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**The Editor's Notebook***Remembering Ember Days  
and God's Creation*

By David Garick, Editor



The seasons are changing. The hot, humid days of summer are giving way to cooler nights and more temperate days. My drive in to work in the morning now takes place in the dark after a few months of sunlight for my morning commute. Football is in full swing, the stores are full of Halloween items, and some already are featuring Christmas displays. The change of seasons becomes official in the coming week with the autumnal equinox on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10:21 a.m.

The changing seasons always have set the rhythm of our lives. Over the centuries, the Church made note of this natural rhythm through the tradition of Ember Days. These days occurred four times each year at the change of seasons. They were days of fasting and prayer. According to *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, the purpose of Ember Days, "besides the general one intended by all prayer and fasting, was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy." The Autumn Ember Days were the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday following the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept. 14 this year). The Ember Days fell into disuse in the 19th and 20th centuries and ceased to be official days of fasting following Vatican II.

While they are no longer part of the official church calendar, they

remain an acceptable source of personal prayer and piety. I think it is a good thing for us individually to take this change of seasons as an opportunity to reflect on our dependence on God through gratitude for his creation and our responsibility to be stewards for that creation.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis tells us, "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." He calls us to an urgent conversation on steps each of us can take to protect our environment and to defend the laws of nature and life at all of its stages.

A special program will take place at the Martin de Porres Center in Columbus on Saturday, Oct. 8 to look at how each of us can participate in a practical response to this call of the Holy Father. You will find more details on this program in this issue of *Catholic Times*.

Perhaps during these Ember Days, we can all be reminded by the natural cycle of the seasons to be drawn to some special time of prayer in thanksgiving for the world God has given to us and to dedicate ourselves to our duty as stewards of God's creation.



**The Creation Care Team of the Diocese of Columbus is sponsoring a program on Saturday, Oct. 8 to look at practical responses to Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'." It will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive.**

**Parish and school leaders, adults and young people are invited to the event, which will feature talks on team building, spirituality and worship, education, sustainability, and advocacy as they relate to the encyclical and the pope's call for dialogue and an ecological conversion to help shape the future.**

**The event is free and includes lunch. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 30. To register, visit <http://socialconcerns.colodioc.org> or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540 or [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org).**

## COLUMBUS DCCW BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Council of Catholic Women celebrated its 96th year with a new logo and a convention theme of "Catholic Women: Instruments of Mercy." The U.S. bishops created the council to give women a unified voice, a program of service, and a vehicle for collaboration.

The NCCW's 2016 national convention took place in Indianapolis. Mickey McCormick, president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women; Katie Boesch, DCCW vice president; Karen Kitchell, immediate past president; and Vera White, past president, traveled to Indiana from the Diocese of Columbus. They attended many worthwhile meetings and seminars. The energy of so

many Catholic women was electrifying.

One of many interesting talks was about human trafficking from the standpoint of a young woman who was able with the help of God to remove herself from the situation. She now helps others understand what to look for and how to help other young men and women.

The Columbus delegates also received many helpful hints about recruiting and retention of members. The NCCW leadership commission presented a new Power Point presentation with several aids.

To learn more about the DCCW, contact McCormick at (614) 783-5555 or the DCCW office at (614) 228-8601.

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**Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church was built in 1956. The parish, which serves the Hilltop neighborhood of the city's west side, was founded in 1927.**

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## USCCB objects to NIH plan to fund part-human, part-animal embryo research

By Catholic News Service

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops objected to a National Institutes of Health proposal to authorize federally funded research on part-human, part-animal embryos in comments submitted to the agency on Friday, Sept. 2.

The bishops made ethical and legal arguments in opposing the plan, saying that such research result in “beings who do not fully belong to either the human race or the host animal species.”

NIH guidelines for human stem cell research specifically prohibit introducing human pluripotent cells -- those capable of giving rise to several different cell types -- into non-human primate blastocysts, which are cells at an early stage of development. NIH has proposed funding scientists who are researching such embryos, known as chimeras.

The bishops’ statement said that while the plan calls for review of some research proposals by a NIH steering commit-



tee, “the bottom line is that the federal government will begin expending taxpayer dollars on the creation and manipulation of new beings whose very existence blurs the line between humanity and animals such as mice and rats.”

The bishops said that by funding such research, the NIH would be ignoring laws that prohibit it. They said this research “is also grossly unethical.”

On the moral and ethical side of the issue, the statement said the bishops are concerned about the destruction of human

embryos that serve as a source of “raw material” for research. They said the NIH proposal for producing human-animal hybrids raises “new and troubling questions of its own.”

Acknowledging that respectful use of animals in research can benefit humanity, the bishops stressed that the unique dignity of the human person puts limits to what morally can be done in the field.

“Herein lies the key moral problem involved in this proposal, beyond the already grave problem of exploiting human embryos as cell fac-

tories for research. For if one cannot tell to what extent, if any, the resulting organism may have human status or characteristics, it will be impossible to determine what one’s moral obligations may be regarding that organism,” the bishops said.

“We submit that producing new organisms, regarding whom our fundamental moral and legal obligations are inevitably confused and even contradictory, is itself immoral,” the statement said. “NIH

should give far more serious consideration to this and other moral problems before seeing to fund human-animal chimera research.”

Legally, the bishops added, federal funding for such research would violate the Dickey-Wicker Amendment, which prohibits use of taxpayer dollars to create or destroy human embryos for experiments.

The statement concludes that the proposal is “seriously flawed” and urged NIH to withdraw it.



## Pope: God sent his son to show mercy to sinners, not punish them

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

God did not send his son into the world to cast off the wicked, but to offer them a path to conversion through mercy and love, Pope Francis said.

Those who object to Jesus’ mercy toward sinners often create an “image of God that impedes them from enjoying his real presence,” the pope said at his weekly general audience on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

“Some carve out a ‘do-it-yourself’ faith that reduces God to the limited space of their own desires and their own convictions,” the pope said.

“Others reduce God to a false idol, using his holy name to justify their own interests or even to incite hatred and violence.”

An estimated 25,000 people

attended the audience in St. Peter’s Square. Many visitors were in Rome for the canonization of St. Teresa of Kolkata three days earlier.

Before delivering his final blessing, the pope called on young people to follow St. Teresa’s example and be “artisans of mercy.”

He asked those who are ill “to feel her compassionate closeness, especially in the hour of the cross.”

In his main talk, the pope reflected on the Gospel story in which John the Baptist, while imprisoned, sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is “the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”

Jesus answered, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the

lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them; and blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

John the Baptist, who often preached that the Messiah would be a judge who would come to “reward the good and punish the bad,” now suffers doubt in the darkness of his cell because he does “not understand this style,” the pope said.

However, he said, Jesus’ response is a clear message to his followers and to the church.

“God did not send his son into the world to punish sinners nor to annihilate the wicked. They are instead called to conversion so that, by seeing the signs of divine goodness, they may find their way back,”

Pope Francis said.

Jesus’ gesture of showing mercy to sinners is an act that often provokes doubt and even scandal to those who believe in a God that comes to rain down justice on the wicked, he said.

Nevertheless, “if the obstacle to believing is above all his acts of mercy, this means that you have a false image of the Messiah.

“Blessed are those who, in front of Jesus’ gestures and words, give praise to God who is in heaven,” the pope said.

Jesus’ warning to those who are scandalized by God’s mercy serves as a warning for men and women today who create a false image of God, often perceiving him as a “psychological refuge” offering them

reassurance during difficult moments or reducing Jesus to just one of many teachers of ethics throughout history, he explained.

These erroneous perceptions “stifle faith into a purely personal relationship with Jesus, canceling out his missionary impulse that is capable of transforming the world and history,” the pope said.

Christians, he said, believe in the “God of Jesus Christ” who wants us “to grow in the living experience of his mystery of love.”

“Let us commit ourselves to not put any obstacles to the Father’s merciful acts,” Pope Francis said.

“Instead, let us ask for the gift of great faith to become signs and instruments of mercy.”

## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Gravity



Was our challenge this past week a little more difficult than some others? It is not easy to pray for those who hate us and who would kill us if they had the opportunity. To contemplate loving our enemies while fighting evil is a challenge in itself. We absolutely must protect our families and defend our faith at any cost. That shows great love. The difficult part in fighting evil is sincerely praying for those who embrace it. It is much easier to simply turn our backs on them and wish that they ceased to exist. Jesus gives us a much different command. And who among us is going to cast that stone when challenged? While I would like to think I have never done anything as horrible as killing others in the name of religion or the name of God, I do know that I have many regrettable and awful sins throughout my life. I also suspect that my failures and sinfulness are not over. I am weak, a sinner, and hope with confidence that God and my fellow human beings will continue to forgive me and show me great mercy. I must do the same without qualification or judgment. I cannot pick and choose who to forgive and I thank God that He does not do so, or I could be in for a very unpleasant surprise. Thank you, Lord, for your mercy and love.

A little more than a week ago, my wife and I went outside early one morning under a perfectly clear sky. It was 6:08 a.m. and the International Space Station was visible and very bright, streaking across the sky in four minutes. While space travel is relatively commonplace now, it is still amazing to witness something like this. There is a bright object, many miles above us in outer space, orbiting the earth quietly at 17,500 miles per hour, and there are people inside. So many philosophical, intellectual, and spiritual thoughts come to mind when witnessing this. How is it even possible? Physicists, engineers, and scientists must be pretty smart. How are the people aboard the station able to survive in weightlessness, constantly traveling at such a high speed? Maybe my grandmother was right and all these things are done in a studio somewhere in Hollywood. But there is no mistaking that bright light streaking across the sky. Can we even begin to comprehend how vast the universe is, since it is infinite? I could never get my small mind wrapped around that one. Are those people in the space station somehow closer to God than we are? And how do they stay grounded in weightlessness? Of course, God is neither nearer nor farther away in outer space. But the wonder and awe of space travel reminds us of the infinite and unlimited existence of our God, who also supplies the love, mercy, and grace we need to live. Those people in space are grounded by technology. We are grounded on earth by gravity. Most important, we remain grounded in the love and mercy of our God through the gravity of the Eucharist. The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is the spiritual nourishment we must have to remain firmly grounded to a life of faith, hope, and love. Our gravity is in our Lord, through the gift of Himself.

Our practical challenge this week is to consider what keeps us well-grounded. What is our gravity? How do we respond to that weekly, or more frequent, gift of the Eucharist? Gravity keeps our physical bodies grounded. The love and thanksgiving of the Eucharist keeps our souls grounded. We achieve more spiritual weightlessness the more we ignore the grace and mercy of our loving God. Take some time this weekend to really focus on what we are receiving at Mass in the Eucharist.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.

## Online Master of Arts in Theology and Christian Ministry at Franciscan

Taking a major step forward with its on-line offerings, Franciscan University of Steubenville is accepting candidates for its new online master of arts degree program in theology and Christian ministry.

"This program prepares you to serve the Church in a wide range of positions and introduces you to the entire deposit of faith as you grow closer to God personally," said Dr. Jacob Wood, Franciscan theology professor and director of the program.

The program begins on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and features the same courses students take in Franciscan's on-campus master of arts in theology program. It does not require an undergraduate degree in theology or previous theology experience.

"We've built this degree to help you 'think with the Church' at a very high level about your faith in a manner that is not intimidating," Wood said.

The course work is delivered in a media-rich learning environment that includes video lectures, video conferences, blogs, and discussion forums that provide fruitful interaction with fellow students and the professor, while remaining flexible for each student's work and life commitments.

Following two prerequisites, the program also includes a three-course sequence in dogmatic theology consisting of "The Trinity, Christ, and His Saving Work," "Church and the Sacraments," and "Sin and Grace, Mary, Eschatology, and the Four Last Things."

"The entire 14-course program opens students to a world of discussion and contemplation on the mysteries of the faith that has been a part of the Church since Mary pondered these things in her heart," Wood said. "It is a comprehen-

sive approach that gives you the tools to answer the questions you will encounter as you take on a leadership role in the new evangelization."

Franciscan is home to the nation's largest combined undergraduate theology and catechetics programs, with more than 625 students enrolled. Its on-campus MA theology program grew out of the success of the undergrad theology program in 1980. As demand for its dynamic orthodoxy spread beyond the traditional classroom setting, Franciscan added the online degree option to meet the needs of the Church in the digital age. The university's theology and catechetics programs are grounded in the magisterium of the Church and adhere to Christ's Gospel message and the entire deposit of faith and morals.

The online courses will be taught by Franciscan theology faculty members who are respected worldwide for their scholarly writing, research, speaking, and consulting work and for their writing and speaking in the public square.

All the university's theology faculty members have received a *mandatum* from the local bishop and taken an oath of fidelity in which they pledge to teach authentic Church doctrine.

The online MA in theology program is accredited by the North Central Higher Learning Commission and by the Ohio Board of Regents and adheres to the same rigorous academic standards of all Franciscan academic programs.

For more information on the new online master of theology in Christian ministry program or the on-campus MA theology program, go to <https://Franciscan.University/ma-theology> or contact Mike Bracelin at (740) 284-5239 or [mbracelin@Franciscan.edu](mailto:mbracelin@Franciscan.edu).

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## ODU PICKS DOUGHERTY FOR PHILOSOPHY CHAIR

Ohio Dominican University has selected Dr. Michael Dougherty for its Sister Ruth Caspar chair in philosophy. The endowed academic position was created in 2011 with support of a \$1.75 million gift from the Galvin Family Foundation in honor of William J. Galvin II, a member of the Ohio Dominican Class of 1979. Galvin died in 2008.

Galvin was a student of Sister Ruth Caspar, OP, for whom the chair is named. Sister Ruth, who graduated from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican) in 1956, was an award-winning professor in ODU's division of philosophy and theology for more than 30 years. She retired in 2003 and was named professor emeritus. She received an honorary doctor of humanities degree at ODU's Spring 2003 commencement. Galvin passed away in 2008.

"I am extremely humbled and honored to be named as the holder of this endowed academic position, especially one which bears the name of Sister

Ruth Caspar," Dougherty said. "This will provide me an outstanding opportunity to contribute to the great work our faculty and staff do at Ohio Dominican every day, and I look forward to seeing how the Galvin family's gift directly impacts our students inside and outside of the classroom."

"I am very pleased that Dr. Dougherty has been named to this esteemed post for his many notable contributions to our campus community," said Dr. Peter Cimboric, ODU president. "Throughout his 13-year distinguished career at Ohio Dominican, his outstanding instruction and research in the field of philosophy have helped to advance the university's mission, exemplify its commitment to academic excellence, and illustrate the importance of a private liberal arts education. The Galvin family's generosity



will provide him with the resources he needs to continue to conduct scholarly research and touch the lives of his students for years to come."

Dougherty has served as a professor of philosophy at ODU since 2015. Before that, he had been an assistant professor and associate professor at the university since

2003. His research interests include ethics and the history of philosophy. He is the author of *Moral Dilemmas in Medieval Thought: From Gratian to Aquinas* (Cambridge University Press, 2011), and has edited *Pico della Mirandola: New Essays* (2008) and *Aquinas's "Disputed Questions on Evil": A Critical Guide* (2016). He also has served as resident director for ODU's Education Abroad program in Rome.

Before joining ODU, Dougherty was an instructor at Marquette University

in Milwaukee.

He is a native of Phoenix and received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts in Merrimack, New Hampshire; a master of arts degree in philosophy from The Catholic University of America, and a doctorate in philosophy from Marquette.

Dougherty is a member of many professional organizations, including the American Catholic Philosophical Association, the Renaissance Society of America, the Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, and *Societe Internationale pour l'Etude de la Philosophie Medievale*. He is widely published in books and articles and has presented at numerous conferences.

In 2009, he received the Conley Award for Outstanding Teaching, which is presented annually to one professor who demonstrates excellence in teaching and dedication to students and ODU. The ODU student body selects the award recipient.

### DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DIRECTOR

The Catholic Diocese of Columbus is looking for a Director of the Development and Planning Office to build, direct and coordinate comprehensive stewardship and development programs for the Diocese by ensuring that the proper planning, communications, and fund-raising activities are implemented. In alignment with the Bishop, ensures all activities are conducted in support of the mission, philosophy and values of the Diocese to build a deeper awareness of the role of fiscal stewardship, in order to gain financial support for the needs of the people of the Diocese. The Director of the Development and Planning Office also supervises and directs all the activities of the Office.

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**Dominic Prunte, Director of Human Resources**  
at [dprunte@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:dprunte@columbuscatholic.org)

### Scapulars available at Holy Family Church

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild of Columbus Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., will give people an opportunity to receive the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel after the church's 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 2.

The program will mark the 100th anniversary of the three 1916 appearances of an angel of peace to the peasant children of Fatima, Portugal, in preparation for Our Lady of Fatima's appearances to them in 1917.

Mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a program including recitation of the rosary and Fatima prayers at 2 p.m.; the Chapel of Divine Mercy at 3, followed by private Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:30; and Mass at 5.

The scapular consists of two small brown woolen squares, usually with a devotional message or an illustration of the Virgin Mary, connected by a cord

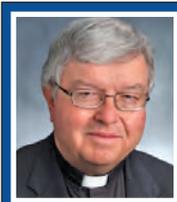
and worn over the head. Devotion to it goes back to the Virgin Mary's appearance to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite monk, in 1251 in Aylesford, England. She handed him a scapular and said, "This shall be a privilege for you and all Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall not suffer eternal fire."

In time, the Catholic Church extended this privilege to all the laity who are willing to be invested in the scapular and perpetually wear it. This must not be understood superstitiously or magically, but in light of Catholic teaching that perseverance in faith, hope, and love are required for salvation. The scapular is a powerful reminder of this Christian obligation and of Mary's promise to help those consecrated to her obtain their salvation.

Scapulars which are third-class relics of St. Padre Pio, having been touched to his blood and glove, will be available after the Oct. 2 Mass.

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## Ministers at Mass in shorts; Man and wife in heaven?



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: **FATHER KENNETH DOYLE**  
*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** Too often I have seen various ministers at the Mass wearing shorts. I find this to be the utmost irreverence. Would these same people wear shorts to dine with the president of the United States? Yet they wear shorts not only to dine with Our Lord, but to serve him as well.

I know that God probably doesn't care, but shouldn't we care how we present ourselves before him and act as his representatives? Shouldn't we dress our best for Mass -- which, after all, is the most important event we attend each week? (Upstate New York)

**A.** There is nothing in the church's universal *Code of Canon Law* as to how ministers of the Eucharist should be dressed -- which is logical, when one considers that the Catholic Church embraces the entire the world and that what is considered appropriate apparel varies widely around the globe. (I have been present at papal Masses in the interior of Africa that included liturgical dance by women in grass skirts -- all done reverently and enhancing the sense of worship.)

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, however, does speak to the issue when it observes that for all who are present at Mass, "bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest" (No. 1387).

Because taste in dress does differ (even within our own nation), it might seem wise for dioceses or parishes to draft their own guidelines -- and many, in fact, have done so.

Some are rather general, noting that ministers should dress in a way that is respectful, modest, and presentable -- often adding that clothing that is too casual or flamboyant can distract

### St. Paul Outreach Annual Dinner

Experience Catholic faith alive on college campuses by joining the students and missionaries of Saint Paul's Outreach at its annual banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 in the Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St., Columbus.

Hear from Bishop Frederick Campbell and SPO students about how God truly is a light in the darkness, as seen and experienced through fellowship, special events, study, and prayer on campus.

RSVP by Monday, Oct. 10 to <http://spo.org/ohio-banquet> or Dominic DeMatte at (614) 506-0751.

worshippers from the Eucharist. Others are quite specific; one parish in the Midwest directs that liturgical ministers should wear "no jeans, sweatpants or yoga pants; no shirts exposing the navel; no tight-fitting clothes; no shorts; no flip-flops."

For men, this means "no T-shirts (collared shirts only); no sleeveless shirts." For women, "no dress or skirt with a hem any higher than at or just above the knee; no spaghetti strap tops or tank tops or tube tops; no style of dress exposing bare shoulders or bare back; no style of dress exposing cleavage."

**Q.** My wife passed away three years ago, and I miss her very much. We were married for 63 years. What are the church's thoughts on the hereafter? Will we still be man and wife? (Milford, Iowa)

**A.** Your question is one frequently asked by those who are mourning deeply the death of a spouse. The response should bring you some comfort.

In one Gospel story (Mark 12:18-27), a question is posed to Jesus by the Sadducees, who did not believe in an afterlife; they wanted to know about a woman who had seven spouses successively, and which man would be her husband in heaven. Jesus explained that "when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven" (Mark 12:25).

Some have interpreted these words -- erroneously -- to mean there will be no continuing and special relationship in heaven between earthly spouses. Instead, what Christ simply meant was that the institution of marriage, as we have known it on earth, will be unnecessary in heaven.

There will be no need for procreation because no one will ever die; human companionship will not be required to satisfy our loneliness because the desire for intimacy will be fulfilled by knowing the Lord personally.

Still, though, the church does believe that the relationships we have enjoyed on earth will be transformed and enhanced as they continue in heaven.

A prayer frequently used at the end of funeral Masses has the priest saying, "Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother/sister. May our farewell express our affection for him/her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him/her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself."

*Questions may be sent to Father Doyle at [ask-fatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:ask-fatherdoyle@gmail.com) or 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.*



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*Answering God's Call***TWO DOMINICAN NOVICES DESCRIBE  
WHAT LED THEM TO BECOME SISTERS****Sisters Margaret Uche (left)  
and Ana Gonzalez**

by Tim Puet

The Dominican Sisters of Peace accepted two women into their novitiate during the congregation's annual assembly in July at Ohio Dominican University. After having spent a period known as candidacy living with other members of the congregation and discerning their readiness to enter more fully into the Dominican way of life, they now can use "sister" as part of their name.

Sisters Ana Gonzalez and Margaret Uche will spend the next two years focusing on their spirituality, their vows, and the mission of the congregation. After a year at the Dominican Collaborative Novitiate in St. Louis, living and studying with novices from other Dominican communities, they will discern their ministry with the congregation, possibly serving in one of its many ministries in ecology, education, health care, housing, and spiritual life in 23 states and Nigeria, Peru, and Honduras.

At the end of the novitiate, their discernment with the congregation may lead them to make a temporary profession of vows for three to six years, and eventually to a profession of perpetual vows.

Sister Ana and Sister Margaret both said their decision to enter the congregation came after a long period of self-examination. Both left busy secular careers because they felt something missing in their lives, which they believe they have found in the Dominican way of life, which has prayer, study, community, and ministry as its pillars. The Dominican Sisters of Peace live those values and aim to bring a peaceful presence wherever they are and wherever they live.

Before considering religious life, Sister Ana, 36, spent 10 years as a public relations representative for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in El Paso, Texas, the world's largest multicultural border community. She had moved to El Paso from Mexico City when she was 10. Her first experience with the Dominican Sisters came at Loyola University of New Orleans, from which she graduated in 2002. "I was young, inexperienced, and clueless then, but it was a great opportunity to be introduced to the sisters," she said.

She worked in New Orleans for a year, then returned to El Paso in 2003 after her mother was diagnosed with cancer. She received a master's degree in communication from the University of Texas-El Paso in 2012.

"I had my master's degree, was turning 30 and had been working for 10 years, but felt empty inside," she said. "I felt defined by what I was doing, not who I was. I began questioning my spirituality and revisiting some important people from my life. At that point, the question of entering the religious life began to surface. I hadn't considered it before, but recalled my interaction with talented, educated, dynamic Dominican Sisters of Peace in New Orleans.

"The sisters invited me to look at religious life, to use my skills and talent in communicating with people to serve God. I contacted Sister Cathy Arnold (at the time a member of the congregation's vocation team) and she invited me to a 'Come and See' retreat. Every time I went to one, I could feel something in me being stirred that was blossoming and life-giving," she said.

Later in 2012, Sister Ana became a community education liaison at the Dominicans' Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut. The following year, she applied to be a candidate, living in community with the sisters at the congregation's House of Welcome in New Haven and working with them in serving the community at St. Stanislaus Church there.

"In my secular life, I was a workaholic and didn't look forward to going home, but with

the sisters, I was eager to spend more of my time with them," she said. "I found a lot of joy and laughter. They encouraged me to grow. Inspired by what I was feeling, I discerned with the congregation that I was ready to become a novice," Sister Ana said.

She said one of the biggest difficulties she had to overcome in connection with her lifestyle change was the opposition of her father. "My mother always wanted me to get an education first and become a professional, but my father felt a woman's role should be that of a wife and mother," she said. "He has come to respect my choice, though he may not understand it. He says he just wants me to be happy. My mother was concerned at first that I would be lonely, but now that she has seen how I interact with the other sisters, she knows that won't be a problem."

Sister Margaret, 51, grew up in a Catholic family in Nigeria and attended a convent school there for a short time. She came to the United States 34 years ago to go to college in Minnesota and transferred to California State University-Dominguez Hills, where she received a degree in biology.

She moved to Sugar Land, Texas, and took a job as a lab technician. "I liked it, but I was interacting with microscopes, not people," she said. So she decided to enter nursing and attended the Victoria, Texas, campus of the University of Houston. After graduation there, she worked for a home-care agency, helping children who were dependent on a ventilator and had to live at home.

"This was when I started thinking seriously about my future," she said. "Nigerian culture believes a woman should not live alone at home, but I didn't think marriage was the right thing for me. My sisters in Nigeria were very concerned, and one day, one of them told me she spoke to a wise man who said I should consider praying about my vocation before the Blessed Sacrament.

"I followed that advice, and my mind and heart began to open," she said. "I remembered how much I enjoyed the convent school and decided to go to the Internet and research various orders of sisters. One of those orders was the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, Kansas, now part of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

"Their mission and charism interested me. As I kept reading, I realized they were the sisters who founded and taught in the convent school before a civil war forced them to leave the country.

"I got in touch with Sister Cathy and went to 'Come and See' retreats and felt a great peace and joy in talking with the sisters. Sister Cathy said she felt being a sister might be my true vocation, and as I met more sisters, I became touched by their love and compassion and felt, 'This is it,'" she said.

She moved to the House of Discernment of the Archdiocese of New Orleans in the fall of 2013 and spent a year there with other discerners, then moved to the Dominicans' House of Welcome in New Haven and became a candidate. She also was employed as a home care nurse there and volunteered at St. Stanislaus before being accepted into the novitiate.

"I'm happy with my decision to pursue religious life," she said. "Both my parents are deceased, but I think they would be very happy and supportive of my decision if they were alive today. I have a brother in Texas and one in Nigeria, plus four sisters in Nigeria, and they're also pleased about it. After my year in St. Louis, I hope to continue my nursing career and look forward to whatever I may be called to do in God's service."

## COLUMBUS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL 1956 CLASS ANNIVERSARY REUNION



Members of the Columbus Aquinas College High School Class of 1956 began their 60th-anniversary reunion at a Mass in Columbus St. Patrick Church, followed by a dinner and program in the church's Aquinas Hall. Aquinas High was operated by the Dominican Fathers from 1905 to 1965 in a building adjacent to the church. Columbus State Community College bought that building and used it for its first classrooms and offices. It remains part of the college today. The honored guest at the reunion was Father Regis Heuschkel, OP, who is 93 years old and was the class moderator and algebra teacher. Pictured are (from left): on floor, John Miller; seated, Jim Mentel, Dan Callaghan, Father Heuschkel, Tony Tiberi, Ray Bellisari, Jim Ryan, and Greg Swepston; standing, Jim Calhoun, Chuck Tonti, Bob Boehm, Mike Moriarty, Dave Sayer, Tony Giammarco, Tom Goble, Dick Bigham, Don Devereaux, Lou Vallette, Dick Riethmiller, Charles Pyles, Ralph Rohner, Jim Bugh, John Goetz, Dan Wehrle, Roger McNichols, Lee Miller, Sam Muldoon, and Frank McGarvey.

Photo courtesy Greg Swepston

## RICK BRUNETTO TO DIRECT THE ITALIAN FESTIVAL'S CONCERT BAND

Every year, the Columbus Italian Festival weaves a theme through the event. This year's festival will take place from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 7 to 9 on the grounds of St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St. Its *Festa Della Musica* theme comes from the perspective of its chairperson, Rick Brunetto, who has spent his life as a musician

and music teacher.

The cultural tent will include talks on Italian composers by Rocco Di Pietro, a history instructor from Columbus State Community College. Also new for festival guests will be live costumed scenes from Italian operas.

Brunetto teaches at Columbus St.

Charles Preparatory School, where he created the recording engineering program and is director of bands including a concert band, a jazz combo, a pep band, and the multiple-award-winning, St. Charles jazz ensemble.

Brunetto (*pictured in sash*) also is the leader and founder of the 18-piece Rick Brunetto Big Band, which recently celebrated its 27th year of Thursday night appearances at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant. He recently returned from Capital Records in Los Angeles, where he contributed an arrange-

ment to Deana Martin's soon-to-be-released album *Swing Street*.

The Brunetto band will play at the festival's headline show at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, along with Sunny 95 radio's Dino and Stacy, plus Elio Scaccio with Two Gents and The Lady.

Brunetto will direct the festival's concert band at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the festival tent. The Mass will include Andrea Bocelli's *The Prayer*, arranged by Brunetto and sung by Scaccio and St. John the Baptist music director Gina Bishop.





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## Teach On, Learn On, Love On, Travel On

Did you ever want to go as far as your eye could see? Just over the ridge, on the other side of the mountain lies the cliff that will lead you to the sea. Can you imagine the glory of that moment when you realize you are in the presence of nature so miraculous it changes you? Are you the one who looks to the sky, or do you look no farther than the limits of your own nose?

It often takes a leap of faith to picture a future cheerfully painted and carefully drawn. We are, at a glance, afraid to go away from what we are comfortable doing. Familiarity is the weapon of choice for most Catholics today. In our ever-changing world, we must not conform to man's idea of philosophy or society, but embrace the immortality of grace and peace so fully given to us by the creator. Much of the world today is so mired in correctness that we forget the simplicity of what Christ taught us – to love each other and to understand that our differences make us so much alike.

Conflict arises when people of good nature begin acting as if they were born in a barn. Don't laugh! Remember, our Savior was birthed in a stable. We need to temper our emotion with common sense and



### MEN BY FAITH

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let logic take its due course. During my travels in this nation and abroad, I have experienced other cultures and have come to realize, in that old familiar phrase, that what unites us does not divide us. Families go about their lives in much the same way. Learning from others makes us more tolerant of what we cannot seem to understand.

If we are to be the generation of compassionate change, we must use all the knowledge and temperament our loved ones have passed on to us. Listen to them. For in youth, we tend to overlook their sacrifices, but in adulthood, we begin to see fully the wisdom through which they speak.

We seek out the truth, but admittedly, the answers are all right there, within our own hearts and in

Christ's capacity for forgiveness. By this sharing, we learn to overcome the adversities those who have come before us have already experienced.

St. Augustine once said, "The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page." Do not become one of those who does not turn the page. What waits for you on the other side are those experiences that can touch so many lives. It is right to say, therefore, that a constantly busy hand makes up for what society lacks in emotional courage.

Seeing new places, looking into fresh eyes, placing your heart on your sleeve makes you vulnerable to becoming part of many cultures. Allow yourself to be immersed, with all your senses. There are so many wonderful places to be visited. But remember that no matter how long you roam, there is none closer than the human heart. Teach on, learn on, love on, travel on.

May the wind be forever at your back, may your travels bring to you understanding, and may His peace be with you always.

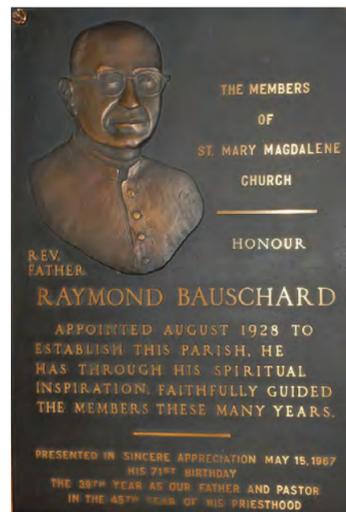
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## 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION OF ST. FRANCIS DESALES CLASS OF 1966



The Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Class of 1966 had its 50th reunion at the school last month. Class members in May had joined principal Dan Garrick, the faculty, and the Class of 2016 in the school's newest tradition by leading the procession for commencement ceremonies. Photo/DeSales High School

# COLUMBUS ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH



**BY TIM PUET**  
Reporter, Catholic Times

When Father Stan Benecki needs help at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, he has plenty of people ready to answer the call.

“We’re a relatively small parish, with about 540 families,” said Father Benecki, who has been the church’s pastor for 15 years. “Those numbers have been trending downward for some time because of plant closings and population shifts on the west side of Columbus. But among those who have remained, there’s a strong

group of people who have been parishioners for years and remain active in parish life.”

“It’s amazing how many people are involved in ministries,” said parishioner Mary Ann Graham. “When you add up the number of extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, readers, greeters, servers, and people in bereavement and music ministries, it comes to about 125. That would be a good number for a much larger parish. Add the people working with the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) and you’ll get a few dozen more.”

“The greatest thing about our parish is the volunteer spirit,” said Jim Slee, chairman of the committee for the annual parish festival, which takes place on the second weekend of June each year. “We have about 160 volunteers from the parish, plus Boy Scouts and members of a Venture crew,” the Scouts’ youth development program for young men and women ages 14 to 21. “Without them, we couldn’t put on a festival.”

“The festival is the church’s biggest fundraiser (providing about \$14,000 last year), but more important is how it serves as an outreach for the parish. It’s the big event of the summer for the parish neighborhood, and has been for about 50 years, bringing former parishioners back home and strengthening our link with the community,” Father Benecki said.

Toward the end of June, the parish sponsors a yard sale on the same weekend as the Hilltop Bean Dinner, a West Side community event whose history dates back to the 1930s. The sale benefits the parish while demonstrating care for the earth by recycling household goods. Any unsold items are donated to charitable organizations. A craft sale offering homemade items for sale in time for the holidays (pictured at right) takes place at the parish in November. The date for this year’s event is Nov. 12.

Another significant neighborhood outreach is provided through several playing fields that are part of the parish campus and are used by both the parish’s school and its baseball and softball organization. The program has 18 to 20 teams and attracts 200

to 250 young people ages five to 14 each summer from the nearby area and from Columbus St. Brendan and Hilliard St. Cecilia churches and elsewhere.

The program’s director, Julius Palazzo, has been part of the St. Mary Magdalene community all his life, attending school there from 1960-68 and teaching at the school since 1976, making this academic year his 41st as a faculty member. He is the eighth-grade homeroom teacher, is an instructor of religion, social studies, and science, and has worked for many years with the Diocesan Recreation Association, where he serves as athletic director for grade schools.

Asked what keeps him returning every year, Palazzo replied, “It’s home. That’s a simple way to put it, but there’s really no place like this. St. Mary Magdalene is what I know. It’s part of who I am.”

The parish is almost 90 years old, having been established on May 6, 1927. About 14 months later, Father Raymond Bauschard began a 40-year tenure as pastor. A combined church and school building at 2940 Parkside Road was built in 1929 and now houses students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Classrooms for sixth- through eighth-graders, plus art and music activities, are in a building across the street that was built in 1950 as an activity center known as St. Raymond Hall. The former rectory, renamed Father Bauschard Hall, serves as a preschool. A computer lab and a library are located in a separate modular building. A former convent, now Bishop Campbell Hall, is a meeting center and houses the parish food pantry.

The current church building at 473 S. Roys Ave. was built in 1956, when the parish was at its peak size of about 875 families. It is notable for its interior mosaics, added in 1966. These include eight scenes above the altar depicting the history of sacrifice, from the high priest Melchizedek through the crucifixion of Jesus. The current rectory was built in 1959.

“It’s such a beautiful church,” said Gloria Angelo, a past parish council

president. “Many people who moved out of the neighborhood still come back here for Mass because the building continues to inspire them.”

“One of the great stories about the parish is the turnaround at our school during the last five years,” Father Benecki said. “Enrollment has gone up significantly, even with the number of parishioners becoming smaller.” Rocco Fumi, the school’s principal for the past 15 years, said it has 250 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, representing an increase of about 100 from its enrollment in 2011, plus another 30 in preschool.

“Enrollment has gone up in each of the last five years,” he said. “Much of that is because of an increase in the number of Latino students coming here from our parish and from Columbus St. Stephen and St. Agnes churches,” all of which have large Latino communities. Fumi said 106 of the school’s 250 students are of Latino background.

Students from Columbus Holy Family, St. Aloysius, St. Ladislav, and St. Patrick churches, which no longer have schools of their own, also attend St. Mary Magdalene School, as do non-Catholic students from throughout the west side. About 100 students take part in a breakfast program before the start of the school day, and 40 to 50 are involved in an after-school latchkey program.

“Children and their parents feel safe here,” Fumi said. “They also appreciate our ongoing efforts to strengthen our ties with the Latino community. Every year before school starts, I speak at St. Stephen and St. Agnes, the two west-side parishes with the largest Latino population. The pastors and parishioners there have been very welcoming.”

“We send all our communications home in Spanish and English and we’ve just hired a new teacher aide who is Spanish-speaking,” he said. “In past years, we’ve had teachers learn simple welcoming phrases in Spanish. We’ve also benefited over the years from having parents who have helped interpret, and we recently purchased Mass cards so the children can learn the Spanish versions of all the Mass responses, especially



**Left:** St. Mary Magdalene Church meditation terrace. **Right:** Parishioners (from left): first row, Dorothy Scales, Cindy Oddi, Pat Martindale; second row, Gloria Angelo, Bobbi Lindner, Mary Ann Graham, Maureen Ranney; third row, Father Stan Benecki, Jim Slee, Dick Rammel, Dee Slee, Joff Maine. Photo courtesy St. Mary Magdalene Church (left); CT photos by Tim Puet

the Our Father.

“Parents often tell me how much they appreciate the partnership of education and the Catholic faith our school provides,” Fumi said. “You don’t find this in public schools, and many private schools have gotten away from making prayer and faith a key part of the curriculum. It’s nice to begin every day with the Pledge of Allegiance and to end every day with prayer, and to go to Mass once a week.”

Students in grades six to eight attend Mass every Tuesday, with Mass for the younger grades every Thursday. Father Benecki meets each week with one class from each of the school’s two buildings. The classes take turns being responsible for preparing the readings and the presentation of gifts for each week’s Mass.

“As someone who was raised Catholic and is a strong believer in Catholic schools, it’s gratifying every year to see that a large majority of our eighth-grade graduates who leave here continue their Catholic education,” Fumi said. “Most go to Bishop Ready (High School). We’re their biggest feeder school by far on a percentage basis. We usually have one or two graduates going on to St. Charles (Preparatory School). Last year, we had one at the new Cristo Rey High School for the first time.”

“Four of our teachers, three teacher aides, our librarian, and a preschool teacher are former St. Mary Magdalene students. Many of our current students are the children and grand-

children of alumni, including three or four whose parents were students here when I became principal. I think that says a lot about us,” he said.

The PREP program, directed by Cindy Oddi, a 1964 graduate of the school who has been part of the parish staff since 1985, serves all three parishes in Columbus’ Hilltop neighborhood – St. Mary Magdalene, St. Agnes, and St. Aloysius.

It has about 200 non-parochial school students from kindergarten through confirmation age, which in some cases is as old as 18. They meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays for religious instruction and, depending on age and readiness, to prepare for reception of the sacraments of the Eucharist, Recon-

ciliation, and Confirmation.

Oddi said that like the school, the PREP program is changing to adapt to the needs of the Latino community. “We now offer English as a Second Language classes for parents,” she said. “For many, their involvement in PREP is educating them and their children in the Catholic faith together. We’re beginning to offer some sacramental programs completely in Spanish.”

“PREP now is feeding both the body and the soul, because it has started a meal program on Thursday nights with the help of an Edmond J. Goold grant from The Catholic Foundation,” Oddi added.

She said the parish does not have

a youth group, but encourages involvement of high-school students in its ministries, and that idea has seemed to work well. “It’s been my experience that many high-school ministries seem to fade out after a few years,” she said. “When young people work with adults in parish life, that involvement tends to stick with them as they grow older.”

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been an integral part of the parish for most of its history. “Pope Francis’ declaration of this as a Year of Mercy has significant meaning for us, because performing the corporal works of mercy describes what

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we're all about in assisting to those in need," said Joff Moine, one of the society's most active members at both the parish and diocesan levels.

"Our parish St. Vincent de Paul conference is a vibrant, diverse group of all ages and ethnicities, united in its desire to serve. We collect money and food on the four Sundays each year that are fifth Sundays of the month, and have a collection of canned and dry goods on the first Sunday of every month. The school and the PREP program both support the canned and dry goods collection."

The society also assists with the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner at St. Aloysius, conducts an Advent Giving Tree program, and collects coats and clothing for the St. Francis Center in McArthur. It organized the parish bereavement committee in 1993 and continues to be a part of the group, along with other parish organizations.

Moine recently spoke about care of the homebound as part of a series of talks related to various aspects of the Year of Mercy which have been presented throughout the year by the parish and the diocesan Office for Social Concerns and sponsored by The Catholic Foundation.

Remaining talks in the series are at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 31, with Lisa Keita of the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs speaking on feeding and clothing the poor, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, with Kambra Malone of the Back in His Arms Again ministry discussing burial of the dead.

A garden club has been part of parish life since the 1990s. It recently dug up and replanted two flower beds and repaired a sprinkler system because of water issues, and is raising money to renovate two other beds with cement pots. Its main source of income is a Christmas cookie sale.

"The club has won many awards in Hilltop competitions. You can see the difference it's made by viewing old pictures," Father Benecki said. "Years ago, we didn't have a single tree, just stone buildings. It looked pretty barren. Now we have beautiful plants in great variety throughout the grounds."

Knights of Columbus Council 13581 serves the parish and is named for Father Bauschard. Its grand knight, Richard Rammell, said it will be sponsoring an annual "Trunk or Treat" Halloween program next month, providing treats and judging costumes for 100 to 200 children from the parish neighborhood. A pancake breakfast will follow in November.

The council has about 50 members. It also conducts essay and art competitions and a basketball free-throw shooting contest at the school every year, collects funds for the diocesan religious vocations program and the Ohio Knights' annual Measure-Up campaign for the developmentally disabled, and maintains the scene of the empty tomb of Christ which is placed every year in the church at Easter time.

The parish music program is directed by Dan DiSanto and includes music from a traditional choir at the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass, a guitar group at 11 a.m., and a cantor and organist at 4 p.m. Saturday. For the past several years, the parish also has hosted an Advent concert presented by a local group. Last year's concert featured the Bakhita Dancers of Columbus St. Dominic Church.

A Eucharistic Holy Hour takes place after the 8:15 a.m. Mass on the second Monday of the month, and there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. to noon every fourth Saturday of the month in Campbell Hall.

By far the parish's longest-running activity is its Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, which Father Bauschard began in May 1934. It has continued uninterrupted on Mondays for 82 years. During World War II, the novena prayers were said 10 times a day because of the large crowds they drew. Today, the novena is part of the parish's 8:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday Masses. The crowds may be smaller, with about 25 people at each Mass and a larger number during Lent, but the tradition continues.

As longtime parishioner Sandy Bonneville puts it, "If I were to describe my parish in two words, they would be 'traditional' and 'progressive,' St. Mary Magdalene is solidly rooted in rich Catholic tradition and identity,

and we are always striving to apply our Christ-centered hearts and mindset to today's world and society."

Another parish member, Bobbi Lindner, was a Lutheran pastor for nearly 25 years before she and her husband became Catholics, in part through their work in deaf ministry with Father Benecki, who provides signing for the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass.

She said she lives closer to three other Catholic churches and passes a fourth on her way to St. Mary Magdalene, but "came to love SMM for its beauty and spirit."

"We are far from perfect as a parish," Lindner said, "but we try, and most importantly, we are a family who love each other and are there for each other. Becoming Catholic was life-changing for me, and with others in this parish, I want to share that Catholic understanding all over this neighborhood, this city, this world."

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## Bimonthly Healing Mass on September 19 at Saint Joseph Cathedral

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The healing service will follow Mass and will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of a relic of the True Cross of Christ, followed by an opportunity for each person present to speak individually with a priest and receive healing prayer. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick also will be available. The service will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited, especially those who suffer from physical illness and infirmities, in addition to those seeking emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community also are invited.

The next bimonthly healing Mass at the cathedral will be on Monday, Nov. 20.

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## 9-11 Tribute at Columbus Immaculate Conception



Students and staff of Columbus Immaculate Conception School gathered at the school's flagpole for a Sept. 11 memorial service, led by Tricia Love's sixth-grade class. Students listened to a brief account of the day and prayed for peace, for those who were lost on that day, all the heroes of that day, and those who have fought and continue to fight for our freedoms. The service ended with the Pledge of Allegiance, then everyone returned to the school in silence. The students were not born when the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 occurred, but all staff members can recall exactly where they were when they saw what was happening or heard about it.

Photo courtesy Immaculate Conception School



## Blue Mass honors first responders

Columbus St. Timothy Church hosted the diocese's annual Blue Mass on Thursday, Sept. 8. The observance, which took place this year on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, served as a reminder of the lives lost in the terrorist attacks that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001 and honored all the dedicated men and women in law enforcement and fire departments, emergency medical personnel, and others who are first responders in time of tragedy.

In his homily, Bishop Frederick Campbell said, "We come together today to celebrate the Feast of the Birth of Mary, but we gather also to remember those who not only have been in danger's way, but in fact offered their lives for the defense of good. I remember, as if it were yesterday, watching those events of 9-11 unfold. Here in the midst of what actually was an act of war, the ones who responded first, the ones who really deserved to be called heroes, were the ones who were among us always and who reacted, knew what they had to do, that even in the midst of these horrific events they worked, even endangering their own lives, that good might overcome evil. And we are grateful.

"So there are always going to be touches of sorrow, but it is important for us to remember that even in sorrow, there lies both humility and hope. And as Christians, we are called to take hope in the fundamental knowledge that darkness cannot extinguish the Light."

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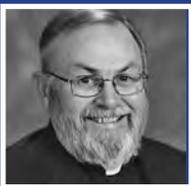
## ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Pictured are many of the 60 Columbus St. Anthony School students who visited the school library during the summer months to take accelerated reading quizzes and to check out books.

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

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**Amos 8:4-7;  
1 Timothy 2:1-8;  
Luke 16:1-13**

Politicians often quote the Scriptures to highlight this or that position. It is a sure bet that the prophet Amos is not in their collection of favorite Bible quotes. Amos was an eighth century BC (circa 780-740 BC) shepherd who was chosen by the Lord to condemn the social injustices of his day. He spoke to the northern kingdom of Israel at the sanctuary in Bethel.

His description of life in this period is sobering: "You who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!" He depicts their eagerness to be done with festival days ("the new moon" and the Sabbaths) so that they can get back to the business of business ("selling our grain and wheat").

What is worse is that they "diminish the *ephah*, add

### "Wild Goose" DVD Series

"The Wild Goose," a series of DVDs about different aspects of the Holy Spirit, will be presented on seven consecutive Sundays from Sept. 25 to Nov. 7 at Columbus Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus.

Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, of Franciscan University of Steubenville, director of the Franciscan Pathways missionary outreach organization, is the presenter for the 14-part series, which is intended to help people develop a deeper relationship with the Spirit. Two parts will be shown each week.

The series is being sponsored by the Christ the King Prayer Group and the Columbus Catholic Renewal. For more information, contact Cheryl Shroyer at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church at (614) 861-1242.

### Circleville Mission

Circleville St. Joseph Church, 134 W. Mound St., will host a Year of Mercy parish mission from Sunday to Tuesday, Sept. 18 to 20. Father Thomas Blau, OP, parochial vicar at Columbus St. Patrick Church, who has been appointed a missionary of mercy by Pope Francis, will be the speaker.

Talks will be at 7 p.m. daily, with confessions being heard from 6 to 6:50 on Monday and Tuesday. The mission will conclude with a Mass at 7:45 Tuesday, followed by a reception.

to the *shekel* and fix our scales for cheating." The *ephah* was a standard measure for grain (about a half-bushel), so they were selling less than a half-bushel, but calling it an ephah. A *shekel* also was originally a weight, but eventually became a coin. At the time of Amos, it was still a weight which business people used to their advantage. Fixing their scales is obvious.

We know that we still find ourselves victimized by the unscrupulous, who will do anything they can to cheat the unwary. Today, we hear of credit card fraud and identity theft, but it is still the poor who are exploited the most. They suffer at the hands of absentee landlords, lack of police protection, and crushing debt. The Lord has sworn not to forget this evil. May it ever be so!

The Gospel presents the parable of the dishonest steward, which is unique to Luke. In addition to the parable, Luke adds several sayings which are not part of the parable proper, but they add indirect comments generated by the original parable.

The parable begins with the report of the steward's bad stewardship and his firing by the rich man. He prepares for his life of unemployment after reflecting on what he might do. "To dig I am not able, to beg I am ashamed" once translated this classic line. He then sets out to right some wrongs by adjusting what the debtors owe their lord. It has been suggested that he had added his own commission to what the various debtors owed. Thus, he is not really stealing from his master so much as reducing (or eliminating) what he would have made from each debtor, in order to ingratiate himself with them when he is finally let go. Verse 8 says "the master (in Greek, *kyrios*) commended the steward for acting prudently!" It is not clear whether this is meant to refer to Jesus or to the rich man of the parable, who was called *kyrios* in the parable itself. Here it probably refers to the rich man. The steward reduced his dependence on the material goods he had coming, in response to his new unemployed status. So the disciples were faced with a new status as disciples, which required their "hating themselves and their own possessions" to follow Jesus (see Gospel for Sept. 4).

The following sayings may well be later applications of the original parable to other situations which had arisen in Luke's church. Perhaps the last saying ("No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other") is the most easily understood. "You cannot serve both God and mammon (or *wealth*)" better explains the others. In the teaching of Jesus, wealth is a hindrance to entering the Kingdom of God. Those who choose to serve money cannot at the same time serve God.

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## The Weekday Bible Readings

### MONDAY

Proverbs 3:27-34  
Psalm 15:2-4b,5  
Luke 8:16-18

### TUESDAY

Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13  
Psalm 119:1,27,30,34-35,44  
Luke 8:19-21

### WEDNESDAY

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13  
Psalm 19:2-5  
Matthew 9:9-13

### THURSDAY

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11  
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17bc  
Luke 9:7-9

### FRIDAY

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Psalm 144:1b,2abc,3-4  
Luke 9:18-22

### SATURDAY

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8  
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17  
Luke 9:43b-45

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

### SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378).

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

### DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

We pray Week I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

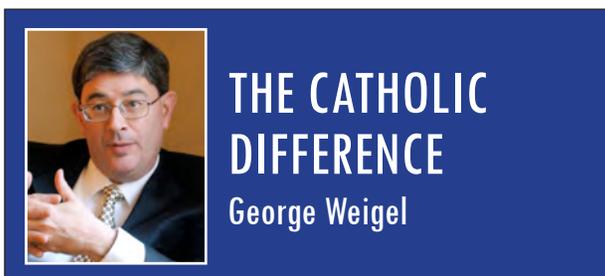
# Catholicism's empty quarter

The exit signs along Autoroute 40 between the former capital of New France and Montreal are a veritable Litany of the Saints: Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, Saint-Nicolas, Saint-Basile-Sud, Sainte-Catherine-de-la-Jacques-Cartier, Notre-Dame-de-Portneuf, Saint-Marc-des-Carrieres, Sainte-Anne-de-la-Perade, Saint-Pierre-les-Becquets, Sainte-Genevieve-de-Batiscan, Saint-Luc-de-Vincennes, Saint Maurice, Saint-Louis-de-France, Saint-Leon-le-Grand, down through L'Assomption and Sainte-Terese.

The same pattern prevails here in Quebec City, both the old town and the new. The index on my map lists 186 street names from "Saint-Adelard" to "Saint-Yves" and continues with another 34 from "Ste.-Angele" to "Ste.-Ursule." Those names evoke memories of a unique culture charmingly captured in Willa Cather's *Shadows on the Rock*, and a history of Catholic devotion unparalleled north of the Rio Grande.

Quebec City is also home to the relics of two of Catholicism's newest saints, both canonized by Pope Francis in 2014: St. Marie de l'Incarnation (1599-1672), a mystically gifted Ursuline nun who helped found New France's first schools for girls and native peoples, and St. Francois de Montmorency-Laval (1623-1708), the first residential Catholic bishop in North America. After praying at Laval's tomb, I noticed a memorial plaque more revelatory of the current state of Catholicism in Quebec than the province's notable register of saints.

The plaque had been placed in the cathedral in 2008 during the civic celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of New France, and it read like this (my translation): "The Society for the 400th Anniversary of Quebec, through its president, Mr. Jean Leclerc, pays homage to bishops, priests, and reli-



## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

George Weigel

gious communities of men and women for their exceptional contributions to the history and the culture of the people of Quebec." A generous sentiment, to be sure. But what about the contributions of those bishops, priests, brothers, and sisters to the beatitude and salvation of *les Quebecois*?

Quebec, a flourishing Catholic region for centuries, is now Catholicism's empty quarter in the Western Hemisphere. There is no more religiously arid place between the North Pole and Tierra del Fuego. There may be no more religiously arid place on the planet. And it all happened in the blink of an eye. In 1937, a half-million *Quebecois* poured into the streets of Montreal for the funeral procession of Brother Andre of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, a passionate devotee of St. Joseph and a worker of miraculous cures, who would be canonized by Pope Benedict XVI as St. Andre Bessette. Eighty years later, no such demonstration of piety in *La Belle Province* could be imagined – except if *Les Habitants*, otherwise known as the Canadiens, won the Stanley Cup, and that would involve a rather different sort of piety.

What happened?

It's often struck me that there are intriguing parallels among four intensely Catholic places that went all-in

secular during the late 20th century: Quebec, Spain, Portugal, and Ireland. The differences are obvious, but look at the similarities. In each case, the Church, and especially its clergy, was deeply entangled with politics and state power. In each case, authoritarian government long prevailed, in marked contrast to other parts of the West. In each case, the inevitable confrontation between Catholicism and modernity was deferred as long as possible – not least through that Church-state entanglement. And in each case, when the tidal wave of modernity hit, it swept all before it within a generation.

When my summer neighbors here in Quebec were growing up, their parents sought the intercession of Brother Andre for their sick. Today, three members of my summer parish each were asked, on being given a diagnosis of cancer, whether they wished to be euthanized – and that was the *first* question put to them. *Le quart vide de catholicisme* in North America is about to become this continent's premier state-sponsored killing ground of the inconveniently ill and elderly, and it seems likely that the severely disabled won't be far behind. Yet Quebec's Catholic leadership is virtually invisible in public life and there is little indication that the New Evangelization has gotten any significant traction here.

Quebec, once home to legions of confessors of the faith, badly needs such men and women again. They will only emerge from a faith as intense as that which once drove Francois Laval and Marie de l'Incarnation from the comforts of Europe to a then-bleak rock overlooking the St. Lawrence River.

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Blake Trotter is ready for his first day of kindergarten at Westerville St. Paul school on Thursday, Sept. 7.

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## Pray for our dead

- ASENCIO, Frankie J., 69, Sept. 3**  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin
- BENEDETTI, Nancy L., 65, Sept. 9**  
St. Michael Church, Worthington
- BLUBAUGH, Kathleen (Frye), 86, Aug. 15**  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon
- BORDENKIRCHER, Louis, 76, Sept. 7**  
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton
- CALDWELL, Bernadette T. (Dorsey), 78, Sept. 10**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell
- CERESNA, Ivan, 97, Sept. 6**  
St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Columbus
- CONTE, Jeanne (Larner), 88, Aug. 31**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus
- DOTTER, Robert J., 73, Sept. 4**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus
- GORBY, John R., 81, Sept. 4**  
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville
- HOLDER, Markus J. Jr., 36, Sept. 1**  
St. Dominic Church, Columbus
- HUMPHREY, Leo E., 74, Sept. 5**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington
- KINGTON, Bette L. "Missy" (Romer), 93, Sept. 6**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus
- KRIST, Milton L., 95, Sept. 3**  
St. Mary Church, Marion
- LORENZ, James E., 83, Sept. 8**  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus
- MAYER, Carl H., 72, Sept. 8**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus
- McGEE, John "JJ," 54, Sept. 6**  
St. Mary Church, Lancaster
- McKENZIE, Mary Jane (Ferguson), 81, Sept. 5**  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon
- MEEHAN, Joseph E., 68, Aug. 26**  
St. Mary Church, Columbus
- MILLAR, Mark A., 39, Sept. 3**  
St. James the Less Church, Columbus
- MONTE, Anna E. (McGrattan), 74, Sept. 3**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus
- MUSIC, William T., 69, formerly of Columbus, Sept. 5**  
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, Pa.
- PARKER, Dr. G. William, 81, Sept. 5**  
St. Mary Church, Delaware
- PELLERITE, Pauline L. (Mihalka), 90, Sept. 6**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark
- PLESCHER, Maria (Eros), 95, Sept. 4**  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville
- POZDERAC, Helen G. (Gruszecki), 90, of Utica, Sept. 7**  
St. John the Evangelist Church, Summitville
- ROSS, Dorothy (Zicarelli), 93, Sept. 1**  
St. Mary Church, Marion
- SCHMITZ, Jerome E., 76, Sept. 7**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell
- SHANTERY, Richard, 50, of Powell, Sept. 8**  
St. Columbkille Church, Parma
- SPEEDING, Margaret E. (Green), 97, Sept. 4**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville
- TAYLOR, Patricia (Jean), 79, Sept. 1**  
St. Mary Church, Marion
- TOOPES, David E., 63, Sept. 3**  
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna
- VOISARD, Mark A., 53, Sept. 7**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

## Parents of special-needs children meeting

The Columbus St. Catharine School SPICE (Special People In Catholic Education) program is sponsoring a meeting for parents of children with special needs who desire that their child have a Catholic education or who have a child with special needs in a Catholic school or religious education program. It will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 in the Cavello Center at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St.

It has been a long time since such a

meeting has taken place in the diocese. It will include parents whose special-needs children have attended or are attending Catholic schools, as well as principals of Catholic schools who support the philosophy that inclusion is good for everyone. There will be a brief look at the Church's teachings on including individuals with special needs, a talk by a Catholic Conference of Ohio representative on resources available to parents, schools, and parishes, and a question-and-answer period.

## K of C star councils

Twenty-two Knights of Columbus councils in the Diocese of Columbus have earned the distinction of Star Council, one of the organization's top awards, for the 2015-2016 fraternal year.

They are Portsmouth Council 741; Kenton Council 1597; Dover Council 1973; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 4603, Grove City; Father Andrew Homan Council 5253, Reynoldsburg; Marysville Council 5534; Westerville Council 5776; Immaculate Heart Council 5899, Columbus; New Albany Council 10941; Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Council 11188, Columbus; St. Patrick Council 11207, Columbus; St. Brendan Council 11208, Hilliard; St. Peter Council 11216, Columbus; St. Michael Council 11445, Worthington; Father Edward Fitzgerald Council 12772, Plain City; St. Margaret of Cortona Council 12939, Columbus; Holy Family Council 13428, Columbus; Our Lady of Peace Council 14282, Columbus; Sacred Hearts Council 14671, Cardington; Immaculate Conception Council 14962, Columbus; Pontifical College Josephinum Council 15009, Columbus; and Angelic Warriors Council 15824, Zanesville.

The Star Council award is the attainment of the Father McGivney Award for membership growth, the Founders' Award for insurance membership growth, and the Columbian Award for

service programs.

The Father McGivney Award, named for Venerable Father Michael McGivney, who founded the Knights in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, is awarded to councils that achieve a seven percent net gain in membership and that host or participate in four first-degree exemplification ceremonies to admit new members.

The Founders' Award is presented when a council meets or exceeds a 2.5 percent net gain of insurance members for the fraternal year. Councils with less than 100 members need a net gain of three insurance members.

The Columbian Award is presented to councils that conduct at least four activities in the areas of church, community, council, culture of life, family, and youth.

A total of 2,178 of the order's more than 16,000 councils received the 2015-2016 Star Council honor.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the church, their communities, families, and young people. With more than 1.8 million members around the world, the Knights of Columbus annually donates more than \$170 million and 70 million hours of service to charitable causes. Visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) for more information.

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## H A P P E N I N G S

## SEPTEMBER

## 15, THURSDAY

**Centering Prayer Program at Newman Center**

Noon and 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Introduction to centering prayer with Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP. 614-291-4674, ext. 106

**Cenacle at Holy Name**

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

**Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart**

7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. 614-372-5249

**Abortion Recovery Network Group**

7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

## 16, FRIDAY

**Workshop On Church's Revised Marriage Rite**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Workshop sponsored by diocesan Office of Divine Worship on Catholic Church's revised "Order of Celebrating Matrimony," which is now optional and becomes mandatory on Dec. 30. For priests, deacons, musicians, and lay leaders who prepare couples for marriage. \$20, includes refreshments, lunch. 614-221-4640

**Bethesda Afternoon of Remembrance**

1 to 4 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum,

7625 N. High St., Columbus. Afternoon of prayerful remembrance and intercession for everyone who has been impacted by abortion, sponsored by Bethesda Healing Ministry. Includes Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary. 614-309-7958 or 614-537-6452

## 17, SATURDAY

**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**

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

**Undergraduate Open House at Ohio Dominican**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective undergraduate students. Includes meal.

**Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Field Day**

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Field day including walks, programs, and hayrides. \$5 per car. 614-866-4302

**Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi**

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

**Birthright of Columbus Annual Luncheon**

11 a.m., Mozart's restaurant, 4784 N. High St., Columbus. Birthright of Columbus annual fundraising luncheon, including style show of women's and children's clothing, silent auction, and raffle. Tickets \$35. 614-888-0917

**Serra Club of North Columbus Luncheon for Sisters**

11:30 a.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus luncheon for all religious sisters of the diocese. Reservations required. 614-529-0230

## 18, SUNDAY

**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Informing, Forming, and Transforming Disciples in Jesus Christ" with Judi Engel of the diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis.

**Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family**

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

**Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick**

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

**Dominicans' 800th Anniversary Picnic at Somerset**

1 to 4:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 5757 State Route 383 N.E., Somerset. Picnic at Ohio's oldest Catholic parish to mark the 800th anniversary of the Dominican Order, ending with Vespers in the church. Meat, beverages provided. Those with last names ending in A to M should bring dessert and N to Z should bring a side dish. Donations accepted. Rain or shine. Bring lawn chairs; inside seating also available. RSVP to 740-743-1317.

**St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans**

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676

**Catholic Record Society Meeting**

2 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Catholic Record Society quarterly meeting, featuring Msgrs. William Dunn and John Cody and Fathers Peter Gideon and Michael Watson discussing St. Michael's 60

years as a parish, followed by business meeting and reception. 614-268-4166

**Cathedral Concert Series**

3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Organ concert featuring Todd Wilson, head of the organ department at the Cleveland Institute of Music. \$10 suggested donation. 614-241-2526

**Healing Retreat at Christ the King**

3:30 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. "Set Apart for Healing" retreat sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal (formerly Catholic Charismatic Renewal). Begins with rosary, followed from 4 to 5 by praise adoration with Living Stones band and individual prayer with trained teams (Reconciliation available from 4 to 4:50) and Mass at 5, celebrated by Father J.R. Hadnagy, OFM Conv. of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered. Fellowship follows Mass; bring a dish to share. 614-582-1721

**Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi**

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

**Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King**

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

**Catholic Conversations Series**

6 to 8 p.m., Sports on Tap, 4030 Main St., Hilliard. Columbus Brewing Co., 525 Short St., Columbus. Monthly Catholic Conversations series for anyone 21 and older, sponsored by Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona and Hilliard St. Brendan churches. Speaker: Father Timothy Hayes, pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church, on "New Ecclesial Movements." RSVP to nancywhetstone@gmail.com or julienaporano1@gmail.com.

**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**

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

**St. Matthew DivorceCare Support Group Meeting**

7:30 to 9:30 p.m., St. Michael Room, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Opening session of DivorceCare weekly support group for anyone dealing with the pain of divorce. Sessions continue through Dec. 18. \$30 one-time charge includes workbook. 614-269-7098 or 614-575-1507

## 18-20, SUNDAY-TUESDAY

**Parish Mission at Circleville St. Joseph**

7 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 134 W. Mound St., Circleville. Parish Year of Mercy mission with Thomas Blau, OP, parochial vicar of Columbus St. Patrick Church, appointed as a missionary of mercy by Pope Francis, concluding with Mass at 7:45 Tuesday and reception. Confessions from 6 to 6:50 Monday and Tuesday. 740-477-2549

## 19, MONDAY

**St. Matthew GriefShare Support Group Meeting**

6:30 to 8 p.m., St. Raphael Room, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Opening session of GriefShare weekly support group for anyone dealing with the loss of a beloved person. Sessions continue through Dec. 12. \$30 one-time charge includes workbook. Contact Mary Lager at mary0613@hotmail.com.

**Mass of Healing and Healing Service at Cathedral**

6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of Healing, followed by healing service including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament and veneration of relic of the True Cross. Priests will be on hand for discussion and prayer and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available. 614-224-1295

## 20, TUESDAY

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

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

**Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark**

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life prayer group meeting. 740-654-6928

## 21, WEDNESDAY

**Abortion Recovery Network Group**

9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

**Youth Ministers, Religion Teachers Meet with Bishop**

9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Diocesan Department for Education hosts all high-school religion teachers and youth ministers for annual meeting and question-and-answer session with Bishop Frederick Campbell in the morning, followed by noon lunch and separate group meetings. 614-241-2565

## 21-24, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY

**Three Bags Full Consignment Sale**

6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (selected items half-price Friday night and Saturday; early shopping at 7 p.m. Wednesday with purchase of \$10 advance ticket), Hartford Fairgrounds, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton. Three Bags Full consignment sale of children's items. Unsold and unclaimed items are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities. 614-561-5300

## 22, THURSDAY

**Cenacle at Holy Name**

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

**Holy Hour of Reparation at Columbus Sacred Heart**

7 to 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour following Holy Hour of Reparation prayer format, concluding with Benediction and social period. 614-372-5249

## 23, FRIDAY

**Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House**

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting. 614-866-4302

## 24, SATURDAY

**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**

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

**Friends of the Poor Walk at DeSales**

9 a.m. to noon. St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Annual Friends of the Poor walk of approximately one mile, benefiting diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Participants may walk the route as many times as they like. 614-824-1289

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide."

An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line.

For more information, call David Garick at 614-224-5195.

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## BOOK REVIEW

## DAILY REFLECTIONS

Are you a Catholic mom who prays for the wisdom and patience to get through each day? Do you pray for your children, husband, family and friends, and sometimes even yourself? *The Catholic Mom's Prayer Companion* offers a new daily resource to make the most of those few precious minutes you have to pause and reflect.

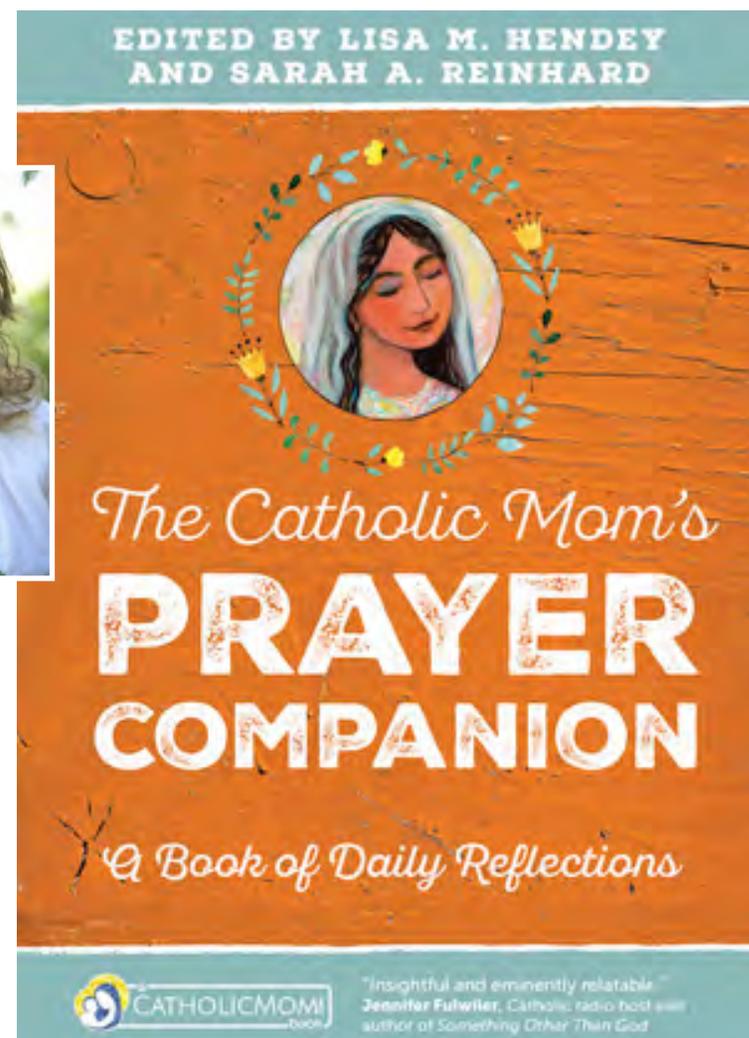
For more than 15 years, the award-winning CatholicMom.com website has been a trusted source for sound, practical and spiritual guidance. In their new book, authors Lisa M. Hendey and *Catholic Times* columnist Sarah A. Reinhard (pictured) bring together more than 80 moms, dads, and trusted spiri-

tual companions to provide fresh, uplifting meditations for every day of the year. You'll find encouragement when you're struggling, reassurance when you feel alone, and comfort when you're distracted by worry.

Created by moms for moms, these hope-filled meditations touch on the issues and concerns you face as you try to get through the day with a sense of God's presence in your life. Whether you are a new or seasoned mom working in or outside your home, this inspiring collection of reflections will help you stay in touch with the seasons of the Church year; remember Mary's loving pres-

ence on her feast days; keep company with new and familiar saints; see the spiritual meaning of secular holidays; and make you smile through occasions such as Houseplant Appreciation Day and National Popcorn Day.

Each day begins with a brief quotation from scripture, saints, recent popes, or important spiritual writers. A personal reflection—written by contributors including Elizabeth Ficocelli, Danielle Bean, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, Lisa Mladinich, Elizabeth Scalia, Carolyn Woo, Mark Hart, and Jeff Young—focuses on some dimension of your spiritual, emotional, intellectual,



or physical life. Each day also includes a brief prayer and a question or thought to ponder throughout the day.

In just a few minutes of quiet, you'll find the boost you need from a friendly voice. Each

month also has a special theme such as love, family fun, or slowing down. Start these reflections any time throughout the year and feel your days become more grace-filled and inspired.

## MARIAN CONCERT

A Marian concert of song, short meditations, and prayer dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes in this Year of Mercy will take place Sunday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Columbus St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St.

Groups taking part will include the choirs of Columbus St. Mary Church (handbell, contemporary, combined choruses, St. Mary traditional choir, and Mendelssohn *Liedertafel*), Columbus Holy Family Church, the Polish Catholic community, the Korean Catholic community, and Columbus St. Patrick Church, with soloist Cecile Smith. Between choir selections, Father Nicholas Droll will offer meditations on Our Lady of Lourdes.

The evening will begin with a crowning of Mary. At the program's conclusion, there will be an opportunity to place written, folded petitions into a basket which will be burnt later in the evening, symbolically sending prayers to the Blessed Mother and her Son, Jesus.

Any donations made during the event will be split between the St. Leo Seminarian Endowment Fund and the St. Leo Preservation Society.

## DIVINE WORSHIP WORKSHOP

"Art, Architecture, and the Liturgy" will be the subject of a workshop sponsored by the diocesan Office for Divine Worship from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 8 at Columbus St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road.

The presenter will be architect William Heyer, who will talk about the basics of Catholic architecture, examining the premise behind the form, function, and theology of our churches. Through basic language and the timeless rules of sacred architecture, Heyer will examine the origins and growth of Catholic architecture through the ages. He also will look at the complexities of Catholic artistic expression in the modern world, using examples of churches in the Diocese of Columbus.

The cost of the program is \$5. Checks may be made payable to the Catholic Diocese of Columbus and sent to the Office for Divine Worship, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215-3229. For more information, call (614) 221-4640.

## Creative Commons: Monastic life serves God, fires imagination

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

Though generally renowned for Gregorian chant, curating libraries, and offering quiet retreats, some Benedictine monks also brew beer, run farms, or play electric guitar, like Abbot Primate Nokter Wolf.

Ending his third and final term as leader of the confederation of Benedictine monasteries, the 76-year-old German monk also plays in a rock group named Feedback in his spare time, and performs classical and sacred music on the flute.

He is a best-selling author, too. Abbot Wolf said he had seen his volume, *What Are We Waiting For? Heretical Thoughts on Germany*, piled high next to a stack of Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* at the Munich airport's newsstands.

It's not unusual to find monks pursuing such aesthetic or eclectic endeavors because they embrace creativity, he told Catholic News Service.

Having people from different backgrounds living, talking, working, and praying together means "you are rather creative, I would say, in a monastery," the abbot (*pictured*) said.

But it also "shows that Christianity is at the roots of human culture," which means "it's so normal, so natural" that the Benedictine order's excellence in education, music, historical preservation, and agriculture goes hand in hand with trying to live out the Gospel.

Committed to serving God and his creation, "Benedictines are close to nature," Abbot Wolf said.

For example, St. Ottilien Archabbey -- his home monastery in Bavaria, where he will return after living in Rome since 2000 as abbot primate and head of St. Anselm College -- turns the manure from its 180 dairy cows into biogas which is sold to the local power company.



"We get more from selling energy than from selling our milk," he said.

There are about 250 monasteries of Benedictine men throughout the world, each one with its own culture, traditions and activities. The important thing, Abbot Wolf said, is that whatever the communities are doing, "we are doing it out of love for Christ."

At the Congress of Abbots from Sept. 3-16, abbots and conventual priors from each monastery were meeting at St. Anselm Abbey in Rome to elect a new abbot primate.

The abbot primate lives in Rome to serve as a liaison between the pope and the Benedictine monasteries, as well as directing St. Anselm Abbey, serving as chancellor of the Pontifical University of St. Anselm, and running a residence where 120 monks from 40 nations live.

Abbot Wolf said the abbot primate has no jurisdiction over other monasteries, which all are independent and follow their own traditions and cultures.

"I can't tell superiors, abbots what they can do," he said, but he attends their national meet-

ings to help build unity and collaboration among the order's far-flung communities.

Abbot Wolf said the Rule of St. Benedict helps bring balance to one's life. While much of his work requires lots of meetings and extensive traveling, "I know where I am rooted." Common prayer with his brothers, the Eucharist, and the liturgy are "my anchor," he said.

The strong contemplative nature of the Benedictine life doesn't mean monks shut their eyes to the world's needs, he said.

"I think just to praise the Lord in church and see people dying" without being moved to respond is not following the Gospel, he said. "We have to do something."

For today's Benedictine monks and nuns, St. Benedict's sixth-century rule means living out the Gospel together. It's the kind of communal and constant team effort a soccer or baseball squad would require, but in this case, "you are training mutual love, training charity," Abbot Wolf said.

He said community life is

not easy, but it is there "you can show you are a real Christian, to stand back and give the other the chance to live" in a generous, give-and-take of communal living.

The abbot said that over the decades, he has seen a positive "change of mentality" in Benedictine communities, which suffered from what he called an "interpersonal crisis."

Monastic living was thought to entail fulfilling rules and regulations without taking care "of how the other person, your neighbor, is feeling," he said.

"But now they are taking care of themselves and the community" so they can still have "a sober community, but also a heartfelt living together."

He said this heartfelt hospitality extends to everyone.

When guests visit a monastery, the abbot said, "they are also there looking for people with whom they can talk to about their life. They have a quiet place where they may discover again the sense of their life, come back to their roots, and eventually find their roots in God."

## Watterson athletic hall of fame inductees



Seven new members were inducted into Columbus Bishop Watterson High School's athletic hall of fame during the weekend of Aug. 26-28. They join 26 people who became members of the hall during the last three years. They are (from left): first row, Lara Fyda Filia (Watterson Class of 1998), field hockey and softball; Mike Golden, assistant football coach from 1980-88 and head coach from 1989-2002; and Katie Brosmer, head field hockey coach from 1976-96, who also coached softball and track; back row, Matt Pusateri (Class of 2000), football, baseball, and wrestling; Fritz Kaiser (Class of 1965), football, basketball, and baseball; Scott Manahan, head baseball coach from 1991-2007 and since 2010; and Shaun Rice (Class of 1997), baseball, football, and basketball.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

## Seminarians' Summer Experiences

*The following are reflections on their summer experiences at diocesan service organizations from three seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus who are students at the Pontifical College Josephinum:*

### St. Stephen's Community House, Columbus

As a seminarian on summer internship, my motto has been "Run to Win," inspired by the Apostle Paul, my hero and role model. It is important that we prepare daily in order to win the race. Olympians work day in and day out. Soldiers are always on their guard. Farmers make the most of every opportunity. I want all of these characteristics and I want them for every Christian, so that we may fight the good fight.

This summer, among other assignments, I was able to experience the good work that St. Stephen's Community House accomplishes and promotes. It is a true beacon of light in a nutritionally poor area. It helps young people, serves seniors, strengthens families, and improves the lives of children through education.

I was able to get "down and dirty" with some of the people who come to the center by being part of one of its innovative missions, Project AquaStar, which assists people of all ages. This project advances self-sufficiency through instructing others how to garden. People can bring back what they learn through the program and use in their own backyards.

St. Stephen's often provides families with a starter kit to get them going. High-school students maintain two solar hoop houses at the center, as well as an aquaponics growing station located in a larger greenhouse. While visitors enjoy learning new gardening techniques, these students develop a sense of responsibility and remain off the streets or wherever else their environment might lead them.

These young men, who could be considered at risk, are building character and are part of something bigger than themselves. They are training for

something greater than they can imagine. They are training to fight the good fight, run the race, and keep the faith. May we also seek to do the same. I got "down and dirty" for a time. Pray that we all seek to serve our neighbor, especially the "least of these," always. Run to win. Live Jesus.

**Austin Hill, Theology 1**



**Austin Hill**



**Eugene Joseph**



**PJ Brandimarti**

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, Columbus

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Matthew 25:35).*

It was a great blessing to have been assigned to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center in west Columbus. Though I have been given the opportunity to help at other centers, the Guadalupe center is unique in its services to the growing Hispanic community. It provides emergency food supplies, as well as assistance with health care, education, and many other services.

I had the privilege of working with many volunteers and staff at the center who not only sought to meet the physical needs of the clients, but also cared for their spiritual well-being. For example, I remember a staff member asking us if we could help create a container of inspirational Scripture verses for the center's clients. I understand this might not be a huge deal for many people, but after hearing the struggles and pains the clients experience to make ends meet, I realized a powerful Scripture verse could make a huge difference.

*"For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning*

*the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).* English classes and legal assistance are some of the other services provided at the center. Many other examples could be given to show how "faith with works" (James 2:14-26) is evident at this center.

I thank almighty God for this placement, for the opportunity to witness faithful Catholics glorifying his holy name in their everyday lives by loving their neighbors as themselves. This is an encouragement for all of us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12).

**Eugene Joseph, Pre-Theology 2**

### St. Francis Center, McArthur

One of the more rewarding experiences of my seminarian ministry has been to assist the fine workers at the St Francis Center in McArthur. This center works in one of the poorest parts of our diocese, providing food, clothing, and other assistance to so many of our brothers and sisters in need.

It was a pleasure to help them in any way we could, including cleaning, food bag assembly, warehouse work, maintenance, and even some light construction. Being able to assist those who assist others has been a tremendously positive experience, and I recommend it to anyone.

**PJ Brandimarti, Theology 2**

## Bishops urge HHS compromise on contraceptive mandate case

*By Catholic News Service*

A letter from officials of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to the federal Department of Health and Human Services stressed that an effective compromise in the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive requirement could be reached.

The letter, sent on Friday, Sept. 9 in response to the government's request for comments on a proposal mandating contraceptive coverage, echoed the Supreme Court's May 16 decision in *Zubik v. Burwell* -- a combined lawsuit of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Priests for Life, and several other religious groups who said providing contraception coverage to employees through their insurance plans violated their religious beliefs.

The court sent the cases back to lower courts, saying religious employers and the government should be "af-

forded an opportunity to arrive at an approach going forward that accommodates petitioners' religious exercise while at the same time ensuring that women covered by petitioners' health plans receive full and equal health coverage, including contraceptive coverage."

The bishops' letter stressed that for this accommodation to happen, "any government-mandated contraceptive coverage must be truly independent of petitioners and their plans," meaning that the coverage should be offered by a separate communication and with a different policy, enrollment process, insurance card, and payment source.

The letter, signed by members of the USCCB's general counsel, also said such coverage should not be automatic in order to protect the conscience rights of people with religious objections to contraception and

sterilization coverage.

It said another look at the HHS contraceptive requirement provides an opportunity for the government to "bring to an end years of church-state litigation and, in turn, to avoid a legacy of ongoing and unnecessary conflict with substantial portions of the religious community in the United States."

It also noted that the Supreme Court had urged the litigants "to resolve this matter amicably," which the letter said they had done by "describing, in good faith and in great detail, a way to reach an amicable resolution."

But these groups cannot change the regulations, the letter added, stressing that only the government could and should do this instead of ignoring "the sincerely held and repeatedly stated religious objections of a substantial minority of our civil society."