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More than 60 directors and singers from parishes around the diocese will participate in a Gold Mass for musicians on Friday, Nov. 18 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral as Richard Fitzgerald, the Cathedral's director of music, brings them together four days before the feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness of music, Page 4

*Somewhere in Belgium
Nov. 26, 1944*

Dear Folks,
Last year at Christmas time I felt certain that we would be together for Christmas of '44. It looks as though that wonderful ^{dream} most wait for awhile longer.

The going is pretty rough and the cold weather and heavy snows are a great hindrance.

On Christmas, if I am fortunate to attend Mass I shall remember you all by offering my Mass for your intentions. May we all be together again very soon and the world as peaceful and quiet as the stable in Bethlehem.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year -
Love to all -
Lawrence



SALUTING VETERANS FOR SERVING GOD AND COUNTRY

ODU to host diocesan evangelization summit

The Diocese of Columbus will take the next step in the evangelization phase of its Real Presence Real Future (RPRF) initiative at its second evangelization leadership summit on Saturday, Nov. 12.

“Proclaim God’s Glory” will be the theme for the event, which will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Liz Christy, associate director of missionary disciple formation for the diocese, estimates that 400 parish evangelization leaders will attend. About 275 were on hand for the first such event last year. The summit aims to equip evangelization leaders to be, and to form, missionary disciples in their parishes and communities.

“The summit provides an opportunity to encounter Jesus, to be empowered to

draw others to Him and to be equipped as missionary disciples,” Christy said. “Attendees will leave with strategies to help them bring Jesus Christ to the people they associate with at work, at home, at church and in their social groups.”

Bishop Earl Fernandes will celebrate the opening Mass and will be the first of three keynote speakers, sharing his vision for evangelization in the diocese. The other keynoters will be Jason Simon, president of the Evangelical Catholic Reach More model, and Tim Glemkowski, executive director of the National Eucharistic Congress.

Simon’s talk, “Taking the Great Commission to the Secular World,” will look at how to use the circle of influence given to every lay Catholic. Often these lay Catholics are the only ones who can reach others with the Gospel.

Glemkowski’s talk, “An Apostolic Mindset,” will discuss six steps every Catholic can take to begin making missionary disciples. He will focus on how, in moments of crisis, God has always responded in a common way through men and women who live differently.

One goal of the evangelization summit is to bring to life the RPRF initiative’s parish toolkit, which offers in-person access to many resources listed under its six elements of missionary disciple formation. These elements include kerygmatic encounter (proclaiming the Gospel), ongoing formation in sacraments



Bishop Fernandes



Jason Simon



Tim Glemkowski

and prayer, mission training, discipleship small groups, ongoing catechesis and ongoing Scripture study.

In addition to the three keynote speeches, morning and afternoon breakout sessions will be held on topics such as essentials of evangelization, youth accompaniment, young adult re-engagement, family catechesis, evangelizing parents, building small-group ministry, raising up Church leaders, marriage ministry, inviting people beyond the Church, having conversations about the faith and more.

Representatives from The Rescue Project, Divine Renovation, Alpha in the Catholic Context, Evangelical Catholic, Totus Tuus Columbus, Pathways Faith and Family, Sacred Heart Congress, Covenant Eyes, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Damascus Catholic Mission Campus, Soul Core, Catechesis of

the Good Shepherd, Go to Galilee, FOCUS, Young Catholic Professionals, the Gloop online church outreach program and more will be available to talk about their resources for evangelization.

Following Glemkowski’s talk, the event will conclude with a Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Breakfast and lunch are part of the program.

Sponsors for the event include St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, Alpha, SoulCore - Holy & Healthy Catholic, Gloop and He Gets Us. A grant was also received from The Catholic Foundation for the evangelization summit.

Registration for the event is \$50 per person. Priests and religious will be admitted free. To register, go to columbuscatholic.org/disciple. For more information, contact Liz Christy at echristy@columbuscatholic.org.



Freewalt returning to diocese as social concerns director

The Diocese of Columbus has announced that Jerry Freewalt is returning as director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, a position he held from 2018 to Aug. 1, 2021 after being a member of the office’s staff for 23 years.

Freewalt has resigned as director of the Catholic Conference of Ohio, a public policy organization representing the bishops of all of Ohio’s Catholic dioceses and eparchies.

His predecessor in that position, Carolyn Jurkowitz, has accepted the bishops’ invitation to be interim director of the conference, which she had served in

various positions from 1987 until her retirement as director. Before joining the conference, she was employed by the Diocese of Columbus for 10 years.

“The bishops of Ohio are very grateful for Mr. Freewalt’s dedicated service to the Catholic people and dioceses of Ohio and gratified that he will continue to serve the mission of the Church in his new capacity,” said a statement from the Ohio conference.

“Jerry has a true love for the Church, a passion to serve, and a vision for a world ordered and animated by Catholic social teaching,” said Mark Huddy, diocesan

moderator of Catholic charities and social concerns. “We are truly fortunate to have Jerry back working in our part of the vineyard. I know that his work leading the conference will be a tremendous asset to his work in the Diocese, and will give him a broader and more detailed perspective with which to help shape our future direction.”

Freewalt grew up near Van Wert on the Ohio-Indiana border. His mother was the religious education director of Van Wert St. Mary Church. He graduated from Van Wert High School and received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Xavier University and a master’s degree

in public policy and management from Ohio State University.

He was employed by the Columbus diocese in 1995 as a program coordinator for the Office of Social Concerns and later became its associate director before succeeding Huddy as director. He roles at the office included Respect Life director, rural life director and director of parish social concerns ministry. He also has served on the governing board of the National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities, including time as board chair.

He and his wife, Karen, have three children and are members of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church.

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SALUTING VETERANS FOR SERVING GOD AND COUNTRY

As Veterans Day approaches on Friday, Nov. 11, Lawrence McCauley, Ed Mechenbier and Father David Gwinner (pictured clockwise from upper right on the cover) represent the scores of men and women from the diocese and beyond who have faithfully served God and country while protecting our freedoms. The card was written by McCauley and sent to his family in Lancaster in 1944 during World War II. McCauley turned 100 in September.

Photos courtesy McCauley family, U.S. Navy Talent Acquisition Group, NBC News

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Thousands venerate relics of St. Padre Pio in Columbus

A steady stream of visitors passed through Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church in the German Village area throughout the weekend of Oct. 28-30 to venerate the relics of St. Padre Pio.

Close to 3,000 pilgrims of all ages traveled from as far as Youngstown to see the traveling relics of the 20th century Italian saint, a Franciscan Capuchin friar and mystic who bore the wounds of Christ on the cross (stigmata) and to whom many miracles are attributed to his intercession.

The three-day event included an evening Mass on Friday, Oct. 28 celebrated by Bishop Earl Fernandes. Weekend Masses also took place at the church led by Father Vince Nguyen, the parish's pastor.

The relics of the saint, who was canonized in 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II, were displayed for public viewing Friday morning through Sunday afternoon. The relics included a lock of the saint's hair, crusts of his wounds and gauze from his bloodstains.

Among the Friday crowd were busloads of students from Marion St. Mary School and Newark St. Francis de Sales School.

"At St. Mary School, we found out this was happening, and our principal and our pastor, Father (Thomas) Buffer, worked it out for our middle school students to be here and for them to learn in their classes about St. Padre Pio, and the relics and what those mean, as a beautiful moment of catechesis to show the devotional life of the church and to help our students understand how we venerate the saints," said Father Seth Keller, parochial vicar at Marion St. Mary Church.

"And also, that St. Padre Pio is a saint of really modern times. So, it's a beautiful thing to be able to teach them about the lives of the saints and how we venerate them as Catholics."

Lori Crock was one of the thousands who came to venerate the relics. The Hilliard St. Brendan parishioner, a fitness coach and Catholic writer who pens a monthly column for *The Catholic Times*, said her extended family has a special connection to Padre Pio.

When Crock's husband, Al, was 12, he was hit by a car and immediately went into a coma. Al's seven aunts told his family

to write to different communities of religious sisters throughout the world asking for their prayers and to whom the family should ask for intercession.

Many of the sisters wrote back and said to pray for the intercession of Padre Pio.

"So, they did," Lori said. "A few months later, Al woke up, came out of the coma and soon recovered. Because of this, it's a family belief that Padre Pio interceded and brought back Al to a full and productive life. He's 61 now and has suffered no ill effects from the accident since emerging from the coma."

Lori also expressed a special devotion to Padre Pio, particularly through the sacrament of reconciliation. Padre Pio reportedly could read souls, and he spent countless hours in the confessional.

Lori and Al's son, Ben, chose Padre Pio as his confirmation saint. In May, he was married at St. Mary, Mother of God Church.

"So, it's very special to the Crock family that the exhibit of Padre Pio's relics is here," she said.

Kevin Girardi, a diocesan seminarian who is spending a pastoral year at the Knox County Consortium of parishes, was one of the Friday visitors who venerated the relics.

"Padre Pio has been showing up in my life in recent months," he said, "so my devotion to him has been growing. What a privilege to be able to come into contact with this saint."

The yearly relics tour to dioceses and parishes in the United States, Canada and Mexico is sponsored by the Saint Pio Foundation.



Evelyn Brown (right), a member of Columbus Sts. Augustine & Gabriel Church, holds a medal to one of the St. Pio relics displayed on the weekend of Oct. 28-30 at Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church in the German Village area. Holding the reliquary is Father Vince Nguyen, the parish pastor.

CT photos by Ken Snow



Students at Columbus St. Mary School crafted a sign for the church displaying the spiritual advice that St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina often gave to the faithful.



Some of the approximately 2,000 weekend visitors to St. Mary, Mother of God Church kneel before the St. Padre Pio relics on display in front of the altar. The saint's relics travel throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico each year for public veneration, especially for those who are unable to visit the Padre Pio shrine in his native Italy.



Columbus St. Ladislav Church parishioner Carolyn Lenihan said her devotion to Padre Pio started in grade school.



The St. Pio relics included a lock of his hair, crusts of his wounds and gauze from his bloodstains.



Seth Schaefer, a member at Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church, touches a rosary to the relic.



Lori Crock, a member of Hilliard St. Brendan Church, has a special devotion to St. Pio.



Father Vince Nguyen blesses Antonio Sandoval, a sixth grader at Marion St. Mary School.



The relics touched many pilgrims, including children, during the three-day stop in Columbus.

Gold Mass to feature diocesan church musicians

An idea that has percolated in the minds of music directors Richard Fitzgerald and William Heyer for several years will come to fruition this month with a Gold Mass for diocesan church musicians at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

Fitzgerald is the director of music at the cathedral and is spearheading a diocesan effort along with Heyer, a prominent church architect who leads the local sacred music-focused Ensemble Una Voce, to bring together directors and singers from parishes.

Bishop Earl Fernandes will celebrate the Mass, which will be open to the public and will take place four days before the feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness of musicians.

"I am very excited that this Mass, featuring some of the best musicians in our diocese, will be using their talents and gifts in the worship of Almighty God," Bishop Fernandes said. "I think it is very important to recover and appreciate the richness of the Catholic musical tradition and to return to a true sense of the sacred and transcendent in the liturgy.

"Dr. Fitzgerald is a gifted musician and leader, and the music at our cathedral can really set the tone for the whole diocese. It was remarkable how many people commented on the beauty of the



music at my own ordination.

"By participating in the Mass, so close to the feast day of St. Cecilia, the faithful of the diocese can experience the majesty of our liturgy when the people of God, with hard work, patience and discipline, make the most of their talents in the service of divine worship."

Musicians from parishes throughout the diocese will be featured during the Mass. Gathering them together will not only provide an opportunity for church musicians to worship together but also encourage camaraderie and fellowship among those who give glory to God through music, said Fitzgerald, the cathedral's director of music since 2015.

"I've been kicking around ideas with William Heyer, the director of Ensemble Una Voce, and for years, actually, we've

been trying to plan something for St. Cecilia's feast day," Fitzgerald said. "And we were going to do it, but then COVID hit.

"I have a desire to unite diocesan musicians. I'm just trying to facilitate connections with musicians in the diocese.

"Bishop Fernandes has a particular interest in liturgical music, and he desires liturgical music that is consistent with Church teaching."

Heyer's involvement with sacred music started during his high school years as a member of ensembles and continued when he began directing during graduate school at the University of Notre Dame. He has always been a strong supporter of the arts, not only through music but also in his work as an architect designing and renovating churches.

In Columbus, Heyer began directing a schola in the mid-2010s at Holy Family Church to accompany Masses and other liturgical celebrations with ancient sacred music. Several years ago, he thought that other parishes in the diocese would benefit from listening to the beautiful sounds that have resonated in churches for hundreds of years.

That led to the formation of Ensemble Una Voce, a collection of up to 12 independent musicians consisting of professionals and volunteers (including medical doctors, a Latin professor and others) who sing ancient sacred music in Latin for various special liturgies, weddings and Eucharistic Adoration at parishes throughout the diocese.

The musicians rehearse at Columbus St. Leo the Great Oratory and have sung there as well as at Sunbury St. John Neumann, Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne and Columbus St. Catharine churches.

"I think all of the arts should have this kind of support from the diocese," Heyer said. "Cultivation of the arts is important. And, in order to do that, you have to bring everybody together to talk about the way that the diocese wants to move forward with beautification of the liturgy through music, beautification of churches through architecture and through sacred art.

"I think really the benefit of this is the beginning of a dialogue about what is sacred music and what is appropriate for the liturgy. Like sacred architecture and sacred art, sacred music is there to take us into the realm of the sacred, the realm of God to improve our prayer life and to improve our relationship with Him on that journey we take to meet Our Lord in the Mass and in other liturgies like Vespers."

At least 60 musicians are expected to sing in the choir from parishes that included as of Oct. 28: St. Joseph Cathedral; Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona; Sugar Grove St. Joseph; Powell St. Joan of Arc; St. Leo the Great Oratory; Columbus St. Catharine; Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary; Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center; Columbus Holy Family; Columbus St. Patrick; Lancaster St. Bernadette; Westerville St. Paul the Apostle; Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes; Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas; and Columbus St. Christopher.

A rehearsal for musicians who would like to participate in the choir at the Mass will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14 at the cathedral. Interested musicians who have not yet contacted Fitzgerald may do so at richardkfitzgerald@gmail.com.

The music will be emailed to those who RSVP before the rehearsal, and hard copies will be available at the rehearsal.

A reception for musicians will follow the Mass in the cathedral undercroft.

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Ground broken for St. Mary GV School addition, renovation

St. Mary School in Columbus' German Village neighborhood conducted a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, Oct. 17 for a combined addition and renovation that will increase the size of the building by 10,000 square feet and remodel 80 percent of the school. The ceremony was preceded by a Mass celebrated by Bishop Earl Fernandes.

"At St. Mary School, we believe every child deserves a high-quality education and that every child can achieve success," school principal Gina Stull said. "Our reimagined campus will provide a modern learning environment where our students can thrive academically and spiritually and have their health needs met through our new health center.

"Thanks to everyone who has helped create a culture of academic excellence, inclusion and faith" at the school, she said, noting that all but two members of its 2022 eighth-grade class are attending Catholic high schools. The school, founded in 1865, has students from more than 30 ZIP codes.

The enhanced campus will include improved teaching and learning spaces with the latest technology and systems; outdoor learning environments for the middle and elementary schools that invite exploration and wonder; Heritage Hall, a multipurpose space open to the parish, school and community; dedicated space for partners to deliver programs and services that meet the needs of students and their families; and access to primary and behavioral health care from a school-based health center operated in partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital, which is located near the school campus.

The school also will be the new home of the Dominican Learning Center, which since 1994 has been located in the former Corpus Christi School 2 miles from the St. Mary campus. The center has served thousands of adult learners through English as a Second Language and General Educational Development test programs and basic education courses.

Stull said the school is at its maximum capacity of 430 students this year



Bishop Earl Fernandes (center) participates in a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, Oct. 17 for an addition and renovation at St. Mary School in the German Village area of Columbus. At right is Father Vince Nguyen, the parish's pastor.

Photos courtesy Abigail Pitones

and the expansion will allow that number to grow to 500. She expects the renovation to be completed in 2023 and the addition to be open the following year.

Tim Robinson, chief executive officer of Nationwide Children's, said the school's new health center allows the hospital to become more a part of German Village and Columbus' south side, noting that both the school and the hospital share the goal of holistically developing each student.

"Children don't learn if they are missing school for health reasons, and young people who are better learners become healthy and productive adults," he said.

"Nationwide Children's is bringing health care to the place where young people need it – the schools. The new health center will be like a doctor at a school, providing regular checkups, visits for illness, immunizations and management of chronic conditions like asthma. For those without a regular health-care provider, this can make all the difference in the world."

The primary health care the center provides will be available to St. Mary students and the surrounding community.

Behavioral health services for St. Mary students also will be part of the center and will include prevention and therapy services, as well as individual and family counseling.

In the elementary grades, a behavioral health consultant will assist teachers in administration of the PAX good behavior game. This prevention activity is credited with teaching students self-regulation and cooperation to create a more peaceful and productive classroom.

In the middle-school grades, behavioral health clinicians will teach the warning signs of suicide and how to seek help should teachers, parents or peers identify a student considering suicide. Families also will have access to Triple P (the Positive Parenting Program), which helps with common parenting concerns and challenging behavior.

Phase one of improvements to the school campus, completed in 2020, included purchase and renovation of the middle school and repairs to the elementary school gym and roof.

The school's "Rooted in Faith, Education, and Community" campaign has raised more than \$18.6 million of a \$20 million goal, said Mo Meuse, co-chair of the campaign. Other chairs are her husband, David, and Mike and Peggy Hartshorn. About \$18 million of the total is for the school improvements, with the rest creating an endowment fund for the school.

"We are humbled by the gifts and inspired by the stories we hear about how



Students provided artwork for some of the groundbreaking shovels.



Bishop Fernandes blesses the dirt for the groundbreaking.



'St. Mary students celebrate the groundbreaking in the gym.

a St. Mary education changes lives," Mo Meuse said at the groundbreaking ceremony. "We love walking down the halls, getting to know teachers and seeing how students light up when Father Vince (Nguyen, St. Mary Church pastor) greets them with a fist bump.

"We see how our school lives out its mission to love God, to teach as Christ taught and to love and serve as disciples to our communities and to each other."

For more information on the campaign, go to www.itsrooted.org.



Father Vince Nguyen, pastor at St. Mary, speaks during the ceremony.



Students put on hard hats for the groundbreaking.



It was a happy day for everyone involved as St. Mary School kicked off its expansion project.



A St. Mary student prays during a Mass that preceded the groundbreaking ceremony.

Path began in Methodist Church, ended at Traditional Latin Mass

As Canon Jason Apple looks back on his vocational journey to the priesthood, some early milestone moments come to mind.

There was the time in the third grade at Plainfield Elementary School in rural Coshocton County when a girl in his class recited the Hail Mary prayer. The future priest, who was raised in the Methodist Church, proceeded to inform her, based on what he thought to be theologically true in his mind at the time, that Mary was not the Mother of God but only the Mother of Jesus.

"Of course, I believed Jesus was God and could not explain my faulty position," he recalled.

By the time he had reached the seventh grade, he had developed such a strong feeling that he should be Catholic that "I was embarrassed not to be."

But he went ahead and attended confirmation classes at Plainfield United Methodist Church because the minister was a former Catholic of Polish descent and "looked like the pope."

"I thought I would hear something about the Catholic faith and was not disappointed," he said. "However, I dropped out when we got to a page in the workbook with the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed given as examples and followed by a blank page where we were supposed to write what we believe, which was too much."

"However, I must say that almost everything I learned in the Methodist Church made me want to love God and prepared me for embracing the fullness of truth in Catholicism both by teaching me good things and giving me a desire to know more."

The stirring inside his soul led him to the Catholic Church and eventually to ordination as a priest with the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, an international religious community that celebrates the Traditional Latin Mass.

Canon Apple, 43, currently serves in administration as the general prefect and prefect of studies (equivalent to an academic dean) at the Seminary of St. Phillip Neri in Gricigliano, Italy. (The Institute refers to its priests as Canons rather than Fathers).

One of the order's 18 U.S. parishes is located at Columbus St. Leo the Great Oratory, which was established in October 2020 by then-Columbus Bishop Robert Brennan in the former diocesan church.

Looking back on his formative years, Canon Apple recounted how he was drawn to the Catholic Church but acknowledged that he made the path to conversion a bit too complicated and cerebral.

"What finally convinced me was papal primacy as set forth by Karl Keating in *Catholicism and Fundamental-*

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

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



Canon Jason Apple celebrates a Traditional Latin Mass on July 3 at Columbus St. Leo the Great Oratory.

ism," Canon Apple said. "All the rest of Catholic doctrine, including praying to saints, then gradually fell into place for me by the grace of God and the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima."

"Before I was officially Catholic, I accepted an invitation to Bible school from a friend at the Bible church where her father was pastor. I took my New American Bible and, in my hubris, thought I would have them all converted in no time, forgetting that the Holy Spirit is in charge, not I."

At age 16, Canon Apple and his mother were received into full communion with the Catholic Church when Father Ed Keck, former pastor at Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales Church, confirmed them and gave them their First Holy Communion on the Easter Vigil.

Growing up in the country, where the family always had horses, dogs, cats, chickens, ducks and other animals on their property, fostered a love of nature that included a passion for gardening. Father Keck, now a retired diocesan priest who Canon Apple mentioned as playing a role in his vocation, allowed him to build an Oriental garden outside the rectory at Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales.

During Canon Apple's four years at Ridgewood High School in West Lafayette, from which he graduated in 1997, he ran on the varsity cross-country team and developed a love for languages, including French and Latin, which would later prove to be providential.

Victor Cardenzana, a parishioner at St. Francis de Sales and then-superintendent of the Ridgewood School District, taught Latin to the future priest,



Canon Jason Apple blesses the congregation with holy water before the celebration of the Mass at St. Leo the Great Oratory. Canon Apple is a priest with the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest and a native of the Diocese of Columbus.

Photos courtesy Thomas Berryhill

who would a few years later be celebrating Mass in the language.

Since then, one of the canon's favorite Latin phrases comes from Pope St. John XXIII's Apostolic Constitution on Latin, *Veterum Sapientia*:

"It is a matter of regret that so many people, unaccountably dazzled by the marvelous progress of science, are taking it upon themselves to oust or restrict the study of Latin and other kindred subjects. ... Yet, in spite of the urgent need for science, our own view is that the very contrary policy should be followed."

"The greatest impression is made on the mind by those things which correspond more closely to man's nature and dignity. And therefore the greatest zeal should be shown in the acquisition of whatever educates and ennobles the mind. Otherwise poor mortal creatures may well become like the machines they build – cold, hard, and devoid of love."

After graduation, he spent 10 months in France as a Rotary Youth Exchange student at a high school in Cholet.

"I have always been drawn to France and French language and literature, which was one of my favorite subjects in school and college," he said. "I lived with five different French families and visited many others. Two of the months were spent near the Basilica of St. Louis de Montfort at Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre. I often walked there to visit his tomb and beseech his intercession for my vocation, encouraged by St. John Paul II's having prayed there."

Upon returning to the United States, he enrolled at Kenyon College in Gam-

bier, where he majored in classics and was a member of the equestrian team for two years.

One summer, he worked on a horse farm in Granville in exchange for riding lessons and rode as a groom with the Rocky Fork Headley Hunt club.

"I loved seeing the blessing of the hounds and the distribution of medals of St. Hubert," he said. "In *The Everlasting Man*, G.K. Chesterton wrote some memorable lines about the wondrous relationship between man and horse."

During his junior year at Kenyon, he spent a semester abroad in spring 2001 at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, where he attended an Easter Mass celebrated by Pope St. John Paul II in St. Peter's Square.

Thoughts of a religious vocation had entered his mind after his conversion in high school, but the stirrings of a calling became more serious at Kenyon when he found the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest during an online search.

"I made a Novena to the Immaculate Conception, who turned out to be the main patron saint of the institute, in my last year of college at the time of her feast, and she led me to the institute's website," he said.

"I had been looking on the internet, but there were too many choices, and I wanted to know something directly. So, I stopped looking on the internet and found nothing. After the novena, I looked again and found exactly what I had been searching for. At that time, the

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“And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.” – Revelation 12:9

“All the evils which poison men and nations and trouble so many hearts have a single cause and a single source: ignorance of the truth – and at times even more than ignorance, a contempt for truth and a reckless rejection of it.

“Thus arise all manner of errors, which enter the recesses of men’s hearts and the bloodstream of human society as would a plague. These errors turn everything upside down: they menace individuals and society itself.” (Ad Petri Cathedram, Encyclical of Pope St. John XXIII on Truth, Unity and Peace, in a Spirit of Charity, paragraph 6)

“Anyone who consciously and wantonly attacks known truth, who arms himself with falsehood in his speech, his writings, or his conduct in order to attract and win over less learned men and to shape the inexperienced and impressionable minds of the young to his own way of thinking, takes advantage of the inexperience and innocence of others and engages in an altogether despicable business.” (Ad Petri Cathedram, paragraph 11)

Ancient lie: A priest by the name of Arius promulgated that Jesus Christ was a creature, the greatest of all creatures, a Son of God, but not God. The idea gained traction and threatened splitting the early Church. An Ecumenical Council was called in A.D. 325 in Nicaea that condemned (and affirmed in A.D. 381) what is now referred to as Arianism. We now re-

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cite the creed promulgated at those councils.

The fact that Arianism exists today should not surprise you. Not all who agree Jesus is the Son of God mean the same thing as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity or believe in the personhood of the Holy Spirit.

Modern lie: Abortion. To say people argue over it does a massive disservice to what it means to argue. I invite you to watch Bishop Robert Barron’s seven-minute YouTube video “Our Catholic President ...” and see President Biden’s untenable position.

“Once we have attained the truth in its fullness, integrity, and purity, unity should pervade our minds, hearts, and actions. For there is only one cause of discord, disagreement, and dissension: ignorance of the truth, or what is worse, rejection of the truth once it has been sought and found.

“It may be that the truth is rejected because of the practical advantages which are expected to result from false views; it may be that it is rejected as a result of that perverted blindness which seeks easy and indulgent excuses for vice and immoral behavior.” (Ad Petri Cathedram, paragraph 20)

Probably the greatest modern lie is that of contraception. Did you realize that before 1930 there was a

universal witness of all Christian denominations that contraception was wrong in all circumstances? What changed? Nothing. It became a lie.

For the skeptics, I could go to the authority of the Church or Genesis. How about I go to something we all know, the “Our Father.”

The words, “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven ...” Whoa! Thy will be done?

Two miracles occur regularly each day throughout the world. The first, Transubstantiation, is the changing of bread and wine to the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ. The second is the creation of a soul at conception by the will of God.

When a man and/or a woman uses contraception, what is said is, “My will, not Thy will.” Does this remind you of a whisper in the garden? “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:5)

Consider when people claim to be “pro-life” and use contraception. Turns out they are pro-life only on their terms, not God’s. Additionally, they are no longer “the light of the world” and seen as hypocritical for arguments against the homosexual lifestyle and other lifestyle choices of our day.

“(If I (Paul) am delayed, you (Timothy) may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:15)

Give thanks and praise for the “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,” which holds truth in ages of old through today.

Interceding with impact through the communion of saints

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There is a great mystery that we celebrate in November – the communion of saints and our unity, in the Church, with the souls in heaven, in purgatory and on earth.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) speaks about this mystery of our communion in the Body of Christ and the grace that flows from Christ the Head, as a treasury of grace.

Paragraph 1474 notes: “The Christian who seeks to purify himself of his sin and to become holy with the help of God’s grace is not alone.” This is because “the life of each of God’s children is joined in Christ and through Christ in a wonderful way to the life of all the other Christian brethren in the supernatural unity of the Mystical Body of Christ.”

This “perennial link of charity” among the saints, the souls in purgatory and the people who are still on pilgrimage on earth includes an “abundant” and “wonderful exchange” in which “the holiness of one profits others.” (CCC, 1475)

The Solemn Blessing at the closing of the Mass for All Saints recounts this in prayer, when it refers to the faithful has having been “freed” through the intercession of the saints “from present ills and formed by the example of their holy way of life” and “strengthened by means of their outstanding prayers.”

What a joy to think of how the saints help us!

For example, in her *Diary*, St. Faustina records Je-

sus saying: “You are not living for yourself but for souls, and other souls will profit from your sufferings. Your prolonged suffering will give them the light and strength to accept my will.” (*Diary*, Notebook 1, 67)

Surely, St. Faustina’s choice to carry out God’s will brought the grace of Christ to souls, perhaps even our own, to also do the will of the Father.

November is a good time to remember the communion of saints and to give thanks for the saints whose sacrifice and prayers have enriched and inspired our lives.

The Catechism calls the “spiritual goods of the communion of saints” the “Church’s treasury.” It is the “infinite value, which can never be exhausted, which Christ’s merits have before God.” (CCC, 1476)

The treasury includes the “prayers and good works of the Blessed Virgin Mary,” those of the saints and followers of Christ who “by his grace have made their lives holy and carried out the mission the Father entrusted to them.” (CCC, 1477)

This is our call, too, to carry out the mission the Father entrusts to us, a mission that includes receiving the grace of God and being instruments of grace for others.

Our good deeds, prayers and sufferings take on new meaning and value when we unite them to Christ’s own gift of Himself to the Father. Consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary is a powerful means of giving all we have to build up the Body of Christ.

We don’t have to have it all together before we can

bring spiritual relief to others. Our daily choices to receive grace and do good to others have the power, by God’s grace, to make a great impact.

Let us make time to consider how we will add to the treasury of the Church, making our lives a gift of self for others.

As the bishops of the United States gather for their annual meeting in November, let us be generous with our prayers for them. Let us ask God to give them abundant grace to shepherd souls into the communion of saints.

As November is a month set apart to intercede for souls most in need of God’s mercy and the souls in purgatory, let us pray for them.

As we recall our own need for purification, we can take comfort remembering that Christ Himself intercedes for us before the Father, especially at Holy Mass. We can call on the Holy Spirit to intercede for us and within us, to help us pray as we ought. (Romans 8:26-27)

Like the first Pentecost, there is no one better than Our Lady to accompany us in our prayer. In a special way, her love for sinners reaches to and unites heaven, purgatory and earth.

Let us ask Mary to intercede for us, that we may receive the graces the Lord wants to give us for the good of souls.

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A world without rules?

Let us stipulate that the terms “international community” and “rules-based international order” have often been reduced to meaningless word-salads. Let’s further stipulate that some who invoke a “rules-based international order” seek the imposition of the Republic of Woke everywhere. Let’s even stipulate that the dream of a conflict-free world governed solely by international law and “dialogue” ignores the enduring effects of original sin in the political sphere.

That being said, there is something aggravating and irresponsible about rhetorical grenades being lobbed from the playpen subdivision of the “New Right” at the “idealistic fantasies” of a “rules-based” international order — to which no credible alternatives are proposed.

Want to know what a world without order, a world in which even tacit rules are flouted with seeming impunity, looks like?

It’s a world in which a megalomaniacal dictator, masquerading as a legitimate president and a defender of Christian civilization, murders his domestic opponents; crushes all public efforts to manifest dissent; fouls the communications space with lie after lie; invades a peaceful neighboring country and attempts to annex large swaths of its territory; authorizes the deliberate targeting of innocent civilians and willfully destroys kindergartens, maternity homes, and churches; denies the war crimes (including torture and mass executions) committed by his rabble of an army; practices energy blackmail; threatens the use of nuclear weapons; turns the traditional religious leadership of his country into blasphemous lapdogs; and disrupts the entire global economy, putting the weakest and poorest at risk of famine.

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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It’s a world in which another ruthless dictator, who imagines himself to carry the mandate, if not of heaven then at least of “history,” upends the world for well over a year through a pandemic he could not control (and may have created); tries to buy his way into world dominance by bribing Third World politicians while colonizing their countries through debt-inducing infrastructure projects that will allow him to project power globally; makes aggressive military moves against his immediate neighbors; practices ethnic and cultural genocide through “re-education” camps; destroys the freedom of a once-thriving city-state; demands that even approved religious groups kowtow to his “thought;” and imprisons brave men and women who speak truth to power about the freedom that so clearly frightens him.

It’s a world in which yet another manic dictator, this one with a nasty haircut, develops nuclear weapons and brazenly fires ballistic missiles over a neighbor, all the while running his country as a vast concentration camp in which starvation is an instrument of state policy.

It’s a world in which apocalyptic theocrats use the state apparatus to enforce their concept of the “highest good” by murder, torture and police brutality, while further destabilizing the volatile region they inhabit.

It’s a world in which non-state actors, like terrorist organizations, wreak havoc on others from their bases

in failed states.

It’s a world in which an arrested adolescent, now in his mid-seventies, destroys the civil society and economy of a small, impoverished nation; puts his would-be political opponents under house arrest for months; builds torture prisons for priests; expels the Missionaries of Charity from the country; defames the Church through his regime-dominated media; and arrests a Catholic bishop on completely spurious charges.

That’s what a world without even tacit rules, and leaders willing to enforce them, looks like. Anyone who imagines that this kind of world would not eventually do grave damage to the United States is lost in an ideological fog and blind to reality. What happens to Ukraine; what happens to the Baltic states and Poland if Russian aggression is not defeated in Ukraine; what happens to Cardinal Joseph Zen and Jimmy Lai in Hong Kong; what happens to Taiwan and to the Uyghurs of Xinjiang province; what happens if the mullahs get the bomb or Al Qaeda reconstitutes itself; what happens in the failing states of Central America — all this is having an impact on us now, and surely will in the future.

It is true that America cannot be the policeman who reckons with every criminal regime on the planet. But someone must organize the posse when the lawless ones threaten the tacit rules that underwrite the minimum of order necessary to prevent the world from becoming a circular firing squad: a Hobbesian jungle in which all are set against all. Failing to grasp this elementary point suggests not only historical ignorance and strategic myopia. It also bespeaks a lack of understanding of the principle of solidarity, one of the four pillars of Catholic social doctrine.

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institute was so small in America and far away that I could not have encountered it directly.”

He wrote to Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz, the institute’s vicar general and then-provincial of the U.S. province but knew that he wasn’t yet ready to enter the seminary.

At that point, Canon Apple’s only exposure to a Traditional Latin Mass, which the institute exclusively celebrates, came through looking at the altar and vestments in turn-of-the-century First Communion books his mother had brought home when he was a boy.

“A friend of mine, Bill English, now a professor at Georgetown University, took me to St. John Cantius (Church) in Chicago for an exquisite Missa Cantata (sung Latin Mass),” he recalled.

“The Mass that made the greatest impression on me was one I witnessed during my first visit to the institute at St. Mary’s in Wausau, Wisconsin, a Neo-Gothic church with a bright authentic Gothic interior by Abbé Alexander Willweber, a German oblate of the institute.

“I entered the church to pray and found by chance Abbé Alexander serving Mass for Monsignor Schmitz at a side altar. I could not hear the words, so for me it was all silent except for the

bell. The movements were all so precise and serene. (Following the rubrics is a sign of love of God.)

“At the end of my visit, Monsignor Schmitz asked me what most struck me, and I said that it was that private Low Mass I happened upon. With a smile, he retorted, ‘Yes, that is always the reaction of Protestants, but you will develop a taste for Solemn Mass.’”

While attending a summer seminar at the University of Notre Dame after graduating from Kenyon, he learned from a friend about a teaching opportunity in Belize at Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School in Benque Viejo del Carmen on the Guatemalan border. He decided to spend a year there and further discern his vocation.

Most of the teachers, who were young Americans, received spiritual guidance from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) priests who staffed the parish church.

“There I received the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Miraculous Medal, developed a devotion to the St. Benedict medal and made the total consecration to Our Lord through His Most Holy Mother according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort,” Canon Apple said.

In 2003, he entered the institute’s international seminary in Italy, where he spent five years studying for his eventual ordination. All classes there are taught in French, the common language of the institute that was familiar to him thanks to his previous experiences.

He found the order’s simplicity and beauty attractive.

“I was looking for a seminary with the Traditional Latin Mass, orthodox, loyal to the Holy Father and respectful toward the bishops as successors of the Apostles,” he said. “I was not necessarily looking for a community but was overjoyed to find more than a seminary, a family.

“One thing that really struck me was a quotation on the institute’s website from St. Francis de Sales’ *Treatise on the Love of God* about how loving God is the answer for everyone. He says that if you are naturally loving, then love God, and if you are naturally unloving, then at least love God.”

His sixth and final year of seminary came as a deacon at St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis, Missouri. And in 2009 he was ordained to the priesthood in Florence, Italy, by then-Archbishop Raymond Burke, the former prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic

Signatura in Rome and a former U.S. diocesan bishop who is now a cardinal.

Among the priests and religious impacting Canon Apple’s vocation in the Diocese of Columbus were Bishop emeritus James Griffin; Father Keck; the late Father Richard Faustner, former pastor at Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales; the late Father Ted Thomas, former pastor at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church and chaplain at Kenyon College; the SOLT fathers; and the former Ann O’Reilly, a college friend from Cincinnati who is now a cloistered nun at the Dominican Monastery of Our Lady of Grace in North Guilford, Connecticut.

After ordination, Canon Apple returned to St. Francis de Sales in St. Louis for a year before he was called to the seminary in Italy, where he was prefect of the first-year seminarians for seven years and now is general prefect and prefect of studies.

“Being called back to the seminary was a surprise to me — a nice surprise — but a surprise all the same since I assumed I was back in America to stay,” he said. “I am very happy here and am able to visit my family for several

Embracing our 'enoughness' requires God's help

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the canonization of St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582). Such a milestone is a fitting occasion for exploring and celebrating the transformative wisdom that Teresa speaks into our contemporary world.

(Side note: The family of my cousin's Colombian wife can trace their family tree back to Spain and close relatives of St. Teresa. I'm calling it "blessed by proximity"!)

Fundamental to Teresa's work is the idea of wholeheartedness – living and loving with our whole hearts. The key to wholehearted living is believing that whatever our strengths or weaknesses, our achievements or unfulfilled potential, we are enough. We are worthy of love and belonging just as we are.

Wouldn't life be amazing if we could embrace that concept? If we believed we are enough and didn't depend on what others might think about us?

Teresa realized that she could derive the belief that she was enough only from God – that only God could guarantee her fundamental worthiness of love and belonging.

In recent months, Teresa's insights have had a profound impact on me. She famously describes the interior self as an exquisite crystal castle with many rooms where God dwells in the innermost room. Inviting us

FAITH IN ACTION

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into her amazement at the splendor of the interior castle, Teresa writes:

"There is no point wearing ourselves out trying to fathom the great beauty of this castle with our mere minds. Even though the castle is a created thing, there is a vast difference between Creator and creature, so the fact that the soul is made in God's image means that it is impossible for us to understand her sublime dignity and loveliness." (*The Interior Castle*)

As a child of God, I believe that I'm fundamentally worthy of love and belonging. Teresa helps me to grasp that my "enoughness" is not something that I will ever discover within the storehouse of my own resources if I just look hard enough. Rather, it's divinely bestowed and contained within the very reality of my God-given existence.

What is required is a fundamental shift in where I place authority regarding my identity. It's a matter of me relinquishing control, of surrendering and of actively choosing to give God's love the authority to un-

derwrite my enoughness.

Here, Teresa's teachings on prayer come to my aid. Teresa speaks of prayer as a person-to-person sharing between loving friends. It's about being vulnerably present to the One Who is intimately present within us.

Teresa affirms, "If you speak, strive to remember that the One with whom you are speaking is present within. If you listen, remember that you are going to hear One who is very close to you when He speaks." (*The Way of Perfection*)

Teresa wants us all to know that Jesus is living and available.

This kind of relationship is transformative – and I'm still working on it. I am prying away my grip on my self-perception and working to see me as God sees me. This reaffirmation empowers me to actually believe that I am worthy now. I am worthy of love and belonging now. Right this minute. As I am.

Through her writings, Teresa shows me that I am not the creator of my own enoughness. The One who calls me by name, holds me in existence and dwells within me has taken care of that from all eternity.

I pray that you look into your own interior castle and find your own enoughness.

A new view of loving the sinner through humility

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Love the sinner, hate the sin"? This phrase is so often used that I think it has become trite, a copout of sorts instead of really challenging ourselves to be true Christian witnesses. In a world where some sins are more visible than others, we must be careful with our judgment and pray for humility to speak love to those around us.

While it is true that we are to love "the sinner" and hate all sin, the judgment that is often cast in calling someone a sinner negates the love that we are called to witness. We need to truly examine what it means in an active way to love the sinner.

St. Thomas Aquinas defines love as to will the good of the other. To truly love someone means we will the good for them, not for us. I do not want you to be holy because it will somehow better me or make me feel better for "helping" you, but rather because I believe so fully in the joy that comes from being in a relationship with Jesus Christ that my desire to love you stems from wanting that for you.

We all sin and fall short of the glory of God, every single one of us, whether we show up to church once a week, every day or not at all. We all have sin that breaks or clouds our relationship with Jesus. He sees

ALL THAT WE HAVE

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it. We know it, and yet, like so many biblical parables, we easily cast judgment on others and fail to notice our own shortcomings.

Multiple places in Scripture we are reminded of the dangers of pointing out someone else's sins before we deal with our own, and we do all have sins. Those sins are known intimately between ourselves and God and block us from knowing Him fully. We must continually work toward clearing that barrier.

My dearest of friends are the ones who love me enough to call me out on my sin. They know the intense freedom and joy that come from being in a relationship with Jesus, and they can't help but want me to live in that truth. The way they love this sinner simply pours out of them.

I desire this gift so much, this boldness of speech and to love like this. I think often of how easy it is for

me to speak of the love I have for my husband. How dearly he loves me. How servant-hearted, how generous, how he makes me laugh. The kind of love that makes me shake my head in wonder. This is the way I want my face to light up when I am actively loving "the sinner."

To "love the sinner" means that the truth that we share must be given with love. The truth must be shared. We do have that responsibility. Just like the Apostles, we need to have courage to speak boldly, without fear of being mocked or judged but rather staying in close conversation with the Lord, asking Him for the words to use us as vessels to share His love. These vessels we seek to become need to have open hearts, humble roots and a true desire for the good of the other. From there, the conversation can flow freely.

Rather than labeling people and alienating them while we self-righteously place ourselves upon a pedestal, let our love be deep and abiding, be honest and giving. We are called to be truth speakers, bearers of joy. We must live our life in such a way that others can't help but ask what it is we have that bears such light. It is from there that authentic love can flow.

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weeks every year."

He said he has had the privilege of celebrating Mass at Coshocton Sacred Heart Church once at the invitation of the late Father Victor Wesolowski and several times at his home parish, Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales. He also baptized a niece in the Traditional Latin Rite at Columbus St. Patrick Church.

In July, he returned home for his annual visit with family (he's the oldest of five children) and joyfully celebrated a

solemn High Mass at Columbus St. Leo the Great Oratory, which he said "was an immense joy for me."

Most of his family still lives in Coshocton County. A sister who lives in Worthington attends St. Leo. Another sister resides in Maryland with her family.

"It is a great joy for me to see Canon David Silvey so much appreciated at St. Leo's," Canon Apple said. "I had the privilege of seeing his whole formation in the institute since he did his year of

candidacy before entering seminary at our apostolate in St. Louis when I was serving as deacon there."

Canon Silvey came to Columbus as rector of St. Leo Oratory upon its establishment two years ago. He's one of a growing number of young men attracted to offering Mass in the ancient rite.

Canon Apple said, "We have more requests (for the seminary) that we can accept with an entering class of 27 new seminarians this year and 110 seminar-

ians in all and many candidates for the seminary in our pre-seminary formation program in various apostolates of the institute on several continents."

His advice for any young man or woman discerning a religious vocation is simple.

"To be generous, devoted to Our Lord and Our Lady and to St. Joseph," he said, "and to pray with confidence and perseverance to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who always helps with vocations."

Veteran, 100, guided by faith through WWII, peacetime

Lawrence McCauley has so many stories to share that it's difficult to know where to start.

Some of his most profound life experiences have been brought to light the past few years by various media outlets, in particular his decorated military service during World War II and his connection in Columbus with some of the city's iconic figures.

McCauley found himself in the spotlight again recently when he was honored during the Ohio State-Notre Dame football game in Ohio Stadium on Sept. 3, one day before his 100th birthday.

But one aspect of the Lancaster native's story that hasn't received much attention is his devotion to his Catholic faith and how that has served as his guiding light for as long as he can remember.

As the country pays tribute on Friday, Nov. 11 to those who have served in the U.S. military during the observance of Veterans Day, McCauley will be one of the millions of men and women recognized for having faithfully given of themselves to preserve peace in the world and the freedoms that Americans enjoy today.

Of the 7 million Americans who served in World War II, only 167,000 remain alive in 2022, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. McCauley counts his blessings to be among them; many of his buddies in the service and from back home in Lancaster never returned from the battlefields of Europe and in the Pacific.

One moment in time that encapsulated his 100 years on earth came in August. McCauley, wearing a World War II jacket, attended a Mass in Lancaster when Bishop Earl Fernandez announced that McCauley's boyhood church, St. Mary, had been designated a minor basilica.

Most likely in 1922, his mother, Stella, would have been sitting in the same pew or somewhere close by when she was pregnant with Lawrence.

During an interview last month on a beautiful fall afternoon at his son Tom's home near Alum Creek Reservoir, McCauley sat on the bumper of a vehicle in the driveway and recalled the faith of his father while recounting his own remarkable journey.

Certain memories from growing up in Lancaster come to mind after all these years. One that stands out is his father, John, closing his hardware store early every other Saturday and walking to the church to go to confession. He also remembers his dad going on weekend spiritual retreats, and that left a lasting impact on McCauley, the fifth of seven children.

At the height of the Great Depression, which came in 1929, and his father faced the threat of having to close the hardware store, McCauley said some faithful local farmers came to the rescue



World War II veteran Lawrence McCauley was recognized for his military service during the Ohio State-Notre Dame football game on Sept. 3 in Ohio Stadium.

Photo by Adam Cairns/Columbus

to keep the business going.

At the church and school, the priests and sisters provided a solid foundation of faith. Twice a week, McCauley said, the schoolchildren attended Mass. He not only was an altar boy but also was tasked with manually ringing the church bells.

As he grew older, he remembers being asked to drive Msgr. David Quaily, the parish pastor from 1923 to 1948, and the priest sitting in the back seat of the car with a spittoon tied around his neck.

"He was a peach," McCauley said.

Because times were tough then, many of the young boys of that generation also worked at jobs in addition to attending school. McCauley was employed in the print shop of the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*, which was dirty and demanding work, and he also made deliveries to nearby towns.

McCauley graduated from St. Mary in the Class of 1941. A few months later, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He tried to enlist in the Marines but was passed over because he wore glasses. A few months later, like many young men of that generation, he was drafted into the Army.

As a member of the 65th Armored Field Artillery Battalion in the Third Army, McCauley learned to drive trucks, halftracks and landing craft while training in England.

On June 6, 1944, McCauley was riding in one of those landing craft when the door swung open at Normandy's Omaha Beach during the D-Day invasion. He and his cohorts were immediately greeted with bullets flying everywhere. A buddy next to him was struck in the head, but there was no saving him. McCauley and the other soldiers had to quickly press forward.

After he and his compatriots fought their way from the beach up the bluffs

while crawling on their stomachs, McCauley said it was an incredible relief to reach the top.

From there, as the U.S. forces moved across Europe against the German army, he fought in the Battle of Hurtgen Forest later that year and the Battle of the Bulge. It was a blessing when a Catholic chaplain could celebrate Mass on the hood of a Jeep and hear confessions.

In November 1944, McCauley penned a letter to his family that read in part:

"On Christmas Day, if I am fortunate to attend Mass, I shall remember you all by offering my Mass for your intentions. Maybe we all will be together again real soon and the world as peaceful and quiet as the stable in Bethlehem."

As the Allied Forces approached victory in Europe, McCauley was involved in stopping a train filled with Jewish women and children headed to an extermination camp. The U.S. troops sent them toward the American lines to safety.

On April 11, 1945, McCauley's unit was among the first to reach the Buchenwald concentration camp, where the troops freed 21,000 prisoners and spared them from the crematory ovens that he said were still warm and emitted an inescapable odor.

A few years ago, McCauley met two survivors of the Holocaust at a 75th D-Day anniversary commemoration at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans. One of the survivors had been on a train liberated by American soldiers, and the other was rescued from Buchenwald.

For his service in World War II, McCauley received four campaign ribbons, four Bronze Stars and four Silver Stars. In January 2020, he was awarded the French Legion of Honour, the country's highest honor to a foreigner.

After the war, McCauley returned home to Lancaster. When he walked through the door at his parents' home on Mulberry Street, his father called out, "Is that you, son?" and gave him a bear hug – an answer to prayer for a safe return.

McCauley used the GI Bill to attend Ohio University in Athens, where he met wife Mary Ann. He graduated in 1949 and moved to Columbus.

McCauley and his wife eventually settled in Upper Arlington, where they raised their eight children, who all graduated from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School.

He took a job out of college that turned into a career at Ohio National Bank (now PNC Bank).

That's where a now well-documented meeting took place in 1955 with John H. McConnell, who came to McCauley at the bank asking for a \$650 loan to start a business. McConnell, a fellow World War II veteran, used his car as collateral. McCauley gave him the loan, McConnell started Worthington Industries and the two "Macs" became life-long friends.

In McConnell's later years, "Dad would go over and visit with him and say prayers with him," Tom said.

"As a matter of fact, Dad was the last person to make a visit to Mr. McConnell before he died."

Three years ago, during an NHL playoff game in Nationwide Arena, the Columbus Blue Jackets paid tribute to McCauley as part of its pregame veterans' honoree ceremony. Because of McConnell's success with Worthington Industries, he led a group of investors that brought the professional hockey franchise to Columbus in the late 1990s.

At the first-period intermission of that game, McConnell's son, John P., visited McCauley at his seat after a tribute was played on the video boards, gave him a hug and said, "I didn't know you were still alive. My dad just thought you were the best."

McCauley used his personal and professional skills in a variety of ways.

He spent many fall Saturday afternoons in the 1950s handling finances from the concessions at Ohio Stadium during football games until his wife said he needed to spend more time at home helping with the growing family.

The McCauleys lived only a few blocks from legendary Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes and his wife, Anne. Another prominent family in Upper Arlington was the Nicklauses.

McCauley said his most memorable encounter with Hayes came outside an ice cream shop when he asked Woody

Former prisoner says resilience was key to survival

By Tim Puet

For *The Catholic Times*

A former Air Force general who was held captive in North Vietnam for six years said he's not sure specifically what he's going to talk about when he speaks to the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, Nov. 4, but he knows what his theme will be.

"Resilience is always the main message in my talks," said retired Maj. Gen. Edward Mechenbier, 80, a member of Columbus St. Andrew Church. "When things don't go the way you want them, then adapt to deal with what you have. That was a key to getting through my time as a prisoner in the 'Hanoi Hilton.'"

Mechenbier said he won't know the specifics of his PowerPoint presentation until he sees the audience. "I don't have a standard lecture," he said. "My talks vary depending on the group I'm speaking to, but resilience is the central subject."

The talk, titled "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to a Vietnamese Prison," will follow the 11:45 a.m. Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 S. Grant Ave.

"People don't think they could endure the torture and the isolation you go through in a prison camp, but I think they sell themselves short," Mechenbier said. "We all face situations where we say, 'I couldn't do that,' then we find ourselves in that position and we get through it."

"I never thought I'd make it through six years as a prisoner of war, but I did and so did the other guys in there with me. There were no supermen there. We were just ordinary guys doing our job and learning how to cope."

Mechenbier, an Air Force Academy graduate who had served in the Air Force for three years and held the rank of captain at the time, was on his 113th combat mission and 80th over North

Vietnam when a McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II interceptor carrying him and radar operator Kevin McManus was shot down on June 14, 1967. The engine exploded and the two men ejected.

He carried a .38-caliber revolver but knew he was in no position to put up a fight, so he threw the pistol away before he landed and was surrounded by North Vietnamese troops. He and McManus were taken to Hoa Lo Prison, known to Americans as the "Hanoi Hilton."

"We were beaten pretty steadily for the first two or three weeks there because the prison guards were trying to get us to the point where we would say and do anything they wanted," Mechenbier said. "The military code of conduct says a prisoner should give only his name, rank, serial number and date of birth. It also says, 'I will evade answering further questions to the best of my ability.'"

"The guards wanted answers, so we gave them answers. Nobody said they had to be the right answers," Mechenbier said. "I'd say I was in a squadron with people like Clark Kent, Jimmy Doolittle, Eddie Rickenbacker and Abraham Lincoln, and the guards would be happy with that. We knew we were joking, but the guards were happy with that and with other gibberish we would talk if they heard words like 'crime,' 'criminal' and 'guilty' once in a while."

"We endured abuse before making these 'confessions' because we knew the guards would be suspicious if it didn't seem they were beating the information out of us, but we never told them anything of use to them."

Mechenbier said the punishment let up for a time after North Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh died in 1969 but resumed after a few weeks. He said he and McManus endured the situation by telling all the stories they could think of and communicating with POWs in other cells through



Retired Maj. Gen. Edward Mechenbier

File photo

tapping on the walls or placing an ear next to a cup held against the wall.

Eventually, all the American prisoners in North Vietnam were moved to the "Hanoi Hilton," and a communal living area for them was created. That made it much easier for them because they could play cards and other games, sing, tell stories and pass the time together.

"Food was soup made from seaweed, turnip tops or pumpkins, with moldy bread and rice that had bits of rock in it, so you had to endure that, but we did have each other for support," he said.

Mechenbier was released in February 1973 after nearly six years of captivity. On his release, he weighed 133 pounds, 65 pounds less than when he was imprisoned. He was flown to the Philippines to recuperate.

"I spent most of my time there in the dentist's chair," he said. "My teeth were in such bad shape that I had 13 root canals."

Upon his return to the United States, Mechenbier was assigned to

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base northeast of Dayton. He remained in Ohio for the rest of his 44-year Air Force career, either at Wright-Patterson or at the Ohio Air National Guard base at the Springfield airport.

He rose through the ranks over the years and became a brigadier general in 1997 and a major general two years later. When he retired in 2004, he was mobilization assistant to the commander at the Air Force Materiel Command headquarters at Wright-Patterson.

In retirement, he has been a consultant to defense contractors and serves on the board of the Wright "B" Flyer Aircraft Museum in Miamisburg. He also is a volunteer at the Marion Correctional Institution, where he tries to encourage prisoners by talking to them about what they are going through and discussing his own prison experience with them.

"I play golf every morning and do what I want to in the afternoon. It's a great life," he said.

Mechenbier was born in West Virginia, graduated from high school in Dayton and "probably lived in 20 different places while growing up," he said. "I was a construction worker's child, but my experience was much like that of a military family with the constant moving."

He is the recipient of a number of military medals honoring his service. These include the Silver Star with oak leaf cluster and the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster for his resistance to demands by the North Vietnamese for information, confessions and propaganda material.

He also received a Bronze Star with "V" device for his efforts to conduct himself strictly in accordance with the code of conduct for war prisoners. His other decorations include the Purple Heart and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm.

Father Gwinner recognized at St. Paul for Navy service



Father David Gwinner, a former U.S. Navy chaplain, was recognized for his military service at a flagpole dedication ceremony at Westerville St. Paul School. Photos courtesy Navy Talent Acquisition Group

Father David Gwinner, a diocesan priest in residence at Westerville St. Paul Church, was honored last month for his service as a military chaplain at a flagpole dedication ceremony at the parish school.

Cmdr. Erik Moss, the commanding officer at the Navy Talent Acquisition Group Ohio River Valley, presented Father Gwinner with a commendation from Rear Adm. Gregory Todd, the Chief of Navy Chaplains, with children and from the school and parish in attendance.

"I think we can all agree that there is no higher honor than answering God's call into the priesthood or religious life," Cmdr. Moss said. "Father Dave faithfully answered that call and has fulfilled that role for many decades. Additionally, Father Dave also answered the call of his country, when he dawned the cloth of our nation, raised his right hand, and swore an oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States as a chaplain in the world's greatest Navy."

Father Gwinner, 75, was ordained to the priesthood in 1984 by Bishop James Griffin. He had served in the Armed Forces after being drafted during the Vietnam War and after several years as a priest felt called to return to the U.S. Navy as a chaplain.

In the 1990s, Father Gwinner carried out various assignments with the Navy while also supporting the 3rd Marine Division during the Gulf War. His service included duty in Okinawa, Japan; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Naval Air Station, Agana, Guam; Beijing, China; Mount Fuki, Japan; Pohang, South Korea; USS St. Louis and USS Dubuque.

He was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal and Commendation Award, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and the National Defense medal as a veteran of the Desert Storm War. In a recommendation letter for the Navy Achievement Medal,

At White Mass, bishop urges protection of life, mercy toward sick

The annual White Mass, which brings together Catholics who work in the medical field, was celebrated at the St. Thomas More Newman Center near Ohio State University on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Bishop Earl Fernandes was principal celebrant at the Mass for the first time since his ordination and installation as the 13th bishop of the Diocese of Columbus in May.

The Mass is sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio, which is an affiliate of the national Catholic Medical Association, the country's largest association of Catholic individuals in health care whose mantra consists of growing in faith, maintaining ethical integrity and providing excellent care in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

After the Mass, the local Catholic Medical Association held its annual meeting on the second floor of the Newman Center.

Concelebrating the Mass were Father Adam Streitenberger, executive director of the Newman Center and the diocese's coordinator for evangelization; Father Stash Dailey, vicar for religious in the diocese and vice-rector at the Pontifical College Josephinum; and Father Emmanuel Adu Addai, parochial vicar at

Worthington St. Michael Church who holds a doctorate in bioethics.

Also on the altar were Deacons Steve Petrill, a professor at Ohio State who is assigned to Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church and assists at the Newman Center, and Deacon Moe Milne, an anesthesiologist who serves at Columbus St. Agatha Church.

The White Mass is typically held on or near Oct. 18, the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, who was one of the four Gospel writers as well as the author of the Acts of the Apostles and received mention in the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians as a physician.

"St. Luke is the patron saint of physicians," Bishop Fernandes said. "Tradition says that he was a physician, and so today we celebrate this special White Mass in honor of the white coats worn by doctors."

Among those in attendance at the Mass were physicians, medical students, practitioners, professors and nurses.

"An organization like the Catholic Medical Association helps us to realize that we are not alone," Bishop Fernandes said. "Not only is the Lord with us, but our brothers and sisters, our friends are with us. And together we can take our stand for life."

Bishop Fernandes was a medical student for two years at the University of Cincinnati before discerning a call to the priesthood.

His late father, Sydney, was a physician in Toledo, and three of the bishop's four brothers are doctors who attended medical school at Ohio State. Dr. Ashley Fernandes, a pediatrician, medical ethicist and professor at Ohio State, attended the White Mass.

Bishop Fernandes observed in his homily that St. Luke's Gospel contains several major themes. He mentioned the preferential option for the poor and how God's mercy is reflected in the stories of the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son and the Good Thief on the cross.

"St. Luke's Gospel has good news to share," the bishop said. "It is not merely words. It is the Word, the person, of Jesus Christ who changes our situation from one of death to one of life. And we are his people."

"We are the people of life, called to defend life, to care for life and to nurture and cherish the gift of human life."

The bishop offered a reminder to those in health care to reflect on the constant presence of the Holy Spirit, who overshadowed Mary at the Annunciation and worked to bring Jews and Gentiles into the family of God.

"I want to thank you for your service to the gift of human life but also to remind you that, time and again, you show forth the merciful face of our God to those who are sick, who are suffering, and who are anxious," Bishop Fernandes said. "They need you, and they need Jesus Christ."

"Jesus, the Son of Mary, brings us not only health but salvation. And this is what you, his disciples, those who provide loving and compassionate care, bring – not only health, but Jesus in whom we have salvation. May Jesus Christ be praised, now and forever. Amen."



Chas Porter (left) and Maddie Ricard, both second-year medical students at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, pray during the White Mass on Oct. 18 at the St. Thomas More Newman Center. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Christopher George, MD, a hematologist and medical oncologist, and his wife, Teresa George, MD, a rheumatologist, listen to the homily during the White Mass. They are members of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church.



Bishop Earl Fernandes elevates the host at the consecration during the White Mass at the St. Thomas More Newman Center. Also at the altar are Deacons Steve Petrill (left) and Moe Milne. Behind the bishop is Father Adam Streitenberger, the executive director of the Newman Center.

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LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

Father Tomson to speak at record society meeting

Father Tyron Tomson will be the guest speaker at the Catholic Record Society's fall quarterly meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 in the Lang Room of The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St. Columbus. The talk will be followed by a short business meeting.

He will provide a brief overview of the history of the Second Vatican Council, with special consideration of its original documents and their implementation.

The talk will summarize the effects of the council on the Church's life, from the council's conclusion to the present, and expectations related to the continuing impact of those documents.

Father Tomson, a priest for 11 years, is pastor of Lancaster St. Bernadette and Bremen St. Mary churches and is chaplain and a teacher at Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School.

Parking for the meeting will be available in front of the foundation's office and at parking meters on E. Broad Street (parking meters are free on Sunday on both sides of the street). Additional parking is available behind Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, across the street from the meeting site.

Renewal to sponsor Nov. 19 Mass, Adoration event

Pat Shroyer of Columbus Catholic Renewal will be the speaker at the group's

next citywide Mass and Praise Adoration event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 19 at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road.

The program will begin with Mass at 9, followed by a potluck breakfast, a talk by Shroyer on "Hope, Joy and Peace from Romans 15:13 and Eucharistic Adoration with music by Mike Melliere.

Healing and prayer teams and the sacrament of reconciliation will be available during Adoration. For more information, call (614) 886-8266.

Cuban pianists to perform at St. Mary German Village

Cuban pianists Orlay and Orlando Alonso will be featured in the next concert of the Music at St. Mary series at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 in Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church, 684 S. 3rd St. in the city's German Village neighborhood.

The concert will be preceded at 3:45 p.m. by an interview with the Alonso brothers and Christopher Purdy of the WOSU Classical Radio stations.

The concert, titled "Havaneseque," will feature Cuban music from the 1930s to the 1960s, with original arrangements in the bolero, Latin jazz, mambo and conga styles celebrating Cuba's diverse culture and rich history.

The Alonso brothers grew up in Cuba,

attended the National School of the Arts in Havana and earned degrees from Yale University, Ohio State University, the Mannes School of Music in New York and the Manhattan School of Music. After successful solo ventures, they have teamed up to pay homage to their homeland.

A *New York Times* review of one of their concerts said, "They are real virtuosos of their instrument not only because of their rock solid performances, but because of their considerable intelligence, sensitivity, intense feeling and contagious joy."

Admission is \$25. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis at <https://st-mary-catholic-church.ticketleap.com/the-alonso-brothers/?rc=650hq8v>.

Newark Catholic invites eighth-graders to high school

Newark Catholic High School invites all eighth-graders from the Knox/Licking Vicariate interested in attending the school in the 2023-2024 academic year to spend a day at the school on Tuesday, Nov. 15 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For reservations and information, call Nancy Bourne at (740) 344-3594, extension 231. An information session for parents will be on the same evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the school, 1 Green Wave Drive.

CCL all-league teams named in girls tennis

The Central Catholic League recently announced its 2022 all-league girls tennis teams:

FINAL CCL STANDINGS

Bishop Watterson	3-0
St. Francis DeSales	2-1
Bishop Hartley	1-2
Bishop Ready	0-3

FIRST-TEAM ALL-CCL

Sara Goodlive, Reese Borland, Elizabeth Hohlefelder, Watterson; Caroline Leithauser, Elena Vanasdale, DeSales; Kiarra McElrath, Hartley; Kayla Thomas, Ready

SECOND-TEAM ALL-CCL

Sophia Blum, Katherine Braidech, Watterson; Madelyn Hill, Olivia Sanabria, DeSales; Victoria Nedeau, Hannah Mathias, Hartley; Melina Kopczewski, Ready

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Father Gwinner was called "one of the most impressive Navy chaplains I have known."

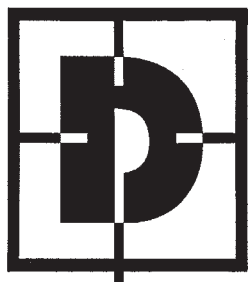
"I feel deeply honored to receive this," Father Gwinner said at the ceremony. "It puts a crescendo on my service with the military and the parish."

In 38 years as a priest in the diocese, Father Gwinner has served as a associate pastor, pastor and chaplain for a variety of parishes and ministries. He has spent the past 16 years at St. Paul.

"We are all aware of the contributions Father Dave has had in the St. Paul community and the blessing he has been to each and every one of us," Cmdr. Moss said. "What you might not know are the contributions Father Dave has had to thousands of sailors and marines during his military service."

"This flagpole will stand as a lasting reminder of Father Dave's service to both his country and to the St. Paul community."

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Dominic Prunte, Office Manager, at prunte@icloud.com.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Trust in God's vow of renewal

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38

In the month of November, as winter's darkness grows, we become more pen- sive, perhaps even somber. The weather for us is colder. The experience of life takes on a serious note, and we wonder how we will face whatever lies ahead.

The readings assigned to the end of the liturgical year invite us to contemplate "matters of consequence." How are we to respond to the sufferings and persecutions that are inflicted on people of faith?

This has been a question for the people of God through the ages, and it certainly arises for us with all that is presented as "news" in our time. At home and abroad, we hear of many examples where men, women and even children are rejected and put to death for their commitment to faith.

A mother, left alone with seven children, decides to keep before her eyes the truth that God is the Creator of her children. She hides her grief and encourages each of her sons, even the youngest, to choose death rather than to compromise with a tyrant who wants to take the place of God. Her faith is rewarded by the witness of fidelity given by each of her sons.

The hope of resurrection begins to dawn upon the world in this account of the widow with seven sons in the Second Book of Maccabees. The faithful defiance of the youngest son still rings out as a charge that can be addressed to anyone who is blind to the shortness of earthly existence: "It is my choice to die at the

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

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



hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life."

Sophisticated people claim to be enlightened, ridiculing any possibility of anything beyond what they can grasp with their minds. The Sadducees reject what is unseen and try to bait Jesus into a circular way of arguing from Scripture. With the example of a woman who married seven brothers and remained without a child, they believe that they have "proof" that the idea of resurrection is ridiculous.

"Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her." Jesus' reply calls for faith in the living God, rather than earth-bound reasoning.

"Those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."

Jesus shows a new and personal way of reasoning that allows Scripture to move beyond mere letter to an encounter with God and His power to give life to those who are open: "That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham,

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Perseverance through pain produces healing strength

Malachi 3:19-20a
Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

One of the sights in the Holy Land that deeply moves a person of faith is the Western Wall of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Day and night people pray facing the wall and placing petitions on slips of paper into the cracks of the wall.

Since the visit of Pope St. Paul VI to the Holy Land in 1964, other modern popes have stood by this wall in silent prayer, joining pilgrims of many faiths.

Today's Gospel puts us with "the first pope," St. Peter, and the rest of Jesus' disciples at this same location. Some of the stones they looked upon and passed by daily remain for us to see today. Jesus tells His followers: "All that you see here – the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

The temple itself is gone, and no one is quite certain just where on the Temple Mount it used to stand, so complete was the Roman destruction in A.D. 70. But portions of the surrounding wall on the western side of the mount still serve as a call to prayer.

To the south of the famous wall seen by most pilgrims more sections of the wall are being excavated. It is heartening to see Jewish pilgrims standing on the street near those sections to pray. They cannot stand next to the wall, but they attend to it with the same prayerful gestures.

Mourning the destruction of the temple is a theme carried through many rituals throughout the ages. Psalms and lamentations tug at the human heart and help us realize that we are not alone in feeling the pangs of such loss.

Facing the reality of loss is a necessary step toward healing. We must acknowledge our pain and accept the limits that are made clear by the sorrows of the hu-

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS	
11/7-11/12	John 2:13-22
MONDAY	Titus 1:1-9 Psalm 24:1b-4b,5-6 Luke 17:1-6
TUESDAY	Titus 2:1-8,11-14 Psalm 37:3-4,18,23,27,29 Luke 17:7-10
WEDNESDAY	Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17
THURSDAY	Philemon 7-20 Psalm 146:7-10 Luke 17:20-25
FRIDAY	2 John 4-9 Psalm 119:1-2,10-11,17-18 Luke 17:26-37
SATURDAY	3 John 5:8 Psalm 112:1-6 Luke 18:1-8
11/14-11/19	John 2:13-22
MONDAY	Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Psalm 1:1-4,6 Luke 18:35-43
TUESDAY	Revelation 3:1-6,14-22 Psalm 15:2-4b,5 Luke 19:1-10
WEDNESDAY	Revelation 4:1-11 Psalm 150:1b-6 Luke 19:11-28
THURSDAY	Revelation 5:1-10 Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b Luke 19:41-44
FRIDAY	Revelation 10:8-11 Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Luke 19:45-48
SATURDAY	Revelation 11:4-12 Psalm 144:1-2,9-10 Luke 20:27-40

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF NOV. 6 AND NOV. 13, 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 (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

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

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the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

Winter will give way to spring, and the earth will be renewed. Our faith allows us to put trust in God that He will bring us to life as well. "He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

May we persevere in faith, uniting our hearts with all who face persecution. May we stand true and give witness to the power of God, the living God. With the psalmist, we pray: "On waking I shall be content in your presence. ... Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full."

man condition. When we anticipate loss, we must look inside to find the strength to go through the experience.

Jesus encourages His disciples, inviting them to seek such strength: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." He does not give them details about all that will occur. He will not tell them when it will happen, offering only a general description of events that continue in our time.

Perseverance offers "security" for our lives. Jesus also promises that in the face of all that happens, there will be a wisdom that He will supply amid the experience: "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

The text of Malachi, which appears as the last of the prophetic books in our canon, proclaims a word of hope and healing: "But for you who fear my name there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." The psalmist concurs: "The Lord comes to rule the

earth with justice."

Anyone who has experienced trauma and loss who has managed to persevere will readily recognize the truth expressed here. By endurance, we learn that even in earthly life we discover hidden strength through our struggles.

When the temple is destroyed, the Spirit Who filled the temple remains. Jesus Himself is in us and with us to address our adversaries. Healing comes, and there is a new light of understanding, both of ourselves and of others. Having persevered, we become secure in our own persons, and we can be models for others of the way to find hope for themselves.

The liturgical year is coming to its close. Next week, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and then Advent will usher in a new year. The Gospel of Luke has offered us a vision of mercy and compassion. May we persevere in faith, hope and love.

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BURKE, Richard, 83, Oct. 17
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

BUSHMAN, Aurora B. "Rory" (Catalan), 84, Oct. 9
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

CONRAD, Miriam L. (Thissen), 85, Sept. 29
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

DANCER, Joy T., 74, Oct. 18
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

ESCHMAN, Charles J. "Joe," 79, Oct. 19
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

FLICK, Robert A., 89, Oct. 13
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

GIAMMARCO, Emma G., 85, Oct. 19
Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

GIFFORD, Timothy F., 49, Oct. 18
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

GOODRICH, Merrilee (Kingrey), 71, Oct. 8
St. Paul Church, Westerville

KLIMKO, Eugene M., 83, Sept. 29
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

LEKOWSKI, Kathleen M. (Fischer), 87, Oct. 6
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

MAYES, Maria del P. (Melo), 86, Oct. 19
St. Mary Church, Groveport

MIDDELER, Nancy R. (Van Nottingham), 82, Oct. 20
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

MORENO, Naomi, 100, Oct. 11
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

MORSCHER, John F., 83, Oct. 15
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

MYERS, Kathleen M., 79, Oct. 11
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

ROBERTS, Marguerite M. (Kelly), 91, Oct. 18
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

SAVKO, Gilda (Romaz), 99, Oct. 25
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

SCHAAF, Florine M., 97, Oct. 22
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SCHNEIDER, John T., 43, Oct. 13
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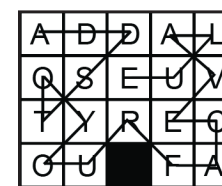
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St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

SEIDEL, Donna (Schirmer), 71, Oct. 13
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

SHEERAN, Richard W., 87, Oct. 11
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

SHIVLEY, Nancy L. (Wilburn), 91, Oct. 17
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

TORNES, Navy Lt. Cmdr. (Ret.) Linda M., 72, Oct. 12
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus



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to shake hands with one of his sons, whose hand was sticky with the ice cream. Hayes walked away wiping his hand on his pant leg.

Charlie Nicklaus, the father of golf great Jack Nicklaus, owned pharmacies in the area.

And then there was McCauley's encounter with another famous Columbus businessman. One day, a gentleman approached him about a business loan. McCauley rejected Wendy's founder Dave Thomas because he lacked the necessary collateral and told him to find some friends with money who could help.

Years later, Thomas joked that McCauley had been the only banker who rejected his loan request.

McCauley also used his business skills to benefit the Church. He raised funds for the construction of Columbus St. Agatha Church and for the diocese's St. Therese's Retreat Center. He was an active participant in the Columbus Catholic Laymen's Retreat League.

Son Tom said his father played a role in starting the athletic association at Bishop Watterson.

After retiring from banking, McCauley didn't retire from work. He made deliveries for a business owned by one of his sons and escaped injury during a serious accident on state Route 315 when he was in his late 70s.

Tom said his father's first question after the accident wasn't whether he was OK physically but whether he could secure another vehicle to make his delivery.

His son mentioned another of his dad's escapes from injury that happened in his early 90s. The incident occurred while McCauley was riding a bike to attend daily Mass, which he did faithfully,



Lawrence McCauley's high school graduation photo from the Lancaster St. Mary's Class of 1941 was taken three years before he took part in the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944 in France.

Photos courtesy McCauley family

and crashed in a road construction zone, landing on his head.

In the emergency room, the young doctor marveled that McCauley's only injury was a contusion on his head after such a nasty fall.

The doctor asked several times whether McCauley was wearing a helmet. He refused to answer. When the doctor continued to press, McCauley finally responded, "I wore a helmet for 3 ½ years in World War II, and I'm sure as heck not going to wear one now."

McCauley lived on his own for 14 years after his wife died until 2017,



Lawrence McCauley is pictured in a Christmas card he sent home during World War II.

when he moved in with Tom and his family.

McCauley still attends Mass whenever possible and prays the rosary daily. And he continues to serve.

In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and Tom learned about a British World War II veteran who walked laps around his retirement home to raise money for charity, he hatched a similar plan to have his dad walk laps around the cul-de-sac in their neighborhood. McCauley's efforts attracted media attention and brought in thousands of dollars for charity.

More recently, McCauley enjoyed quite the evening on the eve of his 100th birthday.

Back in 2014 when the 2022 Ohio State-Notre Dame game was announced, McCauley, who had taken the train to South Bend, Indiana, from Lancaster as a boy (his heroes were legendary coach Knute Rockne and player George "Gipper" Gipp) to watch the Irish play, made it a goal to live long enough to attend the recent matchup.

The nationally televised night game turned out to be quite an experience. In addition to receiving the military recognition and an ovation from the crowd, McCauley spent 10 minutes after half-time talking with former Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel and wife Ellen, who were there to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Ohio State's 2002 national championship. And Tom met Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow on the sideline. ("He's a great guy," Tom said.)

By the time the family returned home after the game, the clock had struck midnight, McCauley had officially turned 100 and the family sang Happy Birthday to him before turning in.

Two months have passed since then, and McCauley continues to move forward in good health. The family is making plans in 2023 to return to a spot in Quebec that they visited almost every summer until about five years ago.

As a recent visit wound down at the McCauley house, Tom led an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be in thanksgiving. Lawrence McCauley recited the prayers like someone who had repeated them thousands and thousands of times in a long and blessed life on earth.

Newark St. Vincent Haven to double its space for homeless

By Tim Puet

For The Catholic Times

St. Vincent Haven in Newark will soon have nearly twice the amount of shelter space. Construction is underway on an expansion of the shelter for homeless men that will add 24 beds to the current 26-bed facility. The anticipated completion date is March 1, 2023.

The expansion will allow the Haven to fulfill its mission of respectfully and compassionately providing shelter to men who are homeless, with the goal of building their life skills as a foundation for future growth and stability that will lead to housing security.

The Haven is supported by the St. Vincent de Paul conferences at Newark Blessed Sacrament, Granville St. Edward, Heath St. Leonard, Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul parishes.

Since opening in 2010, the Haven has nearly always been filled to capacity. It turned away 113 individuals in 2021 alone, and that number is rapidly increasing.

The Licking County Task Force on Homelessness conducted a count in 2020 and found that 153 individuals, or 90 households, were experiencing homelessness in the county. This study concluded that the county had a greater need for emergency shelters. Earlier this year, the Haven's board of directors unanimously approved expansion.

"The Haven has been full nearly every night since it opened in 2010 and immediately began serving a critical community need," said its executive director, John Paul Munhall. "Since opening, we have served more than 1,800 men and provided more than 100,000 shelter nights.

"The Haven does not simply offer a handout, but a hand up," Munhall said. "We recognize that we cannot help individuals by merely addressing the issue of material poverty alone, so in addition to providing shelter and meals, we help our residents develop new life skills, make better life choices to help them move forward and connect them with local agencies and services to position them for long-term growth and success.

"This whole-person approach provides the foundation for long-term positive change, gearing them toward healthier and happier lives and contributing to the common good of our community."

All residents at the Haven, who must be at least age 18, are at 200 percent or more of the poverty level, with most having no income. Once their immediate needs are met, they meet with a case manager to identify personal barriers in areas including mental and physical health, addiction, unemployment and education.

"Case management is our most important tool to achieve positive results with our residents," Munhall said. "The case managers and residents work together on action plans tailored to the specific needs of each resident, with the plans containing agreed-upon goals which the resident is held accountable for accomplishing."

Case workers talk to residents twice weekly to ensure progress and success with the plans. The Haven collaborates with many other Licking County agencies to obtain appropriate assistance for the residents to overcome their barriers.

"Our programs help individuals create and make better life choices, which lead to improved life skills," Munhall said. "We recognize that we cannot help by merely addressing the issue of material

poverty alone. Dealing with other barriers is necessary for long-term positive change to occur.

"This is what Vincenians have been doing since the St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded in 1833 in Paris by Blessed Frederic Ozanam."

Billy Ray, a former resident of the Haven, is an example of what the action plans are designed to achieve. When he became homeless in 2018 with no family or friends to help, the Haven took him in and helped him develop his action plan. After working through the plan, including attending Bible studies at the Haven, Billy Ray made a successful planned exit.

Today, he is married with a family and a home and will soon graduate from college with a degree in Christian ministry. He plans to continue working with the residents at the Haven. "Between the Haven and God, I found my calling," Billy Ray said. "The Haven gave me everything I needed, the whole staff is fantastic and everyone is so encouraging."

The addition will expand the Haven by 3,800 square feet and include two additional staff offices for case management, as well as a new reception area and bathroom, both designed for the



An expansion project at Newark St. Vincent Haven will provide additional beds for homeless men.
Photo courtesy St. Vincent Haven

intake of new residents. The current shared area will become dining-only space, and a new shared area will be added for residents to spend recreational time. A chapel will be included in the new space.

Munhall said the addition is part of a comprehensive campaign for capital, operations, programming and endowment. The campaign has a \$5.5 million goal, with about \$1.7 million remaining to be raised.

"Our program aims to help our men become happier, more responsible, better husbands and fathers, harder workers and better citizens," Munhall said. "This campaign will allow us to continue to infuse love into our humble work. We are truly honored to serve our residents."

St. Vincent Haven is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. For more information, contact Munhall at (740) 670-0822 or go to www.svdphaven.org.

Former student, professor named Josephinum Alumni of the Year

Father Robert Gonzalez of the Diocese of Tucson, Arizona, and Jason Shanks, president of Our Sunday Visitor Institute in Huntington, Indiana, received the 2022 Jessing Alumnus of the Year Awards from the Pontifical College Josephinum on Oct. 13.

The award recognizes honorees for service to the Church and community and for their support of the Josephinum and its mission in the spirit of Msgr. Joseph Jessing, a German immigrant priest who founded the institution in 1888.

Father Gonzalez attended the Josephinum from 1970 to 1978 before he was ordained in Tucson. After a period of diocesan service and completion of advanced degrees in Rome, Father Gonzalez returned to Columbus in 1989 to teach at the Josephinum.

During his years on the seminary faculty, Father Gonzalez was an active presence in the Diocese of Columbus, particularly at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, where he offered weekend Mass assistance. He returned to his home diocese in 2005 and currently serves at St. John the Evangelist Church in Tucson.

"It is a great joy for me to accept this award," said

Father Gonzalez, who was presented the award by Father Steven Beseau, the Josephinum rector and president. "I ask God's blessings on the seminary, its rector, and all who are part of the Josephinum family."

A convert to Catholicism, Shanks attended the Josephinum in the early 2000s as a seminarian and then as a lay student. After completing a Master's in theology in 2007, he has served in many leadership roles within the Church.

Shanks founded Catholic Youth Summer Camp in central Ohio, was pastoral assistant and business manager at Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church and served as president of Greater Columbus Right to Life. After leaving Columbus, he managed the Department of Evangelization and Pastoral Life in the Diocese of Toledo and was founding chief executive officer of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan.

He currently leads the Our Sunday Visitor Institute in its work of evangelization and outreach while also serving on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty and the Board of the National Eucharistic Congress.



Jessing Alumnus of the Year Award winners Jason Shanks (left) and Father Robert Gonzalez (right) receive medals from Father Steven Beseau, the Pontifical College Josephinum's rector and president.

Photo courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum

Weigel's examination of Vatican II thorough, fair

By Father Tyron Tomson

George Weigel's first encounter with the Second Vatican Council was in person: As a boy, he visited St. Peter's Basilica between the council's sessions, when the vast benches for the prelates sat vacant.

Providentially, it seems, his own life has overlapped with the unfolding of this historic event. Eventually he gained sufficient personal interest and professional expertise to undertake an often-tried task of making sense of this towering moment in modern Church history.

With the full authority of his intellectual influence, Weigel embarks upon a task as timely as it might be controversial in *To Sanctify the World: The Vital Legacy of Vatican II*. He treads an insightful and positive middle path while debates concerning the latest ecumenical council surface everywhere from doctoral theses to internet comment boxes to papal airplane interviews.

After setting up the historical and theological context of the council's origins, he provides a bold apologetic for the necessity of change by appealing to some of the eminent personalities of that era. Then he slogs through the primary documents with reference to their later import in execution.

All noteworthy groundbreaking innovations in the texts are carefully cataloged and their attendant difficulties are not ignored. The footnotes often provide more frank (and extended) analysis.

Weigel then muses on the various interpretative guides useful for unpacking the content of the documents. He asserts that Pope St. John XXIII's opening address must be the preeminent interpretive tool through which we might later understand the texts the bishops produced directly afterward.

He posits that the key for understanding the council can be found in the 1985 synod that spurred production of the *Catechism* as an expression of the teaching office of the Church when clarity in orthodox theology was needed. The role of the various pontiffs is treated fairly but with no disrespect to their sometimes-saintly persons.

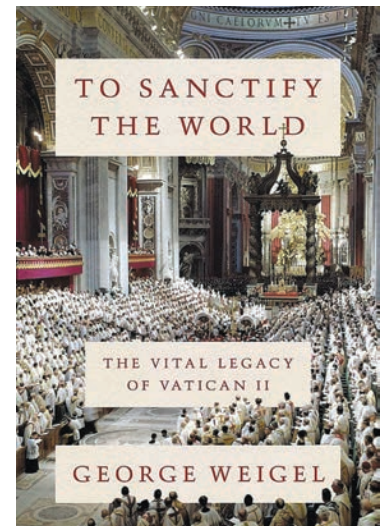
Throughout his 368-page odyssey, Weigel painstakingly bolsters the thesis of the theology of continuity over rupture, eventually with pontifical back-

ing. Ultimately, the force of that argument requires that the Church's focus remains Christ-centric; this strikes him as the cause, means and goal of the Second Vatican Council.

The narrative is compellingly written for ecclesial wonks but is unwieldy for casual or leisurely interest. For most readers, the technical intrigue of the intersecting historical personalities and internal drama will hardly thrill. There is no escaping Weigel's historian's heart, with all its exhaustive drive.

This fresh investigation will be welcome to similarly conciliatory personalities, from scholars to pastors. His final success lies in compiling otherwise disparate information and often contentious analysis. Weigel's effort represents the most up-to-date grappling with Vatican II as it enters its fourth generation of implementation, with a Church thoroughly modernized yet much of the council's promise unfulfilled.

Father Tyron Tomson is the pastor of Lancaster St. Bernadette and Bremen St. Mary churches.



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Watterson students win National Merit honors



Columbus Bishop Watterson High School has two National Merit Semifinalists and four Commended Scholars based on their performances on the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Commended scholars (top photo from left) are Caleb Kenney, Annie Melaragno, Luke Ponesse and Natalie Zesch. The semifinalists are (bottom photo from left) Noah Garczewski and Evan Schehr.

Photos courtesy Bishop Watterson

Outdoor lessons in ecology



Eighth grade students at Columbus St. Andrew School journeyed north this month to visit Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory, where they were immersed in the ecology of northern Ohio. The students ventured onto Lake Erie to experience how biologists test water depth and quality. They caught and examined indigenous fish and learned about invasive species while even getting close-up encounters with local turtles and snakes.

Photos courtesy St. Andrew School

St. Charles set to stage fall play



The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will present *The Book of Will* by Lauren Gunderson at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 17-19 and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 in the St. Charles Campus Theatre. Cast members include (front from left) Grant Dine, Callie Hickman, Ted Welsch; (middle from left) Mabry Hill, Thomas Matthews, James Graff; (back from left) Andrew Carter, Raphael Bott, Bobby McMillen, Annie O'Connor and JD Myaard. Tickets for the school's fall production are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and are available for advance purchase at www.scprep.org under the Buy Tickets button. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

Milestone birthday and baptism at St. Bernadette



Lancaster St. Bernadette Church celebrated two special events on Sunday, Oct. 23, for its oldest and youngest parishioners. A birthday party was held at the parish for Paul Lonergan (left), who turned 100 years old on Oct. 28, and Father Tyrone Tomson baptized Michael Joseph Stalford, who was born Sept. 22. Lonergan was a founding member 50 years ago and still an active participant in the local St. Vincent de Paul Society, which co-hosted the party.

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