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**DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE:  
A DAY OF INSPIRATION, COMMITMENT**



## The Editor's Notebook

# It's a "Guy" Thing

By David Garick, Editor



The testosterone will be surging in Columbus this weekend. The Arnold Sports Festival is back in town. If you have never attended, this is a veritable smorgasbord of every imaginable athletic competition, the largest gathering of world-class athletes outside the Olympics. We're talking serious sweating and grunting. Where else could you find a whole room full of guys who could bench-press a Buick?

But an even manlier event took place at the Ohio Exposition Center in Columbus last weekend. The place was packed to overflowing with more than 3,000 men and boys attending the diocesan Catholic Men's Conference. The program was centered on the "Call to Discipleship," with a dynamic roster of speakers rousing those men to take up Christ's challenge to make a difference in our world. You can read all about the conference, beginning on Page 10.

The important point from my perspective was that here we had an incredible outpouring of men standing up and proclaiming that their faith is the most important thing in their lives and making a commitment to live up to that calling. That's what real men have done throughout the centuries. The apostles, being typical guys, often didn't quite get what Jesus was telling them. It must have been really frustrating. But, inspired by the experience of Christ's crucifixion, death, and resurrection, and then strengthened by the Holy Spirit on the day of

Pentecost, they shouted Christ's message from the rooftops regardless of the consequences, even in the face of martyrdom. They fought the evil in the world and they built the Church.

Men today are called to have that same dedication. We are living in a society where secularism and relativistic ethics have become the standard and Christians are told that their values are outdated. We are told we can have our beliefs, but we must keep them to ourselves. We must not attempt to really live what we believe and bring God's commands to society because that might offend someone who wants to live differently.

But the men at this conference said, "No! God's will is supreme and I will not allow a soulless society to dictate the kind of world that my children and grandchildren will inherit." St. John Paul II was once asked what American men should do. "Be soldiers," the pope said.

That is the message that came from this men's conference. Despite all efforts of society to silence the church, to a man, they stood like the prophet Isaiah: "For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch." Now that calls for a high-five.



## 'Mercy Friday' initiative

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

In the second of his "Mercy Friday" gestures, Pope Francis spent two hours with a group of young adults at a Catholic-run residential drug rehabilitation center.

To the complete surprise of the 55 residents, Pope Francis showed up in his compact Ford Escort at the San Carlo Community Feb. 26 with just a driver. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, organizer of the Vatican's Year of Mercy events, arrived separately at the community outside of Rome near Castel Gandolfo.

"We were speechless when we saw the car with the pope enter our community, where every day our young people fight their battle to return to life," said Roberto Mineo, president of the Italian Solidarity Center, which runs the facility. "The pope, like a caring father, spent a long time which each person, listening to their stories and embracing them one by one. Some of the young people showed him photos of their families, their children, and the pope had a word of hope and a blessing for each of them."

Using tiny photos of past and present community members, the residents had made a mosaic of Our Lady of Lujan, patroness of Argentina, and asked Pope Francis to sign it, which he did "with affection and friendship."

Sitting in a large circle, Pope Francis asked the residents about their activities and learned that one of their therapeutic

projects is learning to cook. "What is the best thing you make?" the pope asked. Their response was not reported by those present, but at break time, they shared with Pope Francis some cheese pizza, made from scratch.

In a news release, Archbishop Fisichella said Pope Francis chose the drug rehab center as a follow-up to his visit to Mexico, where he repeatedly denounced drug traffickers and urged Catholic pastors and parishioners to be close to all those who have fallen prey to drug addiction.

In one of his earliest Year of Mercy events, in December, Pope Francis opened a "door of charity" at the main soup kitchen of the Rome diocesan Caritas. The pope plans to demonstrate personally the works of mercy on one Friday a month for the rest of the jubilee year. In January, he visited a home for the aged and a nearby facility for people in persistent vegetative states. Reporters are not invited to accompany the pope, and news of the events is not released until the pope has arrived.

Also related to the Year of Mercy, Solidarity Medicine, an Italian group of physicians and nurses, opened a mobile health clinic for the poor and homeless under the colonnade at St. Peter's Square Feb. 29. Working with the papal almoner's office, which installed showers there and coordinates the weekly visit of barbers, the doctors and nurses will offer checkups and referrals for tests.



### Front Page photo:

About 3,000 men attended the diocesan Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 27, in the Voinovich Center at the State Fairgrounds.

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## PARISHES ANNOUNCE '24 HOURS FOR THE LORD' EVENTS

Several churches in the Diocese of Columbus will offer Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and various other activities on Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5 as part of the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization.

The event is designed to welcome not only the active faithful, but also those estranged from the Catholic Church. The faithful are encouraged to promote the program and reach out to members of the latter group who may be waiting for an invitation to "come home to the Catholic Church."

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said the pontifical council launched the initiative during Lent of 2014 to place "the Sacrament of Reconciliation once again at the center of the pastoral activity of the church." The event continued during the 2015 Lenten season, with Pope Francis inviting dioceses around the world to participate.

The pope extended the invitation again for 2016 in *Misericordiae Vultus (The Face of Mercy)*, the papal document proclaiming the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In that letter, he wrote that the initiative should be implemented in every diocese around the world on the Friday and Saturday before the Fourth Sunday of Lent, known as Laetare Sunday, which this year is March 6. *Laetare* means "rejoice" in Latin. This Sunday marks the midpoint of Lent.

Last year in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis confessed his sins at a Lenten penance service before hearing others' confessions. He has since said he goes to confession every 15 or 20 days, and has frequently encouraged Catholics to use the sacrament. He urged priests to first be penitents before being confessors during "24 Hours for the Lord."

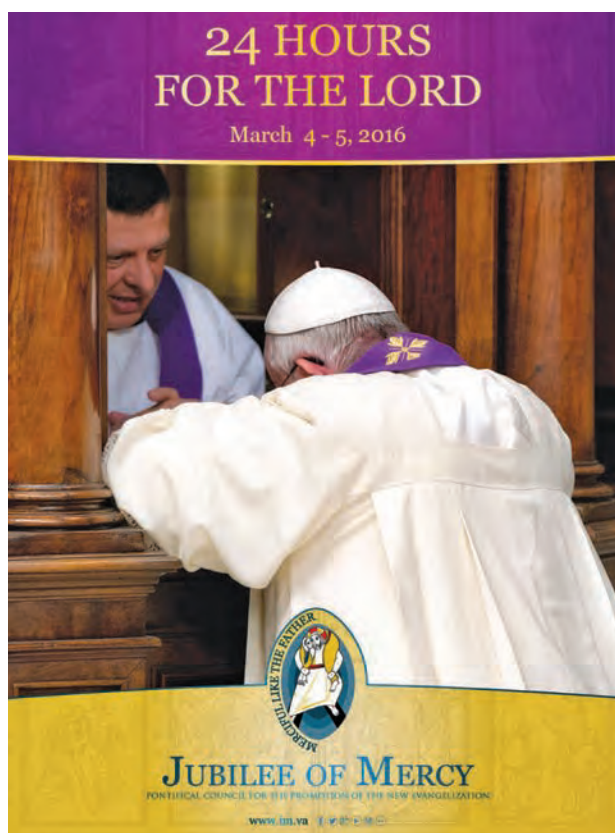
*The schedule of "24 Hours" events at parishes in the Diocese of Columbus is as follows:*

**Circleville St. Joseph** – Adoration, 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 4 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 5 in church hall; Reconciliation, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 to 8 p.m. Friday in hall's nursery.

**Columbus Holy Name** – Adoration, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday; Mass, 5:30 p.m. Friday; Adoration, 6 p.m. Friday to 8:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Therese Chapel; Mass, 8:30 a.m. Saturday; Adoration, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in chapel; Benediction, followed by Mass in Spanish, 6 p.m. Saturday.

**Columbus Immaculate Conception** – Church has Perpetual Adoration in chapel; Mass, 7:30 p.m. Friday in church, followed by continuous prayer in church until 1 p.m. Saturday, including all-night Adoration; Morning Prayer, 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday in church; Reconciliation, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, with Adoration continuing in chapel.

**Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** – First Friday Mass, 9 a.m. Friday; Adoration, 9:45 a.m. Friday to 11:15 a.m. Saturday; Stations of the Cross and Benediction, 7:15 p.m. Friday; First Saturday Mass, 9 a.m. Saturday; citywide prayer gathering sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, following Mass until noon Saturday, including



Reconciliation and contemporary Christian music by Living Stones band from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.; Reconciliation, 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday; Mass, 4 p.m. Saturday; Prodigal Songs concert, with reflections on the Prodigal Son reading by Joe Bigler, 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Columbus St. Cecilia** – Adoration, from end of 8:15 a.m. Mass Friday until 5 p.m. Saturday; Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. Friday; Mass, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Reconciliation, 8 p.m. to midnight Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday; Mass, 5 p.m. Saturday.

**Columbus St. Elizabeth** – Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. Friday; Reconciliation service, 7:45 p.m. Friday; Adoration, 8:30 p.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Saturday; Reconciliation, 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday; Morning Prayer, 8 a.m. Saturday; Confirmation Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell, 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Columbus St. Francis of Assisi** – Mass, 6 p.m. Friday; Adoration, from end of 6 p.m. Mass Friday until 3 p.m. Saturday; Morning Prayer, 8 a.m. Saturday; light refreshments available in hall.

**Columbus St. James the Less** – Adoration: Noon Friday to noon Saturday, with devotions alternating between English and Spanish; parish schoolchildren will cover first two hours, followed by various parish groups and ministries.

**Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God** – Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m. Friday, followed by Adoration until 7; Stations and Benediction, 7 p.m. Friday, followed by procession to adoration chapel and praying of the joyful mysteries of the rosary at 8, with Adoration continuing in chapel until 2 p.m. Saturday; praying of sorrowful mysteries of the rosary, 8 a.m. Saturday; First Saturday Latin Mass, 9 a.m. Saturday; praying of glorious mysteries of the Rosary and Benediction, 1:30 p.m. Saturday; Reposition of the Blessed Sacra-

ment, 2 p.m. Saturday.

**Dover St. Joseph** – Mass, 7 p.m. Friday, followed by Reconciliation, with Adoration following Mass until 4 p.m. Saturday; Morning Prayer, 8 a.m. Saturday; Mass, 4 p.m. Saturday.

**New Philadelphia Sacred Heart** – Adoration, 8:30 a.m. Friday to 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

**Newark Blessed Sacrament** – Reconciliation, following 8:30 a.m. Mass and 6 to 7 p.m. Friday; Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. Friday, followed by Reconciliation; Mass, 8:15 a.m. Saturday, followed by Reconciliation, with additional Reconciliation opportunity from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Plain City St. Joseph** – Mass, 5:30 p.m. Friday; Adoration, 6:15 to 7 p.m. Friday; Stations of the Cross, 7 to 8 p.m. Friday; Adoration, 8 p.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday, with Reconciliation from 8 to 11 p.m., praying of the seven penitential Psalms from 11 to 11:30 p.m., and Night Prayer from 11:30 to 11:45 p.m.; weekly Life and Mercy Mass, 9 a.m. Saturday; Adoration, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, with rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Reconciliation from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Reconciliation from 2:30 to 4 p.m., and rosary at 4 p.m.; Mass, 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Sunbury St. John Neumann** – Adoration, 4 to 8:30 p.m. Friday in chapel; Stations of the Cross, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Friday in church; Lenten reflection presentation, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday in church; Adoration, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday in church, with Holy Hour and worship music from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Reconciliation, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday in church; Adoration, midnight to 8 a.m. Saturday in chapel; Mass, 8 a.m. Saturday in chapel; Adoration, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in chapel, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday in church, and 3 to 3:45 p.m. Saturday in chapel; Reconciliation, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in church.

**Worthington St. Michael** – Adoration, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Friday; Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Adoration, 8 p.m. Friday to 8:15 a.m. Saturday; Reconciliation, 8 to 11 p.m. Friday; Mass, 8:15 a.m. Saturday; Adoration, following Mass until 3:30 p.m. Saturday; Reconciliation, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday; Mass, 4 p.m. Saturday. Adoration will not take place in chapel during this period.

**It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when traveling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. The website [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org) makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one page. It includes Mass schedules for 117,000 churches in 201 nations or territories. The service also is available by phone.**

**The number is (1-858) 207-6277.**

## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Twenty

Did you take advantage of that extra day earlier this week? The 29th of February happens only once every four years, and it was on a Monday this leap year. We were challenged to get the week off to a great start with good Christian love. There are so many ways in which we can do so. Hopefully, we started with our own family and household. Our efforts with extra prayer and evangelization can go so much farther if we start at home. I have a few things I really need to correct and improve upon at home, so what better time to start than an extra day in the year. Sometimes we need a simple or different reminder that Lent is a transformational journey in the desert. Leap Day can be that unique device, and we need a real effort to change for the good and for the better, and then we can talk about a transformation. Extra prayer, extra discipline, and extra love come from the heart. It takes our mind to get it going, and our soul to make it last.

This Sunday marks our halfway point in the annual Lenten journey. It is approximately three weeks out of six, and twenty days out of forty. Forty days of sacrifice and repentance by prayer, giving alms, and fasting seem so long on Ash Wednesday. Now that we are halfway there and only twenty days are left, it seems much more achievable. At this point, it is a great opportunity to pause and evaluate where we are in our personal journey. I think that is why the priest can wear pink (rose) this Sunday. It shocks us into noticing and realizing that something is a little different. We can actually take a short “break” from our Lenten discipline and praise God for all the good things He has loaned to us for a time, especially His Son, Jesus Christ. We rejoice that our Lenten discipline is half over, especially if we have been faithful to our commitment to pray, fast, and give generously to the poor. Have we? Have I? We also praise God and rejoice that His love, embodied in Jesus, is not on loan to us, and is not entrusted to us like everything else we have. His love is never-ending and is always here. This Sunday is also known as Laetare Sunday, which means to be joyful or rejoice. We have been faithful for twenty days, and there are only twenty more until the greatest feast in the Church year. We rejoice in the fact that God wants us to be happy and to share the joy of His love. So we continue our self-discipline and somewhat somber environment – except when we are doing positive and helpful acts of service – while mixing in a little bit of restrained rejoicing. I would suggest that this is the time to continue our resolve. If we have failed or have been weak, now is the time to recommit. Twenty days of doing it right surely beats forty days of slacking. And if we never started, start now.

Our practical challenge this week is to commit to twenty for twenty. Do twenty things right, new, and fresh during the last twenty days of Lent. Do one per day. Cover all three of the things we are to strive for – prayer, fasting, and donations to the poor. Pray and offer your day to God before you even get out of bed. Pray one decade of the rosary. Spend twenty minutes in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Fast one day besides Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Give up that extra pizza, beer, or dessert. Finally, write a check. Give extra to your favorite charity that hopefully involves the poor. If you cannot think of one, give extra to your parish. You can be sure that your pastor will know how to put it to good use. Rejoice, but stay focused.

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



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To mark Black History Month, representatives of Black Catholic Ministries of Columbus presented a variety of items related to African American Catholics in the diocese and nationwide to the Holy Family Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center. They will be displayed in the museum's Black Catholic History Room. The organization also made a financial donation to the museum. Pictured are (from left): Father Kevin Lutz, the museum's director, and Black Catholic Ministries representatives Virginia Hardy, Margaret Bowman, Gabriella Holland, and Bonnie Evans. Black Catholic Ministries was founded shortly after the National Black Catholic Congress in 2002. It sponsors an annual meet-the-candidates night, the “In God's Service” program on religious vocations for students, a yearly celebration of the Feast of St. Martin de Porres, and a family day of prayer, and provides scholarships to high-school students and financial aid for elementary-school programs and uniforms.



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## CHARISMATIC EVENTS

The diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal has four events scheduled for March – a citywide prayer meeting, a day of renewal, its annual retreat, and its monthly Mass.

The prayer meeting will take place Saturday, March 5 at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road. It will begin with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by breakfast, praise and worship, confession, prayer ministry, and teaching. This event usually ends around noon.

Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., will host the day of renewal on Thursday, March 10. Mass at 9 a.m. will be followed by praise and worship and a teaching on abandonment to divine will, and will

end with a potluck lunch.

The retreat will take place from Friday to Sunday, March 11 to 13 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Returning as retreat director will be Father Clifton Bishop of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Mass will be celebrated at Columbus St. Matthias Church, 1566 Ferris Road, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, preceded by the rosary at 6 and praise and worship at 6:30, with individual prayer ministry available, and a potluck after Mass.

For more information, call (614) 614-500-8115, email [info@ccrcolumbus.org](mailto:info@ccrcolumbus.org), visit [www.cccolumbus.org](http://www.cccolumbus.org), or go to the “Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Inc.” Facebook page.

## DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE

The diocesan Respect Life Conference will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Plain City St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St.

The theme is “Being Pro-Life in the Year of Mercy,” and the speaker will be Father Kevin Lutz, pastor of Columbus St. Mary, St. Ladislav, and Corpus Christi churches. Other speakers will

cover the spectrum of care and concern promoting the dignity of human life.

Registration is \$20, including lunch. To register, send a check payable to the diocesan Office for Social Concerns to the office, located at 197 E. Gay St., Columbus 43215. For details, call (614) 241-2540 or email [socmailbox@colsdio.org](mailto:socmailbox@colsdio.org).

## ST. LADISLAS CHAPEL

Especially during the Lenten season, consider setting aside some time each week to be alone with the Lord.

A Blessed Sacrament chapel is located in the Columbus St. Ladislav Church

convent, 277 Reeb Ave. If you are interested, call Sister Wilma at (614) 444-2598 and set up a time to visit the chapel. It is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.





**LANCASTER BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS**

The seventh-grade boys basketball team from Lancaster St. Mary School won the Mid-State League seventh-grade championship, despite starting as the lowest seed. The team was coached by Ben Burke and Michael Parker. Photo courtesy St. Mary School

**PDHC Joins With The Catholic Foundation As Planned Giving Partner**

Pregnancy Decision Health Centers has announced that it recently named The Catholic Foundation as its official planned giving partner.

“PDHC is excited to offer additional options to our donors who wish to support our long-term needs and vision,” said Tim Welsh, president and chief executive officer of PDHC. “Partnering with The Catholic Foundation will also allow the staff at PDHC to continue to focus on the four pillars of our mission: intervention, prevention, post-abortion healing, and bringing people to Jesus.”

The Catholic Foundation administers The Pregnancy Decision Health Centers Fund and will assist PDHC in guiding current and potential donors through the process of making a planned gift by offering expertise in the areas of endowments, planned giving, and bequests.

By definition, planned giving is a major gift that comes from the donor’s financial or estate planning. Gifts could come from appreciated securities or stock, real estate, a retirement plan, or even cash – but they are generally made

from outside of one’s discretionary income. Some donors are in a position to make the gift during their lifetime, but many make it as a bequest in their will. Planned gifts can offer many benefits to the donor, including tax benefits or the potential for returned income.

“By offering the Foundation’s expertise to PDHC and other organizations, we are helping to secure firm financial grounding to ensure these important services are available for many years to come,” said Loren Brown, president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation.

“The ultimate mission of The Catholic Foundation is to provide for the long-term needs of the Diocese of Columbus,” Brown said. “We look forward to working with PDHC to help provide for their long-term needs as an organization in the diocese.”

For more information on making a planned gift to PDHC, contact James Anzelmo, vice president of development at The Catholic Foundation, at (614) 443-8893 or janzelmo@catholic-foundation.org.

**Catholic Record Society Meeting**

The Catholic Record Society’s quarterly meeting will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13 in the undercroft of Worthington St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St.


The guest speaker will be Max Longley, author of *For the Union and the Catholic Church: Four Converts in the Civil War*.

Two of the four subjects of this recently published book are Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans, the first bishop of

Columbus, and his brother, Gen. William Rosecrans, who fought on the side of the Union in the war.

Longley, also a convert to Catholicism, is a member of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and lives in Durham, North Carolina. His work, often on historical subjects, has appeared in many publications.

For more information on the meeting, contact Michael Finn at fcoolavin@aol.com or (614) 268-4166.




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## Marriage by non-Catholic Christian pastor; Hymns, readings at funeral



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Catholic News Service

**Q.** I am a Catholic who will be marrying a Methodist (baptized and confirmed) who now attends a Christian church. We have decided to have her Christian pastor marry us at a “neutral” venue outside of either faith’s church.

However, it is still very important to my family and to me to receive the blessing of the Catholic Church on this marriage. What options do we have to receive that blessing? Also, are Catholic pre-Cana classes required, or will the pre-marriage class that her Christian church offers cover us? (Chicago)

**A.** It’s even better than you think. Not only can you have your marriage blessed by the Catholic Church, but you may not even need a separate ceremony to do that. Instead, it’s likely that your upcoming wedding, just as you have planned it, can be recognized by the church as a valid marriage ceremony, provided that you take the proper steps.

This would involve meeting with a Catholic priest and filling out the necessary paperwork. (He will ask whether either party has ever been married before, whether both parties recognize this to be a permanent commitment, etc.)

The priest will then submit those forms to your local diocese, requesting permission for you to be married by the Christian pastor in an other-than-Catholic setting.

In the course of your discussion, the priest will ask your intentions regarding the religion of children.

The current law (as reflected in Canon 1125 of the church’s *Code of Canon Law*) is that you, as the Catholic party, must pledge to continue to be faithful to your own religion and to do all that you can to see that any children are baptized and raised as Catholic. (The non-Catholic party, your wife-to-be, does not have to promise anything, but is simply made aware of the commitment that you have indicated.)

As to whether the Christian pre-marriage classes can fulfill the Catholic pre-Cana requirement, you should ask that of the priest, since there might be local

guidelines of which I am unaware.

It would seem to me, though, that the specifically Catholic parts (the theology and moral teachings regarding marriage) might be covered by the priest in his conversations with you and your fiancée and that the bulk of the pre-Cana material (conflict resolution, finances, etc.) could be covered by the Christian classes.

**Q.** I would like to know who sets the guidelines for scriptural readings and hymns at a funeral Mass. I have written out a list of readings and hymns that I would like to have used at my own funeral. Do the families have the final word, or does each diocese and parish make its own rules? (Winchester, Virginia)

**A.** The *Order of Christian Funerals*, which is the church’s official text and “rulebook” in such matters, lists a wide variety of scriptural readings from which a family may choose.

There are 19 different Gospel texts, 19 others from the New Testament, and seven Old Testament passages. There is also a provision (No. 344) that says, “As a general rule, all corresponding texts from sacred Scripture in the funeral rite are interchangeable,” which I have always taken to mean that families may choose alternate biblical passages beyond those specifically listed.

As for hymns, most dioceses include in their guidelines a provision that only liturgical music be used at a funeral. (This helps to forestall requests -- though they still come -- to use the deceased’s college fight song or the ballad to which the deceased and her husband danced at their wedding!)

Many dioceses also specifically encourage music that highlights not just the sorrow of loss, but the promise of eternal joy with the Lord. Particular parishes may have their own guidelines as well: Some, for example, specify that music be chosen from their parish hymnal so as to encourage congregational singing at the Mass.

What you might want to do in your own case is to show your selections to your parish priest or musician and get their view in advance.

**Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 40 Hopewell St., Albany NY 12208.**

## SOLEMN VESPERS SERVICE

A service of Solemn Vespers (sung Evening Prayer) will take place at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6, the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), at Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 219 E. North St. A free-will offering will be taken in support of the parish music program.

Laetare Sunday and the Third Sunday of Advent are the two Sundays in the church year which are sometimes called “rose” Sundays in reference to the color of vestments often used. It is the midpoint of Lent, the 40 days of preparation leading to Easter, and the overall emphasis of the day is a bit less penitential in nature than the other Sundays in Lent, the liturgical color for which is purple.

Music will be provided by the St. Colman choir, accompanied by organ and string quartet. The service will include the first section of Part Two of the oratorio *Messiah* by George Frederick Handel. This is sometimes known as the Lenten section of the work.

“Many folks know the Christmas parts and almost everyone knows the

Easter part, especially the *Hallelujah Chorus*,” said Craig Jaynes, parish music director. “However, the parts in between are not nearly as familiar. They certainly are some of the most dramatically illustrative of the Old Testament scriptures quoted which foretell Christ’s passion and suffering, leading up to the culmination of his crucifixion and resurrection.”

In addition, the words are thematically consistent with the psalms appointed for the service, which will be chanted, as well as with the New Testament reading. An additional and traditional part of evening services is the *Magnificat*, Mary’s response to her cousin Elizabeth’s praise of her faith. The choir will sing a version of this passage from the Gospel of Luke by the 20th-century English composer Herbert Howells, as well as *Evening Hymn* by H. Balfour Gardiner.

A group of seminarians from the Pontifical College Josephinum also will be participating, including Brett Garland, for whom St. Colman is home parish.

## DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

There are few topics more challenging in the Church today than divorce. Not only is the reality of divorce incredibly painful for those involved, but few seem to understand what the Catholic Church teaches on the topic.

As a result, many people stop attending Mass or leave the faith altogether. Whether they experienced divorce years ago or are in the midst of it now, they often feel rejection and shame. Many also fear being judged by their communities. They have questions, and it seems that many people who minister to the laity are paralyzed when attempting to give meaningful answers.

The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide, a proven program of hope and healing, is being offered for 12 weeks beginning Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, and beginning Monday, March 28 at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church, 955

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Each session of the program begins with a 30-minute video presentation addressing a specific topic, followed by small-group discussion. Participants will receive a personal survival guide workbook that contains all the points shared and discussed throughout the program. There is no charge for any of the sessions.

So that planners of the program can be sure to have enough books and materials, contact Marti Hurd in Columbus at (614) 875-3322, Patty Boggs in Zanesville at (740) 453-0597, or Keith Luscher at (614) 205-0830 or [keithluscher@aol.com](mailto:keithluscher@aol.com).

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## HUMAN ORGANS FROM PIGS: IS IT KOSHER?

Human beings can have a visceral reaction to the thought of growing human kidneys or livers inside the bodies of pigs or cows. A participant in a recent online forum on human-animal chimeras described it this way: "Unbelievable!!! ... If there was anything that was more anti-God, it is the genetic formation of chimeras, which is nothing more than Frankenstein monster creation."

Although the idea of a chimeric animal is indeed unusual, several factors need to be considered in evaluating the practice of growing human organs within animals. Despite our initial hesitations, certain kinds of human-animal chimeras are likely to be justifiable and reasonable. This comes into focus when we recognize, for example, how thousands of patients who have received replacement heart valves made of pig or cow tissues are already themselves a type of human-animal chimera. For many years, moreover, scientists have worked with chimeric mice that possess a human immune system, enabling them to study the way that HIV and other viruses are able to infect cells.

We routinely use animals to address important human needs. We eat them and make clothing out of them. We keep them in zoos. Utilizing them for legitimate and important medical purposes such as organ generation and transplantation should not, broadly speaking, be a cause for alarm. As another online participant noted, only half in jest: "Think of it — a pig provides a human heart, lungs, and liver, then the rest is eaten for dinner! ... Plus the pig will likely be chemical-free, well-fed, and humanely treated."

If a pig were in fact able to grow a human kidney in place of its own kidney, and if it could be used for transplantation, it could provide a major new source of organs in the face of the critical shortage that currently exists. Many patients today are on waiting lists for a kidney, and a significant percentage die before an organ becomes available.

Yet significant technical and ethical hurdles remain before growing organs in pigs is likely to be feasible. The science is still in its infancy, and researchers have yet to figure out how to make human cells coexist in a stable fashion with animal tissues. There are abundant concerns about the possibility of transmitting animal viruses to humans, especially considering how readily other viruses, such as avian flu, have been able to jump from birds to humans.

Even assuming these kinds of risks are able to be minimized, and pig-human chimeras could be safely



### MAKING SENSE Out of Bioethics

Father Tad Pacholczyk

produced, there still would be several ethical issues to consider. One concern involves using stem cells from human embryos as part of the process of making pig-human chimeras. Typically, scientists try to generate chimeras by adding human embryonic stem cells to animal embryos, which then grow up and develop into chimeric animals. Destroying young humans in their embryonic stages for their stem cells is gravely objectionable, so creating chimeras could be ethical only if alternative, non-embryonic sources of stem cells (like adult stem cells or induced pluripotent stem cells) were utilized for the procedure.

The technology also might lend itself to other unethical practices, like trying to create a pig that could produce human sperm or eggs in its genitalia. Similarly, if human nerve cells were incorporated into a developing pig brain in such a way that the animal developed what appeared to be human brain structures, some have noted there could be questions about the occurrence of intelligence or self-consciousness or other facets of human identity in the animal. Although such concerns seem farfetched, given the dearth of knowledge about the "scaffolding of consciousness," it seems reasonable to limit this kind of experimentation. Some scientific agencies, such as the National Institutes of Health, have restricted the availability of research funds for the study of human-animal chimeras because of these and other considerations, seeking to levy pressure so that the needed ethical discernment and discussion occurs before researchers proceed further.

We tend to view modern scientific progress as a powerful "engine of good" for the well-being of mankind, and, therefore, we view most scientific research with hope. This is proper and fitting, and to reinforce and reinvigorate that hope, we should continue to insist that cutting-edge biomedical research remain in active dialogue and interaction with sound ethics. The expanding study of human-animal chimeras challenges us to reflect carefully on the morally appropriate use of these novel and powerful technologies, so that human dignity will not be harmed, subjugated, or misappropriated in any way.

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## Valentine's Day Blankets for the needy

Hilliard St. Brendan School fourth- and fifth-grade students decided to make blankets for the needy for Valentine's Day instead of having their traditional party. They are shown with the result of their efforts. Photo courtesy St. Brendan School

## 2016 FACE FORWARD SERVICE AWARDS ENTRIES

The diocesan Vocations Office is kicking off 2016 with its fourth annual "Face Forward Service Awards" contest, offered to all students in the diocese in grades eight to 12.

Two \$500 awards will be given, based on three criteria: a 300-word essay on the importance of service; level of parish involvement; and service to the community.

Entries may be submitted through Saturday, April 30 by going to [www.faceforwardcolumbusblog.com](http://www.faceforwardcolumbusblog.com) or [Facebook.com/FaceForwardColumbus](https://www.facebook.com/FaceForwardColumbus).

Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, will select the two winners on Thursday, May 5. Recipients of the 2015 service awards were Mikaela Haney of Hilliard Bradley High School and Jacob Moehrman

of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School.

"We are pleased to offer this opportunity for all of the young people in the diocese. The awards are available to all students, whether public-, private-, or home-schooled. We encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity and be rewarded for their outstanding service to their parishes and communities," Father Noble said.

Face Forward is a program of the Vocations Office that allows for interaction with the youth of the diocese and provides platforms for communication, events, and opportunities to learn more about the Catholic faith and a life in religious vocations.

For more information, contact Anne Harkin at (614) 787-2377 or [anne.harkin@mj2marketing.com](mailto:anne.harkin@mj2marketing.com).

## Villas at St. Therese Volunteer Opportunities

The Villas at St. Therese, a Catholic assisted-living seniors community at 25 Noe-Bixby Road, Columbus, is looking for dedicated, reliable, and caring individuals to volunteer and assist its activity department.

Help is needed to allow the department to conduct various activities. These include bingo, arts and crafts, visiting with residents on a one-on-one basis, taking residents for walks, and

other programs, as well as assisting with outings and special events.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Flexible hours, volunteer recognition, and a rewarding experience are what you can expect when volunteering at the Villas.

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# LIVING Faith

## Mary As a “Blankie Person”: Our Lady of Walsingham

Almost 10 years ago, I was reminded of *the* blankie of my youth, the one that had to be pried from my hands and that still remains in my memory as a cherished item. My mother, an avid practitioner of sewing and enthusiastic grandma-to-be, had made and shipped approximately 35 million blankets for her new granddaughter.

Nearly three years later, when our second infant was born, my husband observed that the newest shipment of blankies (because each child needs *his or her own* stash, of course) had seemed to fan the fire of my own blankie love to greater heights. Did he catch me “fuzzing” them? Had he seen me rubbing my cheek against them? Was being a Blankie Person a bad thing?

### *Did Jesus have a blankie?*

All this blankie love in my life made me wonder if the child Jesus had a blankie. Maybe, for Him, it wasn't a blankie as I think of it. Maybe it was just a scrap of cloth.

Imagining Jesus with a blankie gives me a common ground with Him that I often lack. It makes Him more of a human, and more accessible. It also makes Mary, His mother, less intimidating.

Thinking of Mary as the Mother of God often throws me off in my reflections. After all, what do I have in common with someone who was holy enough to be the Mother of God?

When I imagine her, instead, as the mother of a boy who had a blankie, it helps me focus on the example she gives me, woman to woman, mother to mother, person to person.

Many of us struggle, and continue to struggle, with devotion to Mary and sometimes, as a result,



### Finding Faith in Everyday Life

Sarah Reinhard

with devotion to her Son. Maybe that's why she has appeared under so many different titles, in so many locations, clothed in so many various ways.

### *The English widow's chapel*

In the village of Walsingham, England, in 1061, Mary appeared to a widow, Lady Richeldis, who later made sure that a chapel – a holy house that was a replica of the house the Holy Family lived in during their time in Nazareth – was built at the site. For hundreds of years, pilgrims and devotees traveled there to pay their respects.

Then, in 1538, King Henry VIII demanded that everything Catholic in England be destroyed, and established a new church in which he was the equivalent of the Pope. The king's soldiers destroyed the shrine and anything that would encourage continued devotion. They burned everything that couldn't be taken with them and sold.

### *The revival of an old love*

In 1912, Walsingham's parish priest, Father Hope Patten, discovered a medieval seal of the old monastery during a visit to the British Museum. He was inspired to have a statue built which was placed in his parish church, St. Mary the Virgin.

In no time, the pilgrims returned to venerate of Mary as Our Lady of Walsingham. In 1931, a new shrine was built because of the growing popularity of the devotion, with the holy house at its center and the image from the seal above the altar. In 1938, the shrine was expanded so the Church of England (the one Henry VIII started) also could build a shrine at the site.

### *Mary, the blankie*

Mary, as Our Lady of Walsingham, is a bridge, a common ground, a shared blankie of sorts, between the divisions created when the Church of England was formed. Through devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham, Anglicans and Roman Catholics have been inspired to stand side-by-side in prayer, to erect shared shrines, and to remember their common background and love of Mary.

How much of a stretch is it, really, to imagine Mary as a blankie? How often do we reach blindly for comfort in familiar places? Why wouldn't our heavenly mother want to keep us just as warm and consoled as our favorite blankie?

Maybe Jesus didn't need a blankie after all, when He had the arms of His mother. He could rest in the comfort of her care, just as we can. The image of her, our maternal blankie, can remind us of Mary's protection and that of the angels who watch over us. The lesson, for me, is that Mary is the only blankie I need, the comfort that will always lead me back to the One I'm called to serve.

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## Corpus Christi to Host “Dorothy Day: Servant of God” Program

The Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, will sponsor a presentation on “Dorothy Day: Servant of God” by Dr. Kathleen Riley, associate professor of history at Ohio Dominican University, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 23, followed by lunch. The cost is \$10 per person.

Day, a candidate for sainthood, is best-known for being the co-founder with Peter Maurin of *The Catholic Worker* newspaper during the depths of the Depression and for inspiring many young people to follow her into the Church and give their lives to service. The newspaper gave rise to a movement that includes houses of hospitality and communal farms.

Day was awarded the Laetare Medal by the University of Notre Dame in 1972 for outstanding service to the

Catholic Church and American society. In his recent speech to Congress, Pope Francis spoke of her, along with fellow convert Thomas Merton and Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr., as exemplary Americans. A 1980 *Commonweal* magazine article described her as “the most significant, interesting and influential person in the history of American Catholicism.”

Riley, who will tell Day's story, specializes in American Catholic history and teaches a course in American religious history focusing on biography. She is also the author of two books, including one on Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Following its successful Taizé retreat earlier this year, the center will begin offering Evening Prayer in the style of the Taizé community, with song, silence, and

reflection, from 4 to 5 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month, beginning March 20.

The center will present the film *ReMoved*, about a 10-year-old girl's journey through the foster care system, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, and will host a journaling workshop with *Catholic Times* columnist Mary van Balen from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19. It also is offering Lenten mornings of quiet reflection from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, March 14 and Monday, March 21 and its monthly Women to Women listening cycle from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

For more information on any of these programs, go to [www.cccenterofpeace.org](http://www.cccenterofpeace.org), email [corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com), or call (614) 512-3731.



# 2016 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE: A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Thousands of men stood up to publicly commit themselves to Christ this past weekend at the annual diocesan Catholic Men's Conference.

The men were led in a prayer of commitment by conference speaker Father Larry Richards, who said, "Men don't like to surrender to anyone, but you must surrender your lives to Jesus Christ if you want to live forever. You have to give up everything you're holding on to in this life, because in the end it's nothing but a handful of dust, and you'll be dust.

"You don't marry secretly," he said. "Just as you have to publicly commit yourself to your wife, you have to publicly commit to Jesus, because he publicly committed to you" in the most dramatic way possible through his crucifixion.

"You have to give him everything you are, because that's the meaning of discipleship," Father Richards continued. "Like the fishermen Peter and Andrew, you have to drop your nets. Like Matthew the tax collector, you have to drop your books, stand where you are, and give all of yourself."

After the men recited the prayer, Father Richards noted that it could be compared to the altar call given by Billy Graham in his sermons at similar large gatherings. "For Billy Graham, that's the end," he said. "For us, it's the beginning."

Father Richards and the conference's other featured speakers, Hector Molina and David Karam, spoke on the theme

"Call to Discipleship" to about 3,000 men who attended the 19th annual event at the Voinovich Center at the State Fairgrounds on Saturday, Feb. 20. A crowd of similar size had attended the diocesan Catholic Women's Conference one week earlier at the same site, with the attendance at both setting records for their respective events.

This was the second visit to the men's conference for Father Richards, the pastor of St. Joseph Church in Erie, Pennsylvania, who is regularly heard on St. Gabriel Radio in Columbus and the EWTN network nationally. He also spoke at the event in 2010.

"You dropped everything" to commit yourselves to Jesus, he said following the commitment prayer. "Now you have to live it." In his dynamic style, sounding like a Vince Lombardi-type football coach or a Marine drill sergeant minus the salty language, he continued by asking the men to say "I am blessed" because of Jesus' death, following that by telling them, "Learn it, believe it, do it. It's not what God does for you that counts, it's what you do for God."

Father Richards noted that this is a Jubilee Year of Mercy, as declared by Pope Francis, and said he recognizes that "giving mercy to others can be the hardest thing you do, yet you must. It's in the principles of the Our Father - 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' C.S. Lewis put it this way, 'We must forgive one another or be damned.' So, gentlemen, if you can't forgive someone, enjoy hell."

"If you have an unforgiving heart," he continued, "it's because you don't think you deserve mercy." He said giving in to such thinking is a denial of what Jesus did for humanity by his crucifixion. "As the Church says, the only way you have been saved is by the blood of Jesus Christ, and that's true even of Pope St. John Paul II or soon-to-be-saint Mother Teresa."

Describing forgiveness as "an act of will, not of feelings," Father Richards said, "I don't care how you feel, and neither does Jesus Christ. He cares how you give your life to him. Jesus didn't feel like dying on the cross. Three times, he went to his Father and said he didn't want to do it. It was an act of will. Don't ever reduce Christ to following your feelings.

"And it's not about just doing good things. An atheist can do good things. Doing good is part of salvation, but more importantly, it's that you no longer live for yourself, that Jesus lives in you. Too often, we leave Mass and think we can leave Jesus in the tabernacle. You never do that. You take him with you. He lives in you and wants you to be an instrument of his mercy."

"What is mercy?" Father Richards asked. In response, he pointed to a portrait of Jesus and his Sacred Heart above the speakers' platform and said, "Take one hand and put it into the heart of Jesus, then extend the other hand to everyone you meet, and be an instrument of his mercy." He then described an incident in which he went on a pilgrimage to Assisi, saw the holy sites there, told another priest about his day, and realized from the priest's response that he was so concerned with the things he had seen that he missed seeing the face of Jesus in the person of a beggar he had ignored.

Following Father Richards' talk, more than 50 priests heard confessions. The last portion of the talk was devoted to a detailed examination of conscience in which he stressed, among other things, the importance of spending at least five



Fr. Dan Dury, Columbus St. Catharine.



Father Larry Richards of Erie, Pa.



Conference speaker Hector Molina.



Business executive David Karam.

minutes a day in prayer and of the men expressing love daily to their wives and children. "Don't be afraid of confession," he said. "We're here to set you free. That's what the sacrament is about."

"You have given your life to Jesus Christ," he concluded. "You need to remember this daily. You have to learn mercy and let the mercy of God go through you. Reach out to others. Confess your sins. Be a saint or go to hell. There are no two ways about it."

Molina, who describes himself as a motivangelist (motivational speaker and evangelist), and served as director of Hispanic ministries and founding director of the Office of the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, opened the conference with a talk based on the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. He said the story could be summed up in four words: remove, respond, release, and reveal.

"Before anything else could happen, Jesus had to ask that the stone be removed from Lazarus' tomb," Molina said. "In the same way, you have to identify the stones that are blocking your path - the stones of envy, pride, lust - and acknowledge the reality of sin in a hedonistic, morally relativistic culture.

"The Church has always taught just being good isn't good enough," he said. "Good people - nice, decent people - don't go to heaven. Only saints, who conform their lives to Jesus Christ, go to heaven. We've been co-opted by a fake gospel that says 'just be good.' Jesus calls us not to mediocrity, but to holiness.

There are two kinds of people - saints and aint's."

Once the stone was removed from Lazarus' tomb, Jesus ordered Lazarus to come out, and Lazarus had to respond before anything else could happen, Molina said. "Once we acknowledge our stones, then we need to listen to the words of Christ, commanding us to come forth in obedience, to follow the commandments and the beatitudes, to submit our hearts and intellects to the glorious word of God."

"Faith is intertwined with obedience," he said. "Are you doing the word and the will of God? Many of you don't know the word of God and must immerse yourselves in it. If you are not obedient to the word of God, you have no claim to faith. We are commanded to love our wives as Christ loved the Church. Lay down your lives daily to lead your wives and families to God as the priests of the domestic church."

Lazarus' response to Jesus' call led to his release from the tomb, which was a cause of great excitement Molina said that many people would come away from the conference with a feeling of great excitement, "but then, reality will set in, and you'll realize the battles that will still have to be waged. Your wife, your friends, many of them will be skeptical. Conversion, like discipleship, is a process that takes time.

"Jesus said you must take up your cross daily, and every day it's a struggle to deny yourself," he said. "We can't do it alone. We must have the help and support of those around us. Identify and get help

from other godly men, for 'as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another' (Proverbs 27:17)."

After the removal of the stone, and Lazarus' response and release, he was able to have his bandages taken off and reveal his face. "Jesus is calling you to be Lazaruses," Molina said, "to accept his invitation and to come forth out of the grave. When you do this, it reveals the wonder and the glory of God.

"If you accept God's invitation, many will come to believe in him because of what they see he has done in you. St. Catherine of Siena said, 'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.' God wants to use you to be a light for your wife, your children, your family, and your co-workers, to bring souls to his kingdom," Molina said.

Karam, the day's final keynote speaker, had a theme of "Discipleship in the World." He is a Columbus resident who is chairman of Sbarro Holdings LLC and served as president of Wendy's International Inc., responsible for all operations and business activities for Wendy's company- and franchise-owned restaurants in North America. He also is chair of the professional advisory council for St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and a trustee of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

He spoke of the value of fellowship and of events such as the conference as being catalysts to a more disciplined approach to the faith. "We've failed if we go back to the same routine we left," he said.

Karam talked about the difference be-



Joseph (left) and John Paul Schlueter, two brothers from Toledo, talk with Martin Wathen of Franciscan University of Steubenville during a break in the conference at the State Fairgrounds.

tween cheap and costly discipleship, as described by German Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who left what would have been safety in the United States in 1939 after three months and returned to his homeland of Germany, where he continued an outspoken opposition to Nazism that led to his death in 1945.

"Cheap grace preaches forgiveness without repentance, baptism without discipline, communion without confession, and grace without the cross," he said. "We have to avoid the danger of segmenting our faith into a section of our lives. Costly grace involves a call to follow Jesus, best received when we have a contrite heart. It requires submission of our nature to God.

"Acts of discipleship can be as extreme as martyrdom or as benign as daily prayer. Discipleship is freely given, but not cheap. It calls us to tell people the message of Christ to follow him in mercy, in love, to Calvary. It's always been hard to follow Christ, but what's made it harder today is the culture, and the key to reversing this is Christians themselves."

Karam quoted statistics from Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate which showed declines in the United States in Mass attendance and in the number of parishes, priests, sisters, and parochial schools. "We have a crisis," he acknowledged. "If this were a business, we'd be speaking with bankruptcy counsel. We have failed our church, country, culture, and children."

But, he added, "We're not the first group facing challenges. Pope Francis said, 'Let us be inspired by the lives of the first Christians.' They were truly countercultural, facing more government hostility than we could ever imagine. They fought the Roman Empire with the weapons of prayer, the Sacraments, and charity, and led the advancement of Western civilization, through the Holy Spirit.

"We have a lot more going for us than the early Christians did," Karam said. "Our faith is far more broadly accepted. There is a springtime of evangelization going on. Christianity is a faith of hope, and we know how the story will end."

"Each of us has a role to play" in engaging the culture on behalf of the Church, Karam said. "As Helen Keller said, 'My role is to accomplish small things as though they were great and wondrous. The world is moved by the tiny pushes of each honest worker.'"

Karam urged his listeners to read the papal documents of John Paul II on catechesis, suffering, and the dignity of women, and the series of talks that make up his Theology of the Body. He talked about how the then-Cardinal Karol Wojtyla's nine years of catechizing his people as archbishop of Krakow ultimately led to the Solidarity movement and the downfall of communism in Poland and throughout Europe, saying this was an ultimate example of the difference one man and the truth can make.

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Hector Molina's presentation draws varying reactions during the 2016 diocesan Catholic Men's Conference. CT photos by Ken Snow



## CONFERENCE, *continua* from Page 11

“Jesus is looking for every one of you where you are,” he said. “He expects you to have a heart for discipleship and he will help you. The culture battles are not ours alone. The Holy Spirit will help you and take you in your sinfulness, in your brokenness, if you will just respond to his call,” he said.

Father Dan Dury, pastor of Columbus St. Catharine Church, opened the conference with a brief reflection which concluded with an example of how he was reminded of God’s mercy in a dramatic and unexpected way at a recent national conference of parishes in Denver.

“I was with a group enjoying the sights of the Rockies,” he said, “On the way back, we saw an apparently homeless man who had just been hit by a vehicle. We immediately stopped, I went to him and gave him absolution, and he died a few moments later. What an example of God’s mercy!

“The world may not have loved that man, but God loved him enough to make sure he would receive absolution. Never forget that God has the same love for you. He never forgets you. He just wants you to love him.”

The conference ended with a Mass which had Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant. The Gospel was the familiar story of the prodigal son, and the bishop said in his homily that it was notable both sons in the story were guilty of a lack of gratitude – the



**Left: Sawing a log at the Wilderness Outreach booth were Michael Arnold (left) of Wilderness Outreach and nine-year-old Augustin Dowdell of Columbus St. Patrick Church. Right: The 3,000 men in attendance sang hymns at Mass and between talks at the conference.**

younger son by “mistaking love for indulgence, saying ‘I deserve my inheritance now,’ taking it and running off,” and the older son by “forgetting the sheer gratuity of his life and existence and complaining, ‘Give me what I deserve.’”

Luke’s Gospel says the younger son eventually “came to his senses” and returned to his father. The bishop said two virtues which help us come to our senses are gratitude, “which allows us to grow in sympathy and generosity,” and attentiveness, through which, “surrounded by white noise, we can see things as they are

before God’s light.”

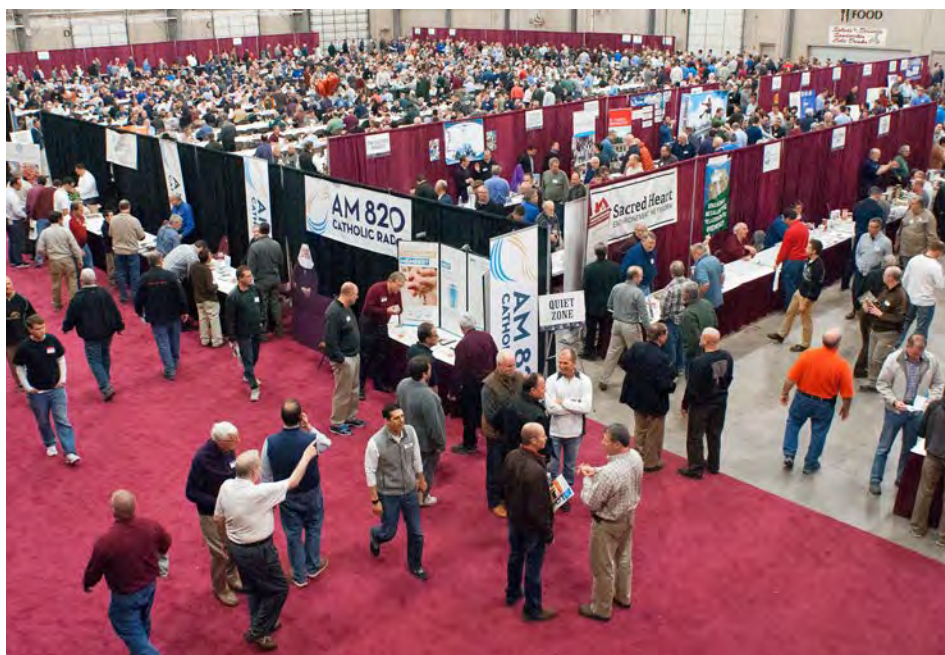
Also speaking briefly to the men in attendance were Fred Shafer of the That Man is You! spirituality program, Doug Smith on behalf of home enthronements of the Sacred Heart, and youth ministers Pat Reiss and Dan DeMattei, co-hosts of a new St. Gabriel Radio program titled *Encounter Rail o*, which is heard at 10 a.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday.

The program features the stories of people who have encountered Jesus in their lives and been permanently changed. Reiss and DeMattei invite



*Catholic Times* readers who have been affected by such an encounter to get in touch with them by going to [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com) and using the “Contact” link.

Local broadcaster Doug Lessells was master of ceremonies. Music was provided by Aaron Richards, Brendan O’Rourke, and a men’s choir, and about 50 vendors had information on various ministries or offered religious goods for sale. More than 125 business and individual sponsors provided funding for the conference, and 25 parishes or deaneries from as far as Cincinnati had groups of 50 or more men attending.



**A break during the 2016 Catholic Men’s Conference allowed the men to visit vendors (foreground), eat (background), and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. CT photos by Ken Snow**

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## ODU Students to Spend Spring Break on Service Mission Trip to Haiti

Two dollars – that’s how much nearly 60 percent of Haiti’s population lives on each day. That’s one of the many startling statistics describing one of the most impoverished nations in the world.

While many college students will spend spring break relaxing and preparing for the remainder of the academic year, 16 students, staff, and alumni from Ohio Dominican University will be more than 1,500 miles away, serving among the most underprivileged in this poverty-stricken nation.

Each year during spring break, ODU students and members of the campus

community participate in a university-sponsored service mission trip. Groups have previously traveled to places such as El Salvador and Guatemala. This year’s group is made up of alumni, staff, and 13 undergraduate and graduate students, including six students in the university’s master of science in physician assistant studies program. After more than a year of planning, the group will leave on the nine-day trip on Saturday, March 5.

“I chose to serve internationally in Haiti because the purpose and mission of this trip is to be the hands and feet of Christ through medical care to those in need,” said Tyler Jackman, an ODU senior majoring in biology. “I cannot express my gratitude enough for the people who have helped me over the years, especially here at ODU, and I felt that this was an excellent way to give back.”

“There are about



Ohio Dominican University students and staff on a service mission trip to Guatemala in 2015.

Photo courtesy Ohio Dominican University

140,000 people who live in the mountain villages of Haiti, but there is only one five-bed hospital with one doctor who provides care,” said Sister Margie Davis, OP, ODU director of campus ministry and a graduate of the university. “During our trip, we’ll help provide much-needed care.”

According to the organization Haiti Partners, Haiti ranks 168th out of 187 nations on the 2014 Human Development Index. Half of its children do not attend school, and 30 percent of the population is considered food-insecure.

During the trip, the group will participate in a variety of service activities. Its members will spend four days assisting orphanages, including the New Life Children’s Home, which provides care to as many as 130 children. Many of the children are sick and more than two dozen have special needs. They also will spend several days in villages throughout the region, providing triage medical care, a feeding program, and other important services.

“I believe that you can serve others no matter where you live,” said Nikki Brown, an ODU senior studying middle school education. “I chose to go to Haiti because I will be forced to give up all my worldly distractions and remember what it feels like to truly live in the moment.”

The group will be accompanied by Miriam Frederick, the founder of World Harvest Missions, which is based in Florida and operates New Life Children’s Home, and Dr. Stephen Schroering, the organization’s medical director. Interpreters and additional volunteers also will be part of the group.

“I look forward to serving, but I feel that the experience will be very eye-opening,” Jackman said. “I have never experienced life outside of the United States, and this service trip will be a very sobering truth about how much help our brothers and sisters need.”

“I was given the opportunity to go on the ODU spring break service trip last year to Guatemala and it was a life-changing experience,” Brown said.

“Our group became extremely close, and some have become my best friends.”

For more information on Ohio Dominican’s service mission trips, visit [ohiodominican.edu/StudyAbroad](http://ohiodominican.edu/StudyAbroad). To learn more about New Life Children’s Home and the care it provides, visit [newlife4kids.com](http://newlife4kids.com).

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

## The Prodigal Son is the one who knows the father best



Father  
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**Joshua 5:9a,10-12;  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21;  
Luke 15:1-3,11-32**

The reading from Joshua confirms last week's promise to Abram that he would possess the land. It jumps past the stories of Abraham's descendants, the "Joseph in Egypt" cycle, the call of Moses and the events of the Exodus, and the period of wandering in the desert.

Joshua succeeded Moses and, with the Israelites, has begun to settle in the land of Canaan. They celebrate the Passover deliverance from the Egyptians ("the reproach of Egypt") on the plains of Jericho, eating the produce of the land of Canaan. The manna ceases because they now have a land to call their own as they are transformed from nomads to people of the land. Whether they keep the land will depend on their observing the covenant.

Sunday's Gospel addresses "tax collectors and sinners" and "Pharisees and scribes." The Pharisees and scribes complained because Jesus "welcomes sinners and eats with them."

The parable of the Merciful Father (or Prodigal Son) is Jesus' response to this criticism. The younger boy who leaves creates havoc in his family as he demands his share of the inheritance and then goes off and blows the wad on "a life of dissipation" (which means he wasted his inheritance living the dream, until it became a nightmare). It becomes so bad that he is, at his lowest point, forced to feed swine, which for a Jew in the

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First Century could not have been more demeaning. We must remember that pork is forbidden meat, according to Jewish law.

Finally, the son decides to return to his father, if not as a son, then at least as a hired hand. He knows his father well enough to think that his father will be open enough to his appeal. He gets up and goes to his father. Luke uses some variation of this word "getting up" more than any other Gospel writer (26 times). Often, the same participle used here (Greek, *anastasas*), is used to mean resurrection. His son actually goes through a kind of resurrection by recalling the mercy of his father and returning to him.

Meanwhile, his father sees him "from a long way off" and runs to the boy, having been stirred to his inmost being ("was filled with compassion"). He hugs the boy and keeps kissing him. As the boy begins his speech, the father interrupts him to order his servant to bring the finest robe to put on him and to put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. These actions signify that he has been returned to full family status. Then, slaughtering the fattened calf leads to a banquet welcoming home the one who has been lost, and the one who has been dead is returned to life.

What really makes the story, however, is the older brother's reaction to all the partying, because he represents the many disciples who, unlike the father, would resent what the younger one has done. This older boy objects, saying "I have **slaved** for you all these years." Even when his father pleads with him and goes out to him, he still sulks about his reprobate brother. Of the two sons, however, only one actually knows the father, and it isn't the older son. The younger one knows the basic merciful nature of the father and decides to take a chance.

So much for eating with tax collectors and sinners! They, not the Pharisees and scribes, are the ones who know the basic nature of the Father. That is why they respond so favorably to the message of Jesus. In the end, the parable is about "a man who had two sons." The parable is about that man, not the sons.

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## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Isaiah 65:17-21  
Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b  
John 4:43-54

TUESDAY  
Ezekiel 47:1-9,12  
Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
John 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY  
Isaiah 49:8-15  
Psalm 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18  
John 5:17-30

THURSDAY  
Ezekiel 32:7-14  
Psalm 106:19-23  
John 5:31-47

FRIDAY  
Wisdom 2:1a,12-22  
Psalm 34:17-21,23  
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

SATURDAY  
Jeremiah 11:18-30  
Psalm 7:2-3,9b-12  
John 7:40-53

### DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 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 IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours



## After Justice Scalia

The death of Justice Antonin Scalia on Feb. 13 – unexpected and, for many reasons, tragic – draws a curtain on the life and public service of one of the most important Catholic figures in America over the past half-century. Justice Scalia was regarded, by admirers and detractors alike, as the most consequential jurist of his time. He brought a remarkable intellect, a clear concept of judging, a distinguished literary style, and a biting wit to his work on the U.S. Supreme Court. His utter demolition of the majority opinion in *Obergefell vs. Hodges*, the decision that invented a constitutional right for people of the same sex to “marry,” is a masterpiece of devastation – as was Scalia’s dissent from Chief Justice John Roberts’ opinion saving Obamacare by reinventing it as a kind-of-tax.

But it would be a grave mistake to think of Justice Scalia’s jurisprudence as essentially negative. Rather, his judging was based on convictions about who should make the laws and how judges should function in a system of judicial review. In a democracy, he believed, legislators, chosen by the people, are free to craft laws within the bounds set by the Constitution. The judge’s task is to interpret both Constitution and statutes according to their text, and according to the text’s meaning as that meaning was understood when the text was adopted. Any other method of judging, he thought, inevitably turned the Supreme Court into a super-Congress, in which nine unelected lawyers who were not subject to periodic elections ruled the nation. That seemed to him a very bad idea. More to the point, it was not the idea of governance inscribed



### THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE George Weigel

in the Constitution.

Justice Scalia was not only a distinguished jurist; he was a wonderful man, full of vitality and humor. He made no secret of his intense Catholicism, bred in him in his youth. (Nor did he hesitate to express his concerns when the Church seemed to him to be coming unmoored from the Great Tradition on which it was grounded.) He was a devoted husband and father, and his friendships extended far beyond the range of those who agreed with his jurisprudence. A man of honor and a dedicated public servant, he was, with Henry Hyde, one of the two most influential Catholics in national affairs during his years in Washington. He will be sorely missed, not only by those of us privileged to know him, but by anyone who cares about intelligence and integrity in public life.

There will be an enormous political struggle over filling his seat on the Court. It is far too early to know how that struggle will resolve itself. But it’s not too early to do Justice Scalia one last honor and ask the question “Why is that struggle so crucial? Why has the Supreme Court become such a Leviathan in our

national public life?”

Something is wrong here. Last June, one man, Justice Anthony Kennedy, decided on behalf of 322 million Americans that the Constitution included a “right” for people of the same sex to “marry” each other. Put aside the fact that his reasoning was so specious (indeed vacuous) that the keener proponents of “same-sex marriage” were dismayed by it, and are trying to find another case that would put their “right” on firmer constitutional ground. Put aside the fact, previously noted, that after Justice Scalia’s dissent from Kennedy’s opinion, the dental records were needed to identify the remains. The real question was, is, and ought to be this: “Why was one man deciding this for the entire country? Why was a deeply controverted issue being removed from the deliberation of the people and their legislators and decided by unelected and unaccountable judges?” (Yes, I know, Supreme Court justices can be impeached; but if you believe that a remedy for *Obergefell* – or in just about any other imaginable instance – I have a nice bridge in Brooklyn to sell you.)

America would honor the memory of the great Antonin Scalia if the 2016 presidential campaign, which will now, inevitably and bitterly, engage the question of his successor, would seriously debate the prior questions: “Why have these Supreme Court nominations become so important, and what can be done to restore balance to the American constitutional order?”

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### STUDENTS DONATE CONTEST PRIZE TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Lancaster St. Bernadette School kindergarten students entered the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest of Knights of Columbus Council 1016 in December. They won second place, and were awarded a \$25 check as their prize. The students wanted to give their winnings, along with some other money they collected, to the poor, and donated their money to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Jerry Welker, president of the local conference of the society, visited the students to thank them and share the ways that the society helps the less fortunate.

Photo courtesy St. Bernadette School



### ST. ANTHONY OPEN HOUSE, BOOK FAIR

Columbus St. Anthony School hosted a book fair for the parish and school during its annual open house. Money was raised to help buy new books for the school library and there was even a visit from Clifford, the big red dog. Pictured with Clifford are St. Anthony student Skylas Blumensheid (left) and Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School student Dee Dee Myers.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School



# Pray for our dead

**BARTH, Mary, 88, Feb. 14**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newcomerstown

**BEYTAGH, Francis X., 80, Feb. 21**  
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

**BORUSZEWSKI, Bertrand M., 81, Feb. 25**  
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

**CREAMER, Thomas, 69, Feb. 25**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**DONOVAN, Francis J., 87, Feb. 26**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**DURKIN, Jane E., 97, Feb. 26**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

**ECKSTEIN, Dorothy, 98, Feb. 27**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

**FRENCHO, John L., 92, Feb. 25**  
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

**GROOMS, Patricia A., 85, Feb. 22**  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

**HARPER, Eric J., 55, Feb. 16**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**HIPPLER, Donald M., 78, Feb. 25**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**ISING, Richard Jr., 74, Feb. 20**  
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

**MAYS, Alice L., 94, Feb. 24**  
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

**MESSERLY, Hugh "Pat," 81, Feb. 20**  
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

**MEYERS-PALMER, Tommie, 10, Feb. 22**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**MITCHELL, Mary C., 76, Feb. 21**  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

**PERONE, Thomas F., 88, Feb. 21**  
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

**PRICE, Patricia M., 76, Feb. 24**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**RAHE, John J., 74, Feb. 25**  
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

**SHERMAN, Mary E., 92, Feb. 9**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**SHOUP, F. Ann, 91, Feb. 23**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**VANDENOEVER, Corinn, 34, Feb. 17**  
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

**WALDO, Patricia, 78, Feb. 19**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**WALKER, Daniel K., 82, Feb. 25**  
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

**WEIDEMAN, Martin L., 96, Feb. 20**  
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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.

## Scripture, Encyclical Study at Marion St. Mary

6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. Study of the Letter of James and the encyclical "Laudato Si" with Deacon Todd Tucky. **740-382-2118**

## Holy Hour at Holy Family

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

## 'Rediscover Jesus' at Plain City St. Joseph

7 to 8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Third in five-week series of talks based on "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly.

## Sung Vespers at St. Margaret of Cortona

7:30 p.m., St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus. Sung Vespers, following Stations of the Cross during weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

## 4, FRIDAY

## St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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## Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

## Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Talk by Father Michael Mary Dosch, OP, pastor at St. Patrick and papally appointed missionary of mercy, on "Mercy and Justice."

## Chiara Lubich Memorial Mass at de Porres Center

6:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Memorial Mass for Focolare movement founder Chiara Lubich. **614-532-8171**

## Living Water 'Way of the Cross' at New Albany

7:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Christian band Living Water presents "The Way of the Cross" concert narrative, its final public performance before disbanding. **614-204-8794**

## Discussion of 'Rediscover Jesus' at St. John Neumann

7:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Fourth of six Friday-night discussion programs on "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly.

## Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30.

## All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.

## 5, SATURDAY

## Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. **614-861-4888**

## Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. **614-372-5249**

## 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.

## Charismatic Mass and Citywide Prayer Gathering

9 a.m. to noon, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Mass, followed by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal citywide prayer gathering with breakfast, music, prayer, talk. **614-861-1242**

## Parroquia Santa Cruz Youth Rally

9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Parroquia Santa Cruz, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Rally for Latino high school students and their parents, with David Mahan of Common Sense Culture speaking on "Passion, Plan, and Perseverance." Includes parent workshop and closing Mass.

## Creighton Model NFP Introductory Session

10 a.m. to noon, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Introductory session for Creighton Model Natural Family Planning classes. Information at www.freedomfertilitycare.com.

## Diocesan Respect Life Conference at Plain City

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St., Plain City. Annual diocesan Respect Life Conference. Theme: "Being Pro-Life in the Year of Mercy." Registration \$20, including lunch. **614-241-2540**

## 'Prodigal Songs' Concert at Church of Our Lady

5:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. "Prodigal Songs" concert by parish music ministry, featuring secular music related to the parable of the Prodigal Son. **614-861-1242**

## Catholic Social Services Spirit of Hope Gala

6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Columbus Museum of Art, 480 E. Broad St., Columbus. Catholic Social Services annual Spirit of Hope fundraising gala. **614-857-1254**

## Filipino Mass at Holy Cross

7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. **614-224-3416**

## 6, SUNDAY

## Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut St. S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, continuing every Sunday during Lent.

## St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Welcoming Our New Neighbors" with Melanie Williams of Community Refugee & Immigration Services.

## Exposition at Church of the Resurrection

Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m.

## Our Lady of Bethlehem School Open House

1 to 3 p.m., Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Child-care, 4567 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Open house. School is for students from six weeks to kindergarten.

## 'He Named Me Malala' at de Porres Center

2 to 5 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. "He Named Me Malala" film on Nobel Prize winner Malala Yousafzai. **614-532-8171**

## Adoration, Vespers, Benediction at Lancaster St. Mary

4 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, sung Vespers, and Benediction, continuing every Sunday during Lent.

## 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**

## Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

## Compline at Cathedral

9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline. **614-241-2526**

## 7, MONDAY

## Lenten Quiet Morning at Corpus Christi

10 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Fourth of six Lenten quiet mornings of reflection. **614-512-3731**

## Adoration, Evening Prayer at New Philadelphia

5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, followed by Evening Prayer. **330-343-6976**

## 'Exploring the Passion' Liturgy at St. John Neumann

7 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. "Exploring the Passion" liturgy. **740-965-1358**

## 7-9, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

## Parish Mission at St. Brendan

7 p.m., St. Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard. "Restored!" parish mission with Father Glenn Sudano, CFR, and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. **614-876-1272**

## 8, TUESDAY

## Adoration, Mass, Speaker at Dover St. Joseph

5 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Mass at 6 and "7 Habits of a Highly Effective Catholic" with Dr. John Bergsma of Franciscan University of Steubenville. **330-364-6661**

## Lenten Soup Supper at Plain City St. Joseph

Parish activity center, St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St., Plain City. Lenten soup supper following 5:30 p.m. Mass.

## Lenten Soup Supper at St. Edward

6 p.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville. Lenten soup supper with parish music director Paul Radkowski speaking on "Eucharist and Creation."

## Calix Society Meeting

6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Preceded by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, across street from meeting site.

## Holy Hour at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Monthly Holy Hour following 6 p.m. Mass. **614-299-5781**

## Lenten Soup and Salad Supper at Ss. Simon and Jude

Following 6 p.m. Mass, Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson. Soup and salad supper.

## EnCourage Ministry Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m., EnCourage, an approved diocesan ministry dedicated to families and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. Call for site. **614-296-7404**

## Holy Hour at St. John Neumann

7 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

## Relevant Young Adult Ministry

7 to 8:30 p.m., Wyandotte Winery, 4640 Wyandotte Drive, Columbus. Monthly meeting of Relevant ministry for people 21 to 35, sponsored by New Albany Church of the Resurrection. Cost \$5. Light appetizers; wine extra.

## 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.

## 9, WEDNESDAY

## Lenten Soup Supper at St. Agatha

6 p.m., St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus. Soup supper benefiting Hands Together program in Haiti.

## Scripture, Encyclical Study at Delaware St. Mary

6 to 7:30 p.m., Beitel Commons, St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Study of the Letter of James and the encyclical "Laudato Si" with Deacon Todd Tucky.

## Prayer Service at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart

6:15 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. "A Light for My Path: Praying the Psalms On the Way of the Cross" prayer service. **330-343-6976**

## Talk By Father Wagner at Logan St. John

7 p.m., St. John Church, 351 N. Market St., Logan. Talk on the New Evangelization with Father Joshua Wagner of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches.

## Delaware St. Mary Theology on Tap

7 p.m., Restoration Brewery, 25 N. Sandusky St., Delaware. Meeting of Delaware St. Mary Church Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics.





EXHIBIT

## THE CRUCIFIXION IN ART

*They shall look on him  
whom they have pierced.*

*(John 19:37)*

During this season of Lent, the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus, is presenting “The Passion of Christ: The Crucifixion in Art,” an exhibition from the Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection. The exhibition runs through Easter Sunday, March 27, and includes 53 works of art spanning the last 100 years. Notable artists whose works are featured include French painter Georges Rouault, “outsider” artist Mose Tolliver, Art Deco artist Jean Lambert-Rucki, printmaker Sister Mary Corita Kent, and Southwest artist Marie Romero Cash.

In antiquity, crucifixion was considered the most shameful means of execution, reserved only for the worst criminals. Roman philosopher and orator Cicero described crucifixion as “a most cruel and disgusting punishment,” and suggested “the very mention of the cross should be far removed not only from a Roman citizen’s body, but from his mind, his eyes, his ears.” Historically, the crucifix or cross was not the dominant Christian image before the Fourth Century; until then, it was more often the image of Christ as shepherd or miracle worker which appeared in frescoes and mosaics, and on sarcophagi and tombs. Many scholars believe the first depictions of the crucifixion showing the



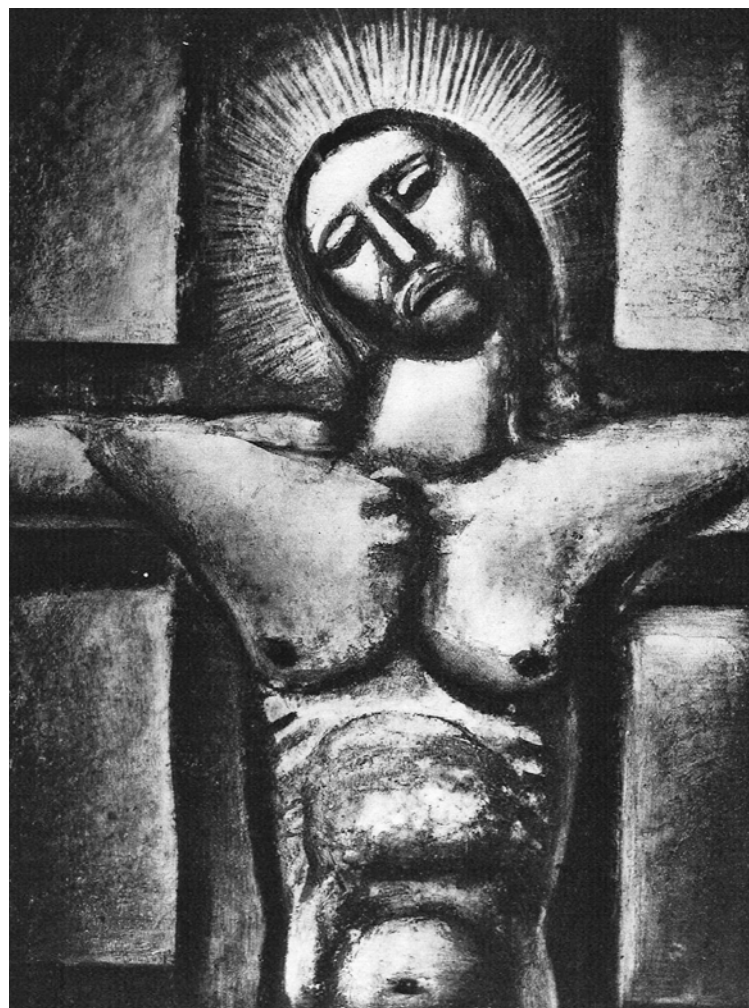
suffering Christ originated in Byzantium, where the characteristic “S”-shaped body was developed. From the late medieval period onward, the cross, the crucifix, and depictions of the crucifixion have become the most prominent motifs or images in churches and Christian homes.

Viewers of the exhibition are likely to be struck by the sight of more than 50 crucifixion images in one gallery, and yet each artist has layered over that elementally simple graphic – the upright and transverse beams – his or her own distinct style and unavoidable emotion. Alabama artist Catherine Partain, who is known for her metal crosses made out of scrap materials, says she found salvation at the foot of the cross. “God has given me a vision of his Cross

as not only the symbol of my salvation, but a tool for my spiritual alignment,” she said. Bronze sculptor Gilbert Jerome Singleton, whose work is included in the collections of the Vatican, said. “I’m not decorating somebody’s living room. I’m not decorating somebody’s garden. I’m decorating somebody’s heart.”

The exhibition was organized by Dr. Graziella Marchicelli, the Jubilee Museum’s director of museum services and special exhibitions. For more information, visit the museum’s website at [www.jubileemuseum.org](http://www.jubileemuseum.org) or call (614) 600-0054. A suggested donation of \$10 per person is greatly appreciated.

**Photos/clockwise: Works by Gilbert Singleton, Catherine Partain, Georges Rouault, and Earl Stetson Crawford.**





## Priest's mission starts with getting people to the dinner table

By Carol Zimmermann

Catholic News Service

For Father Leo Patalinghug, faith and food go hand in hand, or in cooking terms, they blend; there is no trick to folding one into the other.

“The idea of food in faith is implicit in our Scriptures. It’s implicit in our liturgical calendar,” he said, also adding that without question, it’s a key component of the Mass.

The 45-year-old Filipino-American, known as the cooking priest, has made the blending of those two worlds his life’s work with his apostolate, “Grace Before Meals,” which aims, as he puts it, “to bring families to the dinner table and bring God to the table.”

He not only does a cooking show on the Eternal Word Television Network called *Savoring Our Faith*, but he also travels across the nation giving parish workshops and speaks at conferences (including the 2013 Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference), on radio programs, and via social media about the need for families to celebrate not just Catholic feast days, but everyday meals together. He also has written three books and is working on two more.

Without irony, he says there is a hunger for this ministry, noting that the parish workshops he gives are typically booked, filled with parishioners of all ages interested in how food and faith meet and on connecting or reconnecting with each other and God.

When Catholic News Service met Father Patalinghug at his Baltimore home on Feb. 24, he had just returned from a series of parish missions in California and Chicago and was about to leave the next day for the Los Angeles Religious

E d u c a t i o n Congress. He also was having about 30 family members over that night for dinner, so he needed to get meat in the oven and a pasta dish started.

But noting that a busy schedule is pretty much how he rolls, he demonstrated that with some advance planning, he could easily whip up a Lenten meal of brown butter smoked paprika sauteed with cherry tomatoes and shrimp over pasta.

“If a family thinks ahead about what they’re going to do in Lent -- as opposed to making it seem like a drudgery” that they have to think of something meatless to eat, they can easily prepare a similar dish and not have to rely on cheese pizza or frozen fish sticks, he said.

His simple meatless meal seemed easy to make, looked good when plated, as he put it, and was really tasty. That’s part of his ministry -- helping people see they can and should eat well and eat together.

The priest has tapped into a current food fascination, popularized by Food Network, the very spot where he gained some notoriety seven years ago when he beat celebrity chef Bobby Flay in a steak fajita cook-off on *Throwdown! With Bobby Flay*.

At that time, the Baltimore priest, who is part of a community of consecrated life called *Voluntas Dei*, already was doing a cooking show and had written the *Grace Before Meals Cookbook*.



Cooking had been part of his DNA long before that.

Over the years, he has occasionally taken cooking classes. When he was in the seminary at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, he ended up picking up tips from chefs at local restaurants.

But what really got his cooking juices going was from being the youngest of four children and growing up in what he jokingly calls “Hotel Patalinghug” because of his family’s hospitality, so typical of the Filipino culture. He said he helped or watched his mother cook, and they never ate dinner until his father, a doctor, came home from work, usually around 7:30 p.m.

These days at family get-togethers, he is not always the main cook, because his mom is such a good cook and his family members often bring something.

The go-to meal for the priest

who is frequently on-the-run is cooked vegetables and rice and maybe some steak “because who doesn’t like a little meat?”

His kitchen, set up for cooking demonstrations, is uncluttered. The counters are bare and cookbooks are stacked high above cabinets, with the appearance that they are not often needed. On a chopping block is a small wooden statue of St. Pasqual, the Franciscan monk who worked in a monastery kitchen and is considered the patron saint of cooks and kitchens.

Father Patalinghug admits his work is not a traditional ministry, but he said it is meeting people where they are, just as Jesus sent his disciples out and told them to “eat what is set before you.”

He gives the example of St. Paul, “who followed such a strict diet, but when he went to evangelize the nations, he had

to for the first time eat bacon, and he loved it, I’m sure.”

He can’t seem to help throwing in cooking terms when talking about his work, noting that Christians all are called to be leaven in society and that his ultimate goal is to bring people back to the Lord’s table.

He also said his ministry provides bait. “Once people nibble on the truth, once they’ve tasted and seen the goodness of God, they hunger for more,” he said,

And he sees the fruit, so to speak, with the response including an email from a woman who told him that after watching his show, she went to church the next day, went to confession, and received the Eucharist for the first time in 30 years.

“And I thought, I was just cutting onions, you know? It’s kind of crazy,” he added, “but I was doing it in the name of the Lord.”





## 2016 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS HONOR CHOIR CONCERT

The 2016 diocesan Catholic Schools Honor Choir concert, with the theme "Praise the Lord, the King of Peace," will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway. This program, in its ninth year, invites students from all diocesan schools to participate in a one-day choral event, under the direction of artistic director and clinician Sheila Cafmeyer (pictured at right). More than 250 singers from 16 schools will perform, representing diocesan grade schools, Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, and Ohio Dominican University.

Cafmeyer has been active in many areas of music: leading the choirs at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School for 10 years; directing and performing in musicals for high school,

college, and community theaters; teaching private voice lessons; and freelancing as a wedding vocalist. She has been a member of the Lancaster Chorale since 2000. With the support of diocesan music teachers, she has served as artistic director and clinician for the diocesan Catholic Schools Honor Choir since its inception in 2008. She earned her master's degree in music education from Capital University, and is choir director at Ohio Dominican University.

In addition to the honor choir performance, individual selections will be performed by featured ensembles including the youth choirs of Columbus St. Cecilia and Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul schools, St. Francis DeSales High School's ladies ensemble, and the Ohio Domin-

ican University chorus. To order a copy of this year's performance, go to <http://soundwaves.org> and search "Diocese of Columbus."

This event was developed by diocesan music teachers as an effort to give their singers an opportunity to perform challenging music in a large ensemble setting. Singers prepare the music under the guidance of their music teachers and assemble for one afternoon rehearsal and evening performance.

Sacred music of all styles, from Renaissance to classical and Gospel to contemporary, will be performed during this celebration of song in an effort to demonstrate the students' unity and Catholic heritage through music. A free-will offering will be collected for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen.



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