in the life of Christ as we continue our own journey here below, "in this valley of tears," we, who are the "poor, banished children of Eve."

Mary's entrance into glory expresses the power of a living relationship with God, of faith and trust in Him and of the promise that comes true when we are open to receive Him in love.

Mary's Magnificat, which she prays in response to the acknowledgment of her role in the process of salvation, is a compendium of the human situation. It unfolds in a beautiful way the flow of grace through a human heart that is entirely devoted to God.

From the depths of her being, Mary acknowledges first her relationship with the living God: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior, for He has looked upon his lowly servant."

She sees the lasting fruit of this relationship as the work of God in her: "From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his

Name." This is not an exultation of her own being, but of the reality of God at work in her and through her in a way that must be recognized as God's action.

Mary also sees that the fruit of this living relationship is offered to humanity, at every level of human society. None is left out: "He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty."

The action of a living relationship with God purifies each person, burning away all that is not of God and making room for the inflow of divine grace.

All of this takes place in fulfillment of divine promise in and through a community, a people who are open to God's action in time and history: "He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever."

The Church prays Mary's Magnificat every day in Evening Prayer (Vespers) of the Liturgy of the Hours. It is also used as an expression of joy at other events, exulting in the action of God in the hearts of those who make a commitment of service and in the gift of reconciliation received in the sacrament of penance.

The Magnificat invites us to allow God to be glorified in us and in the life of holiness that flows from a living relationship with the One Who loves us.

SHARING, continued from Page 16

In the Gospel today, someone asks Jesus a different question: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" The Lord's response is not a "yes" or "no." Instead, He responds with a challenge: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." This is a personal encouragement to put in the effort to attain salvation. It leaves to God and His grace whether this will be accomplished.

The call clearly given by the Church today is to renew the effort to share salvation. The Responsorial Psalm cries out: "Go out to all the world and tell the good news." We are charged not to measure whether we or many are "saved," but rather to present the offer of salvation as good news.

When we focus our attention on sharing what we have received, we discover that every neighbor is a candidate for salvation. Our struggles and sufferings can be seen as sacrifice that opens up opportunities for witness. Pope Paul VI and others have reminded us that the world listens more to witnesses than to teachers.

Questions can be helpful, but they can also get in the way if we are too narrow in our expectations for an answer. When Jesus is seen as the author of salvation, we may choose to stop asking questions and rather to share how He has written the gift of salvation in the story of our lives.

How have you experienced salvation? Who needs to hear your story and be invited to share the joy?

Words of Wisdom

by Pat Battaglia, aka Dr. Fun

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BALTZER, Joseph W. Jr., 87, July 22
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

CENCI, Carole (Endres), 79, July 19
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia.

CROOKS, Russell W. III, 42, July 17
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

DUNN, David C., 70, July 25
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

ENGLAND, Mary L. (Pace), 86, July 23
St. John Church, Logan

FANNIN, Victor, 90, July 11
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

GRAY, Michael James Joseph, 77, Aug. 5
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

MELFI, Dr. Rudy, 92, July 21
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

MILLER, Emilie C. (Adamski), 91, July 24
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

PASKA, Hendrina, 96, July 26
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

REISSLAND, Marilyn, 89, July 22
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

REN, Eileen A. (Dapoz), 85, July 31
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

ROSE (ALBANESE), Virginia A. "Ginger"
(Lorenzen), 77, July 21
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

SHIMP, Margaret A. "Peggy" (Willman), 89,
July 28
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

SHOTWELL, Mary (Magnacca), 87, July 25
St. Joseph Church, Dover

STILL, James T., 73, July 10
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

STOKES, Kathleen R. (Murphy), 96, Aug. 1
St. Paul Church, Westerville

TIGHE, John P., 81, July 25
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

ZITKO, Catherine A. (Ealy), 75, July 31
St. Paul Church, Westerville

Dr. Ann E. Schiele

Funeral Mass for Dr. Ann E. Schiele, 82, who died Monday, July 25, was celebrated Thursday, Aug. 4 at Westerville St. Paul Church.

She was born on Dec. 3, 1939 in Defiance to the late Lee and Frances Moats and grew up in the Defiance County community of Sherwood. She earned a diploma at the St. Vincent School of Nursing in Toledo and received Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in nursing and a doctorate in higher education from Ohio State University.

She began a 53-year career with the Mount Carmel Health system in 1961 as a neurological nurse at the original Mount Carmel Hospital in Columbus. She became a clinical instructor at the hospital's nursing school four years later and was an administrator there until 2014. When the school became a college in 1990, she was chosen as its first dean and president. In the next 24 years, it

grew in size from about 150 students to more than 1,200.

After retiring at Mount Carmel, she was chief strategy officer of the Lower Lights Christian Health Center on Columbus' west side, which partnered with Mount Carmel in several programs, for five years.

She served on the Ohio Board of Nursing and the boards of The Catholic Foundation and the Columbus Rotary Club. She also received many awards and honors, including the Columbus Ohio YWCA Woman of Achievement Award, an honorary doctorate from Ohio Dominican University, the Columbus HealthCare Heroes Award and Columbus CEO magazine's Health Care award for lifetime achievement.

She is survived by her husband, David; sons, Michael and Eric (Lissa); daughter, Cynthia (James) Anderson; brother, Edwin; and five grandchildren.

George "Chris" Lape

Funeral Mass for George "Chris" Lape, 63, who died Tuesday July 26, was celebrated Monday, Aug. 1 at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born on Sept. 7, 1958 to George and Helen Lape.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and coached St. Mary Magdalene T-ball and softball teams and the West Mound Stars football team for many years

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters Kathy and Terri Lape. Survivors include his wife, Sandy, an administrative professional for the Diocese of Columbus; children Andrea (Joe) Nelson, Erin (Aaron) O'Donovan, Scott (Amanda) Lape, Whitney Lape and Lindsay (Josh) Lape; brothers Jim (Heike), Tim, Pat and Marty; sister Peggy; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Maxine Rankin

A celebration of life for Maxine Rankin, 87, wife of the late Deacon Jack Rankin, will take place Friday, Aug. 12 at the St. George Marianist Chapel at Indian Lake in Huntsville.

She was born on November 16, 1934 in Fleming County, Kentucky to Leslie and Bessie Emmons and attended Good Samaritan Nursing School in Cincinnati.

She and her husband lived in Cincinnati; Baltimore, Maryland; and Lima before moving in 1974 to Columbus, where she was a psychiatric nurse at Ohio State University Hospital, mainly serving teens and children. They moved to Indian Lake upon retiring.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, who was ordained a deacon in 1975 and served at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church and as a chaplain at Mount Carmel Medical Center; sons Joseph and Stephen, and siblings Alice, Christie, John, Noel, Winona, Robert and Carey.

Survivors include her children J. David (Kristen Westman), Jeanne, Robert, Richard (Betty), Maria (Jim) Kozelek, Jackie Learn, Christine Balint Rankin and Michael Learn; her siblings Louisa Mathis, Anita Curtis and Suzanne Emmons; and 11 grandchildren.

Jane E. Hinterschied

Funeral Mass for Jane E. Hinterschied, 89, who died Sunday, July 31, was celebrated Thursday, Aug. 4 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius Church. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Pataskala.

She was born in Columbus to Joseph and Josephine Boland and was a 1951 graduate of Columbus Holy Rosary High School.

She retired from the U.S. Geological Survey, where she was an administrative

secretary, then was employed at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School as a secretary and library assistant.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Theodore; and sister, Ann McFadden. Survivors include sons Gregg (Barbara), Kurt (Petra) and Chris (Judi); two grandsons, including Father Michael Hinterschied, who celebrated her funeral Mass; one granddaughter; one great-grandson and two great-granddaughters.

Sister Nancy Miller, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Nancy Miller, OSF, 76, who died Monday, Aug. 1 at Mount Carmel Grove City Hospital, was celebrated Saturday, Aug. 6 at Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1945 to Francis and Ruth (Grosh) Miller and was a 1963 graduate of Columbus Rosary High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1968 from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York; a Master of Science degree in Math and Education in 1978 from Fordham University and a Master of Science degree in education and counseling in 1993.

She joined the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity on Sept. 8, 1963 and professed her first vows on Aug. 18, 1966, taking the name Sister M. Antoinette, and her final vows on Aug. 22, 1971.

In Columbus, she taught at Father Wehrle High School from 1977 to 1982

and 1990-1991 and was guidance director from 2000 to 2009 and a tutor from 2010 to 2020 at Bishop Ready High School. She also was a volunteer and speaker for the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition, which works to bring an end to human trafficking.

She worked with the children of her apartment complex, providing school supplies, designing a play area and providing "read out" nights where she read to the children on her porch. In addition, in collaboration with Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, she worked to obtain a bus shelter for the children of the apartment complex. She also served as an educator in Dayton and in New York, New Jersey, West Virginia and Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, David. Survivors include a brother, Thomas (Karen), and sisters Carol Ward, Mary (Jim) Zeier and Theresa.

Rita H. Bowen

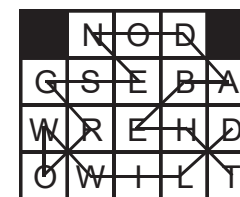
Funeral Mass for Rita H. Bowen, 84, who died Thursday, July 21, was celebrated Tuesday, July 27 at Columbus St. Patrick Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on May 20, 1938 to Charles and Mary Hinton.

She attended Ohio State University and Columbus Business University and was a former Parish School of Religion director at Groveport St. Mary Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Alan; and brothers, Thomas and Dick. Survivors include sons, Matthew (Nicole), Mark (Sallie) and Martin (Sarah); daughters, Mary Ellen (Thomas) McGovern and Molly Ann (James) Smiles; and 11 grandchildren.

WORDS OF WISDOM SOLUTION



High school football season begins Aug. 18

By Tim Puet
For The Catholic Times

High school football for 2022 in Ohio begins on its earliest opening date ever – Thursday, Aug. 18, when Columbus St. Charles plays at Columbus Northland in one of a handful of games scheduled statewide. Most teams begin play the following night, with all five Columbus teams from diocesan high schools playing on the road for the first weekend.

Earlier starting and ending dates for the season began last year when the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) increased the number of teams eligible for the playoffs in each region to 16 from eight, adding a week to the season.

Four of the five diocesan schools from Columbus – Bishop Hartley, Bishop Ready, Bishop Watterson and St. Francis DeSales – were playoff qualifiers, with only St. Charles Preparatory not making the postseason. Hartley and DeSales won their first playoff games but lost in the second round, making 2021 a rare year without a Columbus-based Catholic representative in the regional finals.

Hartley, Watterson, St. Charles and DeSales constitute the Central Catholic League (CCL), one of the state's most fiercely competitive conferences. Ready, the smallest of the five schools, is part of the Mid-State League's Ohio Division.

Here is a brief look at each of the five teams entering the season:

BISHOP HARTLEY

The Hawks will be road warriors for most of the season, with only their final two games at Jack Ryan Field. “We had five home games scheduled, but three teams backed out, and we had to replace them with road games. That’s the challenge CCL teams often face,” coach Brad Burchfield said. “But home is where the Hawks are.”

The road trips include visits to Cincinnati McNicholas and Lima Central Catholic in successive September weeks, plus a trip to Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph in October. Hartley, which will be trying to make the playoffs for the 14th time in 15 seasons with Burchfield at the helm, finished unbeaten in the CCL but lost to London in Round 2 of the playoffs in what for the Hawks was an unusually early exit. Last year’s team included two first team all-state players in receiver Trey Saunders, who went to Division I Colgate, and lineman Daniel Tooson, who will be at Division II Slippery Rock.

“We are excited and love our team,” Burchfield said. “We lost some great players, as we always do, but we also

return some great players. We love how we have developed as a team thus far. The schedule is difficult with those eight road games, but it’s going to be exciting. We will be prepared when the games matter the most, late in the season.”

This year’s team has one player who has committed to an NCAA Division I school – 6-foot-3, 225-pound senior Anthony Murphy, a three-year starter who will be at H-back and inside linebacker. “He will be entering the Air Force Academy next fall and is an incredibly versatile player,” Burchfield said.

“Another three-year starter, senior DeAunte Hubbard, is at tailback. He’s bigger, stronger and faster this season, and we expect an incredible year from him. He looks to be spelled by freshman Robert Lathon Jr., who already has an offer from Kentucky, so it’s obvious he has great potential.

“Peyton Underwood returns for his third year as a starter at quarterback. He throws the ball better than anyone we’ve ever had. He has been around the program since he was born, and we are fired up for his senior year. Freshmen Matt Galich will back him up and will be prepared to take the reins for the next three years.

“I think we have really good depth, a lot of kids that can play at a high level, and we are going to need it,” Burchfield said. “Our expectations are always the same, and we are excited to try and reach those expectations. It’s going to be a great year.”



Brian Fitzsimmons



Cullen Dent

BISHOP READY

The Knights are anticipating a big year from senior running back Brian Fitzsimmons, who was a third-team all-state player in Division V last year and had nearly 140 yards per game in total offense. He ran for 1,234 yards in 254 carries with 13 rushing touchdowns last year, adding 154 yards on 21 catches with one receiving touchdown. “He’s a great kid on and off the field, with close to a 4.0 grade-point average, and he sets a great example in the weight room,” said coach Michael Schaefer.

The other running back, Kentrell Rinehart, totaled 574 yards rushing and receiving with four touchdowns as a

freshman in 2021. Senior quarterback Kaleb Schaefer completed 92 of 144 passes for 760 yards and a 64 percent accuracy mark last year, with three touchdowns.

“Our strength is going to be our defense,” Schaefer said. It will be led by junior linebacker Cullen Dent, who was tops in the team with 59 tackles, 29 of them solo, leading the Knights in both categories. He also had 7.5 tackles for loss, two pass break-ups, a pair of fumble recoveries, and intercepted a pass for a 15-yard touchdown.

Another junior, JD Catena, had 45 tackles, 24 of them solo, with three tackles for loss, five pass breakups and four interceptions

as safety. Schaefer said his other top linemen are seniors Logan Dimel on offense and Jared Kobol on defense.

Schaefer is a veteran of two decades of coaching, but this is only his second year as a head coach. He took over at Ready last year after serving as the team’s defensive coordinator in 2020. He began his career at Davenport (Iowa) North, then moved to Columbus and spent 17 years as an assistant at Upper Arlington and Hilliard Davidson.

“I was an assistant long enough that the adjustment to being a head coach was about what I expected,” he said. “As you’re around a group of kids more, they get more comfortable with you and you with them, your relations get stronger and there’s more team bonding.

“One thing that’s important about this year is that we’ll have an offensive coordinator, allowing me to concentrate on defense. That extra support is so important because it allows all the coaches to focus better from Friday night to Sunday night on preparing for the next game.”

BISHOP WATTERSON

The Eagles have a core of three Division III all-state players returning – linemen Cole Rhett, a senior, and Dominic Purcell, a junior, who were third-team selections by the state high school sports writers association, and junior kicker Rudy Kessinger, who was a second-teamer.

Coach Brian Kennedy said Rhett has made a verbal commitment to play for the University of Toledo next year. “He’s a big guy (6-6 and 290 pounds), and we expect big things from him. He’s gotten stronger during the off-season, and there’s no doubt he’s ready for another all-state year.

“Purcell lettered as a freshman and started as a sophomore last year and was having a great season before tearing his ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) against DeSales. The kids selected him as a captain this year, which is a big honor for a junior. He’s already a leader, and we expect big things from him,” Kennedy said.

“Kessinger is a soccer player who just started playing football last year and is playing both sports this season. You can tell he knows his potential because he went to kicking camps this summer. He had a good year last year, and with what he learned at the camps, we expect him to be better this year.”

Kennedy said the quarterback will be either senior Ryan Rudzinski or junior AJ McAninch. “Ryan was our starting quarterback last year, and AJ was on the JV team, but Ryan also has potential at receiver, while AJ has a strong arm and is an NCAA Division I baseball prospect. His brothers also played baseball in college. We’ll see whatever combination of the two works best for the team.

“Brandon Trout is coming back for his fourth year as a starting wide receiver. By the end of the season, he should have the school record for receptions. He’s just a good, consistent player,” Kennedy said. “Treyton Mercer, a junior, is our top returning running back, another fine all-around athlete. He plays lacrosse in the spring, and that’s made him a better football player.”

Kennedy said the team has a bit of a chip on its shoulder after last year’s 5-6 record. “Nobody in the Watterson football community is happy at finishing 5-6,” he said. “Regardless of our record, the goals never change – win the CCL, make the playoffs, go as far as we can. We’ve had a lot of really good teams who have set a high standard. We’re out to maintain that level of play.”

ST. CHARLES

Fifth-year coach Deke Hocker said the Cardinals have plenty of experience coming back from last year, with a roster of 70 players including 15 seniors and 20 juniors trying to improve on 2021’s 2-7 record.

He said senior wide receiver-defensive back Pete DeSocio is likely to lead the way on offense. He had about 450 yards rushing, 400 receiving and 300 in returns last year. Juniors Luke Sheaffer and Will Lawler and sophomores Ryan Mooney and Michael Schrank are contending to be the starting quarterback.

“We’ll miss Fred Nimely, a running back who carried most of the load on

Small-school teams ready to kick off football season

By Tim Puet
For The Catholic Times

A new season brings new hope, and coaches of all five diocesan high school football teams in Ohio's smallest enrollment classification are enthusiastic about their chances to make the playoffs.

Four of the five – Newark Catholic, Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans, Lancaster Fisher Catholic and Portsmouth Notre Dame – were in the playoff field last year as postseason play expanded to 16 teams per region. Only New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic had its year end with the last game of the regular season.

Newark Catholic extended its state record for playoff appearances, making the postseason for the 38th time since the playoffs began in 1972. The nine-time Ohio High School Athletic Association champion Green Wave made it to their 15th state title game, losing to 12-time champion Maria Stein Marion Local 42-7 at Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton. That team made it one step farther than its 2020 counterpart, who lost 20-13 to Warren John F. Kennedy in the state semifinals.

Here's a look at how the coming season shapes up for the diocese's five small high schools:



Grant Moore



Mason Hackett

NEWARK CATHOLIC

Six Green Wave players received all-state recognition last year, and two are back – first-team running back Mason Hackett and third-team linebacker Brendan Sheehan, both seniors.

Hackett gained 2,055 yards in 265 carries for an average of 7.8 yards per try and scored 26 touchdowns rushing. He also caught three passes, two of them for touchdowns. A similar season this year would make him a strong contender for the state Division VII player of the year award.

"Mason blew everyone away with his performance last year because he hadn't played junior high football," coach Ryan Aiello said. "I'm excited to see how he will follow up last year's impressive season.

"The biggest challenge for him this year will be to be a leader and to lead

others. Our team culture and the tradition we've developed helps there because we're pushing each other to match what the other great teams in Newark Catholic history have done.

"Brendan Sheehan has been a leader for four years, and all of that experience will benefit the team. He's only 175 pounds, but he plays linebacker like someone a lot bigger. Last year, he also qualified for the state wrestling tournament at 157 pounds, and he has a wrestler's toughness. He's had offers to play for Dayton and Tiffin in college next year."

Seniors on last year's team who were awarded all-state honors were Elijah Wallace, linebacker, first team; Cole Canter, quarterback, and Daniel Gray, defensive line, second team; and Tanner Elwell, receiver, third team.

Canter completed 145 of 247 passes for 2,293 yards and 32 touchdowns and will be playing at Wayne State in Detroit this fall. Wide receiver Brandon Buchanan will be at Ohio Dominican, and Elwell will be playing baseball at Capital.

Aiello said he's anticipating a big year from senior running back-defensive back Kyle Langenbrunner, who was hurt for much of last year. Other notable members of the team's 20-player senior class include defensive back-wide receivers Anthony Dry and Grant Moore, running back-defensive lineman Anthony Robertson and lineman Tanner Wirt.

The offseason was an interesting one for Aiello. He resigned as coach in February to spend more time with his family, only to return in May after the coach from California who was hired to replace him was asked to resign because of what Newark Catholic officials described as "a violation of ... (his) employment contract."

"That was an unfortunate situation in how it evolved," Aiello said. "The other coach's leaving was no fault of anyone. When you're left with a coaching vacancy at that time of year, it's tough to get another person, so I came back. I learned a lot from that whole process, which worked to our mutual benefit."

LANCASTER FISHER CATHOLIC

Coach Luke Thimmes is counting on a pair of seniors to provide leadership on a 24-player roster for the Irish, who finished 5-6 and lost to Glouster Trimble in the first round of the playoffs.

"Ben Boyden as a two-way lineman,



Kyle Langenbrunner

and Nick Dolci at running back and linebacker have provided a good example for the rest of the players," Thimmes said. "If they do well, the rest of the team will follow." The team's only other seniors are punter Jake Krooner and placekicker JJ Viau, who earned honorable mention on last year's all-state list. Viau's foot could make a difference in close games. Last year, he kicked field goals of 45, 42, 39, 38 and 35 yards.

Junior Jack Wright ran for 842 yards and scored 10 touchdowns last year and will return at running back. The quarterback is sophomore Grant Keefer, who played several games at the position as a freshman.

"He made huge strides last year and has become much more two-dimensional," Thimmes said. "That means we won't be the 'ground-and-pound' team we were last year. You'll see a lot more passing. This is a young but talented team putting its kids in their best positions to succeed."

Thimmes expects his toughest competition will come from Sugar Grove Berne Union, which finished undefeated last year, and Worthington Christian, "the same culprits we usually have trouble with," with Zanesville Rosecrans, Fairfield Christian, Portsmouth Notre Dame and Martins Ferry also as strong foes.

PORTSMOUTH NOTRE DAME

Coach Bob Ashley, entering his 18th year with the Titans, is the dean of diocesan football mentors and was honored by the state's high school sports writers association as its Division VII coach of the year for 2021.

"The honor was a total surprise," Ashley said. "I never talked to anyone about it before being told I'd won. I see the award as a reflection of the hard work of the staff and the dedication of the players year after year at one of the smallest schools in the state.

"The people, the school and the faith I see at Notre Dame combine for a unique experience I've been proud to be a part of," said Ashley, who played for the University of Utah, then transferred to West Virginia State, where he earned first-team National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics honors as a punter. "This is a great place to coach."

Ashley said his 32-player lineup includes nine returning offensive and seven defensive starters. He expects junior running back Gavin Hart will be the key to the team's offense again. Hart started the third game of the season in 2021 and remained a starter the rest of the way, gaining 1,026 yards on 117 carries with eight touchdowns and earning third-team all-state honors. "He's a hard worker, tough between the tackles, and

has bulked up to 215 pounds this year from 180 last season," Ashley said.

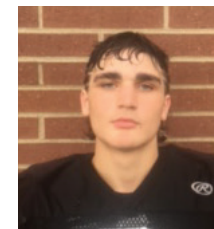
Anchoring the defense is senior lineman Carter Campbell, a second-team all-stater who had 52 tackles, including 13 for loss, plus 10 sacks, two interceptions and a pair of fumble recoveries last year.

The quarterback is senior Wyatt Webb, who passed for 756 yards and seven touchdowns and ran for a score last year, completing 73 percent of his passes before being injured near the end of the season. His leading receiver, senior Dylan Seison, is back. Seison had 847 yards in total offense and scored eight times in 2021.

Senior lineman Dominic Sparks, at 6-7 and 230 pounds, is considered a possible Division I college player. Junior linebacker Cody Metzler also will play a key role on defense. The team's other seniors are linemen John Ball and Hunter McNutt.



Chase Ciekanski



Jordan Cherry

TUSCARAWAS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Casey Cummings' Saints have a small roster of 21 players, but it's a veteran crew, with seven juniors and nine seniors trying to improve on last year's 3-7 record.

"We had five starters out because of injury in the second half of the season, and there's no doubt that had a big impact, especially when you have a small roster to begin with," Cummings said. "If we can stay healthy, especially defensively, we should be much better this year without a doubt."

Senior Chase Ciekanski was lost to the team early in 2021, breaking his collarbone in the second game of the season but coming back for Week 10. "He's a four-year starter, standing 6-4 or 6-5, so he's a big



Thayne Mahaffey

2022-23 high school football schedules for diocesan schools

BISHOP HARTLEY

- 8-19 at Sunbury Big Walnut
- 8-26 at Harvest Prep
- 9-2 at Canal Winchester
- 9-9 at Cincinnati McNicholas
- 9-17 at Lima Central Catholic
- 9-23 at St. Francis DeSales
- 10-1 at Cleveland Villa Angela St. Joseph
- 10-7 at St. Charles
- 10-14 KIPP Columbus
- 10-21 Bishop Watterson
- 2021 record: 9-3 overall, 3-0 conference
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Brad Burchfield (147-35 in 14 seasons at Bishop Hartley and 178-60 overall)

BISHOP READY

- 8-20 at Newark Catholic
- 8-26 Toledo Woodward
- 9-2 Bishop Watterson
- 9-9 at Buckeye Valley
- 9-16 Columbus Academy
- 9-23 at Harvest Prep
- 9-30 Whitehall-Yearling
- 10-7 at Bexley
- 10-14 at Grandview Heights
- 10-21 KIPP Columbus
- 2021 record: 5-6 overall, 3-3 conference
- Conference: Mid-State League Ohio Division
- Coach: Michael Schaefer (5-6 in one season at Bishop Ready and overall)

BISHOP WATTERSON

- 8-19 at Columbus Whetstone
- 8-26 Dublin Scioto
- 9-2 at Bishop Ready
- 9-9 at Tiffin Columbian
- 9-16 at Whitehall-Yearling
- 9-23 St. Charles
- 9-30 at Granville
- 10-7 St. Francis DeSales
- 10-14 Columbus Centennial
- 10-21 at Bishop Hartley
- 2021 record: 5-6 overall, 1-2 conference
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Brian Kennedy (23-26 in five seasons at Bishop Watterson and overall)

ST. CHARLES

- 8-18 at Columbus Northland
- 8-25 at Columbus Beechcroft
- 9-2 Amanda-Clearcreek
- 9-9 KIPP Columbus
- 9-16 at Washington Ct House
- 9-23 at Bishop Watterson
- 9-30 Logan
- 10-7 Bishop Hartley
- 10-14 Cleveland Lutheran East
- 10-21 at St. Francis DeSales
- 2021 record: 2-7 overall, 0-3 conference
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Deke Hocker (12-24 in four seasons at St. Charles and overall)

ST. FRANCIS DESALES

- 8-19 at Dresden Tri-Valley
- 8-26 at Hamilton Badin
- 9-2 Berea Midpark
- 9-9 at Clinton-Massie
- 9-16 Stow Walsh Jesuit
- 9-23 Bishop Hartley
- 9-30 at Dover
- 10-7 at Bishop Watterson
- 10-14 Open
- 10-21 St. Charles
- 2021 record: 7-5 overall, 2-1 conference
- Conference: Central Catholic League
- Coach: Ryan Wiggins (132-55 in 15 seasons at St. Francis DeSales and 136-61 overall)

BISHOP ROSECRANS

- 8-19 at Portsmouth East
- 8-26 at Millersport
- 9-2 Berne Union
- 9-9 Steubenville Catholic
- 9-16 Portsmouth Notre Dame
- 9-23 at Grove City Christian
- 9-30 Fisher Catholic
- 10-8 at Fairfield Christian
- 10-14 at Worthington Christian
- 10-21 Hemlock Miller
- 2021 record: 4-7 overall, 3-3 conference
- Conference: Mid-State League Cardinal
- Coach: Chris Zemba (5-16 in two seasons at Bishop Rosecrans and overall)

FISHER CATHOLIC

- 8-19 Tuscarawas Catholic
- 8-26 at Franklin Furnace Green
- 9-2 at Portsmouth Notre Dame
- 9-9 Grove City Christian
- 9-16 at Worthington Christian
- 9-23 Fairfield Christian
- 9-30 at Bishop Rosecrans
- 10-8 Hemlock Miller
- 10-14 Martins Ferry
- 10-21 at Berne Union
- 2021 record: 5-6 overall, 4-2 conference
- Conference: Mid-State League Cardinal
- Coach: Luke Thimmes (9-11 in two years at Fisher Catholic and overall)

NEWARK CATHOLIC

- 8-20 Bishop Ready
- 8-26 Nelsonville-York
- 9-2 at Columbus Academy
- 9-9 at Fort Loramie
- 9-16 at Licking Heights
- 9-24 Utica
- 9-30 at Johnstown-Monroe
- 10-7 Hebron Lakewood
- 10-14 at Heath
- 10-21 Johnstown Northridge
- 2021 record: 14-2 overall, 4-1 conference, Ohio Division VII runner-up
- Conference: Licking County League Cardinal
- Coach: Ryan Aiello (33-17 in four seasons at Newark Catholic and overall)

PORTSMOUTH NOTRE DAME

- 8-19 at Cincinnati Hills Christian
- 8-26 at Berne Union
- 9-2 Fisher Catholic
- 9-9 at Reedsville Eastern
- 9-16 at Bishop Rosecrans
- 9-23 at McDermott Northwest
- 10-1 Franklin Furnace Green
- 10-7 at Beaver Eastern
- 10-14 Symmes Valley
- 10-21 Portsmouth East
- 2021 record: 7-3 overall, 2-2 conference
- Conference: Southern Ohio Conference Division I
- Coach: Bob Ashley (76-83 in 17 seasons at Notre Dame and 100-111 overall)

TUSCARAWAS CENTRAL CATHOLIC

- 8-19 at Fisher Catholic
- 8-27 Grove City Christian
- 9-2 at Wheeling (W.Va.) Catholic
- 9-9 Open
- 9-16 at Tuscarawas Valley
- 9-23 Buckeye Trail
- 9-30 at Newcomerstown
- 10-7 East Canton
- 10-15 Malvern
- 10-21 at Strasburg-Franklin
- 2021 record: 3-7 overall, 2-3 conference
- Conference: Inter-Valley Conference North
- Coach: Casey Cummings (42-55 in 10 seasons at TCC and overall)

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offense last year," Hocker said. "We're looking to DeSocio and some of our other guys to take his place."

Other starters coming back include senior running back-linebacker Mason O'Reilly; junior running back-linebacker Colin Greenhaqlge; 6-5, 300-pound senior lineman Ryan Caretta; junior lineman Abrem Igewebuik; and junior running back-defensive back Aidan Fox.

"Without saying too much, we'll be running a couple of different offensive schemes this year," said Hocker, who before coming to St. Charles was an assistant coach at Western Kentucky and Otterbein universities and Bucyrus and Buckeye Valley high schools.

The Cardinals open the season at Columbus Northland. "I know it's a coaching cliché, but we're just focusing on Northland right now," he said. "That's our most important game. With the kind of schedule we play in the CCL, it's best not to look too far ahead."

ST. FRANCIS DESALES

Coach Ryan Wiggins is aiming for the Stallions' 11th trip to the playoffs in his

16 years at DeSales. Last year's team finished 7-5 and lost 21-14 to Granville.

That was a bit of a disappointment after the Stallions reached the state championship game in 2020, losing in double overtime to Char-don.

Last year's team had to deal with the loss of Jonathan Thompson, the Central District's Division III player of the year in 2020 as a junior, who will be playing at the University of Cincinnati this year. Thompson was hurt in the pre-season and appeared in only three games all year.

"We had to throw a bunch of guys in to make up for his loss and figure out who would work best in his place, so that held us back a little,"

Wiggins said. "But because we had guys step up and play more than they expected last season, it made us better off for this year."

Junior linebacker Max Shulaw was one of those who filled the gap and was a third-team All-Ohioan in 2021. "Max is a throwback to the old days," Wiggins said. "He's physically tough, playing at a higher level than most players and has been that way from the beginning."

Shulaw started 11 games last year and four as a freshman in 2020, closing his first season with a game-leading 17 tackles in the state championship game. He led the 2021 team with 92 tackles,

three defensive touchdowns and two blocked kicks and intercepted a pair of passes.

In the tradition set by Cincinnati coach Luke Fickell at DeSales, he's also an outstanding wrestler, finishing as state runner-up at 215 pounds this past spring and fourth at 195 in 2021.

Senior Gabe Caruso, junior Avery Garlock and sophomore PJ Noles are in a three-way battle for the quarterback slot, with Caruso being the only one with varsity experience.

The Stallions' roster has a good balance of experience and youth, with 21 seniors, 23 juniors and 20 sophomores. Other returning players who started or saw considerable playing time last year are seniors Kofi Oduro, Asher Hayles and Omar Conteh; juniors Cameron Gwinn and Cooper Simpson; and sophomore Ty Neubert.



Asher Hayles



Gabe Caruso



Max Shulaw



Seamus Bonte



Cameron Gwinn

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target,” Cummings said. “The way he came back last year shows the kind of player he is’

“Another two-way player who’s been very good is senior Thayne Mahaffey. Jordan Cherry, another senior, will be our quarterback. We’ll have a big offensive line, led by two guys who started last year as sophomores, Carson Norris and Gavin Douglass.

“Jayce McCollins, a sophomore, will play wide receiver this year and probably start at quarterback next year. We don’t have the numbers but have a lot of experience, so we’ll be all right.”

Cummings, who also owns a small

trucking and excavating company, has been the Saints’ head coach for 11 seasons and is in his 14th year of coaching at Tusky Central.

“Coaching here goes a lot deeper than just football,” he said. “I graduated from this school, so did my wife, and my kids go here or went here. The parents provide a great atmosphere, and watching a new batch of kids come in every year and seeing how they grow keeps me coming back.”

**ZANESVILLE
BISHOP ROSECRANS**

Coach Chris Zemba said a continuing



Brendan Bernath



Brendan Wilden



Weston Hartman

son.” The Bishops’ four seniors are receivers Weston Hartman and Skyler Hittle, lineman Nathan Hart and kicker Garrett Pugh, who also plays soccer.

Returning at quarterback is Brendan Bernath,

a three-year starter and one of three sets of brothers on the team. Brendan’s younger brother, Nick, is a freshman who’s likely to start at running back. His older brother, Tommy, was a third-team all-state selection at linebacker last year.

Junior Gavin Bee is a captain and another three-year starter. “He’s an outside linebacker and a tremendous leader on and off the field,” Zemba said. Bee is joined this year by his brother Gage.

Zemba also has three Burkharths on the team – juniors Mike at tight end and linebacker and Maddux on the offensive and defensive lines and freshman Max, also a two-way lineman. “I’ve coached these guys since first grade. They’re a huge part of the team,” Zemba said.

increase in the number of his players is the big story for his team. The Bishops had to cut back to seven-player football in 2019 when they had only 13 on the roster. Zemba, an assistant on that team, took the head coaching job the following year and had 17 players for the pandemic-shortened 2020 season. That number rose to 23 last year and is now at 31 – enough for a full scrimmage with players to spare.

“Eleven of those guys are freshmen, and we have only four seniors,” he said. “That’s great for our future because a lot of guys will get experience and be coming back next year. Finishing 4-6 last year in the regular season and averaging 26 points a game before losing to a strong Berne Union team in the playoffs gave us hope for this sea-



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Local news and events

Cathedral announces music series schedule

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral's schedule of musical events for 2022-23 will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 with a concert by the Hohenfels Trombone Quartet from Rochester, New York, accompanied by cathedral organist Amanda Mole. It will be followed by special events in every month from October to April.

Organist Karl Robson, music director of St. John's Episcopal Church, Norwood

Parish in Chevy Chase, Maryland, will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. It will be followed by the choir's annual presentation of Maurice Durufle's *Requiem* at the cathedral's All Souls Day Mass at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 and its lessons and carols program at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

There will be organ concerts by Michael Unger, associate professor of organ and harpsichord at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music on Sunday, Jan. 22 and Michael Kleinschmidt, canon for music at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle on Sunday, Feb. 19, both at 3 p.m.

Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, the cathedral's music director, will give his second annual presentation of improvised meditations on the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Friday, March 31.

The Cathedral Schola's annual presentation of music for Tenebrae, a service designed to recreate the sense of passion, abandonment and agony related to Jesus' Passion, will be at 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 7. It will feature Thomas Tallis' *Lamentations of Jeremiah*. The evening is marked by the gradual extinction of candles, ending in the performance of Gregorio Allegri's *Miserere* in a completely darkened cathedral.

Praise and Adoration event set

"Touch the Hem of His Garment," a praise and adoration event sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal, is open to anyone from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 27 at Columbus Our Lady of the

Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road.

Mass, potluck breakfast, teaching, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer teams and confession will be available. Contemporary Christian music will be provided by Michael Melliere.

There is no cost. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share.

For more information, contact Patrick Schroyer at 614-302-3970.

Columbus Catholic Renewal is under the authority of Bishop Earl Fernandes.

ODU plans lecture series

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) is hosting two lecture series related to its fall seminar theme and its annual celebration of Dominican saints.

ODU's Center for Dominican Studies will present four lectures by university faculty members in September that will focus on the university's academic theme for the upcoming year, "What is our call to justice and peace?" All lectures will be on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in Sansbury Hall's Colonial Room. There will be no admission charge, but advance registration is required because of limited space.

Topics and speakers are: Sept. 8, "Reflections on Justice in the Biblical Tradition: From *Lexis Talionis* to the Law of the Spirit," with Dr. Leo Madden, associate professor of theology; Sept. 22, "Poetic Justice: Socially Conscious Poetry from the American Revolution to Amanda Gorman," with Jeremy Glazier, professor of English; Oct. 6, "Is Justice Possible?" with Dr. Ronald Carstens, professor of political science; Oct. 20, "Coping with the Call to Justice: Tools for Working with and for Justice," with Dr. Kelsey Squire, associate professor of English; Dr. Katie Gorman-Ezell, assistant professor of social work at Capital University; Dr. Emily Phillips, assistant professor of exercise science; and Dr. Anjel Stough-Hunter, associate professor of sociology.

To reserve your seat for each session, contact Sister Diane Traffas, OP, at trafasd@ohiodominican.edu or (614) 251-4722.

The talks on Dominican saints will be presented in Erskine Hall's Sister Mary Andrew Matesich, OP Theater by members of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, ODU's founding congregation. Admission is free and no registration is required.

Dates, topics and speakers for the lectures are: Wednesday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m., St. Albert the Great, with Sister Sharon Zayac, OP; Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, St. Thomas Aquinas, with Sister

Marcelline Koch, OP; Thursday, April 19, 2023, St. Catherine of Siena, with Sister Margaret Ormond, OP.



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Director, Dr. Larry Griffin
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Camarata Ensemble with Luis Biava
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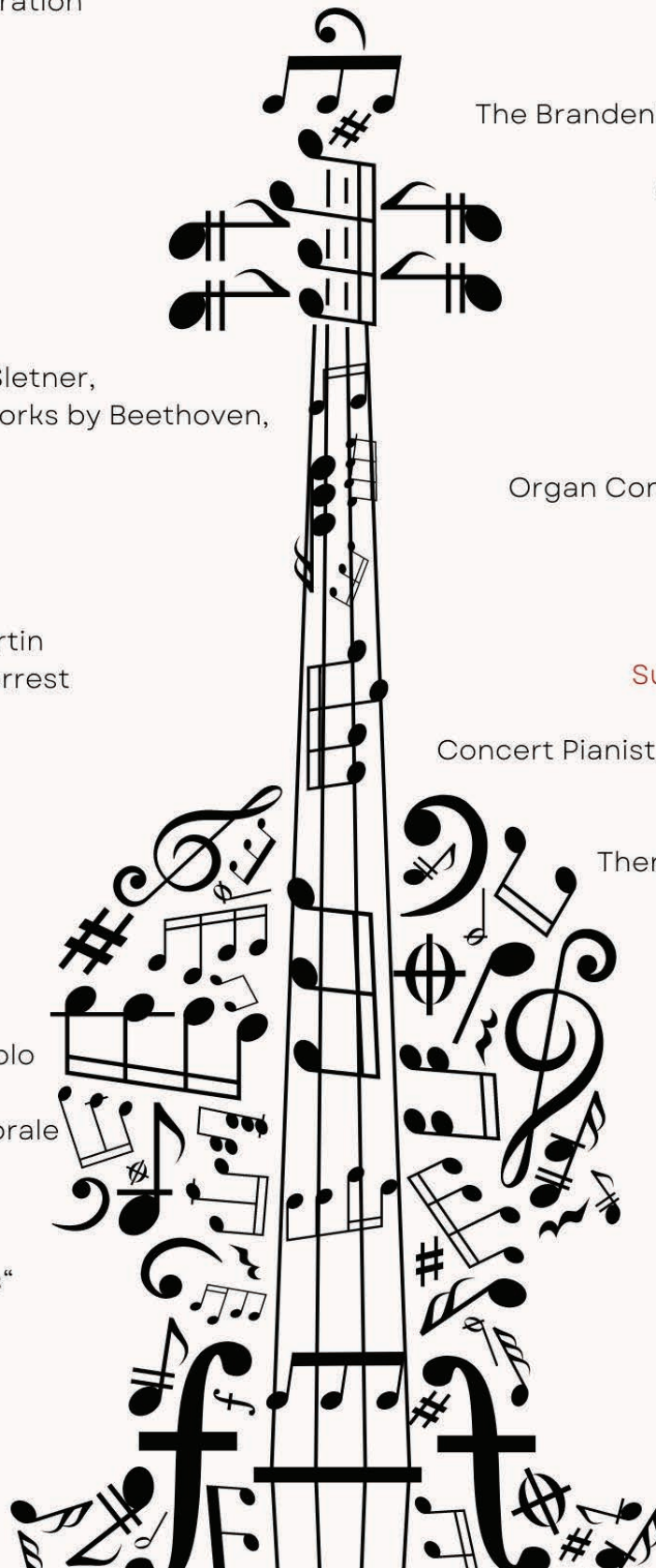
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Music of Lent and Holy Week
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Camarata Orchestra with
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in A major.
... second half of concert with
Theresa Cincione with the great Handel
arias and other works.
Conductor, Luis Biava
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"Chariots Jubilee by Nathaniel Dett
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