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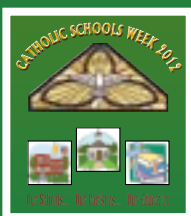
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Life ... the most important issue

By David Garick, Editor

Thirty-nine years have passed since the United States Supreme Court issued its infamous ruling in *Roe v. Wade*. No decision of the nation's highest court has had yearly anniversaries of outrage that have continued for so long. But, then, no other action of the Supreme Court has been so objectively incorrect and so appallingly destructive to the fabric of our nation.

Thirty-nine years later and the demands for overturning this tragic ruling only grow louder and louder, and people from across the nation gather to pray and protest and call for action on Capitol Hill. But at the other end of the National Mall in Washington, the demeanor is quite different. The elected leader of our nation spoke of *Roe v. Wade* this week with great pride. "As we mark the 39th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, we must remember that this Supreme Court decision not only protects a woman's health and reproductive freedom, but also affirms a broader principle: that government should not intrude on private family matters," President Obama said. "I remain committed to protecting a woman's right to choose and this fundamental constitutional right. And as we remember this historic anniversary, we must also continue our efforts to ensure that our daughters have the same rights, freedoms, and opportunities as our sons to fulfill their dreams."

I guess that would be the dream of killing off their children. Is this really something to celebrate? During the past 39 years, nearly 55 million of our children have been slaughtered to fulfill this sick dream. To put this into perspective, Hitler's universally

condemned Nazi genocide of World War II killed 16 million people. The great purge by Stalin in Russia cost about one million lives. The Khmer Rouge under Pol Pot in Cambodia killed about 1.7 million. We in America are in the midst of the greatest genocide in history ... and it still goes on.

So who is the evil leader that bears responsibility for this holocaust? It is each and every one of us. We cannot pass the buck. America is a democracy, a nation of, by, and for the people. Each of us deserves a share of the blame when we lack the moral resolve to elect leaders and pass laws that prevent wholesale disregard for human life. Every time we remain silent rather than offend friends and neighbors who see abortion as some kind of freedom, we enable this killing. Every time we waffle with that tired old line, "I personally would never get an abortion, but I can't tell someone else how to live their life," we are being spineless cooperators in the slaughter. Every time we fall for the appeal to not be what people call "one-issue voters" we are saying that, in choosing leaders of our government, we place a higher value on issues of self-interest than on the fundamental issue of life itself.

Any other tyrant responsible for so many deaths would be hauled before a war crimes tribunal for crimes against humanity. How will we react when we face our own call to justice before the throne of Christ? It's time that we take responsibility and do what is right.



WINDOW BLESSING AT HOLY ROSARY-ST. JOHN

Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church.

The Mass will bless and give thanks for the church's new rose window (pictured). The original window, installed when the church was built in 1898, was in a state of significant disrepair. Thanks to donors, it has been restored and other renovations are in progress.

Building manager Anthony Taylor said the renovations all have taken place within the last year and include refinishing the church's original floor, installing new moisture-absorbent carpet in the foyer and on a ramp for the handicapped, cleaning the altar, installing 36 new pews with kneelers, and refurbishing the crucifix and statues of Mary Magdalene and St. Joseph.

Work is continuing on other statues. There also is some plaster work to be



done. Long-range plans include tuckpointing, painting of the walls, and repainting the church's ceiling, where the effects of time and the smoke from candles over the course of decades have darkened and obscured the scenes depicted there.

An anonymous donation of about \$63,000 paid for the rose window repair. Donations and grants from The Catholic Foundation, the Columbus Foundation, and other sources paid for most of the other work, allowing parishioners' weekly contributions to continue to be used for everyday expenses. Taylor also said volunteer labor, particularly from Columbus Holy Family Church, also helped keep the costs down.

The renovations began in March and continued for the next eight months, with Mass being celebrated in the fellowship hall of St. John Center, next to the church, until November.

CELEBRATE WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

The diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office invites married couples to celebrate World Marriage Day on Sunday, Feb. 12, by attending its program on "The Lasting Promise: Nurturing Active, Lifelong Love" at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., from 3 to 5 p.m.

Presented by Tony and Donna Bonina, parishioners at Westerville St. Paul Church, the program is based on the book, "The Power of Commitment," by Scott M. Stanley. The book describes a spiritual approach to commitment: handling the pressures of everyday life; moving through the pain of unfulfilled hopes; overcoming attractions that might endanger a marriage; transforming "me versus you"

thinking to "we" and "us"; and capturing the beauty of lifelong devotion and teamwork to build a lasting vision for the future.

The observance of World Marriage Day supports the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage and provides an opportunity to recognize married couples at every stage of marriage, from newlywed to golden jubilee, and to celebrate the sacramental relationship of marriage.

The registration deadline for the program is Tuesday, Feb. 7. Contact the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560 or e-mail fmailbox@colsdio.org for more information.

OHIO LAWMAKERS ACT ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Participants in the annual pro-life rally at the Statehouse (pictured at right) had much to cheer about this year. The legislative liaison for the organization representing the state's bishops said 2011 was a most significant year for the pro-life movement in the state.

"We passed more pro-life bills in Ohio than ever," said Jim Tobin of the Catholic Conference of Ohio. "Four key measures received legislative approval and have become law, while other bills related to the right to life continue moving through the legislative process."

The Legislature approved two provisions in the state's two-year budget bill to prevent state funding for non-therapeutic abortions. The first bans abortions from being performed in public hospitals. The second prohibits abortion coverage in insurance plans of local public employees.

Gov. John Kasich signed House Bill 78, titled the Viable Infants Protection Act, into law on July 20, 2011. The new law prohibits abortion after 20 weeks when a child is proved to be viable and can live outside the womb. Previous Ohio law permitted the killing of children up to the moment of birth.

The Legislature had adopted a ban on post-viability abortions in 1995, but a federal court ruled it was unconstitutional. "The hardest part of working on this bill was tightening definitions related to viability and mental health to the point where we felt it would satisfy the courts. We feel this bill does that," Tobin said.

Gov. Kasich signed a companion measure, House Bill 79, on Dec. 21, 2011. It will become law on March 22. The bill excludes abortion coverage from the state exchange cre-

ated in the federal health care law approved by Congress in 2010. The federal law includes a provision allowing states to opt out of abortion coverage, which Ohio has chosen to do.

Tobin testified in late November before a legislative committee that although the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops supports many parts of the health care law, it opposed final passage because the law expands the federal government's role in funding and facilitating abortion and plans that cover abortion.

Ohio voters this past November approved a statewide ballot issue blocking residents of the state from being required to enroll in a statewide health care plan, should the Legislature approve such a proposal. It does not block the federal health care bill from going into effect in Ohio, but was spurred by that measure's requirement that everyone either carry health care insurance or pay a penalty if they do not.

Also receiving legislative approval in 2011 was House Bill 63, which takes effect on Feb. 3. It revises the state's current Judicial Bypass for Parental Consent law, providing additional guidance to judges in determining a minor's maturity to bypass parental consent before an abortion.

State law requires parental consent to the procedure before a minor can have an abortion, but lets minors go to court and request that a judge bypass that requirement. Tobin said the revised version requires a judge to ask specific questions about the consequences of abortion and how much pressure a minor may be feeling to have an abortion.

"It would require the judge to have clear and convincing evidence that a minor is mature and well-informed before judicial consent to an

abortion could be granted," he said. "The law as it stood was kind of weak. This change sets some higher standards and gives judges better criteria to work with."

"We had a very strong pro-life majority elected to both houses of the Legislature in 2010. The results of that election were apparent last year," he said. "It was the right time for pro-life action to be taken, and the legislators responded, with the Ohio Right to Life organization and other local pro-life groups taking the lead on a lot of these bills."

"Ohioans saw more pro-life legislation passed in 2011 than in untold years," said Ruth Yorston, executive director of Greater Columbus Right to Life. "We're making big strides in the Legislature, and this is the time for pro-life people to come together and continue a strong push for additional legislation."

Mike Gonidakis of Ohio Right to Life expressed similar sentiments. "This was a historic year for the pro-life cause," he said. "Many new members of the Legislature were elected, and they were eager to move pro-life bills. This shows elections do have consequences."

Tobin said he expects that much of the recently passed legislation will face legal challenges. "We anticipate going to court and are ready for it," he said. "We try to read the signs of the times and get as much protection as we can for every person's right to life, given the changing legal and political situation."

Those measures include legislation which will redirect millions of dollars away from abortion-providing groups such as Planned Parenthood and toward health centers that provide responsible health care for women, their children, and unborn children. The

Legislature also is considering two bills which would prevent human cloning, the creation, transportation, or receipt of a human-animal hybrid, the transfer of a nonhuman embryo into a human womb, and the transfer of a human embryo into a non-human womb.

One measure on which pro-life supporters have expressed differing opinions is House Bill 125, familiarly known as the heartbeat bill, which would be the nation's most restrictive anti-abortion law if passed. It would outlaw abortions after a fetal heartbeat can be medically detected, usually about six weeks into pregnancy.

Ohio Senate President Tom Niehaus suspended hearings on the bill on Dec. 14 after its supporters offered more than 20 amendments. Hearings are expected to resume after the state's March 6 primary. "We cannot move forward on a bill that has so far created more confusion than consensus," Niehaus said in December. "It's my hope that the interested parties can use this time to resolve their differences and produce a reasonable compromise."

"The Catholic Conference of Ohio supports the intent of HB 125 and is working to help re-



Photo by Jack Kustron

solve concerns and differences regarding specific language and constitutional interpretations," said a statement on the website of the conference.

Gonidakis said Ohio Right to Life has declined to support the bill because of concerns of whether it would stand up in court. "We support the intent of the bill," he said. "We should protect every baby with a beating heart. However, there are negative and unintended consequences that come with this bill as it is written. The concern isn't with its intent, but with what may happen to it in the federal courts and the possibility that a decision against it could set back the pro-life cause."

Yorston said Greater Columbus Right to Life was not taking a position on the bill because of a lack of consensus concerning it among the organization's members.

Correction: The Jan. 22 Catholic Times incorrectly listed the site for a prayer cenacle of the Marian Movement on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The event will be at Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. A separate cenacle for priests will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the same day at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The Times also incorrectly reported that rededication of the organ at Columbus St. Leo Church on Sunday, Jan. 29, will include a Mass. There will not be a Mass, but there will be a 3 p.m. prayer service to bless the rebuilt organ.



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A group from Sunbury St. John Neumann Church was part of the March for Life at the National Mall in Washington on Jan. 23. Ruth Yorston of Greater Columbus Right to Life is at the right

Photo courtesy Ruth Yorston

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Catholic Schools

Did you model your Faith with conviction this past week? We were challenged to speak it, live it, read it, and view it. If you are like me, it is pretty easy to nod your head and agree that this is a very worthwhile commitment. It is very difficult to actually do the deed. It does help when we remember that we are not called to do big things and make wholesale changes overnight. We are called to do very positive, loving, and faith-filled things deliberately, consistently, sincerely, and in small ways. We can make the greatest impact in a very personal way, one relationship at a time. For my part, I spoke my Faith by making a real effort to not be so critical of people at home, at work, and on the road. Sometimes it is what we do not say, just as much as what we do say. I lived my Faith by making a solid effort to show real kindness, respect, love, and concern for my wife and daughter. It becomes too easy to take for granted those people who love you and take care of you the most. I read my Faith by simply taking the Bible out of the drawer and placing it – open – on the island in our kitchen. We have all taken an opportunity to do some spiritual reading. I viewed my Faith by searching for and finding a few television programs regarding Catholic history. We enjoyed them. I also viewed a YouTube video on Christianity, which was both entertaining and impactful. Let us continue to do simple and positive things.

During the week of Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We already know many of the wonderful things our Catholic schools do. The morals, values, character, discipline, and knowledge that are imparted cannot be beat anywhere in the world. It remains so important that we maintain the number-one priority in a Catholic school education: a strong, growing, maturing, and practical Faith. The curriculum, academic strength, college preparation, and overall life preparation are all part of the package, and very important to students and parents alike. But the growth in our Catholic Faith is the number-one reason why our schools must remain viable, affordable, and full of students.

I would like to share some statistics that will further encourage our support of Catholic schools. According to a report issued by the National Catholic Education Association, the 2010-2011 school year showed a graduation rate of 99 percent for Catholic high schools, with 85 percent of those graduates attending college. That compares to a graduation rate of 73 percent and college enrollment of 44 percent from our public schools. More important, in a survey of adults in the United States, 19 percent said Christian values have helped poor people to have a better life; 16 percent said that Christian evangelization is a positive thing; 14 percent said that Christians protect and shape our values as a society; six percent said we make a positive contribution to marriage and family life; and five percent mentioned favorable action to stop abortion. While these statistics are not overwhelming, it is interesting that these valued items are mentioned in such a positive way by the general public. These are among the great benefits of a Catholic school and PSR education.

Our practical challenge this week is to offer our time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of our local Catholic schools. Take the time to learn more about your parish elementary or local Catholic high school. Once you have a better knowledge of the needs of the school, whether you have a student there or not, use your talents to help. Become a PSR teacher and help directly to further our Faith. Join a committee to help with planning, finances, safety, fund raising, or relationships within the parish itself. Finally, contribute some of your treasure to your local Catholic schools. On the practical side, you will directly help to keep a Catholic education affordable for all. On the spiritual side, you will directly help to build the Body of Christ. What better way to do so than by keeping our Catholic schools viable.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese



Knights help with tuition assistance



Father Hohman Council 5253 of the Knights of Columbus presented a \$2,000 check for tuition assistance to Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School. Pictured are (from left) Shawn Ansbro, Knights of Columbus district deputy; Jonathan Cuniak, St. Pius School principal; and Horace Gilmore, the council's grand knight

CT photo by Tim Puet

Catholic Record Society's Luncheon

Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, senior vice president of system mission of the Mount Carmel Health System, will speak at the Catholic Record Society's winter luncheon meeting on Saturday, Feb. 11. Her topic will be the history of Mount Carmel Hospital, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary.

The meeting will take place at the Westminster-Thurber Community, Neil Avenue and Goodale Street, Columbus. Lunch will be at noon, preceded by refreshments at 11:30 a.m.

The hospital, now known as Mount Carmel West, was placed under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1886, one year after its founding. Its first expansion took place in 1887, and it has grown almost continuously since then. The Mount Carmel Health System

now includes four major facilities and many smaller locations.

Sister Barbara has been with Mount Carmel since 1981 in several executive capacities and led the development and expansion of its community outreach, church partnerships, and health stations programs, and the former Capital Park Family Health Center. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., a master of arts degree in history from Indiana University, and a master of science degree in administration from the University of Notre Dame.

The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Reservations must be received by Thursday, Feb. 2. For more information, contact Mike Finn at (614) 268-4166 or fcoolavin@aol.com.

Annual Breakfast at DeSales

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week, Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, will host its annual tradition breakfast on Friday, Feb. 3. Mass will be offered at 7 a.m. and breakfast will follow at 7:45 in the cafeteria. Students are asked to bring a friend

or family member who has graduated from DeSales. A student and an alumnus must attend the breakfast together. Make reservations by Monday, Jan. 30, with Colleen Herr in the alumni relations office at (614) 267-7808, extension 142 or cherr@cdeeducation.org.

CHRISTINA ANN ALLWEIN MEMORIAL DINNER



More than \$20,000 was raised for scholarships for diocesan young people to attend youth conferences, camps, and retreats at the Christina Ann Allwein memorial dinner on Saturday, Jan. 14, at Columbus St. Catharine School. The dinner, attended by about 240 people, honored the memory of Tina Allwein, who died at age 49 on Jan. 13, 2007, leaving her husband,

Gary, and nine children.

Both Allweins are well-known for their work with the poor. Tina provided support to many mothers and children with limited incomes, while Gary, owner of Mustard Seed Catering, continues serving hot meals once a month at the Open Shelter in Columbus and performing the services which earned him the title of diocesan Catholic Man

of the Year in 2008.

"She was a defender of life in the deepest sense," Gary Allwein said at the dinner. "I believe there are children in our world today because of her guidance." The words "gentleness" and "excitement" were used by other speakers to summarize Tina's attributes.

The evening included praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and a program that included spiritual singing and dancing and witness talks by young people about the impact on their faith of the Catholic youth activities which will benefit from the scholarship. These include Franciscan University of Steubenville youth conferences, Catholic Youth Summer Camp, and the National Evangelization Team.

Speakers and performers at the dinner included the Allweins' son Jotham,

a seminarian at the Pontifical College Josephinum; their 17-year-old niece, Dory Cassidy; CYSC counselor Billy Gardner; Columbus Bishop Hartley High School senior Kaela Smith; Liz Curtis, Anna Vonau, Molly Mackessy, Bob Moraine, Brendan O'Rourke, and Steve Kebe.

Pictured are (left) members of the Allwein family (from left): front row, Catherine Allwein holding daughter, Lucy, Dorothy Allwein, Donald Allwein, Dawn (Allwein) Elias, Anya Allwein holding son, Xavier, and Heidi (Allwein) Thompson; back row, Jeff Daley, Anthony Allwein, Nate Allwein, Kate Allwein, Tim Thompson, Jotham Allwein and Gary Allwein; and (right) Father Donald Franks, pastor of Columbus St. Mary Church, with Anthony Allwein and Maria Evans

Photos courtesy Joy Hosteller

Wilderness Outreach Program

Wilderness Outreach and the men's group of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church will present a program at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the church, 414 E. North Broadway, on the theology of masculine spirituality and the work of Wilderness Outreach.

The presentation will be led by Wilderness Outreach founder John Bradford.

Using Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, along with current biological and psychological science, the presentation will show how men and

women are fundamentally, organically, and holistically different and complementary; why men are natural providers and protectors; what the culture of death and the dictatorship of relativism are and where they came from; how men are being attacked on internal and external battlefields; and a Catholic man's battle plan to fight those attacks.

For registration and more information, contact Bradford at john@wildernessoutreach.net or Bill Hinger at Bill.Hinger@huntington.

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A quick note from:

The Office for Divine worship

THE IMPORTANCE OF CANDLES DURING TWO LITURGICAL DAYS IN FEBRUARY



There are two liturgical days in which candles play an important part in our celebrations during the month of February. Feb. 2 is the Feast of *The Presentation of the Lord*, also known as Candlemas Day. The following day, Feb. 3, is the optional memorial for St. Blaise, a bishop and martyr of the early Fourth Century.

In Luke's Gospel, we are told that Mary took Jesus to the temple to fulfill the Jewish laws and customs described in Leviticus (12:2-8) and Numbers (18:15). Simeon's prayer in the temple satisfied the custom to present the firstborn and the purification of the mother in the temple. This was to take place 40 days following the birth. This became a special celebration, initially during the Fourth Century in Jerusalem. It was celebrated on Feb. 14 and was known as the "fortieth day after Epiphany." As the liturgical celebration spread throughout the Church, it was given different names (i.e., *The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary*) before it was finally called the *Presentation of the Lord* and was celebrated on Feb. 2 in the Roman calendar.

The earliest accounts of the celebration of this feast included a procession to the local cathedral. By the 11th Century, these processions became inspired by the words found in Simeon's canticle: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-31). Thus, candlelight processions became

part of these celebrations. At that time, this celebration marked the end of the Christmas season in the Roman calendar.

The Feast of the *Presentation of the Lord* also became known as Candlemas Day. On the final day of the Christmas season, the Church would bless all the candles which it would use for the following year on this day. Although this celebration no longer marks the end of the Christmas season, it is still a day where we bless candles and begin our celebration with a candlelit procession.

The memorial of St. Blaise, while optional, is usually celebrated in our parishes – or at least the blessing associated with the memorial. St. Blaise is a member of a group of saints invoked with special confidence because they have proven themselves efficacious helpers in adversity and difficulties. They are known and venerated under the name *14 Holy Helpers*. Though each has a separate feast or memorial day, the group was at one time collectively venerated on a single date.

St. Blaise devoted the early years of his life to the study of philosophy and became a physician. God called him to the priesthood, and he was eventually made bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. During the persecutions of the Fourth Century, he received a message from God to take refuge in the countryside, where he lived in a cave, caring for injured and sick animals. The governor's men found him unharmed by the animals he treated. As legend tells us, he continued to perform miracles as he was taken back to be executed. One of the miracles was the cure of a woman's son, who was choking to death on a fishbone. The blessing of throats for this day is described in the Book of Blessings (1622ff). Two candles, blessed on the feast of the *Presentation of the Lord*, are joined together in the form of a cross and are placed on the throat, and the blessing is given.

BELONGING TO TWO DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. The small parish to which I have belonged since my baptism 70-plus years ago used to have three full-time priests. Now it is down to one, and even he is shared. For the past quarter of a century, our pastors have often been elderly men with health problems. Pastoral attention is practically nonexistent, and this is true of most of the Catholic churches within driving distance.

I have found, however, a wonderful congregation nearby that is active and caring. They have given much to me, so I would like to join this congregation officially. But it is not Catholic. Is there any problem with belonging to two different denominations at the same time? (The rituals and theology seem very similar.) (Richmond, Va.)

A. For a believer in Jesus, it seems to me, it's important to decide which Christian denomination can trace its descent most clearly from the time of Christ. In my own mind, that is the Catholic Church.

The regular celebration of the Eucharist, its recognition as the body and blood of the savior, and the sacrament of the forgiveness of sins find their origin, I believe, in the words of Christ and the actions of the earliest believers. That pedigree is also true of the hierarchical church, with the pope as the final arbiter of religious doctrine.

(Remember how, in the Acts of the Apostles, the first Christians appealed to Peter to decide whether gentile converts to the new faith needed to follow Jewish rituals and rules?)

So to answer your question, I don't think it's logical to "belong" to two different religious denominations -- particularly when one of them does not include some, or even all, of the elements mentioned above.

However, I do understand that you are finding satisfaction in, and drawing benefit from, certain programs offered by your neighboring church, even though it is not Catholic. It may be a program of Bible study, a course on prayer, or a food pantry or soup kitchen that has sparked your interest.

I would encourage you to maintain your involvement with those particular programs -- while not actually enrolling as a "member" of that denomination -- but at the same time to continue to worship and receive the sacraments at your local Catholic parish.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

The Challenge in Changing Times Grants Available Through The Catholic Foundation

The Challenge in Changing Times grants application will be available at noon Monday, Feb. 6, through The Catholic Foundation. These grants are available to parishes in 2012 for Catholic elementary school assistance, senior assistance, capital for parishes, and evangelization and care for the poor. Parishes may apply for one grant in each category.

A workshop for these grants will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Foundation offices at 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. The online registration and grant application are available in the grants section of The Catholic Foundation's website at <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/grants/the-challenge-in-changing-times/>.

Applications must be submitted online to The Catholic Foundation no later than noon Friday, March 2. Call Amy Parker or Danielle Biancone at (614) 443-8893 for more information.

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic diocesan foundations in the nation, distributing over \$59 million in the diocese since 1985. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

Bishops protest Obama administration plan to force Catholic organizations to provide free coverage for contraceptives and sterilization

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

Although Catholic leaders vowed to fight on, the Obama administration has turned down repeated requests from Catholic bishops, hospitals, schools, and charitable organizations to revise its religious exemption to the requirement that all health plans cover contraceptives and sterilization free of charge.

Instead, Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, announced Jan. 20 that nonprofit groups that do not provide contraceptive coverage because of religious beliefs will get an additional year "to adapt to this new rule."

But Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the Obama administration had "drawn an unprecedented line in the sand" with the decision.

"The Catholic bishops are committed to working with our fellow Americans to reform the law and change this unjust regulation," he added. "We will

continue to study all the implications of this troubling decision."

The only religious organizations exempt from the requirement would be those meeting four specific criteria -- "(1) has the inculcation of religious values as its purpose; (2) primarily employs persons who share its religious tenets; (3) primarily serves persons who share its religious tenets; and (4) is a nonprofit organization" under specific sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

Those sections "refer to churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches, as well as to the exclusively religious activities of any religious orders," according to a footnote to the interim final rule.

Catholic groups, including the USCCB, the Catholic Health Association, and Catholic Charities USA called that exemption too narrow, saying it would require Catholic groups to stop all services to those who were not Catholic and would inappropriately involve the government in decisions about whether

an organization is "religious enough" to be exempted.

Sebelius' announcement brought an outcry from Catholic leaders and a sigh of relief from groups such as Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice America, which had opposed any moves to weaken the contraceptive mandate or strengthen the religious exemption.

In a video posted on the USCCB website, Cardinal-designate Dolan said the decision put the Obama administration "on the wrong side of the Constitution" and should be rescinded.

"In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences," the cardinal-designate said in a separate statement. "To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their health care is literally unconscionable. It is as much an attack on access to health care as on religious freedom. Historically this represents a challenge and a compromise of our religious liberty."

Franciscan Sister Jane Marie Klein, who chairs the board at Franciscan Alliance, a system of 13 Catholic hospitals, characterized the decision as "nothing else than a direct attack on religion and First Amendment rights."

Sister Carol Keehan, a Daughter of

Charity who is president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association, said the announcement was a "missed opportunity to be clear on appropriate conscience protection."

"The challenge that these regulations posed for many groups remains unresolved," she added. "This indicates the need for an effective national conversation on the appropriate conscience protections in our pluralistic country, which has always respected the role of religions."

Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, said he was "extremely disappointed" that the administration chose to ignore calls from religious institutions to broaden the exemption.

"With the existing restrictive definition in this mandate, the ministry of Jesus Christ himself would not be considered a religious entity," he said.

"Just as the identity of Catholic Charities is firmly rooted in the teaching of its church, the identity of this nation includes a mandated respect of religious beliefs," Father Snyder added. "It is this long-standing history that gave us hope that as a religious institution we would be granted the freedom to remain faithful to our beliefs while also being committed to providing access to quality health care."

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ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Loren Brown



Love God and Your Neighbor

“Love God and your neighbor.” For me, this simple statement summarizes all commandments, laws, and rules that are foremost in our lives. Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:30-31).

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Brown is president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation and a parishioner at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

“That Man Is You”

The “That Man Is You!” men’s program at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church is entering the second half of the 26-week course. The one hour program is offered each Saturday at 6:45 a.m. at the church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd. Breakfast is available each week.

In the fall semester, the King David story provided an analogy for understanding the price of failed male leadership to the Church, families, children, and society. David’s adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband, Uriah, is the first half of the story, which continues and climaxes with the conversion of David, the only man

in Scripture called “a man after God’s own heart.” Program developer Steve Bollman noted the importance of the David story to the program: “The King David story was intentionally chosen as the basis for the first year because it provides such hope,” he said. “The story helps us to trust in God’s mercy. Wherever we’re at, God wants to take us to a better place.”

The spring will focus on the idea of becoming “a man after God’s own heart.” This shift provides an ideal time for new participants to enter the program and begin with new material.

Men will be challenged to develop a lived spirituality, based

on seven covenants which seek to avoid the temptations of Satan and to immerse the soul in God according to the three orientations of the person – toward self, toward other people, and toward God. These covenants help answer the question which men naturally ask at the end of the fall semester: “Now what am I to do?”

The ultimate goal of the program is to provide men with the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ, who will help them to die to whatever prevents them from experiencing the joy of union with God and will help program participants to become men capable of transforming their families and society.



The Habit of Prayer

Nothing has pushed me to the edge like motherhood. I’m glad I was ignorant of the amount of work and stress involved in this adventure, or I might have declined my handsome prince’s offer of marriage and run straight to the convent (Though, that said, I’m pretty sure it’s not easier there. In fact, it’s probably harder in a much different way).

But here I am, married with three kids, completely to the shock of that small part of me who remains a rebellious teenager. I had embraced, rather completely, the notion that a liberated woman didn’t need to concern herself with things like dishes and laundry and cooking, but that was before the squalor beneath my feet and the grumbling of my stomach forced me to rethink my priorities.

I didn’t become different overnight. It might not have really happened until Kid Number Two made her appearance and shook my tenuous grip on reality more than my balancing act would allow. Or maybe it was the brush with mortality that came from losing a few close family members, and some health scares thrown in on top.

Whatever it was, I began to become better at embracing—however imperfectly—my role as “homemaker.” And in doing that, I began to see that there was one thing I could not do without: prayer.

If I believe the things my spiritual director and confessor tells me, then God loves me. In fact, he has only good in mind for me. If I believe the reality



Finding Faith in Everyday Life

Sarah Reinhard

before my eyes, then the floor needs scrubbed, the toilet is a mess, and there is anything but order in my domestic castle.

These two things seem unrelated, but it seemed to me, in my brush with feeling theological lately, that they could not be. They HAD to be related somehow.

What does God have to do with my poor housekeeping?

Well, not much, if I don’t invite him in. It’s hard to have a conversation with a friend who’s never available, isn’t it?

In some seasons of my life, getting up early and beginning my day with intense prayer is possible and fruitful. It prepares me for the battle—even if all I’m fighting are little people’s backsides and my own chafing pride.

In this season I’m in now, though, I find that I need to pray all the time. I’ve tried to make a habit of saying a Hail Mary when I’m washing my hands or going up and down the stairs. If I’m in the car without any

conversation, I try to whisper a Hail Mary or even an Our Father. While the computer boots up or the information downloads, I might pray a Hail Mary.

And there’s the secret: it’s not when I pray, it’s that I do pray. Prayer has to be a habit, something I turn to without even thinking. Just as I dry my hands when I’m done or take my car keys inside with me, I need to pray as a habit, all the time.

Praying without ceasing seemed impossible when I first heard about it. That was before I found myself stranded between a baby and a deadline, cornered by a family obligation and a sick kid, humbled by the generosity of others and my own limitations.

Prayer can be as much a habit as anything else and, once God is in the small moments of my day, I find it’s not so mundane. There’s grace flowing all around me, but when I’m so focused on myself, I don’t even notice it.

The other day, I was running up my mother-in-law’s basement stairs on an errand of some sort and I caught myself praying a Hail Mary. And I’m pretty sure that God was glad to be along with me as I did my work, whatever it was at the moment.

Sarah Reinhard struggles every day with prayer and also taps out thoughts on a keyboard from her home in central Ohio. She’s a member of Plain City St. Joseph Church and author of “Welcome Baby Jesus: Advent & Christmas Reflections for Families.” Visit her online at SnoringScholar.com.



Msgr. Hendricks Honored

Msgr. Joseph Hendricks (pictured with St. Brigid School students), pastor of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, has been honored by the National Catholic Education Association as a 2012 NCEA distinguished pastor of the year. He will receive the award in April at the NCEA convention. This annual award, established in 2007, is presented by the NCEA department of elementary schools to honor pastors who have given outstanding support to Catholic elementary education. The nominated pastor must possess a clear philosophy of Catholic education, provide spiritual guidance to the school community, participate in school activities, work with the school board and/or parent association, support the school administration, and engage the community in providing financial support to the school. “I firmly believe that Catholic schools are the single best way for the church to assure the vitality of the faith,” Msgr. Hendricks has said. Kathleen O’Reilly, St. Brigid School principal, said, “Faith-filled, mentor, wise, visionary, intellectual, spiritual, trustworthy, dedicated and inspirational are just a few words that describe Msgr. Hendricks. I have had the remarkable opportunity to work closely with him and to benefit from his spirituality, his compassion and his dedication to the Catholic faith development of young and old parishioners alike”

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Left: Some of the tens of thousands of pro-life marchers in Washington on Jan. 23. Above: House Speaker John Boehner at the Rally for Life
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Life, liberty at 'core of our national character'

By Julie Asher and Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

Americans “as a people are pro-life” because life and liberty “are intertwined and form the core of our national character,” House Speaker John Boehner told the crowd gathered on the National Mall on Jan. 23 for the 39th annual March for Life.

“God who gave us life gave us liberty,” said the Ohio Republican, who is a Catholic. He added that his pro-life stand isn’t political, “it’s just who I am.”

He and the other members of Congress who spoke at the rally said they were proud they had passed the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act and the Protect Life Act and voted to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and to defund Planned Parenthood.

U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., a Catholic who is chairman of the Congressional

Pro-Life Caucus, told the rallygoers that they were “an important part of the greatest human rights movement on earth -- the selfless struggle by prayer, fasting, and works to defend and protect all weak and vulnerable persons from the violence of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.”

He also told the crowd, “The violent destruction of a child in the womb is not an American value.”

More than an hour before the rally kicked off, thousands of pro-life marchers, the majority of them high school and college-age youths from across the nation, began to fill in the space around the speakers’ platform under overcast skies.

The temperature hovered in the high 30s. Intermittent rain forced marchers to put on ponchos and assorted rain gear and pull out their umbrellas. The wet weather left the National Mall a soggy and muddy patch, which marchers slogged through after the rally as they headed

to Constitution Avenue, past the Capitol and up to the Supreme Court.

The rally opened with the national anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a joint Catholic-Orthodox prayer delivered by Metropolitan Jonah of All America and Canada. Religious leaders on the platform included Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Nellie Gray, now 86, kicked off the speeches. She is the founder and president of the March for Life Education & Defense Fund, the group that organizes the march.

She told the crowd that its consistency in showing up in such great numbers to mark each of the 39 anniversaries since the *Roe v. Wade* decision legalized abortion “shows we love our country and love our preborn children. We also

love the abortionists we’re trying to educate.”

She called for *Roe* to be overturned “without any exception” and urged unity “on the life principles” she and her organization have espoused since the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its abortion decision.

Just as the Nuremberg trials after World War II “taught us genocide is a crime against humanity,” the federal government must understand that abortion is “a crime against humanity,” said Gray.

Participants at the annual March for Life were urged in advance of the march not to let themselves be compromised in their beliefs as the federal government pursues regulations that Catholic leaders say constitute an attack on conscience and religious liberty.

“I beg and pray for the young people present and all youth and young adults not to be compromised in your

By Ruth Yorston
Executive Director
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Hundreds of thousands of people from across the nation gathered to march on Washington on Monday. Making our way from the mall, up Capitol Hill and on to the Supreme Court, we reminded our elected officials and justices that the right to life is not given by any piece of legislation or court decision. Our unalienable right to life has been endowed by our creator and by him alone.

Before marching to the Supreme Court building, marchers congregated on the mall for the rally. Opening the rally were bishops from the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches. After their opening prayers, thousands of people raised their voices to sing the National Anthem and offer the Pledge of Allegiance. How the sound of those voices must have echoed throughout the capital, calling everyone who could hear to honor our country by upholding the truth that our forefathers recognized – that life is a gift from God and God alone.

Rally speakers included Nellie Gray, the founder of the March for Life; House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio; dozens of pro-life sena-

tors and representatives, and leaders from a number of pro-life organizations.

One of the most moving messages came from Georgette Forney, president of Anglicans for Life and co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. Her heartfelt plea was that we would not forget the women and men hurt by abortion and that we would continue in our fight, not only for the preborn children, but also for the women and men who have been devastated by exercising their legal right to choose abortion.

As the rally ended, the marchers began their journey up to the Supreme Court by singing “God Bless America.” *We pray, O Lord, that you will bless America with courageous leaders who will uphold the sanctity of life from conception until natural death and with courageous citizens who will hold our leaders to account in this most basic of principles.*

The March for Life always draws large numbers of young people to Washington, and this year was no exception. Among those in attendance this year were students from Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton and Sunbury St. John Neumann parishes.

“This is my third time participating

in the March for Life, but it was still just as powerful as the first,” said Mike Fulton, 17, of St. John Neumann. “At Mass on Sunday night in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, I felt an overwhelming sense of unity and fellowship with the people all gathered for one purpose: to stand up for abortion. Leave it to the universal Catholic Church to band together in such desperate times to defend the defenseless.”

Taylor Bowie, 18, of Seton, has been to seven of the marches. “Every year is a new and exciting experience,” she said. “It is breathtaking to see the number of people that make the pilgrimage to Washington to defend those who cannot defend themselves.”

Many of those who attended the march for the first time expressed opinions similar to that of Alex Meineke, 17, of Seton. “I knew very little about abortion and I did not have much of an opinion, other than I knew it was wrong,” he said. “After this amazing trip, I can accept nothing less than being the biggest pro-life activist I know. Before the march, there was a man who said slavery took 89 years to be abolished. We have had abortion for 39 years. We cannot wait another 50 years for abortion to end. This is the generation to end abortion.”



Members of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish at the March for Life in Washington. Ruth Yorston, executive director of Greater Columbus Right to Life, is in red scarf in the center
Photo courtesy of Ruth Yorston

MARCH FOR LIFE



Mike Keebaugh, president of Greater Columbus Right to Life, speaks on the steps of the Ohio Statehouse at a Jan. 23 pro-life rally
CT photo by Jack Kustron

Ohio Pro-Life Rally

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Ohio pro-life supporters were told at a Statehouse rally that the spiritual weapons at their disposal can be as effective as the weapons David used in killing Goliath in Old Testament times.

Mike Keebaugh, president of Greater Columbus Right to Life, said the pro-life movement is facing the “Goliath” of what Pope John Paul II often described as the culture of death, but can defeat this formidable foe, just as David used five smooth stones to bring down his giant opponent.

Keebaugh said the “smooth stones” the movement has at its use are the righteousness of its cause; faith in God; courage; being on the offensive; and knowing the enemy’s weakness.

The rally on the west side of the state’s capitol building marked the 39th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion in the United States. Speaking from a platform on the Statehouse steps, Keebaugh said, “In 39 years, an estimated 53 million preborn children – citizens of the United States – never got a chance at life. They were denied that unalienable right to life promised by our founding fathers in the Declaration of Independence – a basic tenet upon which this great nation was built.

“There have been countless men and women who have suffered and continue to suffer after the loss of their children, after they recognized the horror of what they’ve done, but there was not a single person warning them this suffering

would be a likely consequence of their actions. They were, in fact, and have been, in fact, and are, in fact, assured that everything is OK,” he said.

Keebaugh said those in the pro-life movement who may be discouraged that *Roe v. Wade* remains in effect after 39 years should heed the words of the late basketball coach Jim Valvano in his fight with cancer: “Don’t give up. Don’t give up. Don’t ever give up.”

“The most vulnerable lives hang in the balance,” he said. “Let us look to Jesus Christ as the model for our perseverance and our courage. Jesus fell three times while carrying his cross on the way to Calvary, and each time he got up and moved forward that we might be saved. ... We must always get up one more time.”

In his comparison of the pro-life movement’s efforts to those of David, Keebaugh noted that David did not wait for Goliath to come to him, but came forward to engage the giant. “We must not wait for the battle to come to us,” he said. “Life must be the sole issue we take to the ballot box. We must pass more life-affirming legislation, close more abortion clinics and, most importantly, save more babies. The action’s up front and that’s where we need to be.”

He said public perception appears to be turning against Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers, and that is a weak spot that should be exploited. “2012 will be a monumental year,” Keebaugh said, urging the election of a pro-life president, as well as pro-life

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members of Congress and state legislators. "There is much to do. Let's take our five smooth stones and run into battle, knowing our cause is right and just, acting with faith and perseverance and courage, and focusing our efforts where they will be most effective."

Also speaking were Denise Salyers of Columbus, who described the effects of an abortion on her life, and state Rep. Cheryl Grossman, R-Grove City.

"On April 30, 1983, I exercised my right to choose without fully understanding the impact that this so-called right would have on my life," Saly-

ers said. She said that at the time, she had two children, was struggling with no insurance, and was overwhelmed by the thought of more doctor bills and hospital expenses, so she decided to have an abortion.

"I will forever remember that day," she said. "Even though the nurse said to me I would never remember and I would forget everything that was happening, that could not have been farther from the truth. I wish a million times over someone would have told me what was about to come."

She said the sense of shame she felt as a result of the abortion led to her to excessive use of drugs

and alcohol and several suicide attempts. Salyers said her life was dramatically changed when a nurse from the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers came to Radiant Life Church in Dublin, which she attends, and talked about PDHC's HEART (Healing Effects of Abortion-Related Trauma) program.

"I realize Jesus forgave me, he loves me, and he wants me to be whole again," she said. Through this program, he taught me how to help others.

"I can't change what I did almost 29 years ago, but I hope that by hearing my story, others would reconsider and not make the same decision and mistake as I did," Salyers said.

Grossman reviewed the Ohio Legislature's achievements in passing several pro-life bills in 2011 (see Page 3 of this week's *Catholic Times* for more details). She also told the story of Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, whose mother gave birth to him after doctors had urged him to be aborted and who nearly died four times before his birth.

"I was amazed when I read the story," Grossman said. "What a message that is to each and every one of us." She said Tebow's being in the public eye as a result of winning



Knights of Columbus "Defend Life" placards were carried by many of those at Monday's pro-life rally at the Statehouse. CT photo by Jack Kustron

the 2009 Hesiman Trophy and leading the Broncos to several comeback victories this year, combined with his willingness to enthusiastically express his religious beliefs, has provided "an incredible platform for Christian witness" that also benefits the pro-life cause.

Speaking briefly to the group by telephone was Ruth Yorstson, president of Greater Columbus Right to Life, who was attending the March for Life in Washington, which took place at the same time as the rally. Opening and closing prayers

were led by Dave Gross, pastor of Radiant Life Church, an Assemblies of God congregation.

The rally was preceded by a Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell in observance of the day of penance declared in all dioceses of the United States for Jan. 23 for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through abortion, with prayers for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Following the Mass, many of those in attendance walked to the Statehouse for the rally.



Attendees at Monday's Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, pray for the unborn and for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. CT photo by Ken Snow

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dedication to the protection of life of each human person, born and unborn," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston. "Keep it before your eyes and in your hearts immediately. Threats against life and against the consciences of those who say 'yes' to life must be met with timely and unwavering action, in our families and institutions, and, yes, in the public square."

Cardinal DiNardo, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, made his remarks during his homily at the Jan. 22 opening Mass for the National Prayer Vigil for Life. The overnight vigil, which included a closing Mass Jan. 23 and hourly Holy Hours in between, was

conducted at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

The cardinal linked the 39-year struggle to end abortion on demand with Jan. 20's announcement from U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius that most religious organizations would have to cover contraceptives and sterilization free of charge in their employee health plans, rejecting appeals from Catholic groups to widen the exemption.

"Never before in our U.S. history has the federal government forced citizens to directly purchase what violates our beliefs," Cardinal DiNardo said, adding that the issue is "the survival of a cornerstone constitutionally

protected freedom that ensures respect for conscience and religious liberty."

Cardinal DiNardo said Pope Benedict XVI addressed the issue when meeting with U.S. bishops from the Mid-Atlantic.

"Many of you have pointed out that concerted efforts have been made to deny the right of conscientious objection on the part of Catholic individuals and institutions with regard to cooperation in intrinsically evil practices. Others have spoken to me of a worrying tendency to reduce religious freedom to mere freedom of worship without guarantees of respect for freedom of conscience," he quoted Pope Benedict as saying.

"In light of last Friday's an-

nouncement about health care mandates, it seems that the Holy Father has nailed the issue in advance," Cardinal DiNardo said. "His calls for courage to counter a reductive secularism which would delegitimize the church's participation in public life and debate have targeted the issues we face in our pro-life efforts, to defend those who defend human life and to defend their religious liberty."

Cardinal DiNardo pointed to gains made by pro-lifers, including "a record number of state laws that now restrict abortions. State prosecutors have begun to prosecute late-term abortionists who deny life and injure and maim women."

Cardinal-designate Timothy

M. Dolan of New York, who celebrated the closing Mass, repeatedly lauded the "radiant inspiration" generated by the marchers who gather at the shrine each year.

He said that after nearly 40 years of legalized abortion, "we might be tempted to give up."

But "not us," said Cardinal-designate Dolan, president of the U.S. bishops. "Not for thousands who have stayed up all night here in prayer. Not for hundreds of thousands who will march today with the word we have received ringing in their ears."

The opening Mass featured a procession with four cardinals, 31 bishops, 300 priests, 75 deacons, and 700 priest and deacon candidates and altar servers.

ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO PRO-LIFE WALK

By Valerie Schmalz and Dana Perrigan
Catholic News Service

Tens of thousands of pro-life activists massed in front of San Francisco's City Hall and then filled the city's main thoroughfare on Jan. 21, walking about two miles down Market Street to the Embarcadero.

Banging drums, praying, and chanting "We are pro-life," the enthusiastic throngs stopped traffic for more than a mile in a peaceful walk that took about an hour. Abortion rights protesters briefly stopped the walk by pulling orange netting hung with coat hangers in front of the walk, led by a banner that said "Abortion hurts women." Police who rode bicycles and motorcycles in advance of the walk pulled the abortion protesters out of the street.

An hour before the opening prayer at Civic Center, signs jutted above a sea of people: "Defend Life," "Men

Regret Lost Fatherhood," "California Nurses for Ethical Standards," and "Thank God You Were Not Aborted."

"We are here to say life is the choice, and women are hurt by abortion," said Dolores Meehan, who co-chairs the Walk for Life West Coast, which is held on the Saturday closest to the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* ruling legalizing abortion.

Eva Muntean, who also co-chairs the walk, urged participants to sign petitions to put a parental notification of a minor's intent to procure an abortion on the ballot and urged support for a personhood amendment.

At the rally, Dr. Vansen Wong, an obstetrician and gynecologist, told of performing abortions to pay off his medical bills, saying he ended hundreds of lives over the course of seven years working at an abortion clinic.

"Abortion is barbaric, abortion is intolerable," Wong said, "Abortion has



Some of the tens of thousands of pro-life activists who filled the plaza in front of San Francisco's City Hall. CNS photo/Luis Aguirre, Catholic San Francisco

no place in any civilized society."

A former Miss West Virginia, Jacquie Stalnaker, told of being forced at gunpoint to go to an abortion clinic by her boyfriend and of the toll it took from her life for 24 years. Stalnaker, a regional representative for the "Silent No More" campaign, an organization of women who have undergone abortions and regret them, urged the crowd to ask pro-choice acquaintances to go to the group's website to hear the stories of women who have had abortions. "We are real people with real stories to offer you," she said.

The day began with a Walk for Life Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, where San Francisco Archbishop George H. Niederauer told a packed cathedral, "You are the present and the future of this cause."

In his homily, Archbishop Niederauer said, "Eternal life overcomes the culture of death."

Marchers included a nun from New York City, seminarians from Portland, Ore., and Catholics from towns throughout northern California.

"We come to bear witness to the great gift of life," said Sister Maria Joseph, a nun who traveled from New York with the Sisters of Life -- a contemplative/apostolic community founded by John Cardinal O'Connor in 1991 -- to take part in the rally and march. "Our fourth vow is to protect and enhance the sacredness of life."

She said the Sisters of Life run a midtown Manhattan convent where pregnant women are invited to live during and after their pregnancy.

"It's getting larger," said Sister Maria Joseph of the annual Walk for Life. "It's growing."

A large banner made by Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gridley, Calif., was signed by members of the parish's youth group and proclaimed "Youth Walking for Life."

"We're here because of the love of God," said Marion Hughes, who arrived in one of three buses from Holy Trinity. "It's the least we can do to spend a Saturday witnessing to the sacredness of life."

For Hughes' 14-year-old daughter, Claire, it was a chance for "everyone to come together for the same cause."

Seminarians Ace Tupasi, 27, and Zani Pacanza, 30, rode in a bus Friday with 60 fellow seminarians from Mount Angel Seminary in Portland, Ore., to St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif., where they spent the night and joined their fellow seminarians from St. Patrick's for the rally and march.

"We love life," said Tupasi. "We're advocates for life. One of our missions is to value the sanctity of life."

A small protest numbering 40 to 50 participants, called the West Coast Rally for Reproductive Justice, took place at Justin Herman Plaza at the end of the pro-life march route.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Prophets must speak all that the Lord commands



Father
Lawrence L. Hummer

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

The Deuteronomy passage follows a list of “abominations” (which the Israelites are **not** to learn) to be found in the land which the Lord is giving. The list includes immolating sons or daughters in fire, fortune-telling, soothsaying, diving, casting spells, consulting with ghosts and spirits, and consulting with the dead.

On the other hand, the Lord promises through Moses to raise up a prophet like Moses from among their own kinsmen, who should be heeded. This is the only place in the Torah where Moses calls himself a prophet, and the end of Deuteronomy refers to Moses as a prophet. The Israelites wanted a prophet to speak to them on behalf of the Lord instead of listening directly to the Lord, “lest we die.” This is a variation of another popular belief that if one were to look upon God’s face, one would die.

The prophet, like Moses, must speak all that the Lord commands him, and anyone who refuses to listen will have to answer for it. However, if a prophet were to presume to speak an oracle in the name of the Lord that the Lord has not commanded, or in the name of other gods, then he shall die. A prophet was not his own person. He could not abuse his position. He could only speak what the Lord gave him to speak. And if he spoke in the name of any other god or spoke an oracle that did not come from the Lord, then his punishment would be severe (meaning of “he shall die”).

The Gospel records Jesus in the role of teacher and exorcist. The two roles are linked to show the power of Jesus’ word as a teacher. The people were merely astonished at *his teaching* because “he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

Commentators are puzzled over what Mark meant precisely by the expression, “not as the scribes.” Certainly, the scribes were learned and respected as teachers of the Law of Moses. All we can say for sure is that Mark noted that Jesus followed up his astonishing teaching with action. “What is this? A new teaching with authority.” The man with an unclean spirit was regarded as demon-possessed, and so the first mighty deed that Jesus works in Mark’s Gospel is an exorcism. Thus, Satan’s power is now subject to the authority of Jesus, who now begins to destroy completely the power of Satan, not only in his teaching but in his action as “the Holy One of God.”

This advances information that began with the first verse of the Gospel, that Jesus is the Son of God. What Mark will do in the first half of his Gospel is to reveal this through the testimony and the actions of minor characters, including the demons, all of who will reveal, in various ways, aspects of Jesus, the Son of God. The disciples will not really catch on until Mark 8:30, when Peter will testify that “You are the Messiah.”

Jesus says to the man literally: “Muzzle yourself!” “Quiet” just does not capture the vivid description Mark uses to describe the action. The verb has been used in muzzling horses and dogs and other animals as well. So the action described is one of silencing the demon in such a way that he’s no longer a threat.

The fact that Jesus does this on a Sabbath introduces a theme that will recur throughout the Gospel; namely, the perception that Jesus ignores the traditions of the Sabbath-day law. This becomes a source of conflict, primarily with the Pharisees.

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The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
2 Samuel 15:13-14,30;16:5-13
Psalm 3:2-7
Mark 5:1-20

TUESDAY
2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3
Psalm 86:1-6
Mark 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY
2 Samuel 24:2,9-17
Psalm 32:1-2,5-17
Mark 6:1-6

THURSDAY
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

FRIDAY
Sirach 47:2-11
Psalm 18:31,47,50-51
Mark 6:14-29

SATURDAY
1 Kings 3:4-13
Psalm 119:9-14
Mark 6:30-34

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2012

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

DAILY MASS

8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above; and on 1-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); Noon, St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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

Child sacrifice in 21st-century America

The Hebrew Bible is not for the squeamish. And its harshest maledictions are called down upon those who practiced the abomination of child sacrifice.

Thus the Psalmist:

“They sacrificed their sons and daughters to the demons/they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood./Thus they became unclean by their acts, and played the harlot in their doings./Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people, and he abhorred his heritage/... they were rebellious in their purposes, and were brought low because of their iniquity” (Psalm 106:38-40, 43).

And the prophet Ezekiel, delivering the word of the Lord:

“And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your harlotries so small a matter that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them? ... Behold, therefore, I stretched out my hand against you, and diminished your allotted portion, and delivered over you to the greed of your enemies ...” (Ezekiel 16:20-21, 27).

Thirty-nine years after *Roe v. Wade* created an unrestricted abortion license in the United States, and during the week when hundreds of thousands of Americans pray and march for life, all Americans ought to ponder these words—and the kind of country to which *Roe v. Wade* led.

It was supposed to be a country in which women were liberated; it became a country in which women



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George Weigel

were ever more the victims of predatory and sexually irresponsible men, left alone with their “rights” to find a technological “fix” to the dilemma of unwanted pregnancy. It was supposed to become a more humane country; it became a country in which morally coarsened pundits can describe as “extreme” and “weird” the faith-filled response of the Santorum family to the loss of a newborn shortly after birth. It was supposed to be a country of greater equality; it became a country in which the fantasies of those who believed that America was for white Anglo-Saxon Protestants only, with emphasis on “white,” were realized beyond the wildest imaginings of the most crazed racists and eugenicists of the 1920s.

These hard truths have too often been hidden, especially where abortion is widely prevalent. Thus it is to the immense credit of the New York-based Chiaroscuro Foundation that it has compelled the New York City Department of Health to itemize separately abortion and pregnancy statistics in its annual reports. The 2010 numbers, just released, would make both the Psalmist and Ezekiel blush:

Of the 208,541 pregnancies in New York City in 2010, 83,750 were terminated by abortion – four in

10. Among non-Hispanic blacks, there were 38,574 abortions and 26,635 live births: thus, for every 1,000 African-American babies born, 1,448 were aborted. Those numbers were even more chilling among non-Hispanic black teenagers: for every 1,000 African-American babies born to teenagers, 2,630 were aborted. The overall teenage abortion rate was 63 percent in a city where 16 percent of all pregnancies were teen pregnancies.

New York City is not America, of course. And there is encouragement on various fronts in the battle for life. The national abortion rate has declined during the past several decades. Science has vindicated the pro-life position. The pro-life/pro-choice opinion balance has tilted, if slightly, in favor of the pro-life cause. Younger people are more likely to be pro-life than aging baby-boomers. Legislated regulation of the abortion industry has driven abortuaries out of business in many places.

Yet the fact remains that America is a country in which almost one in four pregnancies ends in the willful, violent death of the unborn child. And this slaughter of the innocents has been going on, often in higher percentages, for almost four decades.

As the Psalmist and Ezekiel might have told us, feeding the demons inevitably leads to a terrible hardening of sensibilities. The warnings from ancient Israel about where that hardening leads are worth pondering in this election year, and indeed in every year.

George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. Weigel’s column is distributed by the Denver Catholic Register, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Denver.

ST. BRIGID TO KICK OFF 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH VESPERS ON FEBRUARY 1

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church will open a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the parish’s founding with a special Vespers service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1. The event coincides with the parish’s annual observance of the Feast of St. Brigid of Kildare.

The service will be presided over by Bishop James A. Griffin, who served as bishop of the Diocese of Columbus at the time of the church’s founding in 1987. Also taking part in the Vespers will be Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, pastor of St. Brigid, and other parish clergy -- Father Mark Summers, parochial vicar; Deacon Frank Iannarino, and Deacon Donald Poirier. Other participants will include the parish adult and children’s choirs.

Following Vespers, there will be a reception for all parishioners in Hendricks Hall.

The parish will celebrate its silver anniversary with a weekend-long celebration from Friday to Sunday, Aug. 10 to 12. The weekend’s activities will include

a 10:45 a.m. Mass with Bishop Frederick Campbell presiding. Also planned for that weekend is a parish-wide family picnic with “Super Games” and other children’s activities, music, and bingo.

In the 25 years since its founding, the parish has continued to grow. It ministers to about 3,000 families. With continued growth expected in the north-west Columbus area, parish membership is projected to reach more than 5,000 families sometime in the next 10 years.

Under the leadership of Msgr. Paul Enke, the parish’s original pastor, and Msgr. Hendricks, St. Brigid Church has always pursued a vision for the future.

“The parish has never lost the spirit of our patroness,” Msgr. Hendricks said. “A call for help never goes unanswered. We try to provide avenues in which every member of our parish feels welcomed and needed. Our history is a testament to the Lord’s many and frequent blessings, and we invite you to be an active part of our future.”

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AMICONE, Ann M., 86, Jan. 15
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

BAKER, James R. "Dick," 79, Jan. 15
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

BETTS, Isabel G., 83, Jan. 17
Holy Trinity Church, Somerset

CAPOCCIAMA, Anthony J., 88, Jan. 20
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

CAPPO, Kimberly A., 36, Jan. 11
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

CORRA, Albert E., 87, Jan. 14
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

COUGHLIN, John J., 77, Jan. 18
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

DICKSON, Lawrence J., 57, Jan. 15
St. Edward Church, Granville

FOELLER, Joseph T., 88, Jan. 14
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

FOX, Mary K., 69, Jan. 18
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

HARTNETT, William F., 91, Jan. 19
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

HUMPHREY, John A., 56, Jan. 17
St. Agnes Church, Columbus

JONES, Thomas "Ike," 86, Jan. 14
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

JORZ, Karen, 65, Jan. 6
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Glenmont

LAPOS, Louis F., 90, Jan. 15
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

PAGURA, Primo J., 78, Jan. 21
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

PERDUE, Lillian R., 78, Jan. 16
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

PRUITT, Wadene T., 55, Jan. 12
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

RUSSELL, Margaret J., 89, Jan. 18
Holy Trinity Church, Somerset

RUSSO, Erin C., 82, Jan. 19
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

SHUTT, Patricia, 75, Jan. 22
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

WEST, Marilyn J., 76, Jan. 17
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

Terence P. McClernon

Funeral Mass for Terence P. McClernon, 34, who died Wednesday, Jan. 18, was held Monday, Jan. 23, at Hilliard St. Brendan Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

He was a graduate of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and Bowling Green State University and was attending Ohio Dominican University. He served as a volunteer teacher's

aide at Columbus Trinity Elementary School and was a former teacher aide at Columbus All Saints Academy and Columbus St. Mary School.

Survivors include his parents, Pete McClernon, director of liturgy and music at St. Brendan Church, and Kathy McClernon, associate director of curriculum and instruction in the diocesan schools office; and a sister, Kelly.

Helen Koloski

Funeral Mass for Helen "Leni" Koloski, 84, who died Thursday, Dec. 8, in La Crosse, Wis., will be held Friday, Jan. 27, at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church.

She was born in Marshfield, Wis., to Thomas and Helen Spalding, and was a magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Lawrence College.

She served the Diocese of Columbus for many years as a social worker and public relations spokesperson for Catholic Charities, then as the first di-

rector of the diocesan Department of Communications under the late Bishop Edward Herrmann in 1973. Later in the 1970s, she was employed in the public relations department of Ohio Dominican College, now Ohio Dominican University.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Marion. Survivors include sons, Paul (Kathy), and Peter (Kim); daughters, Mary, Margaret, and Martha; brother, John; and six grandchildren.

Mary P. Baker

Funeral Mass for Mary P. "Patty" Baker, 86, who died Wednesday, Jan. 18, was held Friday, Jan. 21, at Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Burial was at Mount Olive Cemetery, Zanesville.

She was born Jan. 15, 1926, to Walter and Bonita (McCarthy) French.

She was a graduate of Lash High School in Zanesville and the Johns Hopkins University school of nursing in Baltimore, and was a registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital. She later was employed in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church office. She also worked with her husband at

Baker's Dairy Isle. She was a Eucharistic minister at her parish and was a member of the Good Samaritan Charity Circle, Chautauqua Reading Club, and Junior Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Frederick. Survivors include sons, Daniel (Kathryn), Frederick, Douglas, David (Jamie), and James (Robin); daughters, Dorothea (Mark) French, Marian (Ranjit) Bessy, Candia (Harry) Laughlin, and Martha; brothers, Walter (Betty Jane), James (Judy), and J. Thomas (Vicky); 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann Holm

Funeral Mass for Mary Ann Holm, 88, who died Tuesday, Jan. 17, was held Saturday, Jan. 21, at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church. Burial was at Old Union Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Jan. 9, 1924, to the late Clarence and Alice (Jensen) Holm.

She taught biology for more than 30 years at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, did research at Children's Hospital, and was a former member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, where she was known as Sister Marie Karen.

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H A P P E N I N G S

JANUARY

CLASSIFIED

St. Anthony School
1300 Urban Drive (in the school gym), Columbus
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, January 29
9am-1pm (during Open House)
Pancakes (all you can eat), sausage, hash browns and drink. Adults: \$7.00; Seniors & kids under 12: \$5.50
Hosted by: St. Anthony Athletic Commission

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
4383 E. Broad St. - Church Hall
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012 ~ 12pm - 3pm
Adults \$7; Children (10 and under) \$5; \$25 family max.
Delicious Italian-style dinner includes spaghetti with homemade sauce, meatballs, green beans, salad, roll and dessert.
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Sponsored by Holy Spirit School Board

St. Michael Church
5750 N. High St., Worthington
SPAGHETTI DINNER
Sunday, January 29, 1:30 - 7 PM
Spaghetti (all you can eat) • Meatballs
Salad • Roll • Dessert • Beverage
\$8.00—Adults, \$6.00—Children (6-12) & Seniors (65+) Children 5 or under FREE
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26, THURSDAY

Aquinas Day Convocation, Mass at Ohio Dominican
10:30 a.m., Matesich Theater, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Aquinas Day convocation, sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies, with Sister Patricia Connick, OP. Topic: "Converging Theology and Science to Transform the Modern World." Followed by Mass at noon celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell. 614-251-4722

Holy Hour, Concert, Eucharist Talk at St. Catharine
6:30 p.m., St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus. Holy hour, followed by free concert with Catholic music group Marian Grace and talk by Dan DeMatte, youth minister at Columbus St. Patrick Church, on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. 614-961-9720

Josephinum Rector Speaks on New Evangelization
6:30 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Father James Wehner, STD, Josephinum rector-president, discusses his new book, "The Evangelization Equation: The Who, What and How." 614-885-5585

20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. 614-406-9516

'Courage' Support Group Meeting
7:30 p.m., A Catholic organization providing support for individuals with same-sex attractions. Mary Louise 614-436-8676

27, FRIDAY

Theology of the Body Talk at St. John Neumann
7 p.m., Upper social hall, St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Second of four talks by Catholic writer and educator Jake Tawney on how we can see our lives through the lens of Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Subject: "Peering Through the Lens: Seeing Ourselves as Gift to One Another." For anyone 17 and older. 740-965-1358
'Clergy Who Cook' at Josephinum
7 to 10 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. "Clergy Who Cook" fund raiser for seminarians. 614-985-2234

28, SATURDAY

Light of Life Prayer Group Morning of Reflection
8:30 a.m., St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group sponsors morning of reflection with Thom and Lorna Lusk. Subject: "How to Focus on Jesus in 2012." Lunch provided. 740-654-6928
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654
St. Charles Scholarship Test
9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Walter Student Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Scholarship test for prospective students. Open to all eighth-grade boys enrolled at public and private schools in Franklin and surrounding counties. 614-252-6714

Bosco Bash at Church of the Resurrection
4 to 9 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Bosco Bash for sixth-through eighth-graders, sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, with singer-songwriter

Lee Roessler, other entertainment, games, talks, Mass. 614-241-2565

Bishop Campbell at Holy Rosary/St. John
4 p.m., Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist, 648 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass and blesses renovations.
Columbus St. Mary School Gala and Silent Auction
6 p.m., Athenaeum, 32 N. 4th St., Columbus. Columbus St. Mary School gala and silent auction. Dinner at 7:30. 614-445-9668

29, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:35 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "The Ethics of Natural Family Planning and Contraception" with Ohio Dominican University professor Larry Masek. 614-488-9971

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242

Open House at St. Brigid of Kildare School
12:30 to 3 p.m., St. Brigid of Kildare School, 7175 Avery Road, Dublin. Open house for prospective students and their parents. 614-718-5825

Rededication of St. Leo Church Organ
3 p.m., St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., Columbus. Rededication and blessing of church organ, featuring concert with Paul Thornock, music director of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. 614-444-8353

Appalachia Project Fund Raiser at St. Catharine
3:30 to 5 p.m., Undercroft, St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus. Fund raiser for St. Catharine and Columbus Christ the King Church's Appalachian project, benefiting families in rural Scioto County. 614-237-0401

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

30-FEB. 3, MONDAY-FRIDAY

Registration at St. Michael School
St. Michael School, 64 Selby Blvd., Worthington. Registration for kindergarten (half- and full-day) through eighth grade for the 2012-13 school year. 614-885-3149

31, TUESDAY

Marian Cenacle for Priests at St. Therese's Center
9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Marian cenacle for priests, with Father Francis Geremia, CS, head of the Marian Movement of Priests for Canada and the United States. Registration deadline Jan. 27. Respond to acarvalho007@yahoo.com or mmurphystthereses@gmail.com.
Marian Prayer Cenacle at Holy Name
6:30 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by prayer cenacle of the Marian Movement, with Father Francis Geremia, CS.
Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. 740-653-4919

'Landings' Meeting at Newman Center
7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Fourth meeting of eight-week "Landings" program for returning and inactive Catholics. 614-291-4674, extension 100
'Catholicism' Series at St. Pius X
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 Waggoner Road,

Reynoldsburg. Video of "That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The Ineffable Mystery," Part 3 of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series, followed by discussion. 614-866-2859

FEBRUARY

1, WEDNESDAY

Special Vespers Service at St. Brigid of Kildare
7 p.m., St. Brigid of Kildare Church, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin. Special Vespers service beginning parish's 25th anniversary celebration and coinciding with its observance of the Feast of St. Brigid of Kildare. 614-761-3734

2, THURSDAY

Candlemas Service at Columbus St. Patrick
6:30 to 8 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass of Our Lord's Presentation at the Temple, followed by blessing of candles and candlelight procession through church, with traditional Dominican chant and oblatio candelabrum, a special Dominican custom.
DivorceCare for Kids at St. Matthew
6:30 to 8 p.m., Spirit Room, St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. First session of 13-week DivorceCare for Kids program to help children heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce. 614-442-7650

20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. 614-406-9516
Open House at Bishop Hartley
7 to 8:30 p.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their parents. 614-237-5421

3, FRIDAY

Tradition Breakfast at DeSales
7:45 a.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Annual Tradition Breakfast for students and their DeSales alumni guests, preceded by Mass at 7. Registration deadline Jan. 30. 614-267-7808, extension 142
St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.
Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale
4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, and baked goods. 614-882-7578
Theology of the Body Talk at St. John Neumann
7 p.m., Upper social hall, St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Third of four talks by Catholic writer and educator Jake Tawney on how we can see our lives through the lens of Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Subject: "Sharpening Our Focus: Our Relationship as Man and Woman in the World." For anyone 17 and older. 740-965-1358

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.



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Paintings by Sister Elaine DesRosiers

WHEN I AM A LITTLE OLD LADY...

From now through Saturday, March 3, the Martin de Porres Center is featuring a retrospective exhibit of oil paintings by Elaine DesRosiers, OP, a Dominican Sister of Peace from the St. Catharine Motherhouse in Kentucky. She titled the show, "When I am a little old lady ..." as the introduction to the story of how she entered the art world.

In 1986, at 56, she told herself, "When I am a little old lady with white hair living at the Motherhouse, I'll want to paint, but I'll want to know how to paint." At the time, she was director of educational media at the University of Notre Dame, living in South Bend, Ind.

She began to take oil painting lessons on Tuesday nights at the South Bend Regional Museum of Art School, where she continued to study for 20 years. During these years, she painted 80 works, two of which were award winners. Buildings were

her favorite subjects, especially buildings in lands where she traveled.

By the time she "retired" to the Kentucky Motherhouse in 2005, she clearly knew how to paint. She has recently been named "artist in residence" at the Motherhouse. The city of Springfield, Ky., recently purchased her set of 12 oil paintings of turn-of-the-century buildings on Main Street to exhibit in the town's visitors center in the restored opera house. Her latest commission is for paintings of the 10 academic buildings on the campus of St. Catharine College, near Springfield.

At 81, Sister Elaine considers herself "in the full blossom of the ministry of art, fulfilling the desire I first had 25 years ago."

The gallery space is open by appointment through March 3 by calling the center, at 2330 Airport Road in Columbus, at (614) 416-1910.

BOOK REVIEW

FAITH AT WORK

New book helps faithful integrate their beliefs and their careers

Reviewed by David Garick

There has been a growing attitude in recent years that religion has no place in the workforce. Conventional wisdom has held that religion is a private matter that people should attend to at home or in church if they wish, but not in public life.

This attitude runs absolutely counter to the teachings of Christ and the very nature of faith. If our belief in God means anything at all, it compels us to reflect God's will in every aspect of our lives. Our jobs make up the majority of our waking hours and provide the greatest amount of our interactions with the world. How are we to be true to Christ if we suspend our beliefs during this critical time?

In his new book, "Faith at Work: Finding Purpose Beyond the Pay-

check," local author Kevin Lowry provides a step-by-step primer on how faith can make our occupation more satisfying, our contribution to our employer more fruitful, and our witness to the gospel more Christlike.

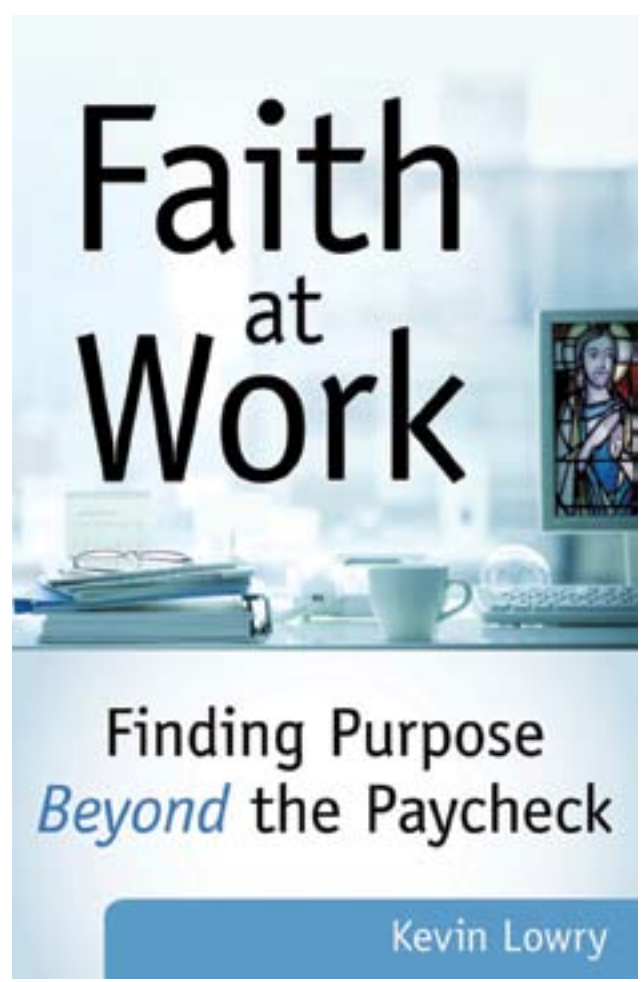
Lowry provides keen insight into how we can analyze our work lives and come to understand how our efforts can become more meaningful by offering up those efforts as a service to God and not just tasks for an employer. He addresses the critical issues that can come up in the workplace and provides ideas on how to use the message of the Gospel to deal with the pressures of work, conflicts between work and family obligations, and the challenge of applying Christian love in relationships with bosses, co-workers, and customers.

After reading this book, you will have a much clearer concept of

how, even in a very secular workplace, we can be effective evangelists for Christ through the example of our lives. Christ did not call holy men and religious scholars to be his first apostles. He called simple workers, many of them fishermen. Lowry provides very specific examples of how people have been able to use the lessons of faith in workplace settings, and, in doing so, find real meaning in their daily work lives.

This book is a simple, easy read, but at the same time it is inspiring, fun, uplifting, and practical. Monday mornings need not be so foreboding when, at the end of the morning commute, we arrive at work filled with the love of Christ and approach our daily duties with the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Faith at Work" is published by Our Sunday Visitor. It is available at *Generations Religious Gifts in Columbus and online at Amazon.com.*



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



People wait in line to enter the cathedral of Bogota, Colombia, to see a capsule containing the blood of Blessed John Paul II on Jan. 20. The blood will be on tour throughout the nation, according to local media
CNS photo/Felipe Caicedo, Reuters



Pope Benedict XVI blesses lambs to mark the feast of St. Agnes at the Vatican on Jan. 21. The wool from two lambs blessed by the pope will be used to make the palliums the pontiff gives each June to new archbishops from around the world
CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters



Father Jeffrey N. Steenson (top, center), celebrates Mass at Mount Calvary Church, a former Anglican community, in Baltimore on Jan. 22. Father Steenson, newly appointed leader of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, confirmed and received in to the Catholic Church more than 30 members of Mount Calvary during the service. About 100 Anglican priests and 2,000 laypeople in the U.S. were seeking to join the new ordinariate and become in full communion with the Catholic Church
CNS photo/Nancy Phelan Wiechec

SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARD WINNERS HONORED

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, *Catholic Times*

Bishop Frederick Campbell told Boy and Girl Scouts and their adult leaders at the annual diocesan Scout Day with the Bishop program that Scouting provides young people with “a marvelous opportunity to know what it is to grow up as human beings and as disciples of Christ.”

“The lessons of Scouting teach you how to cooperate and how to lead, ... how to live a life of virtue,” said the bishop, himself a former Scout. “You learn the great beauty of creation, that every one of us is called to a very special vocation. Each of us is called by God to do a very important thing, and as we grow, we ask ourselves ‘What is it that we are asked to do?’ Unless we understand that, we are never going to be happy. ...

“I pray that you continue to grow in humanity and in your life as Christians and come to know what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God,” Bishop Campbell said on Sunday, Jan. 22, at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany. He then recognized more than 230 Scouts and adult leaders as recipients of Catholic religious awards in 2011.

Several outstanding Scouts, adult leaders, and Scout units received awards from the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, which sponsored the event.

Ten young women were presented the Red Sash of Merit, given to Catholic Scouts, usually high school students, who demonstrate leadership, accept responsibility, and are active in their troop, community, or parish.

The recipients were Emily Pina of the Church of the Resurrection, Colleen Spahits and Bailey Cadena of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, Kami Hisey of Columbus Holy Spirit Church, and Theresa Berger, Rachel Crosswell, Victoria Ki-

rally, Amanda Stickel, Anna Williams, and Sarah Williams of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

Most of the Red Sash recipients received the award for their service as Girl Scouts. Hisey and the Williams sisters were honored for their activities in Venture Scouting, a program sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women aged 14 to 21.

Emily Matuska of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church was awarded the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal, an award presented by the committee for meritorious service by adults to Catholic young people through the Girl Scouting and Camp Fire programs.

Three adults received the Bronze Pelican emblem, which the diocesan Scouting committee presents to individuals who have performed exceptional service to the Scouting program through their contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth.

Recipients were Deacon Sayf Bowlin of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, a seminarian at the Pontifical College Josephinum; Father Kevin Lutz, pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church; and Brian Logue of Worthington St. Michael Church, a member of the staff of the Simon Kenton Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Catholic Scouts and adult leaders have the opportunity during the course of a year to earn several medals or patches by studying and displaying their knowledge of various aspects of the Faith.

These include the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei awards for Cub Scouts; the Ad Altare Dei medal for Boy Scouts; the Family of God, I Live My Faith, Marian, and Spirit Alive programs for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members; and the Pope Pius XII medal for Boy and Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members. All these awards are sanctioned by the na-



Bishop Frederick Campbell with Red Sash of Merit recipients (from left) Bailey Cadena, Anna Williams, Sarah Williams, Emily Pina, and Colleen Spahits
CT photos by Ken Snow

tional Scouting organizations.

In addition, the diocesan committee sponsors a number of awards programs of its own, all of which are open to Boy and Girl Scouts, Camp Fire members, and adult leaders. These are the St. Tarcisius, International Awareness, Santa Maria, Founders of Faith, Pope John Paul II, Rosary Patch, and Footsteps of American Saints awards.

The committee presented the Bishop’s Troop award for Boy Scouts to Troop 50 of Marion St. Mary Church and the Bishop’s Pack award for Cub Scouts to Pack 332 of Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church, with Boy Scout Troop 332 of the same church receiving a certificate of merit. These awards are for outstanding individual Cub and Boy Scout units. The recipients are honored for combining active participation in religious activities with service to the community and to Scouting.

The Pope Paul VI National Unit Recognition Award for Boy Scout units chartered under Catholic auspices went to Troop 50 and Pack 332, and to Troop 8 and Pack 8 of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church and Troop 310 of Gahanna

St. Matthew Church.

This program promotes Catholic membership, recognizes the Catholic parish, and strengthens the Scout unit and its adult leadership. It ensures that every youth is receiving a top-quality, balanced program, which encompasses the religious, vocational, and educational aspects of Scouting.

A similar award, named in honor of Pope John XXIII, has been introduced this year for Boy Scout units which are not chartered under Catholic auspices and provide support for Catholic religious emblems programs.

The diocesan Scouting committee again this year has received the Quality Diocese Award, a national honor which recognizes outstanding quality, variety, and balance in Catholic Scouting programs. The diocesan committee has qualified for the award every year since it began.

The committee sponsors the annual Catholic Scout Camporee, which will take place from Friday, May 18, to Sunday, May 20, at Somerset St. Joseph Church. This year, for the first time, it also will conduct a search and send one or two top-notch Scouts or Venture crew members to the St. George Trek, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting’s high-adventure leadership program. The trek will last for two weeks in July at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

More information on Catholic Scouting programs is available at the committee’s website, www.cdeducation.org/oym/dccs.

Left: Boy Scouts and adult leaders recite a responsorial psalm at Scout Day with the Bishop. Right: Bishop Campbell with Bronze Pelican emblem recipients Deacon Sayf Bowlin (left) and Father Kevin Lutz

