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Conference speakers exhort women to hope, pray

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An inspiring lineup of speakers at the 15th annual Catholic Women's Conference urged the 2,700 in attendance on Saturday, Feb. 18 to embrace their role as faithful servants of Christ as part of their uniquely feminine vocation, to pray with fervor, trust in the Lord and never give up hope.

The conference in Kasich Hall at the state fairgrounds attracted women of all ages from throughout Ohio and surrounding states to a full day of activities that began with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Earl Fernandes and ended with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The packed schedule included presentations by Paula Umana, a former professional tennis player and mother of five who was stricken with an illness that left her quadriplegic; Father Michael Denk, a priest from the Diocese of Cleveland and an international speaker and writer on prayer; Father Rob Galea, a priest from Australia who as a singer and songwriter travels the world inspiring young people in particular to draw closer to the heart of God; and Danielle Bean, an author, podcaster and host of a weekly Catholic women's television show.

Providing music during the conference was contemporary Catholic Christian artist Hannah Schaefer. The Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral Schola, directed by Sharon Silleck of Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption and accompanied by cathedral organist Amanda Renee Mole, provided music for Mass.

Debbie Georgianni, the co-host of



the daily Take 2 show on EWTN Radio, served as the emcee.

The sacrament of reconciliation was made available through 37 priests, and an Adoration Chapel was open throughout the day.

The attendees also could visit with more than 50 organizations in the vendor area ranging from religious orders to publishers to local ministries.

Newark St. Francis de Sales Church served as the host parish. Its pastor, Fa-

ther David Sizemore, concelebrated the Mass, and altar servers from the parish assisted at the Mass and with Adoration.

Umana led off the speaker lineup with an emotional talk.

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Priest assignments will affect churches in diocese

More than 30 priest assignments affecting 42 churches in the diocese were announced during the weekend of Feb. 11-12 at the parishes where the moves will take place in July.

The public disclosure of clergy moves normally occurs in June, but a number of factors related to the ongoing Real Presence Real Future initiative led to the early release of the information.

"Making the announcement of new assignments now gives the priests and parish-

es time to plan in advance for the changes," Bishop Earl Fernandes said. "The timing now allows for a smooth transition due to the sheer number of changes and the need for parishes to plan their budgets.

"We also wanted to be sensitive to priests, especially those who will be retiring or moving, to allow them to enjoy the upcoming seasons of Lent and Easter with their parishioners and vice versa."

The diocese's Priest Personnel Board

has met more frequently during the past few months due to the complexity of assigning priests while considering their needs and the needs of the parishes before announcing the moves.

As the diocese becomes more culturally diverse, factors such as language, logistics and obtaining visas for international or missionary priests had to be considered.

Several assignments involve priests becoming pastors at multiple parishes or

administrators of a church.

A priest administrator in the Diocese of Columbus leads a community in the way a pastor does but without a fixed (six-year) term of office.

The diocese has also added more priests from religious orders in the past several years to provide for the sacramental needs of the people of the diocese.

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Clergy assignments

The following clergy assignments, which were announced by the diocese on the weekend of Feb. 11-12, will take effect in July unless otherwise noted:

Reverend William Arnold, from Pastor, Holy Spirit Church and St. Philip Church Columbus, to Retirement, effective December 1, 2023.

Reverend James P. Black, from Pastor, St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell, to Pastor, St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Thomas J. Buffer, from Pastor, St. Mary Church, Marion and Sacred Hearts Church Cardington, to Pastor, St. Cecilia Church, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend James Coleman, from Pastor, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus, to Retirement, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Leo Connolly, to Administrator, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus, continuing as Pastor, Seton Parish, Pickerington, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Anthony J. Davis, to Pastor, St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus continuing as Pastor, St. Matthias Church, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Anthony A. Dinovo, from Pastor, St. Michael Church, Worthington, to Pastor, St. Patrick Church, London, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Craig R. Eilerman, to Administrator, St. Mark Church, Lancaster continuing as Pastor/Rector, Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption Lancaster, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Monsignor Paul Enke, from Pastor, St. Edward the Confessor Church, Granville, to Chaplain, Mother Angeline McCrory Manor and the Villas at St. Therese, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Peter M. Gideon, from Pas-

tor, St. Mark Church, Lancaster, and Administrator, St. Joseph, Sugar Grove, to Retirement, effective July 11, 2023.

Fr. Mark Hammond, from Episcopal Vicar for Spiritual Life of Priests, to Promoter of Justice, continuing as pastor of St. Vincent DePaul, Mt. Vernon, and St. Luke, Danville, effective February 8, 2023.

Reverend Timothy M. Hayes, from Pastor, St. Mary Church and St. Peter Church, Chillicothe, and St. Mary Church, Waverly, to Pastor, St. Edward the Confessor Church, Granville, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph M. Hendricks, from Pastor, St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin, to Bishop's

Delegate for Community Relations, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Hilary Ike, from Administrator, St. Mary Church, Groveport, to Parochial Vicar, St. Elizabeth Church and St. Matthias Church, Columbus, continuing in service to the Tribunal effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Jacques Kik, from Parochial Vicar, St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell, to Pastor, Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus, continuing as chaplain for Maronite Community, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Robert Kitsmiller, from Rector, St. Joseph Cathedral and Administrator, Holy Cross Church, Columbus, continuing as Judicial Vicar, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Michael J. Lumpe, from Chaplain, Mother Angeline McCrory Manor and Villas at St. Therese, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Michael Church, Worthington, continuing as Vicar for Senior and Infirm Priests and Diocesan Coordinator of Hospital Ministry, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend William A. Metzger, from Pastor, Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus, to Retirement, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Brian J. O'Connor, to Administrator, St. Mary Church, Groveport, con-

tinuing as Pastor, St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Martin J. Ralko, from Pastor, St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville, to Pastor, St. Ann Church, Dresden and St. Mary Church, Mattingly Settlement, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend David A. Schalk, from Pastor, Christ the King Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell and St. Peter Church, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Ryan M. Schmit, from Pastor, St. Ann Church, Dresden and St. Mary Church, Mattingly Settlement, to Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ada and Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Edward T. Shikina, from Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ada and Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton, to Pastor, St. Mary Church, Marion and Sacred Hearts Church, Cardington, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Jan C. P. Sullivan, from Pastor, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, to Rector, St. Joseph Cathedral, and Administrator, Holy Cross Church, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Tyron J. Tomson, to Administrator, St. Joseph Church, Sugar Grove, continuing as Pastor, St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster and St. Mary Church, Bremen, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Christopher M. Tuttle, from Pastor, St. Peter Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Mary Church and St. Peter Church, Chillicothe, and St. Mary Church, Waverly, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Michael B. Watson, from Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City, to Retirement with continuing assistance to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend David J. Young, from Pastor,

St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg, to Pastor, St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville and St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment by the Provincial of the Apostles of Jesus, **Reverend Patrick Watikha, AJ**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Portsmouth; Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth; St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; and Holy Trinity Church, Pond Creek, to Pastor, St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg, effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment by the Provincial of the Apostles of Jesus, **Reverend Process Milton Kiocha, AJ**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church and St. Peter Church, Chillicothe, and St. Mary Church, Waverly, to Parochial Vicar, St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg, effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment by the Provincial of the Theatine Fathers in the United States, **Reverend David Arroyo Alonso, CR; Reverend Victor Mendez Cano, CR; and Reverend Salvador Cisneros Carrillo, CR**, from Parochial Vicars Christ the King Church and St. Thomas Church, Columbus, to Parochial Vicars St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell, and St. Peter Church, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial of the Our Lady of Good Health Province of the Pallottines in Tamil Nadu, India, from service outside of the diocese to service at Holy Spirit Church, Columbus and St. Philip Church, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial of the Franciscan Capuchin Fathers of St. Augustine Province, from service outside of the diocese, to the assumption of responsibility for Christ the King and St. Thomas the Apostle Church, effective July 11, 2023.



Front Page photo:

Women's Conference

Father Rob Galea, a priest from Australia, carries the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament through Kasich Hall at the state fairgrounds during the annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference attended by more than 2,700 women and children on Saturday, Feb. 18.

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"You're not going to remember anything I say when you go home today or in 20 years, but I want you to remember two things – this ball and fiat," Umana said, holding up a tennis ball.

The former No. 1 tennis player in her native Costa Rica and 281st in the world in doubles was afflicted with a nervous system disorder called CIDP after the birth of her fifth child, Charles, that left her quadriplegic.

She told the women that her response to the unexpected illness was "fiat." As the Blessed Virgin Mary's fiat at the Annunciation was a surrendering of her will to God's, Umana also said "yes" to God's will for the illness in her life.

"Mary's answer was a word we say in Latin – fiat. It means surrender, let it be done, amen," Umana said.

She said that surrendering was not easy. When first diagnosed with the illness, Umana said she was confused and thought that prayers were not working as she lay paralyzed in bed.

"I was asking God, 'Where are you?' I was so confused."

Performing household chores became a dream. Umana recounted feeling angry, jealous and fearful as difficulty entered her life and medical bills piled up. In those moments, she said, the enemy crept in.

"Evil came into my life. 'See, Paula, you are not useful for anything,'" she said, remembering the words the enemy spoke to her.

After a priest visited her in the hospital, Umana said, she learned to offer her suffering to God.

"I realized the Blessed Mother is there waiting for you," she said of her decision to live the fiat every day.

Umana showed the audience a video of her standing up from her wheelchair, which occurred on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes about a year after her diagnosis. One of her daughters was in Lourdes, France, praying for her recovery at the time.

Umana recounted the miracle of regaining her ability to walk.

"My son Charles asked me, 'Mom, are you going to be able to walk again?' I said, 'I don't know, Charles. Ask Jesus,'" to which her youngest child walked to a crucifix and asked the crucified Christ if his mother could regain her ability to walk.

Umana said that after a trip to Seattle she returned home able to walk. She said that Charles, who was 3 at the time, was waiting for her at a window. After witnessing his mother walk, Charles ran to the crucifix and said "thank you" to Jesus.

"God has a purpose in all things," she said.

Umana's daughter Clarita accompanied her to the conference. She joined her mother on stage near the end of the talk and gave her a hug. Umana asked if there was anything she would like to say to the audience.

"The amount of faces is shocking,"



Danielle Bean



Hannah Schaefer

Clarita said, breaking down in tears. "I didn't think, when I would sit there and feed my mom, that I would see all of these people."

Umana said she and Clarita travel throughout the United States together telling her story to students, conferences and corporations.

Hitting tennis balls into the crowd, Umana encouraged the audience to respond with a fiat to the areas of darkness in their lives.

"Someone at home has a disability," Umana said, hitting a tennis ball into the crowd.

"Fiat!" The audience cheered.

"I am growing older and getting weaker," Umana said as she hit another tennis ball.

"Fiat!" the audience chanted again.

Umana said that audience members can respond "fiat" to areas of darkness in their lives. She said that Jesus is the light, and His coming would not have been possible without the Blessed Mother's own fiat.

Father Rob Galea *CT photos by Ken Snow*

Father Michael Denk

Paula Umana (right and daughter Clarita) *CT photos by Ken Snow*

er's own fiat.

In addition to sharing her story, Umana is the founder of the company Coach Paula Tennis and the author of 40 Gifts of Hope, a story of the ill who found their way out of darkness.

Father Denk, the founder of Prodigal Father Productions, which communicates to audiences through new media the importance of developing a strong prayer life, touched on several topics during his talk and used music, playing his ukulele and singing *I'll Be There*, to capture the audience's attention.

The priest related a story about the power of the Holy Family Prayer Medal that he developed and went on to describe guided, meditative and contemplative prayer, stressing the need to see and hear God by talking personally to Him, listening and visualizing His presence while focusing on a Scripture passage.

He explained that he discovered meditative prayer through his spiritual di-

rector, whose spiritual director was St. Padre Pio, and Father Denk shared several profound encounters in prayer with God.

The author of the *Pray 40 Days* book, Father Denk presented his five P's for prayer: prepare, place, presence, posture, presence and passage.

Praying in a church or an Adoration Chapel are the best places to pray, he said, but it's not always possible.

If there's not a regular spot at home to pray, "make that place by Ash Wednesday," he said, adding that fasting is critical during Lent to enter into a deeper relationship with the Lord.

During the noon hour, Schaefer got the crowd on their feet as she performed a few of her songs, including *Fire*, *My Champion* and *Turn This Ship Around*. She performed *Faithful*, a song of trust

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Lenten sacrifice might not ‘work’; trust is necessary

Sometimes Lent mandates a deeper action of faith. I've often wondered what it would look like if I actually ordered my days with a "Jesus first" mentality. This week will find me in the Adoration Chapel once again staking my flag in the ground and laying down my worries to Jesus.

Ironic how I will enter so boldly, and yet so tentatively place my worries at His feet (again). The kids can join me, or they can stay home. This is for me, not them. Well, it is for them, but they need not participate. This is my offering. That is what a fast is, an offering.

There is a passage in Mark 9:29, where the Apostles try to remove an evil spirit from a child, and they are unable. Jesus replies: "This one cannot come out except by prayer." Sometimes in addition to prayer, we dig deeper.

As Catholics, we have been raised with fasting and almsgiving, especially in Lent. As parents, we face situations beyond our abilities. We can worry, or we can talk it out. We can obsess, or we can let go. We can control, or we can surrender.

Parenting often finds me on my knees. Whether they be 10 years old or 21, for them to know the Lord is my heart's desire. But that is not something I can make happen. I truly struggle with that because I have dedicated my life to helping them forge a relationship with the Lord, and their problems would be so much easier if they had Him as the crossing guard instead of, well, anyone else, and yet the choice is theirs to make.

I am pondering this desire to fast. As truth be told, however, I am not a particularly good faster. But I have prayed all my prayers and asked close friends to pray as well, and I feel called to more. I feel as if this intention needs me to believe that my offering is enough. There is something to be learned here for me while I offer this intention.

ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard

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



An image of the Apostles sent out two by two to preach and heal comes to mind. "Me?" they must have asked. "I am not You. I cannot heal." And yet, He bid them go, and He was with them. I imagine them growing in wisdom and fortitude as they feel Him working through them.

Fasting for me is this "yes" to Jesus. It is the realization that my "yes" witnesses so much to the Lord. I will go. I will sacrifice. You are working here in me and in my intention. You are for me, and I am showing You through this fast that I am for You. I know I will need to draw more closely to You in this time, and that I might be tempted to turn back.

I imagine the Apostles tempted to turn back when "just prayer" did not heal. Steady the course. Press in deeper, He says. St. Peter Chrysologus reminds us that "fasting is the soul of prayer." When I listen to music and a song has soul, I feel its depth. That is what fasting does. Fasting gives depth to our prayer.

But what if it doesn't fix the problem? I can already hear myself getting frustrated that my offering didn't "work." I must guard myself against that worldly thinking. I know my tendencies. Here is my offering, Lord. Use it this way. Oh, how I love to control things!

I steady my thoughts. Lord, teach me, mold me, form me that I may grow more in sacrificing for the good of

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Going to the margins to evangelize

Congratulations! We've nearly made it through the first two months of a new year. We feel pretty good about our Thanksgiving and Christmas contributions to local food pantries or our parish mitten tree. Most of us have our Christmas decorations carefully boxed and back in the attic. It's also time to start thinking about April 15.

Here is something else to think about: In a speech to his fellow cardinals before the conclave that elected him pope, Jorge Mario Bergoglio implored, "The church is called to come out of herself and to go to the peripheries, not only geographically, but also the existential peripheries: the mystery of sin, of pain, of injustice, of ignorance and indifference to religion, of intellectual currents and of all misery."

FAITH IN ACTION | Erin Cordle

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As Pope Francis, he calls for the Church to be "as a field hospital after battle." What a great way to evangelize!

Moral theology challenges us to listen to and welcome the least, the frail and those regarded as rejects by society. Jesus Himself clearly showed us the way to see the mystery of sin, pain, injustice, ignorance, indifference to religion and of all misery. For us, this means intentional and focused evangelization.

People of faith might feel abandoned by their fellow Christians or excluded by the Church; however, they do not feel abandoned by God.

From my perspective, going out to the peripheries is not only about giving voice to the voiceless; it's also about recognizing, in prayerful humility, that our brothers and sisters already are speaking and witnessing to God in a world of injustice. We just need to listen!

In Isaiah 58, the prophet links worship of God with care for people in need. He critiques false religiosity and insists that true worship requires a change in one's mindset and behavior.

In today's society in which so

'Times' hires reporter

Hannah Heil has joined *The Catholic Times* as a reporter to cover Catholic news and events in the Diocese of Columbus.

Heil's first day with the newspaper and its website, catholictimescolumbus.org, was Monday, Feb. 6.

She comes to *The Times* from Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine's office, where she worked as an administrative assistant for the Department of Boards and Commissions for more than a year.

"The Office of Communications is excited to welcome Hannah Heil as the newest member of The Catholic Times team," said Jason Mays, diocesan director of communications. "We look forward to the stories of our faith she'll be telling as she travels across the Diocese of Columbus."

Heil is a 2017 graduate of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and a 2021 graduate of the University of Dayton, where she majored in communications with a concentration in journalism and with minors in pre-law and Spanish.

The Columbus native is a member of St. Agatha Church.

She fills a position that had been vacant since July 2021 after the retirement of longtime Times reporter Tim Puet, who remains a contributor.

Emma Noel, a member of the diocesan communications staff as a graphic designer, also began working with *The Times* last fall in layout and design of the newspaper. She is largely responsible for recent changes to the look of the paper.



Hannah Heil

many are vulnerable and marginalized, we must heed Isaiah's call to action. Praying for people absolutely is a good thing, but it is insufficient by itself. Isaiah suggests tangible actions we should be taking.

Importantly, Isaiah connects caring for one another with God's care (Isaiah 58:8-9). By fostering societies in which people support one another, we emulate God Who cares for all of us.

Jesus calls for us to be the light of the world. Our positive actions should not be hidden; rather, they must be examples for others. "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16). Like Isaiah, Matthew calls on his community to act openly in a way that is like God's actions and be examples for others to follow.

Breaking news: People are hungry and in need year-round. More breaking news: Funds donated in March and April or July and September have the same tax benefits as donations in December.

Please follow Christ's example and be a yearlong provider with your time, talent and treasure to those in spiritual, emotional, financial and material need.

Our faith urges us to act in the face of poverty, hatred and injustice. It challenges us to truly evangelize by putting the needs of others on the same level as our own. Our faith in God requires us to act. Our treatment of all people in society reflects our relationship with God.

Questions: Am I living out Jesus' command to walk with all my neighbors? What can I do to help create a more just society? Contact me (ecordle@columbus-catholic.org or 614-241-2540). I have suggestions!

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Praising the glory and gift of repetition

It's hard to escape repetition. It's part of everyday life – in our work, our study, our recreation, our home lives, our social life and our prayer life.

In the gym, we do many exercises repeatedly because they are good for the body. We know them well and can execute them with a good result. Repetition allows us to challenge ourselves to improve.

I've probably done thousands of squats during my lifetime and will probably do thousands more, God willing. I never tire of the challenge and the benefits that many common exercises provide to the body.

The familiarity of repetitive activities can give us peace and joy. But can repetition turn into boredom? Most certainly. Perseverance and fortitude help us do the same thing over and over to produce predictable, yet beneficial, results.

In turning to our prayer lives, we can also reflect on the role of repetition. I pray the rosary daily and the Divine Mercy Chaplet as well – and I never tire of either. I believe, in this case, God's grace flows through these beautiful prayers to lift and move my heart to Him. The Hail Mary prayer unites me to Jesus through Mary, and a sublime calmness and grace come with meditating on the beautiful mysteries of the life of Jesus.

Repetition and constancy provide freedom to let Je-

HOLY AND HEALTHY | Lori Crock

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sus carry, teach and free me from things of the world – if only momentarily. In Colossians 3:2, St. Paul says, "Set your mind on things above, not earthly things." I believe this longing lives in every human heart.

It is a gift to pray the rosary and chaplet while walking, using SoulCore prayer and movement, praying aloud with others or nestling in my lounge with a dog on my lap. For me, the repetition is salve on a wound. It is healing, restful and life-giving.

The rosary connects me to Jesus through Mary in a deep and personal way, and I believe it's the repetitive nature of the prayers that cracks open my heart, little by little, to let more of Jesus in.

Pope Paul VI said, "By its nature the recitation of the rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable

riches of these mysteries are unfolded."

The lingering, the pondering, the meditation, the quiet rhythm of prayer lead us to gentle places where, we hope, lies a deeper connection with the Holy Trinity.

I've never thought the word "monotony" describes the prayers of the rosary as it seems like a negative word. St. Josemaria Escriva, however, used it: "Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Marys which purifies the monotony of your sins!"

Don't we often repeat and confess the same sins over and over – and I've never made a correlation between repetitive prayer and repetitive sins. Praise God for the wisdom of the saints.

And just as we pray repetitively and confess repetitively, we see Jesus pouring out His mercy to us repetitively as his mercy endures forever.

From Psalm 136:1-4: "Praise the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever; Praise the God of gods; for his mercy endures forever; Praise the Lord of lords; for his mercy endures forever; Who alone has done great wonders, for his mercy endures forever."

I pray that we have eyes to see and ears to hear the glory and the gift of repetition in its many forms, in every aspect of our lives, but most especially in our spiritual lives.



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CHILD PROTECTION PLAN

It is the goal of the Diocese of Columbus to make the Church a place of safety: a place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our churches, schools, or facilities must be confident in this. Not one child or young person should suffer from abuse while at Church. In order to assure the safety of our youth, the Diocese of Columbus has enacted a complete program of protection. As part of this program, the Diocese of Columbus will provide appropriate, just, and pastoral care for anyone who has suffered the crime of sexual abuse of a minor at the hands of diocesan clergy or church employees or volunteers. The Diocese of Columbus will report any and all allegations of abuse reported to it to the authorities and will cooperate fully with those authorities.

Help is available: The Diocese of Columbus wants to hear from anyone who has suffered. If you wish to report an allegation of abuse or need pastoral and/or clinical care in order to begin or continue the process of healing from sexual abuse as a child at the hands of a member of the clergy or a church employee or volunteer, simply call the diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator. You can find contact information at the bottom of this notice. If you wish to receive a copy of the diocesan complaint form or any of the diocesan policies and procedures, simply call the number below or visit the diocesan web site at www.columbuscatholic.org.

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Diocesan parishes list times for Eucharistic Adoration during Lent

The following is an updated list of parishes in the diocese where Eucharistic Adoration is taking place, as supplied by parishes to *The Catholic Times*. Parishes taking part in the diocese's 40 Days of Adoration during Lent were listed in the Feb. 12 *Catholic Times*. Adoration will not take place at most parishes, except where listed, during the Sacred Triduum from Holy Thursday, April 6 to Holy Saturday, April 8.

Ada Our Lady of Lourdes – Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Bremen St. Mary – First Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Bridgettine Sisters (Order of the Most Holy Savior of St. Bridget), Convent St. Birgitta, 40 N. Grubb St., Columbus – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Sundays of Lent, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Canal Winchester St. John XXIII – Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.; First Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Columbus Christ the King – Wednesdays, 6 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 3 to 6 p.m.

Columbus Holy Family – 1 p.m. Thursdays to noon Fridays; First Fridays, 8 p.m. Fridays to 8:45 a.m. Saturdays

Columbus Holy Name – From end of 5:30 p.m. Mass Monday to 8 a.m. Saturday in St. Therese Chapel, moving to main church from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday

Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John –

Third Sunday of the month, after 9:30 a.m. Mass

Columbus Immaculate Conception – 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (until end of 6:15 p.m. Mass Tuesdays); 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. one Wednesday per month. Call parish office for details

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Fridays

Columbus Sacred Heart – Thursdays and Fridays from end of 6 p.m. Mass to 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Agatha – Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m.

Columbus Sts. Augustine and Gabriel – Sunday, March 26, 1 to 4 p.m.

Columbus St. Catharine – Sundays through Fridays, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays at 7 p.m. are ADORE nights featuring candlelit programs and confession with two priests.

Columbus St. Cecilia – Tuesdays, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.; First Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Columbus St. Christopher – Mondays through Fridays, 3 to 4 p.m.

Columbus St. Dominic – First Fridays and second Sundays of the month, after 11:30 a.m. Mass

Columbus St. Elizabeth – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Columbus St. James the Less – Wednesdays, noon to 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

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Columbus St. Patrick – Fridays, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Third and fourth Fridays of the month, 8 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday (church locked; call church office at (614) 224-9522 for access information)

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Granville St. Edward – Mondays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Wednesdays, 7 to 8 a.m.; First

Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday; Second Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Heath St. Leonard – First Fridays, after 9 a.m. Communion service to Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Holy Hour 6 to 7 p.m.); Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Special time for families with young children, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays)

Johnstown Church of the Ascension – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; Thursdays (Advent and Lent only) and Saturdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Kenton Immaculate Conception – Wednesdays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to Benediction at 1 p.m.

Lancaster St. Bernadette – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 7 p.m. Thursdays to 8 a.m. Fridays

Lancaster St. Mark – Mondays and Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

London St. Patrick – Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; First Fridays, noon to 5:15 p.m.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – First Fridays, from end of 8 a.m. Mass to 8 p.m.

Mattingly Settlement St. Mary – First Fridays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Wednesdays, March 1, 15 and 29, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 3 to 10 p.m.; Fri-

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The white-martyr cardinals' dinner

On the night of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's funeral, Cardinal George Pell hosted a dinner in his apartment for a group of like-minded mourners, and all present were delighted that the heroic Cardinal Joseph Zen of Hong Kong, who had been permitted to attend the Requiem by Hong's Kong's thugocracy, agreed to join the party. The company assembled at #1, Piazza della Città Leonina, could thus marvel at being in the presence of two contemporary "white-martyrs:" men who had suffered greatly for the faith but had remained unbroken and full of the joy of the Lord.

As Providence would have it, Cardinal Pell, in hosting that dinner, "provided his own Irish wake" (as one of those present remarked after Pell's unexpected death five days later). It was an apt description of a magical evening, in which the predominant mood of profound gratitude for Benedict XVI animated hours of robust conversation, full of wit and laughter. And as Cardinal Pell remarked afterwards, "Cardinal Zen really was the star tonight, wasn't he?" Indeed, he was.

At 91 years old and suffering irritating physical disabilities, the Shanghai-born Salesian cardinal remains incredibly energetic, and eagerly spoke about his work in the Hong Kong jail where the great Jimmy Lai and other political prisoners are held. The wardens, it seems, behave decently with Zen, allow him to stay as long as he likes, and don't (overtly) monitor his conversations with the prisoners. The cardinal told of making several converts in the prison and was asked what he used for catechetical materials. The answers were striking: the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, of course, but also Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*.

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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But perhaps the most remarkable moment of the evening came when, after Cardinal Pell offered a moving toast to his brother cardinal, the conversation turned to those times when the Lord seems to be deaf to the pleas of his people — times not unlike what many Catholics experience today. Cardinal Zen reminded the group of the appropriate verses of Psalm 44 ("Rouse thyself! Why sleepest thou, O Lord?/Awake! Do not cast us off forever!"); remembered that those verses had been part of the Introit for Sexagesima Sunday in the old Roman liturgical calendar — and then proceeded to chant, from memory and in impeccable Latin, that entire Introit (which can be heard here: <https://bit.ly/3wiOWn7>)!

Not unexpectedly, the conversation eventually touched on current Vatican China policy, of which Cardinal Zen has been a vocal and persistent critic. The issue, the Hong Kong prelate insisted, was the character of the Beijing regime, which lived in a different ethical universe, lied in negotiations, and could never be counted on to keep agreements it made. This, of course, was precisely what had turned the Vatican's Ostpolitik in east central Europe in the 1970s into a fiasco: the Vatican negotiators' refusing to concede the totalitarian "regime factor" involved, and therefore negotiating with communist governments as if they were run-of-the-mill authoritarians rather than

mortal enemies of biblical religion.

Confirmation of Cardinal Zen's analysis of the built-in perfidy of the Chinese communist regime came at virtually the same time as that dinner, when the British publisher Allen Lane released *The Hong Kong Diaries of Chris Patten*, which the last British governor of the Crown Colony had kept from his arrival in 1992 until the British withdrawal in 1997. The leading China policy mandarin in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in those days, Sir Percy Cradock, had told Patten that, while the Chinese leaders "may be thuggish dictators," they were also "men of their word and would stick by what they had promised to do." To which Chris Patten, strongly suspecting otherwise, replied "I hope that's true."

That brisk exchange raises a question: Is Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Holy See's Secretary of State, taking his cues from the late Percy Cradock? If so, Cardinal Parolin would better serve the Church's cause in China if he paid attention to the far more realistic Chris Patten (himself a Catholic), who noted in his diaries that "One of the [Chinese negotiators'] more surreal tactics is to decline to explain what something means unless we offer a concession on our side. In other words, openness, accuracy and transparency are themselves regarded as Chinese concessions."

Cradock and other career British diplomats assumed that, as Chris Patten puts it, "you have to go along with Beijing rather than risk arguments." That spinelessness was bad enough for Her Majesty's Government in the mid-1990s. It is shameful for the Vatican today. And it ought to raise serious issues for those who imagine Cardinal Parolin as Pope Francis's successor.

Lenten activities at parishes in the Diocese of Columbus

The following is a list of special events for Lent planned at parishes of the Diocese of Columbus, as supplied to *The Catholic Times*.

Ada Our Lady of Lourdes – Tenebrae service, designed to re-create the sense of betrayal, abandonment and agony related to Good Friday, Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Eucharistic Adoration, Sundays, Feb. 26 to April 2, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Canal Winchester St. John XXIII – “Metanoia: A Journey with Christ into Conversion” video series, Thursdays, Feb. 23 to April 27 (except April 6), 7 p.m.

Circleville St. Joseph – Penance service, Sunday, March 19, 4 p.m.; Seder meal, Wednesday, April 5, 6 p.m.

Columbus Holy Spirit – Video series on “Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues” with Bishop Robert Barron of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, Sundays, Feb. 26 and March 12, 19 and 26, 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Penance service, Sunday, March 5, 4 p.m.

Columbus St. Agatha – Tenebrae service, Friday, April 7, 8 p.m.

Columbus Sts. Augustine and Gabriel – Eucharistic Adoration, Sunday, March 26, 1 to 4 p.m.

Columbus St. Cecilia – Father Kyle Tennant speaks on “Discovering the Mass,” Mondays, Feb. 27 and March 6, 20 and 27, 6 to 8 p.m.; parish mission, “The 1 Percent Challenge,” Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Tenebrae service, Sunday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.

Columbus St. Francis of Assisi – Soup suppers with talks by parishioners, Mondays from Feb. 27 to March 27, 6 p.m. Topics: Feb. 27, “Liturgy”; March 6, “Church and Grounds Maintenance”; March 13, “Social Justice”; March 20, “Faith Formation”; March 27, Stations of the Cross, with parishioners speaking on how each station is reflected in their

lives.

Columbus St. James the Less – Wisdom retreat with lunch, talks, confession, 4:30 Mass, Saturday, March 4, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., ministry center. Call Brother Tom Bohlman, CPPS, at (614) 262-1179 by Monday, Feb. 27 to sign up. \$10 offering, limited seating

Columbus St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic – Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great, Mondays and Fridays, 7 p.m.; Byzantine Liturgy of the Hours with Old Testament and patristic readings, Wednesdays, 9 a.m.; parish retreat on the Holy Icons with Father Marek Visnovsky, iconographer for the Eparchy of Parma, Friday to Sunday, Feb. 24 to 26; book study on “Worshiping with the Church Fathers,” Wednesdays, March 1 to 29 and April 12, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Lenten Vespers, Sundays, Feb. 26 to April 2, 4:45 p.m.; Stations of the Cross with musical meditations by Dr. Richard K. Fitzgerald, cathedral organist and diocesan music director, Friday, March 31, 7 p.m.; Tenebrae service with the Cathedral Schola, featuring Thomas Tallis’ Lamentations of Jeremiah and Gregorio Allegre’s Miserere, Friday, April 7, 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Penance service, Monday, March 27, 7 p.m.; Eucharistic Adoration, Thursday, April 6, from end of 7 p.m. Mass to 11 p.m.; blessing of Easter food baskets, Saturday, April 8, 1 p.m.

Columbus St. Patrick – Parish mission with Father Patrick J. Briscoe, OP, editor of *Our Sunday Visitor*, Monday, Feb. 27 to March 1, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. (identical message at both daily sessions) Theme: “Sacred Banquet: St. Thomas and the Eucharist.” Topics: Monday, “Memorial”; Tuesday, “Present Grace”; Wednesday, “Pledge of Future Glory.” Reconciliation after each evening session.

Danville St. Luke and Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Combined parish mission with Father Pachomius Walker, OP, Monday, March 5 and Wednesday, March 7 (St. Vincent de Paul) and Tuesday, March 6 (St. Luke), 6:30 to 8 p.m.; penance services at both parishes, Thursday, March 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Parish mission with Justin Fatica and Hard As Nails Ministries, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27 and 28; Shadow Stations of the Cross with Our Lady of Perpetual Help School students, Thursday, April 6, 9:30 and 1:30 p.m.; Walking Stations through downtown Grove City, Friday, April 7, 6 p.m.; Easter meal basket blessing, Saturday, April 8, noon

Lancaster St. Mark – Soup suppers, Wednesdays, March 1 to 29, following 6 p.m. Mass; parish retreat with Father James Walter. Topic: “Sacred to the Lord.” Begins with homilies at Masses at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5 and 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 6 and continues from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 7 and 8. Tuesday program will be a penance service.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – Stations Through the Eyes of Mary, Friday, April 7, 3 p.m.; Tenebrae service, Friday, April 7, 8 p.m.

Mattingly Settlement St. Mary – Retreat led by Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP, of Columbus St. Patrick Priory. Theme: “Passion of the Lord: Journey from Mortal Being to Eternal Glory,” Monday to Wednesday, April 3 to 5, 7 p.m.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Seminarian Kevin Girardi talks on “The Eucharistic Way: The Life-Transforming Power of the Real Presence,” followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesdays, March 1, 15 and 29, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Living Stations with St. Vincent de Paul

School students, Tuesday, March 28, 8:30 a.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Mission for all Tuscarawas County parishes featuring speaker Mike Patin of Lafayette, Louisiana. Theme: “B-eing with Jesus in Lent,” Sunday to Tuesday, March 5 to 7, refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and presentation at 7. Topics: Sunday, “Burros (Palm Sunday)”; Monday, “Bread and Basins (Holy Thursday)”; Tuesday, “Bricks and Bouquets (Good Friday)”

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Parish mission with Catholic Times columnist MaryBeth Eberhard, Sunday to Tuesday, March 5 to 7, 7 p.m. Theme: “3 Days: A Lenten Walk”; soup suppers with videos on Divine Mercy, Pope St. John Paul II and St. Faustina Kowalska, Wednesdays, March 8 to 29, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, March 18 after 4:30 p.m. Mass; Tenebrae service, Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m.; Stations and Eucharistic Adoration, Friday, April 7, 6 p.m.; Easter food basket blessing, Saturday, April 8, 1 p.m.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Parish mission with Deacon Greg Kendra, retired senior writer for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, former CBS News producer and creator of the blog “The Deacon’s Bench,” Monday and Tuesday, March 27 to 28, 7 p.m.; penance service, Wednesday, March 29, 7 p.m.

West Jefferson Sts. Simon and Jude – Parish mission with Father Victor Moratin from the Pontifical College Josephinum, Sunday to Tuesday, March 12 to 14. Topics: Sunday, “God, the Father of Mercies,” 7 p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration; Monday, “Life, Nourishment, Healing Encounters with Christ in the Sacraments,” beginning with Adoration at 6 p.m.; Tuesday, “Mary, Our Mother and the Church,” beginning with Adoration at 5 p.m. and Mass at 6; outdoor Stations, Friday, April 7, 3 p.m., weather permitting. Wear walking shoes.

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days, 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily; with Exposition (Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance) from noon to 4 p.m. on third Sunday of the month in Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel; Exposition from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on second Friday of the month in church

New Lexington St. Rose – Wednesdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., concluding with Benediction and followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Tuesdays, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – Mondays, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m.; Thursdays (in Spanish), 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Plain City St. Joseph – Mondays through Thursdays, 6 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.; Fri-

days, 6 to 8 and 9 to 11 a.m. in church building

Portsmouth St. Mary – Perpetual Adoration 24 hours a day, except when there are Masses or special events

Powell St. Joan of Arc – 9 a.m. Mondays to 8 a.m. Saturdays. For information on accessibility when chapel is not open, call or email Anne at (319) 321-3966 or adoration@stjoanofarcpowell.org. To sign up, go to stjoanofarc.weadorehim.com

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Wednesdays (except April 5), 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 9 p.m. in chapel, with Holy Hour from noon to 1 p.m. in church

Somerset St. Joseph – Tuesdays, Feb. 28 and March 7 to 28, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at daily Mass chapel in parish hall, with Holy Hour including confessions and Benediction from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sugar Grove St. Joseph – Thursdays, from end of noon Mass to 1:30 p.m.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Continuous from noon Sunday to 7 p.m. Friday. Enter through chapel entrance. Adoremus program featuring Adoration, praise and worship music and confessions, First Fridays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Sundays, 8 to 8:45 a.m.; Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays through Fridays, 7:15 to 8:15 a.m.

Waverly St. Mary – First Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

West Jefferson Sts. Simon and Jude – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; Friday, March 3, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross

Westerville St. Paul – Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Worthington St. Michael – 7 a.m. Thursdays to 6 a.m. Fridays; Fridays 9

a.m. to 9 p.m. with Eucharist exposed in chapel, where Adoration is available round-the-clock at other times

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Wednesdays, 1 to 8 p.m. in chapel

Zoar Holy Trinity – Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

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Members of the Wenzke family at the Columbus St. Andrew School bell-ringing ceremony are (from left) Jen, Sabrina, Audrey, Jeff, Jackson and Noah.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

Parishes support St. Andrew student as she beats cancer

By Elizabeth Pardi

On Thursday, Feb. 9, students and faculty of Columbus St. Andrew School gathered in front of the building to celebrate eighth-grader Audrey Wenzke's victory over cancer with a bell-ringing ceremony.

Audrey was treated at Nationwide Children's Hospital where cancer patients ring a special bell to signify the end of treatment. Accordingly, St. Andrew arranged for the 14-year-old to ring the church's bells while surrounded by her family and community.

"It was neat because everyone from my school was there to support me," Audrey said of the event. As she emerged through the school doors with her class, the crowd began chanting her name, cheering and ringing small bells that had been distributed.

Audrey descended the steps with her peers who held a colorful sign reading "Ring the bell, Audrey." She then joined her parents and three younger siblings at the middle of the crowd beside the stone statue of St. Andrew who wields the X-shaped cross on which the apostle was crucified.

When the chanting and applause died down, Audrey's dad, Dr. Jeff Wenzke, addressed the community, thanking them for their support and praising his daughter for her strength.

"I just want everybody to look around," he said. "I know we're gathered here in celebration of Audrey, but really we're here in celebration of all of us in the community. I think this is just truly amazing."

"We have been blown away by the support. ... Every single one of you that (said) a prayer for Audrey, we felt it. ... The reason we're here today is because of that prayer that you said. We all want to thank you."

Gesturing toward Audrey, he said, "This girl is amazing."

Audrey then pressed a doorbell-type button that made the church bells ring. She also rang a bell her grandfather, who worked in sales, was given as a gift when he retired. The students and staff joined in, cheering and enthusiastically ringing their small bells.

Audrey's diagnosis in September was primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma, which is a type of cancer located in the upper chest.

Her treatment plan included six cycles of chemotherapy. Each cycle began with six days in the hospital followed by 15 days at home with a PICC (peripherally inserted central catheter) line inserted into her arm to receive medication.

"She doesn't like the hospital stays," Audrey's mom, Jen, wrote in an online journal in October. "She gets very bored and very lonely. ... It's hard to find (friends) on the oncology floor because most of the time teens stay in their rooms and on their phones."

Each time Audrey was able to come home from the hospital was a joyful event for the family. After her first round of six days in the hospital, Jen wrote, "All six of us are snuggled up together in the family room. Today is a good day!"

Audrey's younger siblings are in the seventh, fifth and second grades, all at St. Andrew.

Audrey's teachers ensured she was able to stay caught up in school by doing what Jen called "a modified version of what the kids in her class were doing."

For example, if the students in school were "taking a test on a chapter of social studies, (Audrey) created a digital poster of the lesson." Audrey's language arts teacher

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St. Paul School students collect food, clothing for homeless

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

Service was emphasized in the National Catholic Schools Week theme of “Faith. Excellence. Service.” at Westerville St. Paul School.

The school teamed with the parish’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference to create a drive benefitting the homeless in central Ohio. Each grade level set a goal of items to be donated for the week. The effort brought in more than 4,500 donations and eight carloads of items to be distributed to the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless, Holy Family Soup Kitchen, St. James the Less Food Pantry and St. Lawrence Haven.

The idea originated after St. Vincent de Paul Conference president Jane Nieman and her husband, vice president Jerry Nieman, told the school about the needs of the area’s homeless.

“They knew we were a large school, and we did a couple of projects with them before. They laid out some of the needs the homeless have,” said St. Paul teacher and technology coordinator Colleen Tegeler.

Conference members regularly visit the homes of people needing assistance, but during the past few years the conference became increasingly aware of the homeless problem facing many in Columbus.

“My wife and I talked to the school about getting young people involved so they could become aware of the problem. We sat down with the principal and a few teachers,” Jerry Nieman said.

Socks and fitness mats to sleep on were among the most-needed items.

“We met as a teacher team to meet the needs. We put each grade level in charge of a different item,” Tegeler said.

Each grade level set a goal determined by class size and a discussion among the students. Students could choose wheth-

er to participate.

First-graders brought in 88 fitness mats, while kindergartners and eighth-graders donated a total of 365 hats, gloves and scarves. The school as a whole was asked to bring in food, water and coats.

More than 1,000 hand warmers and more than 500 pairs of socks were donated. The school brought in nearly 2,000 snacks and fruit cups. Donated items were stacked in classrooms.

“We wanted the collection to happen in the classroom so we could see the results each day. It would be our daily reminder,” said seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher Carli Saliba. “It is our duty, job and privilege to serve those people and open our eyes to those around us.”

Some students worked directly with the 270 packages of cookies donated.

“Three of the school grade levels got to break down their cookies into single servings,” Tegeler said, so they could be distributed to as many homeless individuals as possible.

“I’m excited because I feel that this was an opportunity to do things hands on,” Saliba said.

Holding the drive over Catholic School’s Week brought extra involvement from parents.

Information was sent out to the staff about the corporal works of mercy. The staff, parents and students worked together to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and clothe the naked.

Teachers selected verses from the Bible and used passages from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in the classroom to set the expectation for students of caring for their brothers and sisters in need.

“We were trying to think about our ‘why.’ We wanted the students to feel that we were doing what God has asked us to do,” Saliba said.

As a result of the successful drive, Sal-



Westerville St. Paul students Cora DeFrancisco (left) and Ryan Paes stack and carry food products to give to those in need.



Cameron Moore (left) and Andrew Irwin stand behind some of the collected items.
Photos courtesy St. Paul School

iba said that she suspects the students might be interested in more service projects. The teachers believe that such

opportunities will open the eyes of the students to the needs of those around them.



Westerville St. Paul students and volunteers prepare to take more than eight carloads of items for distribution to agencies that assist the poor and needy. Photo courtesy St. Paul School



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Find a fish fry or Lenten dinner

The following is an updated list of fish fries and Lenten dinners compiled by The Catholic Times from information supplied by parishes and schools in the diocese. Please note that some corrections and time changes were submitted since the list was published in the Feb. 12 issue. There are also several parishes added to the directory. Check parish or school websites for additional information about menus, times, dates and cancellations due to weather or other factors.

COLUMBUS CENTER

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH

453 N. 20th St., Columbus
Saturday, 3/18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH

280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus
Fridays, 2/24-3/10, 3/31, 5-7 p.m.

COLUMBUS NORTH

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH

1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus
Fridays, 2/24-3/31, 4:30-7 p.m.

ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

10700 Liberty Road, Powell
Fridays, 2/24-3/31, 5-7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m.

ST. BRENDAN CHURCH

4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard (in school)
Fridays 3/24, 3/31, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

1420 Grandview Ave., Grandview Heights
Polish Dinner
Friday, 3/24, after 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross until 10 p.m.

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus
Fridays, 2/24-3/31, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

414 E. North Broadway, Columbus (Marian Hall)
Fridays, 2/24-3/31, 5-7:30 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

5750 N. High St., Worthington
Fridays, 2/24-3/31, 5-7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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St. Timothy holds annual prayer breakfast



Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP, prior of Columbus St. Patrick Priory, addressed the Columbus St. Timothy Church 20th annual women's prayer breakfast at the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus on Friday, Feb. 3. Among those in attendance were (from left) Laurie Jenny, Father Hayes, Deacon Marion Smithberger and Judy Pond. Father Hayes' topic was Thirsting for God, Dryness of Prayer. He explained that prayer is from a person's heart to God, not just reciting words, and that prayer should have its basis in scripture. He said the most significant prayer is the Mass, which should be the "school" for the rest of our prayer life, and that prayer life originates in the Eucharist and the sacraments. One's prayer life is about building an intimacy with God and then the bigger picture and each person's role in it become clearer. Father Hayes recommended using Lectio Divina and choosing a single verse (he suggested starting with Psalm 23 or St. John's Gospel verses from the Last Supper), reading it aloud, meditating on it and then entering a state of contemplation.

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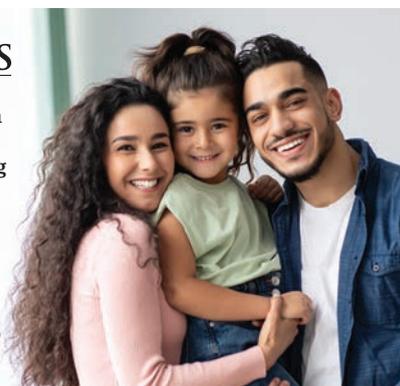
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Bishop Fernandes makes first visit to St. Leo the Great Oratory

A solemn High Mass with Pontifical Assistance at the Throne on the External Solemnity of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 5 at Columbus St. Leo the Great Oratory before an overflow congregation of 650.

Bishop Earl Fernandes made his first visit to the church in the Merion Village area on the south side of the city since he was ordained and installed as the 13th shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus last May.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form was offered by Canon Matthew Talarico, the principal superior of the United States for the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. Canon David Silvey, rector of St. Leo the Great Oratory and a priest of the Institute, assisted at the altar.

The bishop was assisted by an assistant priest, Father Tyron Tomson of Lancaster St. Bernadette Church, and two deacons of honor, Father Daniel Olvera of Westerville St. Paul Church and Father Michael Fulton of Columbus Christ the King Church.

Master of Ceremonies was Abbe Alex Barga, an oblate of the Institute of Christ the King from St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis and the subdeacon was Abbe Lance Gerbig, who is in residence at St. Leo.

The Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Dr. Richard K. Fitzgerald, and organist Robert Wisniewski provided the music.

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The Institute of Christ the King, which celebrates the Traditional Latin Mass, has served at St. Leo since former diocesan Bishop Robert Brennan welcomed the order to Columbus in October 2020.

The oratory has seen rapid growth in the two-plus years since the Institute arrived at former diocesan church, as evidenced by the large congregation at a Mass that included many young people and families.



Bishop Fernandes sits in front of the altar to deliver the homily. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Bishop Fernandes kneels at the altar while Canon David Silvey, rector of St. Leo the Great Oratory, stands on the altar steps at the Epistle corner and chants versicles and a prayer for the Ordinary. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Bishop Earl Fernandes offers Pontifical Assistance at the Throne during a Solemn High Mass on Sunday, Feb. 5 at Columbus St. Leo the Great Oratory. At his sides are Father Daniel Olvera (left), Father Michael Fulton (right) and Abbe Alex Barga (in red). *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Bishop Fernandes blessed the faithful while making his way to the altar under a canopy. *Photo by Larry Pishitelli*



A congregation of more than 600 kneels during the Mass at St. Leo. *Photo by Larry Pishitelli*

Diocesan seminarians advance toward diaconate



In preparation for ordination to the transitional diaconate, Diocese of Columbus seminarians (left photo, from left) Tyler Carter, David Johnstone and Michael Haemmerle, in their third year of study in the School of Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum, made the Profession of Faith and took the Oath of Fidelity in the presence of Father Steven Beseau (second from right), the Josephinum's rector and president, on Feb. 9. Carter is shown signing a pledge with Father Beseau as a witness to remain faithful to the teachings of the Church and swear to be faithful teachers of the Gospel.

Photos/Pontifical College Josephinum

Bishop anoints faithful at Holy Rosary-St. John Church

Bishop Earl Fernandes and Father Ramon Owera concelebrated a Mass for Anointing of the Sick and administered the sacrament of anointing on Sunday, Feb. 12 at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church.

The annual anointing Mass, sponsored by the Order of Malta, coincides with the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, which was observed a day earlier on Feb. 11, and the World Day of the Sick.

The Order of Malta and the Knights of St. John, a fraternal order, joined a procession at the opening of the Mass that included Bishop Fernandes and Father Owera, the church's pastor. Members of the congregation received the sacrament of anointing at the Mass, and the Order of Malta sponsored a reception afterward.

Bishop Fernandes referred to the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes in his homily.

"One person who said 'yes' to God was the Blessed Virgin Mary," he said. "What did Mary say? 'Let it be done to me according to Your word.'

"And she never took back her 'yes.'"

He went on to explain how Mary remained loyal to her Son and was always at His side.

"Mary must have wondered when her Son was put on trial and suffered His passion, but she stood faithfully by the cross, never withdrawing her 'yes' but always thinking in God's plan something good will happen," the bishop said.

"And sure enough, He did rise from the dead, and her fidelity was rewarded. ... For her faithful 'yes,' she was assumed body and soul in the glory of heaven."

That 'yes,' the bishop emphasized, came from her Immaculate Heart and was never a half-hearted 'yes,' which is what Christ asks of His people when He tells them to be faithful and make disciples in every nation.

"But more than that, He also calls us in

the proclamation of the kingdom to care for the sick," Bishop Fernandes said. "In the letter of St. James, it says, 'Are there any who are sick among you, let them send for the priests of the church and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.'

"And the prayer of faith will save the sick person. And the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed any sins, his sins will be forgiven him."

The Church's sacraments, starting with baptism, open the door to healing the body and soul, the bishop reminded those gathered for the Mass. One of those sacraments is anointing of the sick.

"At this Mass, we will confer the sacrament of the sick, praying for the sick of our community, praying that they will receive the interior as well as, hopefully, the physical healing they so desire as well as the forgiveness of sins," Bishop Fernandes said.

"God raises us up from death to life. God raises us up from mediocrity to greatness. God raises us up from the dust of the earth to the heights of heaven. Let us give thanks to God for His Son, Jesus Christ, Who accomplishes all these things and Who is the ultimate 'yes' to the Heavenly Father."

Adjacent to Holy Rosary-St. John is the Order of Malta's Center of Care, which provides health and dental care in the St. John Community Center that also houses a variety of social services, including a food pantry, learning center for adult education and a community kitchen.

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta (mainly known as the Order of Malta or the Knights and Dames of Malta) has been a lay religious order since 1113. Its mission is to defend the faith and provide care and service to the poor and sick throughout the world.



Charles Mifsud (foreground) and members of the Order of Malta pray during Mass. *CT photo by Ken Snow*



Bishop Earl Fernandes lays hands on Gary Rhoades (above) and anoints Thea Chambers (below).

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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF COLUMBUS

Spring Clean-up!

Cemetery field workers will be removing winter-time and artificial decorations from graves and mausoleums at all Catholic cemeteries beginning March 1, 2023.

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First Sunday of Lent Year A

God's grace wards off temptation

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel of the First Sunday of Lent each year gives an account of the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. This year, Matthew (Year A) tells us that “the tempter” came to Jesus in His weakness, when, after a fast of 40 days and 40 nights, He was hungry. Matthew offers a dramatic telling of three temptations.

Mark (Year B) names the one who tempted as “Satan” but does not give details about the ordeal except to say that Jesus was with the wild beasts. Luke (Year C) speaks of “the devil,” giving the same temptations as in Matthew but in a different order. Both Matthew and Mark close their accounts of the temptation with the fact that “angels ministered to Him.”

The three temptations described are self-sufficiency (“command that these stones become loaves of bread”), presumption (“throw yourself down” from the parapet of the temple, calling on the ministry of the angels promised in Scripture) and power (“all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence” – the Greek word is *doxa*, “glory” – in return for worship).

The tempter uses Scripture to make a case for the action, but in response, Jesus, too, quotes Scripture to counter the invitation to trust in the false promises being made.

Human limitations are not an excuse for giving in to temptation. Providence offers more than mere earthly bread: “One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth

Second Sunday of Lent Year A

Transfiguration offers glimpse of the glory to come

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Three figures from Israel's history are given to us in the texts for this Sunday: Abram, Moses and Elijah. Each of these captures an aspect of the journey of faith offered to all human beings.

Abram, whose journey of faith is the beginning of that history, is given this charge: “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.” He receives the promise that God will make of him a great nation, that his name will be great (eventually changed to Abraham) and that he will be a blessing, in whom all the communities of the earth will find blessing.

The Second Sunday of Lent carries us to a moment of powerful prayer in the life of Jesus and three of His disciples,

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

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



from the mouth of God.”

Relationship with God leads to a trust in His good will in spite of early circumstances: “You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.” Putting God at the center of one's existence precludes giving adoration to none but God: “Get away, Satan! It is written:

The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.”

As Lent begins, we are invited to acknowledge that sin has a hold on us, from the beginning. We live in a world that is not as it was created to be, due to human choices. Human beings, each one of us, have chosen to give in to temptation and to allow sin to gain a hold on us.

At the same time, we are called to recognize that God has not left us in our sin, subject to its penalty of death. He has offered a gift through Jesus Christ. “But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. ... For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.”

We are free to make a choice. Grace is offered. Human limitations become the

Peter, James and John. The Transfiguration gives a glimpse of the glory of the Lord Jesus shining through His humanity. It opens Israel's salvation history to all through a transformation of human nature itself.

Matthew's version continues the theme of Jesus as the new Moses, telling us that “His face shone like the sun,” recalling how Moses' face shone when he went into the Divine Presence in the tent of meeting on Mount Sinai. The presence of Elijah the prophet also recalls the desert and the Holy Mountain (Horeb).

Peter declares, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Such a response serves to heighten the parallel to the encounter between God and His people in the desert.

Matthew clearly has this in mind as he recounts the experience of the cloud

The Weekday Bible Readings

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TUESDAY	Leviticus 19:1,2,11-18 Psalm 19:8-10,15 Matthew 25:31-46	TUESDAY	Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Psalm 105:16-21 Matthew 21:33-43,45-46
WEDNESDAY	Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4,7,16-19 Matthew 6:7-15	WEDNESDAY	Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Psalm 103:1,4,9-12 Luke 15:1-3,11-32
THURSDAY	Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4,7,16-19 Matthew 6:7-15	THURSDAY	Isaiah 1:10,16-20 Psalm 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Matthew 23:1-12
FRIDAY	Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Matthew 5:43-48	FRIDAY	Jeremiah 18:18-20 Psalm 31:5-6,14-16 Matthew 23:1-12
SATURDAY	Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Matthew 5:43-48	SATURDAY	Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Matthew 5:43-48

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

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

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

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385,

Insight Channel 382, or Breezeline Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

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

Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WILB radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties.

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very place where divine grace is made evident. Every temptation can be the occasion for us to accept the gift that is offered. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving put us in touch with the capacity God has planted in our human nature to respond to the offer of a living relationship.

Adam and Eve had their eyes opened to good and evil by their failure to resist the first temptation “to be like gods.”

The Son of God, Who shares our human nature, has given us a share in His divine nature through grace, the gracious gift of God that opens up to us true food, a true relationship with God and true glory.

As we enter into this joyful season of Lent, may we be ready to seek mercy and put our trust in the God Who saves us. May we join with the angels who minister to us and give praise to God.

and the voice and as he describes the response of the disciples to these divine manifestations: “a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.’ When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid.”

Matthew adds a touch and a word from Jesus that are not mentioned in the accounts of Mark or Luke. “But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and do not be afraid.’ And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.”

The encounter with Jesus in His glory in human nature is presented as a moment of revelation of Who Jesus is and a preparation for the sorrowful experience that will soon follow in the suffering and death that Jesus told them would be coming.

The call to listen to Him is spoken by

the Father, Who expresses His unique love for the Son. The Son Whose glory is made manifest touches His fearful disciples and encourages them to persevere in hope of the resurrection. “And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.”

The charge to tell no one about the encounter is an emphatic command from Jesus: “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” The term for “being raised” is the same word that Jesus used in telling the disciples to stand after they were prostrated in fear.

Last week reminded us of the limits of human nature that can be overcome when we experience temptation. This week, we are reminded of the destiny of glory that God intends for us. Lent calls us never to despair or to be cowed by fear, but to put our trust in God. “Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.”

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Words of Wisdom

by Pat Battaglia, aka Dr. Fun

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HANDLE WITH PRAYER

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Two religious orders are coming to the diocese in July to serve at parishes on the east side of Columbus.

The Franciscan Capuchin Fathers of the St. Augustine Province have been assigned to Christ the King and St. Thomas the Apostle churches. The Capuchins, who served for many years in Tuscarawas County, are returning to the diocese.

The Pallottine Fathers from the Province of Our Lady of Good Health in Tamil Nadu, India, are assuming responsibility for Holy Spirit and St. Philip churches.

Concurrent with the moves of active clergy to new assignments were senior priests of the diocese moving away from parish pastorates into retirement or other duties within the diocese.

Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, 75, pastor at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church and the former vicar general of the diocese, will leave the parish after 25 years as pastor to become Bishop Fernandes' full-time delegate for community relations (a role he currently fills on a part-time bases) in addition to overseeing the Villas of St. Therese and Seton Square Housing, Inc. He is also helping to guide cemeteries as well as the renewal and restructuring of the annual appeal.

Msgr. Hendricks initiated a conversation with Bishop Fernandes last September about stepping away from his parish duties to focus on

the diocesan roles that demanded time and energy.

At weekend Masses on Feb. 11-12, Msgr. Hendricks made the announcement to parishioners that he was leaving and said, "I was pleasantly surprised that people were extremely accepting and very gracious about my future."

"I think the bishop made a wise choice, at least in my personal priesthood and life, that's obviously going to help the diocese and help me as I concentrate my energies," Msgr. Hendricks said. "I think the transfer will assist the Real Presence Real Future initiative."

"They have placed a younger man, a seasoned pastor (Father James Black, pastor at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church) here at St. Brigid, and that will be a great new chapter and a great new adventure for the parish."

"I certainly don't feel in any way pressured or forced to make this decision. It was something that the bishop was extremely conscious of, and I think it will be a really positive move."

In addition to the work for the diocese, Msgr. Hendricks, like many retired priests, plans to be available to help at parishes throughout the diocese and has already had conversations with pastors about helping out when there's a need.

"We're in a time in the church where there is lots of need and lots

to do with Real Presence Real Future," he said.

Many of the senior priests scheduled for retirement from full-time parish duties have expressed a desire to remain active in ministry, assisting in parishes and being present to the people of God.

The Priest Personnel Board considered how to keep pastors at retirement age engaged in diocesan life while planning for the future. Bishop Fernandes refers to retiring priests as "deepening the presbyteral bench."

"Older priests have experience and can serve as a 'bench' so that when a priest requests a sabbatical or is ill, older priests can jump in and serve as an administrator at a parish," Bishop Fernandes said. "Additionally, younger priests will have diocesan-wide access to the older priests' experience."

"As we work to plan Real Presence Real Future, we can anticipate priests pastoring multiple parishes. Having retired priests around to assist naturally leads to reduction of stress and workload on the priesthood as a whole. For all of our priests, this leads to rest and good mental health, which is greatly enhanced by the availability of the experienced priests."

"Our retired priests will continue to be 'community leaders.'"

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another. Teach me humility as I trust Your plan more than mine. Let me enter this fast not looking to just do more to solve a problem, but trusting that You are the more, and I am uniting myself to You with this offering.

May we all grow in this practice as we enter into our Lenten journey. Pray for me as I pray for you. Jesus, I trust in You.

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I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your powers. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee. (Repeat three times) Oh, Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand. (Repeat three times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and in all instances in my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory.

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ABRUZZESE, Dr. Donald R., 83, Feb. 13
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

AIGIN, Barbara (Scherer), 82, Feb. 3
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

BIANCO, Ruth (Tharp), 101, Feb. 11
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

BININGER, John R. "Jack," 87, Jan. 31
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

BOYLAN, Barbara J., 90, Feb. 13
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

BRANNOCK, Thomas C., 84, Jan. 6
St. Margaret of Cortona, Columbus

BURCHFIELD, Robert A. Jr., 74, Feb. 4
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

BUSH, Dr. Charles A., 81, Feb. 8
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

CONNORS, Carol A., 82, Jan. 30
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

CUGINI, Anita, 60, Feb. 4
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

DARLING, Stephanie E. (Walter), 78, Feb. 6
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

DENDIU, Helen E. "Buni" (Muntean), 99, Feb. 12
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

DICKERSON, Orville, 58, Feb. 11
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

DUFFEY, R. Michael, 76, Feb. 8
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

FAVRET, Jane A. (McMillen), 97, Feb. 4
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

FINNERAN, Nancy, 92, Jan. 17
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

FREISNER, Gregory L., 77, Feb. 15
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

GALLAGHER, Edward E. "Gene" Jr., 90, Jan. 30
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

HARSH, Michael R., 70, Feb. 5
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

HAUGH, Charles, 85, Jan. 29
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

HENTERLY, Mary B. (Plageman), 100, Feb. 5
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

HOLDRIETH, Donna J., 90, Jan. 30
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

HOOPINGARNER, Susan S. (Haphart), 68, Feb. 6
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

HOWLAND, Mary F. (Lightle), 83, Jan. 21
St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House

ILES, Joann (Trapp), 95, Jan. 29
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

JACOBS, Nancy L., 81, Jan. 30
Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster

KRAMER, Albert L., 85, Jan. 14
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

MATHEWSON, Amelia "Molly," 42, Feb. 10
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ada

PASTOR, Ember B., 3, Feb. 5
St. Joseph Church, Dover

RIZEK, Mary J. "Jean" (Fala), 92, Feb. 8
St. Paul Church, Westerville

SCHWENK, Justine A. "Jess" (Pouchan), 88, Feb. 7
St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church,
Columbus

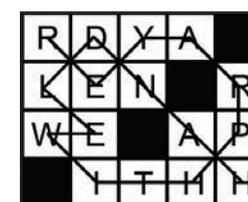
SENECAL, Theodore F., 78, Feb. 4
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

STAHLER, Kevin D., 59, Jan. 27
Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton

TRENEFF, Eleanor, 89, Feb. 2
St. Leo the Great Oratory, Columbus

ULICNEY, Theresa (Nenadich), 85, Feb. 5
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

VAUGHAN, Thomas, 68, Feb. 12
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia



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Marine Corps Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Dennis M. McCarthy

Funeral Mass for U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. (Retired) Dennis M. McCarthy, 78, who died Wednesday, Feb. 8, was celebrated Friday, Feb. 24 in the chapel of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery in the spring.

He was born in Cleveland on Feb. 1, 1945 and was a graduate of Cleveland St. Ignatius High School. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the

Marine Corps upon graduation from the University of Dayton. Following additional training, he became a platoon commander in Vietnam. He remained on active duty until 1978, when he came to Columbus, where he opened a law practice and was in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1999, being promoted to the rank of brigadier general in 1992.

He returned to active duty in 1999 and

was promoted to lieutenant general in 2001. From then until his retirement in 2005, he was commander of the Marine Corps Reserve, leading the largest mobilization in its history.

From 2005 to 2009, he was executive director of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States. He completed his

service to the nation by being appointed assistant secretary of defense by President Barack Obama in 2009. He left that position in 2011 and returned to his law practice.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary (Bednorz); sons Sean (Theresa) and Col. Michael (Dr. Britt), and six grandchildren.

Betty Lou Berg

Funeral Mass for Betty Lou Berg, 82, who died Sunday, Feb. 12, was celebrated Monday, Feb. 20 at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She was born on March 23, 1940, in Ashland, New York to Elwood and Alice Brando, and grew up on her father's dairy farm. She graduated from Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore in 1960, earned a Bachelor of Social Science degree in public policy from Pennsylvania State University in 1985 and did postgraduate studies at DeSales University

in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

During her nursing career, she served in several states, including Maryland, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Elwood.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Deacon Thomas Berg Sr.; sons, Deacon Thomas Berg Jr. (Donna), Michael (Kimberly), Peter (Kelly) and Stephen (Kimberly); daughter, Anne (Edward) Smith; sister, Patricia (Roger) Swanson; 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Jeffrey J. Swartz

Funeral Mass for Jeffrey J. Swartz, 70, who died Tuesday, Jan. 31, was celebrated Monday, Feb. 6 at Columbus St. Matthias Church. Burial was at Union Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born on March 17, 1952, was a graduate of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and attended Ohio Dominican College (now University), Franklin University and Columbus State Community College. He also graduated from a professional umpire school in Florida.

He served as director of the Diocesan Recreation Association from 1975 to 1978 and

was an umpire for the Ohio High School Athletic Association for 33 years. He was secretary of the Central Ohio Umpires Association for several years in the late 1970s and 1980s. Most recently, he was a basketball coach at Columbus St. Matthias Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother. Survivors include his wife, Sandra; son, Jeffrey II; daughters, Melissa and Molly; brothers, Steve, John (Donna) and Andy (Margaret); sisters, Ellen (Tom) Weibacher, Peggy, Connie and Julie (Scott) McDonald; and six grandchildren.



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LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

St. Pius X schedules parish mission in March

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church will hold its annual Parish Mission on Sunday, March 5, through Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in the church, 1051 Waggoner Road. Fellowship will follow in the Msgr. Funk Family Center.

MaryBeth Eberhard will be the mission director. Eberhard is a nationally known writer for Catholicmom.com and Holy Cross Family Ministries. She and her husband of 25 years are the parents of eight children.

Eberhard earned her Bachelor of Science in education from Duquesne University. She is a columnist locally for *The Catholic Times*, writing on marriage and family life. Her work also can be found in the *National Catholic Register*, *Women in the New Evangelization* and *Blessed is She*.

She is the cohost of the Visitation podcast that inspires and encourages women to embrace their vocation as wives and mothers and which airs on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, AM 820. More of her work can be viewed at www.marybethberhard.com.

The theme for the mission is “3 Days: A Lenten Walk.” Eberhard will discuss themes of patience (waiting on the Lord), endurance (keeping our eyes on the goal)

and faithfulness (in all things we stay true).

For more information, contact Leah Kelly, St. Pius X pastoral minister, at (614) 866-2859.

St. Vincent center hosts foster parent info session

Representatives from St. Vincent Family Services (SVFS) will answer questions and share information on fostering children in need, foster parent training and support services for foster families at an information session at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at Wild Goose Creative, 188 McDowell St., Columbus.

Theresa Van Dootingh, SVFS foster care program director; Sara Russell, marketing and communications director; and SVFS foster parent Larry Jackson will host the informal session. For more information, call (614) 252-0731 or visit www.svfsohio.org.

St. Vincent Family Services is a 150-year-old organization that is one of Ohio's leading providers of pediatric behavioral health care, serving more than 5,000 children from preschool through high school and their families each year.

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allowed her to choose a book to read from home and do journal entries about it.

“The science teacher provided her science kits to do at home,” Jen said, “And (for) math, she did the essential lessons with (Jeff and me) and took online tests.”

Since then, as St. Andrew principal Joel Wichtman said in an email, “the St. Andrew School, Preschool and Parish communities have rallied in support of (her).”

The support has included multiple communal rosaries for Audrey's healing, families decorating their yards with yellow ribbons in her honor and widespread purchase of shirts and sweat-shirts reading “Oh so loved” that were designed to back Audrey.

But support has not only come from the St. Andrew community. Audrey's mom, Jen, wrote in an online journal in September about taking Audrey to watch her fellow St. Andrew volleyball players compete against Westerville St. Paul School during her first cycle of chemotherapy.

“We decided to take Audrey to ... cheer on St. Andrew and support her friends on both teams,” Jen said. “What we didn't know is that the St. Paul coach, Nicole Smith, made shirts to support Audrey!”

“(The St. Paul players) wore the shirts (during) warm-ups and (then) before the opening prayer, (they) gifted the St. Andrew team with shirts. After the prayer, the official held up a blue card, which in volleyball is given for sportsmanship.”

Additionally, when they first arrived at

Columbus St. Timothy where the St. Paul vs. St. Andrew game was being played, the woman at the admissions desk was excited to meet Audrey, Jen said. The woman explained that her daughter's sixth-grade class at St. Timothy School made cards with the second-grade class for Audrey. As it happened, Audrey had just read those cards that morning.

“Another amazing display of support and love from a school that she doesn't go to!” Jen said.

When asked how the journey of battling cancer has impacted her faith, Audrey said, “It's made me put more trust in God with my body and everything I do.”

In the online journal, Jen wrote that during Audrey's treatment, “a dear, dear friend reminded me ... (that) the name Audrey means ‘noble strength.’” She described how her daughter has handled her cancer treatments with such strength by, for example, staying calm “when she has to get pricked again ... (taking) a deep breath, and (saying), ‘Let's go!’”

Of the spiritual component of walking with her daughter through cancer, Jen, who works as the parish secretary at St. Andrew, said, “The Holy Spirit was evident in each step.”

Audrey will return to school at St. Andrew to complete her eighth-grade year following spring break.

Ohio Dominican announces March preview day

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) will host its spring preview day from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at the Bishop Griffin Student Center, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Interested high school students and their families can register at ohiodominican.edu/PreviewDay.

Students can tour campus, explore available majors, discuss financial aid options, have a complimentary meal, learn about student clubs and honors programs, meet with professors and talk with current ODU students.

Students unable to attend are invited to schedule an individual visit to campus at ohiodominican.edu/Visit or by calling ODU's undergraduate admissions office at (614) 251-4500.

Riedlinger named Ohio Dominican provost

Shonna Riedlinger has been appointed provost of Ohio Dominican University (ODU), effective immediately. She had been serving as acting vice president for academic affairs since November 2022.

As provost, she will manage all academic programs, including the curriculum as well as faculty and student progress. She also will oversee the registrar's office, library, academic resource center, academic advising center, transfer program articulation, the Center for Instructional Technology and eLearning and the online extension program.

Riedlinger joined ODU in 2012 as an assistant professor in the university's then-new Master of Science in Physician Assistant (PA) Studies program. Within a year, she was appointed director of the PA program, a role in which she served until fall 2022. She also has served as chair of ODU's health sciences division.

Before joining the ODU community, she served in several roles in health care, including 15 years as a physician assistant in emergency medicine at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville.

For the past eight years, she has served on the board of trustees for the Mohun Health Care Center, which is adjacent to ODU's campus and is operated by ODU's founding congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

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DeSales wins CCL wrestling duals

Columbus St. Francis DeSales posted a 3-0 record to win the Central Catholic League high school wrestling duals for the second consecutive year on Wednesday night, Feb. 8 at DeSales.

Columbus Bishop Watterson finished with a 3-1 record. The Eagles' lone loss came against DeSales 48-33.

Columbus Bishop Hartley went 1-2,

and Columbus Bishop Ready and Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School each finished 1-3.

DeSales and Hartley were the only teams not to face one another. They had met on Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Division II district duals, with the Stallions winning 49-24.

Among the individual competitors in the CCL duals was Watterson's Mitchell Younger, who went 4-0 in his matches at 144 pounds. Younger won a Division II state title last year.

Also competing were DeSales' David McClelland, the defending Division II state champion at 132 pounds, and Max Shulaw, the state running up in 2022 at 215 pounds.

The teams are gear-



Hartley's Bryson Winbush looks to the Hawks' coaching staff in his match with Ready's Eli Miller at 144 pounds.



DeSales' Max Shulaw returns to the sideline after his win over Watterson's Blaise Strausbaugh.

ing up for the Ohio High School Athletic Association sectional tournaments on Feb. 25 and hoping to make their way to the state meet on March 10-12 in the Schottenstein Center at Ohio State University. St. Charles will compete in Division I, Hartley, DeSales and Watterson in

Division II and Ready in Division III.

Ready was wrestling in the CCL duals for the last time. The Silver Knights are moving to the new Central Buckeye League for the start of the next school year.



Host DeSales came away as the champion in the Central Catholic League wrestling duals on Wednesday, Feb. 8



Bishop Watterson's Mitchell Younger, a Division II state champion last season, has control of St. Francis DeSales' Aidan Rush at 144 pounds in the Central Catholic League wrestling duals on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at DeSales. Photos courtesy John Hulkenberg

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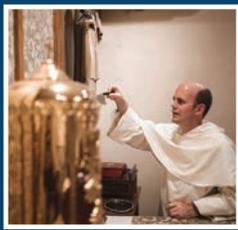
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and celebration of God's goodness, during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

After more than a decade in the music industry, Schaefer said that performing at events such as the women's conference is her dream.

Schaefer also revealed a personal area of darkness in her life.

"I am going to reveal something to you that I have not revealed publicly," she said. "For the past four years of my marriage, my husband and I have struggled with infertility."

She described the darkness as a place of pain and uncertainty, where she said that all she had left was to trust in God.

"God wants to meet you here in the most beautiful way possible – in Adoration tonight," the singer said.

Reminding the audience that light shines in the darkness, Schaefer said, "Know that He is not done yet. We believe that we have to be sanctified."

Schaefer shared with the audience that she and her husband are now expecting their first baby in July. "There is hope after the dark night."

Schaefer's song *Faithful* is a reminder of God's faithfulness to His people. She said that God is a God of miracles and unconditional love.

"You are loved, and you have something to give to this broken world."

Father Galea's lively afternoon presentation featured the former contestant on Australia's version of *X Factor* playing guitar and singing while relating his journey from wayward teen back to the Catholic faith and eventually to the priesthood.

He began by saying to the women, "If you're messed up, you're in the right place," to make his point that everyone has difficulties in their lives.

For him, those difficulties began at age 14 in his native Malta when he became addicted to alcohol, drugs and stealing as a way to get the attention of his peers. He left his loving home and continued to live a life of vice until he eventually found his way back home and returned to the Catholic faith at age 16.

He has recounted his story in *Breakthrough*, a book that's being turned into a movie. In the book, he attributes his return to the faith to his mother's persistent prayers for him.

"My mom prayed, and she continued to pray," he said. "She said, 'Every time you slammed the door, I would fall to my knees outside your room. And I would pray. And sometimes I would pray so much that I would be in tears because I would hear your pain.'"

A mother's prayers are powerful, Father Galea shared with the women in the crowd.

"I am here today because my mom never gave upon me," he said. "Realize the promise of God over your life. 'Recognize that you need to be a warrior ... raising your voices, screaming at the



Women kneel in prayer and adoration during the conference. CT photos by Ken Snow



Bishop Earl Fernandes delivers the homily at the conference Mass.

devil.

"Know that you are a warrior woman and that you are called to change lives. Sometimes we stop praying, we give up and we don't realize how strong we are.

"And even though things get worse, keep praying, because your prayer will be answered. Many prayers are lost because they're prayed once, twice, 1,000 times, 10,000 times instead of a million. Keep praying and recognize the promise that God has for your life."

Bean, the final speaker of the day, offered practical tips for prayer and making the most of Lent.

She covered six tips from her book *Whisper: Finding God in the Everyday*,

which encourages slowing down and experiencing the whispers of God.

Bean, the creator and host of *The Gist* on CatholicTV, offered tips for finding God, including by taking time for prayer, trusting rather than fearing, finding God in weakness and taking time to rest.

Bean said that, when it comes to hearing God's voice, "you're not going to find it if you look for it in these dramatic ways."

She connected her talk to the story of the prophet Elijah, who was seeking the voice of God in 1 Kings. Elijah hears the voice of God not in the earthquake or fire, but rather in the silence.

Bean challenged the audience to set aside time for prayer each day to hear

God's voice in the stillness and silence.

"Jesus would go to deserted places to pray. He was built for relationship with the Father and needed to seek it out," she said.

Bean said that fear and a lack of prayer can hold women back from God.

"Nobody is more afraid of a praying momma or a praying woman than the enemy. He knows what a force for good we are," she said.

Bean offered practical ways to pray, including beginning with five minutes a day of sitting in God's presence.

She said that faults can hold one back from God, but they also have the capacity to bring people closer to God.

Bean suffered a torn ACL during a skiing trip in Vermont, which was a Christmas gift from her husband. She said that she came to see her weakness as the very way to connect with God. It was a gift, Bean said, to be forced to sit and be unable to do many routine activities.

She touched on 2 Corinthians 12:9, echoing the words of St. Paul, who says that God's power is made perfect in weakness.

"You are never stronger than when you know how weak you are," Bean said.

She encouraged the audience to rethink their approach to prayer. She said that prayer does not change God but those who pray.

Bean shared a story of when her prayers to God were "bratty." She said that when pregnant with her fourth child, limited finances meant that she and her husband, Dan, couldn't afford a minivan for their growing family. She prayed to God, saying, "Please give me a minivan, even though I know You aren't going to."

To her surprise, her husband pulled up in a minivan when she was 8 1/2-months pregnant. The priests her husband worked with, unaware of the situation, were changing their vehicles and asked Dan if he would like to take their minivan.

"Know that God can work with you right where you are, with your weakness," Bean said, encouraging women to pray no matter the status of their heart. She said to pray even if the prayers are "bratty."

Bean spoke of finding God by taking time to rest, especially in a culture where productivity is prioritized.

"Mary shows us the value of being rather than doing. No one needs rest more than a busy woman in today's world," she said.

Bean encouraged women to say "no" to some things in order to say "yes" to their relationship with God.

She said that "we are called always to surrender ourselves to Him," to which she mentioned that "no" is a complete sentence and "balance is a myth."

She said that this Lent she wants each woman to "find the space to be still and know that He is God."

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