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Additional clergy assignments announced

Bishop Earl Fernandes has announced the following clergy assignments:

Reverend Nicholas Droll, from studies outside of the diocese to in service at the Tribunal, Defender of the Bond, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Frank A. Brown, from Parochial Vicar, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Chillicothe, St. Peter Church, Chillicothe, and St. Mary Church, Waverly, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Jacob Stinnett, to Parochial Vicar, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard, effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment of the Superior of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, **Reverend Jesse Chi Chick**, CFIC, from Hospital and Pastoral Ministry, in residence at St. Philip Church, Columbus, to Parochial Vicar, Church of the Ascension, Johnstown, and continuing in hospital ministry, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend William Ferguson, from Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Church, Columbus, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Delaware, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Michael Fulton, from Parochial Vicar, Christ the King Church, Columbus; St. Thomas the Apostle Church,

Columbus; and Chaplain, Bishop Hartley High School, Columbus to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Portsmouth; Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth; St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; and Holy Trinity Church, Pond Creek, effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment of the Superior of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, **Reverend Cyprian I. Obioha**, CFIC, from Hospital and Pastoral Ministry, in residence at St. Philip Church, Columbus, to Parochial Vicar, Seton Parish, Pickerington, and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Stephen Ondrey, from Parochial Vicar, Seton Parish, Pickerington, to Parochial Vicar, St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville, and St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Weldit Tesfazgi, from service outside of the diocese, to Parochial Vicar, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard, and pastoral care of the Eritrean Catholic Community, effective February 1, 2023.

Confirming the appointment of the Superior of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, **Reverend Sudhakar Red-**

dy Thirumalareddy, CFIC, from Hospital and Pastoral Ministry, in residence at St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus, continuing in hospital ministry, Columbus, in residence at Our Lady of Victory, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment of the Superior of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception, **Reverend Antony Varghese**, CFIC, from Administrator, St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus, to Parochial Vicar, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville, effective July 11, 2023.

Reverend Elias I. Udeh, CSSp, from Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, to Parochial Vicar, St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell and St. Peter Church, Columbus, and continuing as Chaplain for the Nigerian Catholic Community, effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment of the Provincial of the Franciscan Capuchin Fathers of St. Augustine Province, **Reverend Stephen Fernandes**, OFM, Cap. from service outside of the diocese, to Pastor, Christ the King Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Columbus, **Reverend Rafael Angiano**, OFM Cap. from service outside of the diocese, to Parochial Vicar, Christ the King Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Co-

lumbus, **Reverend Reynaldo Frias-Santana**, OFM Cap. and **Reverend Anthony Essien**, OFM Cap. from service outside of the diocese to in residence, Christ the King Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Columbus effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment of the Superior Delegate of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines), **Reverend Andrzej Kozminski**, SAC, from Administrator, Sacred Heart Church, Columbus, and St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Christopher Church, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Confirming the appointment of the Superior Delegate of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines), **Reverend Slawomir Siok**, SAC, from Administrator, St. Aloysius, Columbus and Administrator, St. Mary Magdalene Church, to Pastor, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Msgr. Frank Lane, from retirement to Administrator, Sacred Heart Church, Columbus, and St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus, effective July 11, 2023.

Priest, layman to bolster diocese's evangelization effort

Father Adam Streitenberger has been appointed the vicar for evangelization and Dr. Marlon De La Torre is joining the diocese as the new senior director of evangelization, Bishop Earl Fernandes recently announced.

Father Streitenberger, a diocesan priest and executive director/chaplain for the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center at Ohio State University who previously served as the senior director of evangelization, will continue guiding the implementation of the vision for the New Evangelization and the diocesan priorities of evangelization. This includes collaboration with the diocese's Office of Evangelization, the Office of Catholic Schools and other offices and parishes to emphasize evangelization and missionary disciple formation.

"I look forward to assisting Bishop Fernandes in this new role in implementing his vision for evangelization in

the Diocese of Columbus," Father Streitenberger said.

De La Torre, who holds master of arts, master of education and doctor of philosophy degrees, is an author, frequent radio and television guest and a graduate of Franciscan University in Steubenville.

De La Torre has an extensive professional catechetical background spanning more than two decades. Most recently, he served as executive director for evangelization and missionary discipleship for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

"Father Adam Streitenberger will have an excellent counterpart with Dr. De La Torre," Bishop Fernandes said. "This will be a great example of clergy and laity working together in the mission of evangelization."

De La Torre has served as the diocesan director for evangelization and catechesis, chief lay theologian and canonical censor for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas;



Dr. Marlon De La Torre

adjunct professor of catechetics for Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, Texas; and chief professor of catechesis for the Diocese of Fort Worth deaconate program.

De La Torre has also served as executive coordinator of the pastoral provision in conjunction with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (Vatican) and the Diocese of Fort Worth, diocesan chair and host of the National Hispanic Encounter (Encuentro) conference, adjunct professor of catechetics for Catholic Distance University and an instructor and writer for the Augustine Institute's Symbolon RCIA and adult education programs.

"Marlon is a tireless and devoted apostle of Jesus Christ," said Matt Schlater, chief operating officer for the Columbus diocese. "Both his life and his work speak a clear and intentional desire to be on the front lines of the Catholic Church, working to respond to the divine commission of spreading the Gospel.

"His work at the parish, school and di-

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St. James the Less

Columbus St. James the Less Church and School, which recently ended a yearlong 75th anniversary celebration, has experienced a rebirth with a number of families from several nations moving into the neighborhood.

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St. James the Less Church comes full circle in 76 years

By Tim Puet
For The Catholic Times

Columbus St. James the Less Church was founded in 1947 on what used to be a dairy farm in the North Linden neighborhood. Its original mission was to serve young, middle-class families, mainly of European origin, who were moving into houses built there after World War II.

Fast forward 76 years to today. The original occupants of most of those homes have moved elsewhere, but the parish and its neighborhood again are filled with young, middle-class families, this time primarily with roots in Central and South America, along with many of African and Asian origin.

“We’ve come full circle,” said Diana Brnusak, a parishioner for 30 years, who was chairman of the parish’s 75th anniversary celebration, which took place on Saturday, March 11.

“This parish has very deep family roots, with many of the original families still involved or returning here for Masses. Now it’s being reborn, thriving as it did in the beginning because of the children coming to school here and the involvement of their parents.”

The celebration was the last of three anniversary events hosted by the parish in the past 12 months. There also was a picnic in June and a food festival in October. More than 200 people attended the celebration, including Mary Jane O’Brien, a founding member of the parish who turns 100 in April. She and her husband sent 11 children to St. James the Less School, which named its gymnasium in her honor.

Also in attendance were members of the Eyerman family, which has been part of the parish since its early days; Shirley Dusenberry, one of the school’s first principals; and Father Kenneth Pleiman, CppS, who was pastor in the late 1980s at St. James the Less (the saint’s title refers to the younger of the two Apostles named James).

Office administrator Mary Souder, a lifelong parishioner who has worked in its office for 35 years, said the parish has about 850 families, 70 percent of whom are of Latino origin. It has shown significant growth since 2011, when a *Catholic Times* profile said it had about 650 families.

At that time, it had three weekend Masses in English and two in Spanish. Now there are three Masses in each language. She also said the parish had 75 baptisms, 70 confirmations and 75 first communions last year, mainly because so many of its immigrant families are young and growing.

Souder said much of the credit for encouraging Latino families to come to the parish goes to the late Father Patrick Patterson, CppS, who died last September. Father Patterson was a missionary in Chile for more than 25 years before returning to the United States in 1995. He was at St. James from 1999 to 2013, began celebrat-



Mary Jane O’Brien (sitting), who turns 100 on April 23, and husband Gene stands next to her during a Mass on Saturday, March 11 to celebrate the diamond jubilee at Columbus St. James the Less Church and School. They were among the founding members of the church and remained heavily involved while raising their 11 children. During the reception in the school after Mass, a birthday celebration was held for Mary Jane.



Alumna Andrea Martinez, who spent her eighth-grade year at St. James the Less School in 2010-2011, speaks about the dedication of the teachers and how her experience there influenced her life in many positive ways. She went on to graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

ing a weekly Mass there in Spanish in 2002 and saw its attendance constantly grow.

From its beginning, the parish has been served by members of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, who were invited by Bishop Michael Ready to serve its spiritual needs at the time it was founded. The Precious Blood order has its provincial headquarters in Chicago and also is known locally for its connections with shrines in Maria Stein and Bellevue.

Father Antonio Baus, CppS, a priest for more than 36 years and a seminary student of Father Patterson’s in Chile, has been pastor at St. James for five years. Brother Tom Bohman, CppS, has been on its staff since 2013. The staff also includes Father Jim Gaynor, CppS, who is in his mid-80s and served as a missionary for many years in Chile, Peru and Colombia, and Deacon Greg Evers, CppS, who is studying for the priesthood.

“This is a very special parish because of its diversity,” Father Baus said. “Seventy-five years ago, the neighborhood’s first residents came here and worked hard over time, with the help of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, to build a community.”

“Hispanics started arriving 20 years ago when everything was already built. That was a blessing for them. But it also



Children pray in front of a statue of Our Lady at St. James the Less School.

could be said that without the Hispanic population, there may not be a parish today because there would not have been enough people to keep it open.”

Father Baus recalled that a festival that took place shortly after his arrival in Columbus helped him learn more about



Guests attend an anniversary reception in the gym after Mass.



The Mayer family and their friends who returned for the anniversary celebration include (clockwise) Jake Mayer (wearing hat), who with his wife came to the parish in 1954 and helped provide the initial funds to build and operate the school where they sent their nine children; Kate Mayer, Jake’s wife; Molly Wanner, a friend of the family who attended St. James School; Chris (Mayer) Preston, one of Jake and Kate’s daughters; Matthew Mayer, Jake and Kate’s son; Kathy Reynolds Busick, a friend of the family who attended St. James School; Sally Wanner Martin, another family friend who attended St. James School; Don Mayer, one of Jake and Kate’s sons; and Don’s wife, Kathy Mayer. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Students bring flowers for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Photos courtesy St. James the Less

the parish and helped its members learn more about one another.

“Everybody brought in food from their own countries,” he said. “Food from 10 different nations was sold in our

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cafeteria. Everybody shared their own heritage through the food they brought, and it was better than words."

Father Baus, or "Father Tony" as he calls himself, said his parishioners come from 26 nations. Most are Latino, with the majority from Mexico but also representing Honduras, Venezuela, Peru, Panama, Guatemala, El Salvador, Colombia, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. "I'm the only Chilean," he said.

He understands the immigrant experience because his parents and grandparents migrated from Spain to Chile, where his parents still live. Father Baus said that when his order decided it was time for a new pastor to come to St. James, he sought the job.

"For me, this was a way to pay back the many Precious Blood missionaries from North America who gave the best of their young years to work and serve and minister in Chile," he said.

Although the presence of Latinos and other immigrants in the parish has constantly grown in the past two decades, "it's a challenge to bring people together," he said. "Many people here have a welcoming attitude, but some have been resistant and may have felt somehow invaded," he said.

"That's understandable, but when they look around, they don't see a lot of Anglo-American families with young children. The young families are mostly Hispanic. So,



Father Antonio Baus accepts the gifts at the St. James the Less jubilee Mass from Esther and Bill McGee, who were among the founding members of the parish. Transitional Deacon Greg Evers, C.P.P.S., behind Father Baus, will be ordained to the priesthood on July 15. *CT photos by Ken Snow*

people realize we're in a time of transition."

Several years before coming to Columbus, Father Baus did advanced study at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where Brother Bohman was a classmate. Brother Bohman is the pastor's liaison between the parish and its school, and the two compare notes every night while eating their evening meal in the parish rectory.

"It's great to have him around," Father Baus said. "I would never have come here to serve in a parish without another Precious Blood priest or brother from

the U.S. to help me."

Like the parish it serves, St. James the Less School, founded in 1949, is undergoing a rebirth. Samary Cecchetti, its principal for the past seven years, said the school serves St. James the Less and the neighboring Columbus parishes of St. Elizabeth, St. Thomas, Holy Name and Santa Cruz.

It has 441 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, most of them from Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and other Central American nations, plus a number of African American and African immigrant students, and others from the Philippines and other Asian nations. Many attend the school with the help of tuition assistance from the diocese and the state.

There's plenty of room for more. At its peak in the "baby boom" era of the 1950s and '60s, the school had 1,200 students and was the largest in the diocese.

"I'm so proud of our diversity, with students from so many countries bringing the uniqueness of how they celebrate the Catholic faith to school," Cecchetti said. "One particular way we notice this is through the various titles by which they honor the Virgin Mary, particularly the Filipino students."

Under former principal Yvonne Schwab, the school began an ongoing partnership with the Latino Enrollment Institute of the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education, which offers a formation program to help Catholic schools attract and serve Latino families in their community.



Elevating the chalice during the Mass is Fr. Antonio Baus, C.P.P.S. At the far left on the altar is the parish's former pastor, Father Kenneth Pleiman, C.P.P.S. Next to him is Deacon Greg Evers, C.P.P.S., and on the right is Deacon Bill Demidovich.

"We meet with representatives from Notre Dame every month," Cecchetti said. "All of our staff members have been trained to teach our children in ways they can understand. All our classes are taught in English. Sometimes parents of potential kindergarten students are concerned because English is not spoken in their homes. When they bring the children in for screening, we tell them that if the children don't speak English now, they will by the end of the year."

"In many cases, it's the children who teach their parents English," Cecchetti said. "For me, success comes on a daily basis as students through their behavior show they embrace the Catholic faith and the ideals of a Catholic education. Our goal is to make sure students can read, write and speak English fluently while retaining proficiency in their native languages."

"When we see our students being admitted to Catholic high schools like St. Francis DeSales, Cristo Rey or St. Charles and making the honor roll there, it says a lot about the foundation we've established here."

Brother Bohman said the parish is stronger today than it has been in years because of how its older and newer members have accepted one another.

"I've seen a lot of transition here in 10 years," he said. "It's been a positive thing, this meshing of cultures, and I anticipate seeing much more of it as people continue to recognize the value of each other's unique perspective."

"The lesson is that if we treat people well, good things happen."

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Bishop considers reinstituting Precious Blood at Holy Communion

Many Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus have asked about the possibility of the distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ at Mass. In this first of a series of articles on Holy Communion, I will address the topic and related issues.

In recent times, due to the pandemic, the policy in the diocese has been to refrain from distributing the Precious Blood of Christ as Holy Communion. Bishop Earl Fernandes has decided that the time has come to reconsider the possibility of the distribution of Holy Communion under both species of bread and wine at Mass as a fuller sign of participation in the Eucharistic banquet.

Bishop Fernandes is rightly concerned that we first refamiliarize ourselves with the Catholic teaching about the Eucharist as a preparation for the possibility for the distribution of the Precious Blood.

Today I want to speak to you briefly about our Lord's presence under two forms: the Eucharistic Bread and the Eucharistic Wine. I use the capital "B" in Bread and capital "W" in Wine because these are not merely bread and wine after they have been consecrated by a Catholic priest.

The Mass is first of all the re-presentation of the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist on the night before He died as a sacramental sign of His Body and Blood given up for us. He wanted to be present among us through the ages by means of the Eucharist. He has also wanted us to have a means of participating in His sacrificial offering of Himself to the Father.

On Holy Thursday night at the Last Supper, Christ transformed the bread into His Body and the wine into His Blood, as we read in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark

SACRAMENTS 101 | Father Paul Jerome Keller, OP, S.T.D.

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and Luke, as well in St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. He further gave the command that His words and actions at the Last Supper be repeated until He returns at the end of the world.

We believe that Christ instituted the holy priesthood on Holy Thursday night as the means of perpetuating His sacramental presence among us. The priesthood and the Eucharist are inextricably linked and given to us so that we might love and worship God properly and attain eternal happiness in heaven.

We speak of the Eucharist as having two species or kinds. The word "species" is important in Catholic theology. Species refers to the external appearances of Holy Communion. The two species, or kinds, of Holy Communion are the consecrated Host and the Precious Blood. Each one contains the fullness of Christ's substance. Each one holds His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity entirely. Even the smallest particle of each Host and the smallest drop of Precious Blood contains the whole Person of Christ.

There is a pernicious notion that has plagued the Church for centuries and which has arisen in recent times. It is the false idea that one must receive both species or kinds of Holy Communion to receive the whole Christ. Some mistakenly think that they are not

receiving the entirety of Christ if they fail to receive the consecrated Host and the Precious Blood at every Mass.

The principle of concomitance, an infallible teaching of the Church, means that the entire substance of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ are contained under each species and even in the smallest particle of each species. A person who receives one species receives the entire substance of Christ. Never does a recipient of Holy Communion receive only a part of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that because Christ is present under each species or "sign," everyone who is rightly disposed to receive Holy Communion receives all the fruit of Eucharistic grace under the species of bread alone (#1390). We do not get "more" of Christ by consuming a larger Host, or do we receive "more" of Christ if we receive the species of wine, or the Precious Blood. It is, rather, that a fuller "sign" of a meal appears, but we do not receive more divine grace.

It might be that your pastor, with the permission of Bishop Fernandes, will reinstitute the distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ in a limited way for a period of testing in our diocese. The bishop is concerned that this reintroduction should take place in an orderly fashion. All priests are being given guidelines to follow during this phase to guide them in deciding when and how to implement the distribution of Holy Communion under both forms. Let's join with and support our priests in seeking the one thing necessary for each of us: union with Christ Jesus.

God shows us His deep love; we are created to love likewise

I have felt overcome with emotion lately, the kind of emotion that fills your cup to overflowing and you stand in wonder of it all.

It pours out into mushy embraces with my children, late night whispers with my husband and texts sent to the dearest of friends. It bubbles over into my prayer groups, new people I meet and even the grocery store clerk.

This emotion feels alive. It breathes life into my thoughts, my words and all I do. It flows out of a sincere and humble gratitude for God's faithfulness in my own life and in the lives of those I love.

As I get older, I can in many ways see how He has been working for me, always blessing, always molding, always present. Our Lord is such a giver, and I am in awe of it all. Awe is a good place to be.

Let us love, for that is what our hearts are made for.
— St. Therese of Lisieux

I write often of love. I'm fascinated by it, its breath, its depth, its magnitude. As a wife, mother, daughter, friend and human, I find myself experiencing it in so many forms, and like the still, small voice that God whispered to Isaiah, its presence is as clear as a bell amid the cacophony of sound and stuff that can fill my days.

As I sit here, my toe tapping to the music on my playlist, I'm smiling thinking of which moments to share with you all. For me, the best is always to start with my first vocation.

The depth of love I have for my husband has so many levels: the love and honor I feel that I am his motivation for waking in the morning, that he sacrifices and serves

ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard

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



so generously and humbly. There is a wonder of love that speaks to my heart that after 25 years of being his wife, I still smile like a teenage girl sometimes at the thought of him.

My head turns and my heart races at the thought of time with him. His thoughts matter to me. I crave them as a way of knowing him more deeply. Marriage models the intimate relationship I want to have with God, and so, through the love I have for my husband, I am learning to grow in love for the Lord.

Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul. — St. Augustine

The love a mother has for her child is unfathomably deep and powerful: the desire to protect, calm, nurture, teach, share, laugh and draw as many heartstrings to a person as possible. Science shows us that a mother shares cells of herself with her child. I carry theirs within me, and they have mine.

I ponder often that there will always be a physical part of us that binds us to one another. What mother has not gazed upon her child and marveled at the magnificence of God's creation? I love how motherhood, whether physical or spiritual, through the wonder of it all, can draw us into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Intense love does not measure, it just gives. — St. Te-

resa of Calcutta

As a friend, it is always on my heart to lift up, support, listen and build memories in our relationship. It is probably why those I call true friends are a smaller group because it takes a great deal of energy to sustain this level of relationship in addition to the ones within my family, and yet how very valuable and necessary friendships are! They are shining treasures. The type of treasure that is brighter than jewels, more valuable than gold.

Love within a true friendship goes beyond surface, it seeks the core, and I am blessed to have a few of those in my life. In them I see God's love for me made visible through others. I feel also His love for others being made manifest through the desire of my heart to know them more deeply, serve them more humbly and love them wholly for who they are now and who they are seeking to be.

I'm struck by activeness of love and the physical nature of its seeking. No matter the relationship, the emotion of love becomes active through our seeking to know someone more fully.

There is a seeking of truth in loving deeply, a vulnerability that seeks to know and be fully known. When I look at a painting, I am struck by its beauty, the story behind its inspiration. I want to speak with the artist.

Love brings us to that moment. When we love, we are drawn to the ultimate artist, He Who is the Creator of Whom we are seeking to know more deeply. Let us rest in that gratitude, let it fill our hearts and flow over into every part of who we are so that others may come to know the Lord through our joy.

Walking with God and others can strengthen, calm us

As the weather brightens in Ohio, we get outdoors more. One simple way to enjoy fresh air, exercise and nature is by walking.

It's funny that I often hear people say, "I don't exercise, but I walk." Walking is one of the best exercises we can do! Our bodies are naturally designed for it, it is low impact and it can get us outdoors.

In fitness, walking is known as a nervous system rest and reset as walking calms us and warms us up for other activities. On its own, walking is a powerful way to maintain good posture and lengthen and strengthen muscles, and it can be easily paired with socializing, prayer or both. We often don't appreciate the gift of walking until we physically can't do it.

In our spiritual lives, walking is important as we walk with God to pray and praise Him and to grow in faith, hope and love. Lent is a powerful time to explore walking with God in new and different ways — listening to Lenten reflections and music, praying the Stations of the Cross, spending more time in private prayer.

In prayerful meditation, I often picture myself walking and talking with Jesus. I like to move and be active, so it makes sense that when I'm pondering what He is saying to me in Scripture, or I'm talking to Jesus about events in my life, I visualize us walking side by side.

In Scripture and in my imagination, I connect with

HOLY AND HEALTHY | Lori Crock

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Jesus most often outdoors as He is teaching, preaching, healing, praying and being with the Apostles. Speaking to Jesus as a friend and walking through life with Him create a peaceful and hopeful image for me.

I'm grateful that we also have the angels and saints walking with us — an insurmountable army of loving support. May we call on them often for assistance.

On our spiritual journey and on this journey of earthly life, we are also walking with others in the Body of Christ. Sometimes we are walking side by side at the same point on our journey; other times we are called to lead, and still at other times people are leading us. It is important to walk with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we strengthen and inspire one another.

It's hard to do it alone! I heard a pastor say that we are called to minister and pray in groups of two because being with another person of faith makes us braver.

Whenever I hear someone say they don't have any

close Christian or Catholic friends to walk with on their faith journey, my heart aches for them. Maybe I need to bring them into my life, and I'm open to it.

Years ago, I remember praying to God for the same thing: "Lord, send me true spiritual friends to walk with me on this Christian journey of life." Our desire for authentic connections with others who love the Lord and seek to grow in holiness is a powerful longing of the heart.

St. Maximilian Kolbe said, "God sends us friends to be our firm support in the whirlpool of struggle. In the company of friends, we will find strength to attain our sublime ideal."

We can consider walking through Scripture to grow in faith and understanding of God. We can walk with the saints with whom we have a special connection. Walking with someone God has placed in our lives for a specific reason, perhaps for a short time, to lend a special grace of love and support during an illness or a trial is a gift.

Thanks be to God for the variety of ways we can walk with Him and others.

There are many Scripture passages that refer to walking, and I challenge you to search and pray with them if you feel called. I share this hopeful message from Leviticus 26:12: "I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be my people."

A somber anniversary

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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Living and working in this slough of dysfunction is enervating, and the inconsistencies and contradictions in papal pronouncements and policy that have become aching apparent are not helping lift hearts.

At the beginning of the pontificate, Francis praised his predecessor's decision to abdicate and suggested that abdication was an option for him. Now the Pope says he considers the papacy a job "for life."

The Pope's ambiguous role in the Rupnik affair — the quick lifting of the self-inflicted excommunication of a prominent Jesuit artist, Father Marko Rupnik, who committed multiple acts of sexual predation and sacrilege — has intensified concerns about Francis' commitment to cleaning the Church of the filth of sexual abuse.

The financial reform of the Holy See, while not without accomplishments, has stalled far short of completion; both the Vatican's structural deficit and its vast unfunded pension liability remain to be seriously addressed.

The German bishops openly defy Roman authority, much of institutional German Catholicism seems comfortable with apostasy, and a schism is not out of the question. The papal voice in response to this crisis is, at best, muted. Yet the authority of American bishops to provide for the liturgical nourishment of some faithful Catholics is squashed.

Bishops and cardinals who have a tenuous grasp on fundamental truths of the Catholic faith continue to be appointed, in part because of the (typically unreported) fact that Pope Francis often governs in an imperious

manner with little concern for established procedure.

The somber mood in Rome these days also reflects embarrassment over the dramatic decline of the Vatican's moral authority in world affairs: the result of both inept papal commentary and Vatican policies that create the impression that the Church is abandoning her own. Very few senior churchmen are enthusiastic about the Holy See's kowtow to the Marxist mandarins of the People's Republic of China, whose communist party now plays a prominent role in naming bishops. The Holy See's accommodating approach to the brutal thugocracies in Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela breeds more embarrassment. When opposition leaders plead for the Holy See to vigorously defend the persecuted Church and imprisoned Catholic dissidents in those countries, their requests often go unanswered — or they're told by a (very) senior Vatican official that, while he is personally sympathetic, the Pope insists on a different approach.

And then there is the fear engendered by a systematic effort to deconstruct the legacy of St. John Paul II. The John Paul II Institute for Studies of Marriage and Family at the Pontifical Lateran University has been gutted; its new, theologically woke faculty attracts very few students. The approach to the moral life that has dominated the "synodal process" thus far is a flat-out rejection of the basic (and classic) structure of Catholic moral theology that undergirds the Polish pope's 1993 encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* — just as the deliberate ambiguities in the 2016 apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, undercut John Paul II's teaching in the 1981 apostolic exhortation on marriage and the family, *Familiaris Consortio*.

How any of this is an expression of the "joyous" pope recently celebrated by one enthusiast — how any of this amounts to what another votary deemed the recovery of the Church's "true authority" — is not self-evidently clear.

All of it is, however, terribly sad. Today's Roman atmospherics reflect that sadness.

March 13 ought to have been a happy day in Rome. But the mood in and around Vatican City before, during and after the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' election was more somber than festive — and not because the anniversary fell during Lent. Rather, the melancholy reflected the current atmosphere in the Holy See, which has gone unremarked for too long and deserves candid description.

The prevailing mood in today's Vatican is one of trepidation. That's not only what those who question the pontificate's direction think. It's also the judgment of some who are comfortable with the past 10 years, and who applaud Pope Francis' efforts to display God's mercy in his public persona, but who also know that "kinder, gentler" does not characterize papal governance behind the scenes. Because papal autocracy has created a miasma of fear, parrhesia (the "speaking freely" Francis encourages) is not the Roman order of the day, except in private. Even then it is rare, because trust among Vatican officials has broken down. When a brave soul dares to question or criticize the current line of papal policy, it's almost invariably in the company of those of like mind. Serious, fraternal, charitable debate over the current condition of the Church and of the "synodal process" is largely non-existent. Silos are everywhere.

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Diocesan churches set Holy Week Masses, services, activities

The following is a list of Masses for Palm Sunday and its vigil; services for the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil; and Masses for Easter Sunday, plus other special Holy Week activities, supplied by diocesan parishes to The Catholic Times. For more details, go to the parish's website or contact the parish office.

ADA OUR LADY OF LOURDES – Palm Sunday, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, April 5, Tenebrae service, designed to re-create the sense of betrayal, abandonment and agony related to Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

BREMEN ST. MARY – Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, confessions and Holy Hour, 3 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 a.m.

BUCKEYE LAKE OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday, with Eucharistic Adoration between Masses; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, prayer service, noon, Centurion's Way of the Cross, 3 p.m.; Passion liturgy, 7 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 11 a.m.

CANAL WINCHESTER ST. JOHN XXIII – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m.

CARDINGTON SACRED HEARTS – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

CHILLICOTHE ST. MARY – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday; Wednesday, Tenebrae service, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, noon; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 10 a.m.

CHILLICOTHE ST. PETER – Palm Sunday, 8 and 11:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m., followed by Adoration, with Night Prayer at 11:45 p.m.; Good Friday, Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., confessions, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Passion liturgy, 3 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet sung, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3 p.m.; Easter, Mass, 8 a.m., noon, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3 p.m., continuing daily to April 16.

CIRCLEVILLE ST. JOSEPH – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Stations at parish cemetery, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Seder meal, 6 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. with Adoration to midnight; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 11:15 a.m.

COLUMBUS CHRIST THE KING – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. (English) Saturday, 10 a.m. (English), 12:30 p.m. (Spanish), 6 p.m. (bilingual) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (bilingual); Good Friday, Living Stations (bilingual), noon, Passion liturgy, 3 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (Spanish); Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. (bilingual); Easter, 10 a.m. (English), 12:30 p.m. (Spanish), 6 p.m. (bilingual).

COLUMBUS CORPUS CHRISTI – Palm Sunday and Easter, 9 a.m.

COLUMBUS HOLY CROSS – Palm Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS HOLY FAMILY – Palm Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m., 5 and 8 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations and confession, 3 p.m., Passion liturgy, 7 p.m., followed by overnight vigil from 8 p.m. Friday to 10 a.m. Saturday; Easter Vigil, food basket blessing, 10:30 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

COLUMBUS HOLY NAME – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (bilingual); Good Friday, Stations, 3 p.m., Passion liturgy, 5:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Marian hour, 8:30 a.m.; Easter, 5:30 p.m.

COLUMBUS HOLY ROSARY-ST. JOHN – Palm Sunday and Easter, 9:30 a.m.

COLUMBUS HOLY SPIRIT – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 1 and 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY – Palm Sunday, noon; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, noon, all at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church.

COLUMBUS OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by private prayer to 9 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, 2 p.m., Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Palm Sunday, 10 a.m.

COLUMBUS OUR LADY OF PEACE – Palm Sunday, 8:45 and 11:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, 2 p.m., Passion liturgy, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:45 and 11:30 a.m.

COLUMBUS OUR LADY OF VICTORY – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration until 11 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, 3 p.m., Passion liturgy, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS PARROQUIA SANTA CRUZ – Palm Sunday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, re-enactment of Jesus' last hours, 7 p.m., Passion celebration, 7:30 p.m. (bilingual), with confessions to midnight and Adoration to 6 a.m.; Good Friday, Living Stations, noon, Passion liturgy, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m. All in Spanish (except bilingual Holy Thursday Mass) at Columbus Holy Name Church.

COLUMBUS SACRED HEART – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 6 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. AGATHA – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m., followed by Adoration to midnight; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, 3 p.m., Tenebrae service, 8 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. AGNES – Palm Sunday, 9 a.m. (bilingual), 11 a.m. (Spanish); Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), followed by Adoration to midnight; Good Friday, Living Stations with reflections, 11 a.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. (bilingual); Easter, 9 a.m. (bilingual), 11 a.m. (Spanish).

COLUMBUS ST. ALOYSIUS – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, noon Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, noon; Easter, noon.

COLUMBUS ST. ANDREW – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:30, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, 3 p.m., Stations, 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 7:30, 9:15 and 11 p.m.

COLUMBUS ST. ANTHONY – Palm Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, noon, Passion liturgy, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS STS. AUGUSTINE & GABRIEL – Palm Sunday, 10 a.m. (English), noon (Vietnamese); Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 7 p.m.; Easter, 10 a.m. (English), noon (Vietnamese).

COLUMBUS ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA – Palm Sunday, 8:30 and 11 a.m., 5 p.m. Sunday; Wednesday, Tenebrae service, 8:30 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by confessions; Good Friday, Divine Mercy novena, 2:30 p.m., Passion liturgy, 3 p.m., confessions, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon, with egg hunt at 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. CECILIA – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m., noon (English), 2 p.m. (Spanish), Tenebrae service, 7:30 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, Morning Prayer, 8:15 a.m., Mass, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration and confessions to 10 p.m., Night Prayer, 10 p.m.; Good Friday, Morning Prayer, 8:15 a.m., Passion liturgy, 1 p.m., confessions, 3 p.m., presentation on the physical aspects of the Crucifixion, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning prayer, 9 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m., noon (English), 2 p.m. (Spanish).

COLUMBUS ST. CHRISTOPHER – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m., noon (Polish), 6 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, noon,

Passion liturgy, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, food blessing, noon (English), 2 p.m. (Polish), Vigil service, 8:15 p.m.; Easter, 10 a.m., noon (Polish), 6 p.m.

COLUMBUS ST. DOMINIC – Palm Sunday, 11:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 11:30 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. ELIZABETH – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, 1:30 and 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – Palm Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, noon, Passion liturgy, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. JAMES THE LESS – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. (English), 6 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday, 8 and 11 a.m. (English), 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 5:30 p.m. (English), 7:30 p.m. (Spanish); Good Friday, Passion liturgy (English) 1:30 p.m., Living Stations followed by Passion liturgy (Spanish), 5 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 11 a.m. (English), 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish).

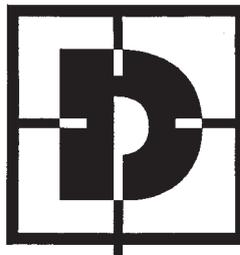
COLUMBUS ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM BYZANTINE CATHOLIC – Palm Sunday, Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.; Ge'ez Rite Liturgy, noon; Holy Thursday, Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Royal Hours, 9 a.m., Burial Vespers with Vigil at the Tomb, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Divine Liturgy with food blessing, 9 p.m.; Easter, Ge'ez Liturgy, 8 a.m., Matins, Divine Liturgy with food blessing, 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – Palm Sunday and Easter, 9:30 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL – Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 5:15 p.m., preceded by Vespers at 4:45 p.m., Office of Compline, 9 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, noon, Tenebrae service with the Cathedral Schola, featuring Thomas Tallis' Lamentations of Jeremiah and Gregorio Allegre's Miserere, 8 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter: 10:30 a.m. (telecast on WC-MH-TV, Channel 4), 12:30 and 5:15 p.m., preceded by Vespers at 4:45 p.m.

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COLUMBUS ST. LADISLAS – Palm Sunday, 11 a.m.; Good Friday, 1 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. LEO THE GREAT ORATORY – Palm Sunday, Low Mass, 8 a.m., High Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 5 p.m.; Easter, Low Mass, 8 a.m., High Mass, 10:30 a.m. All Masses in Latin.

COLUMBUS ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Eucharistic Adoration to 11 p.m.; Good Friday, 2 p.m.; Easter Vigil, food blessing, 1 p.m., vigil service, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. MARY GERMAN VILLAGE – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. (English), 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 6:30 p.m., followed by Adoration, ending with Benediction at midnight; Good Friday, 3 p.m. (English), 5 p.m. (Spanish), followed by Stations; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. (bilingual); Easter, 9 and 11 a.m. (English), 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

COLUMBUS ST. MARY MAGDALENE – Palm Sunday, 9 a.m., 5 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, 3 p.m., Passion liturgy, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m., 5 p.m.

COLUMBUS ST. MATTHIAS – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m.

(English), 1 p.m. (Haitian), 7:15 p.m. (Brazilian) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, 3 p.m., Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m. (English), 1 p.m. (Haitian), 7:15 p.m. (Brazilian).

COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 7, 9 and 10:30 a.m., noon Sunday; Monday to Wednesday, April 3 to 5, confessions, 12:15 p.m., Adoration, 12:15 to 7 p.m., Vespers, Benediction and confessions, 7 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with Adoration to midnight and reading of the Lord's Last Discourse (John chapters 14 to 17) at 11:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Seven Last Words of Christ, noon to 3 p.m., confessions, noon to 2:45 p.m., Passion liturgy, 3 p.m., Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 7, 9 and 10:30 a.m., noon.

COLUMBUS ST. PETER – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. (English), 1:30 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. (bilingual); Good Friday, Living Stations (bilingual), noon, Passion liturgy (bilingual), 3 p.m. with vigil to 10 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. (bilingual); Easter, 9 and 11 a.m. (English), 1:30 p.m. (Spanish).

COLUMBUS ST. PHILIP – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday; Good Friday, 2 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

COLUMBUS ST. STEPHEN THE MAR-

TYR – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday, 8 a.m. (Spanish), 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m., (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 5 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (Spanish); Good Friday, Passion liturgy, noon (English), 7 p.m. (Spanish); Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. (bilingual); Easter, 8 a.m. (Spanish), 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m. (Spanish).

COLUMBUS ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – Palm Sunday, 9 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. (Spanish); Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. (bilingual); Good Friday, 3 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (Spanish); Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. (bilingual); Easter, 9 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. (Spanish)

COLUMBUS ST. TIMOTHY – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration from 8:30 p.m. until Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at midnight; Good Friday, noon, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

CORNING ST. BERNARD – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday; Easter, noon.

COSHOCTON SACRED HEART – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

CROOKSVILLE CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT – Palm Sunday, 6 p.m. Saturday; Monday, April 3, community ecumenical service, 7 p.m.; Easter, 10:30 a.m.

DANVILLE ST. LUKE – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 10 a.m.

DELAWARE ST. MARY – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11:30 a.m. (English), 2 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 7 and 9 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (bilingual).

DENNISON IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. Sunday; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:15 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

DOVER ST. JOSEPH – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (English), 1:30 p.m., preceded by procession at 1 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (English), 1:30 p.m. (Spanish).

DRESDEN ST. ANN – Palm Sunday, 9 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 6 p.m.; Good Friday, noon; Easter, 9 a.m.

DUBLIN ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. followed by Adoration, concluding with Evening Prayer at 9:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, 3 p.m., Stations, 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, food blessing, noon, egg hunt, 1 p.m., Vigil Mass, 7:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

GAHANNA ST. MATTHEW – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m., noon Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 and 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon.

GRANVILLE ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday,

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 12:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

GROVE CITY OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m., noon Sunday; Holy Thursday, Shadow Stations of the Cross with Our Lady of Perpetual Help School students, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Mass, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration to midnight; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, noon, Walking Stations through downtown Grove City, 6 p.m.; Easter Vigil, food blessing and egg hunt, noon, Mass, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon.

GROVEPORT ST. MARY – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

HEATH ST. LEONARD – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Centurion's Way of the Cross, noon, Passion liturgy, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 9:30 a.m.

HILLIARD ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:15, 8:45 and 10:45 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, noon, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 7:15, 8:45 and 10:45 a.m.

JACKSON HOLY TRINITY – Palm Sunday, 9 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 6 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, noon, Passion liturgy, 6 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

JOHNSTOWN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, 3 p.m., Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

JUNCTION CITY ST. PATRICK – Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

KENTON IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Palm Sunday, 9 a.m.; Good Friday, Stations, 3 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

LANCASTER BASILICA OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Tenebrae service, 7 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday: Living Stations with St. Mary School eighth-graders, 9 a.m., Mass, 7 p.m., with Adoration to 10 p.m.; Good Friday, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., Passion liturgy, noon; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon.

LANCASTER ST. BERNADETTE – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, noon, Stations, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m.

LANCASTER ST. MARK – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, 1 p.m., Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9:30 a.m.

LOGAN ST. JOHN – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Sunday;

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Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration; Good Friday, Adoration, 8:30 a.m., Walking Stations, 10 a.m., Stations, 3 p.m., Passion liturgy, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Mass time to be determined; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m.

LONDON ST. PATRICK – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

MARION ST. MARY – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 11 a.m. (English), 1 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 6 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 11 a.m. (English), 1 p.m. (Spanish).

MARYSVILLE OUR LADY OF LOURDES – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with Adoration to 11 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, noon, Stations Through the Eyes of Mary, 3 p.m., Tenebrae service, 8 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11:30 a.m.

MATTINGLY SETTLEMENT ST. MARY – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday; Monday to Wednesday, retreat led by Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP, of Columbus St. Patrick Priory with the theme “Passion of the Lord: Journey from Mortal Being to Eternal Glory,” 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 6 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

MILLERSBURG ST. PETER – Palm Sunday, 11:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter, 11:30 a.m.

MOUNT VERNON ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m., noon Sunday; Holy Thursday, 6 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon.

NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; Tuesday, April 4, 9 a.m. (time change from 7 p.m.); Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Living Stations, noon, Passion liturgy, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 a.m.; Easter, 9 and 11:30 a.m.

NEW LEXINGTON ST. ROSE – Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, Mass, 7 p.m., Night Prayer, 10 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 7:30 a.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA SACRED HEART – Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 a.m.

NEWARK BLESSED SACRAMENT – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday; Holy Thursday, Mass, 7:30 p.m., followed by Night Prayer; Good Friday, Stations, noon, rosary, 1 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet, 2 p.m., Passion liturgy, 3 p.m., Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3 p.m., Mass, 8 p.m.; Easter, Masses, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.; Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3 p.m.

NEWARK ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – Palm Sunday, 4:45 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Living Stations, 7 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, “Last Supper” potluck, 5 p.m., Mass, 6:30 p.m., followed by Adoration, “The Passion of the Christ” movie, 8 p.m., Night Prayer, 11 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, 3 p.m., Passion liturgy, 6:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., Walking Stations, 9:30 a.m., 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., egg hunt after 11:30 a.m. Mass.

PICKERINGTON ST. ELIZABETH SETON – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m., noon.

PLAIN CITY ST. JOSEPH – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. (church) Saturday, 8:30 a.m. (church), 11 a.m. (activity center) Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with Adoration to 10 p.m. (church); Good Friday, Stations, noon, Passion liturgy, 7 p.m. (church); Easter Vigil, food blessing, noon, confessions, 3:30 p.m., Mass, 8 p.m. (church); Easter, 7 and 8:30 a.m. (church), 8:30 and 11 a.m. (activity center).

POND CREEK HOLY TRINITY – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, noon, followed by confessions to 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.;

Easter, 9 a.m.

PORTSMOUTH HOLY REDEEMER – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday (English), 6 p.m. Sunday (Spanish); Wednesday, Tenebrae service, 7 p.m. (Spanish); Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish); Good Friday, Walking Stations, 5:30 p.m., from Holy Redeemer to St. Mary, Passion liturgy, 7 p.m. (Spanish); Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. (Spanish); Easter, 11 a.m. (English), 6 p.m. (Spanish).

PORTSMOUTH ST. MARY – Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Tenebrae service, 7 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, noon, followed by confessions to 3 p.m., Walking Stations, 5:30 p.m., from Holy Redeemer to St. Mary; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 10:30 a.m.

REYNOLDSBURG ST. PIUS – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday; Wednesday, Tenebrae service, 7 p.m.; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with Adoration to 10 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion liturgy, 3 p.m., Stations and Adoration, 6 p.m.; Easter Vigil, food blessing, 1 p.m., Mass, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m.

SOMERSET HOLY TRINITY – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m.

SUGAR GROVE ST. JOSEPH – Palm Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations, 2 p.m., Passion liturgy, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 9 a.m.

SUNBURY ST. JOHN NEUMANN – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m., 5 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, confessions, 5 to 6:45 p.m., Mass, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, outdoor Stations, 11 a.m., confessions, noon to 2:30 p.m., Passion liturgy, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE ST. COLMAN OF CLOYNE – Palm Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11:35 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:15 p.m.; Easter, 10 a.m.

WAVERLY ST. JOSEPH – Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.; Good Friday, Stations, 5:30

p.m.; Easter, 9:30 a.m.

WELLSTON STS. PETER & PAUL – Palm Sunday and Easter, 11:15 a.m.

WEST JEFFERSON STS. SIMON & JUDE – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, outdoor Stations, 3 p.m., weather permitting, wear walking shoes, Passion liturgy, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 9 and 11 a.m.

WESTERVILLE ST. PAUL – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8 and 10 a.m., noon, 5 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, Matins and Lauds, 8:30 a.m., Mass, 7 p.m., with Adoration to 10 p.m.; Good Friday, Matins and Lauds, 8:30 a.m., Stations, noon, confessions, 1 to 3 p.m., rosary, 1 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet, 2 p.m., Passion liturgy, 3 and 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, Matins and Lauds, 8:30 a.m., Mass, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8 and 10 a.m. (church), 10 a.m. (Westerville North High School), noon.

WHEELERSBURG ST. PETER IN CHAINS – Palm Sunday and Easter, 9 a.m.

WORTHINGTON ST. MICHAEL – Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, Passion celebration, 3 p.m., Stations, 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

ZALESKI ST. SYLVESTER – Palm Sunday, 11 a.m.; Holy Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; Good Friday, 5:30 p.m.; Easter, 11 a.m.

ZANESVILLE ST. NICHOLAS – Palm Sunday, 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 2 p.m.; Easter Vigil, nightfall; Easter, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

ZANESVILLE ST. THOMAS AQUINAS – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:45 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., with Adoration to midnight; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.; Easter, 7:45 and 11 a.m.

ZOAR HOLY TRINITY – Palm Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 3 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.; Easter, 10 a.m.

Order of Malta installs Bishop Fernandes as a Conventual Chaplain ad Honorem



Fra' Thomas Mulligan confers the insignia upon Bishop Earl Fernandes signifying the rank of Conventual Chaplain ad Honorem in the Order of Malta as Len Barbe assists.



Bishop Earl Fernandes celebrates Mass for the Order of Malta during a day of recollection and his investiture as chaplain on March 18 in his chapel. CT photos by Ken Snow



(From left) Father Thomas Blau, OP, Magistral Chaplain of the Columbus Region of the Order; Bishop Earl Fernandes, Conventual Chaplain ad Honorem; and Fra' Thomas Mulligan, president of the Federal Association, USA of the Order of Malta.

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Schools help students hear, heed God's call

By Kayla Elrich

Religious vocations have been a priority for the diocesan Catholic schools during this academic year. Most recently, the elementary schools received books that illustrate aspects of the priesthood and religious life. The books comprise a variety of genres and grade levels and provide an engaging, real-life glimpse into the priesthood and religious life.

“What a beautiful gift to the libraries of the schools of the diocese and a great way to engage parents and their students in conversation about vocation and discernment,” said diocesan schools Superintendent Dr. Adam J. Dufault.

“Sharing relatable stories about a priest who solves mysteries, a sister who lives in New York City, examples of the holy lives of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati brings to life the joy of the priesthood and religious life.”

The diocesan Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) partnered with Generations Religious Gifts and Church Supply store in Columbus to assemble the collection of books for each elementary school in the diocese.

“The promotion of vocations has been a major area of focus for the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Columbus this year,” Dufault said. “We are following through on the bishop’s directive, shared during his Mass of Installation, that fostering vocations from within our diocese is one of his top two priorities, along with evangelization.”

Vocations Titles by Grade Level

Preschool

- *What Does a Priest Do?* - Susan O’Keefe
- *So Many Ways to Be Holy: A Children’s Book About Vocations* - Kristen Soley



Younger Elementary

- *Becket Wants to be a Priest* - Stephanie and Matt Regitz
- *Little Convent in the Big City: The Light in You* - Mother Clare Matthiass



3rd-5th Grade

- *The Father Brown Reader* - Nancy Brown
- *Blessed Carlo Acutis: The Amazing Discovery of a Teenager in Heaven* - Sabrina Ferrisi

Middle School

- *Of Bells and Cells: The World of Monks, Friars, Sisters, and Nuns* - M. Cristina Borges
- *To the Heights: A Novel Based on the Life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati* - Brian Kennelly

Throughout the year, schools have implemented various initiatives to help promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The schools have hosted religious visits and vocation panels, attended the Marian Dinner (for young women) and Andrew Dinner (for

young men) and prayed for vocations as a larger student body.

Additionally, a School Vocations Task Force has been established. Dufault said, “I am grateful to the School Vocations Task Force, made up of principals, teachers and staff from OCS, who have been meeting with Father Brian O’Connor (pastor, Canal Winchester St. John XXIII Church and diocesan assistant vocations director) and me since the bishop’s installation.

“We have been working on plans and initiatives to grow a culture of vocational discernment in our schools. We began by raising awareness of the need, establishing the priority and equipping our school leaders with the tools that they need to make it happen.”

Fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life can also take place within students’ homes. Taking children to Mass every Sunday and praying together daily provide a wonderful foundation to cultivate future vocations. Adding religious sacramentals such as a crucifix and images of the saints in our homes is another wonderful way to incorporate faith and discernment into our daily lives.

“The hope and prayer of all of our school administrators is that all of our students will come to know and love our Lord and their vocation,” Dufault said. “In helping our students prayerfully discern God’s will for their lives, they will become who God has created them to be – saints.”

Kayla Elrich is principal at Lancaster St. Mary School.

Arts and science at St. Andrew School



Betty Lise Anderson, a visiting professor from Ohio State University, works with St. Andrew School student Nivin Rajanbabu on a STEM project.



Brooks DeVlugt (left) and Michael Amweg were among the St. Andrew students working on STEM projects. Photos/St. Andrew School



From left, Anthony Rubino (Beast); Maggie Fitzpatrick (Babette); Isabelle Poulouse (Belle); Christopher Linton (Cogsworth); and Luca Pietropaolo (Lumiere) perform *Beauty and the Beast* at St. Andrew School.

Fisher Catholic hoops fundraiser tops \$20,000



Lancaster Fisher Catholic’s girls basketball team had a successful season on the court, winning a district title for the first time in 15 years, and donated more than \$20,000 by making a school-record 200 3-pointers this year as part of a fundraiser to help Brian McCauley (right), who is battling brain cancer, and his wife, Gina (holding their son Benedict). Brian, a former teacher at the school, was able to speak with the girls at their winter sports banquet. The players presented notes and cards to Brian expressing what playing for him during the season meant to them. The Irish reached the regional semifinals before losing a heartbreaker to Portsmouth Notre Dame on Thursday, March 2 at Pickerington North High School.

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Bishop Ready's undefeated season ends in state semifinals

For 28 games this season, Bishop Ready's players and coaches were living the dream.

Undefeated. Ranked No. 1 in the state in Division II. Program records for wins in a season and consecutive victories. Central Catholic League (CCL), district and regional championships. First trip to the state semifinals in nine years and the school's sixth overall.

Everything was going great. And then, in a span of a little more than an hour, it wasn't.

Bidding for the school's first state title in boys basketball since winning back-to-back championships in 1972 and 1973, the Silver Knights started slowly in their semifinal matchup against Akron Buchtel on Friday, March 17 in the University of Dayton Arena before battling back valiantly but never quite catching up in a 60-50 loss that brought their season to a bittersweet end.

Kaleb Schaffer, one of three Ready seniors, sustained an ankle injury in the first quarter that limited his mobility the rest of the afternoon. The 6-foot-6 All-Central District forward finished with five points, 10 below his season average.

That was a tough blow to absorb for the Silver Knights.

"He's the heart and soul of our program," Ready coach Tony Bisutti said. "He's a tremendous communicator on the court, and he's invaluable in making sure guys are where they're supposed to be."

"He's a guy we want our players to emulate on the court, and on top of that he's a 1,000-point career scorer. He knows where the hoop is."

Fellow seniors Charlie Russell and Luke Ruth did their best to pick up the slack with 19 and 12 points, respectively, against an athletic Buchtel lineup that scored 20 points off 13 Ready turnovers and 40 points from inside the free throw lane.

Ruth added team bests of eight assists and eight rebounds, and the tenacious 6-2 guard made two free throws with 39 seconds left to narrow the deficit to 54-50 before Buchtel closed out the game with the final six points.

There was nothing more the Silver Knights could do. For only the third time in 29 games, they had allowed an opponent to score more than 50 points.

"The biggest factor in the game was their points off turnovers," Bisutti said after the game.

History shows just how difficult it is to win a state championship. In more than 100 years of high school basketball in Ohio, diocesan schools have won 10 titles in all divisions – and four of those were by the now-closed Columbus Father Wehrle starting in the 1980s.

In addition to Ready's two state titles, the Silver Knights finished second in



Senior Kaleb Schaffer leans on coach Tony Bisutti for some solace after Bishop Ready suffered its first loss of the season in the Division II state semifinals on Friday, March 17 after winning 28 consecutive games to enter the tournament undefeated. Photos courtesy John Hulkenberg



Kaleb Schaffer sends a pass to Bishop Ready's Luke Ruth (11) in a state semifinal game against Akron Buchtel in the University of Dayton Arena. Buchtel handed Ready its first loss of the season to end the Silver Knights' pursuit of its first state title since 1973.

2002 and qualified for the final four in 2010 and 2014. The last diocesan school to win a championship was Columbus Bishop Watterson in 2013.

While the loss will continue to sting in the days and weeks ahead, the players and coaches will eventually reflect on the season and embrace their accomplishment.

For the three seniors, the bitter pill might take a little more time to swallow.

This trio of friends had formed the heart and soul of this juggernaut and were hoping to play one more game together in the state final.

"Their commitment to the game was the key," Bisutti said in reflecting on the season. "They wanted to be good. They wanted to be better."

"Those three have had dreams, and they're very close friends and they've talked about this their whole lives getting to this point and trying to make the most out of it."

The foundation for Ready's season goes back five years to the hiring of Bisutti as head coach. After a long and successful run at Dublin Scioto High School, Bisutti retired from teaching but was interested in continuing to coach somewhere.

He looked around, and Ready had an opening. The Columbus St. Francis De-Sales graduate had been an assistant coach at his alma mater in 1987 when the Stallions won their only state basketball title and knew the CCL well.

He thought Ready would be a perfect

fit – and he was right. In five years at the school, Bisutti has compiled an 87-32 record that includes back-to-back CCL titles and this year's deep run in the post-season. That brings his overall record in 30 years of coaching to 455-246.

"With this group, it kind of came together as a perfect storm of how I want us to play," Bisutti said of this season's 28-1 team. "Over the course of their careers, our players have bought into what we're trying to do and the way we go about it."

"We've had some really, really good basketball players. They really, really care about each other, and how we played this year is a direct reflection of that."

Bisutti's style has meshed well with a school defined by its blue-collar mentality. He preaches hard work, toughness, teamwork and defense, and this year's team in particular embodied those qualities.

"We start with our core values of how we're going to respect each other and play for each other and how we're going to carry ourselves," he explained. "From day one, our guys have been willing to go through a brick wall for us as far as the physicality part."

In addition to the three seniors who were each first-team all-district selections, junior Josh Paul and sophomore Kaden Schaffer rounded out the starting five, and key contributors off the bench were junior Micah Germany, sophomore Andreas Gordon and freshman Uthman Sherif.

"We had the potential to win every time out this season," Bisutti said, "and we found a way to win."

"When you go through the season undefeated, the target becomes immense. It's on you. Our team was very confident but respectful of our opponents."

Bisutti and the three seniors also shared a mutual respect for one another.

"He's meant the world to us," Russell said of Bisutti. "He spends a lot of time watching film to game-plan and strategize."

"He gets on us, he pushes us, and I think without him we're not the successful team that we are. He's a pillar that we can look up to and work toward his standards."

Asked to describe the defining qualities of this team, the seniors all settled on one word: chemistry.

"And our love for each other – not just us three but everyone on the team," Russell said. "We're all good friends outside of school, we hang out, we spent a lot of time together, and that creates a lot of respect for each other. I think that's what really held us together and helped us to play so well."

"And I think a big part of being successful is being humble. We know that

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nothing has been given to us. We've had to work for it, and we're going to play our hardest and show our opponents respect."

The three seniors have played together for so long that by the time their final year rolled around they knew each other's tendencies and strengths as well as any teammates could.

Their bond traces back to the third grade when they started playing basketball together. Kaleb Schaffer and Ruth attended Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School through eighth grade, and Russell went to public school in the South-Western City School District.

When it came time for high school, Russell decided to join Schaffer and Ruth at Ready, and the choice worked out well.

Russell, a 6-5 forward who is headed to the Air Force Academy to play baseball, took a leap forward as a basketball player this season, averaging a team-leading 17.6 points per game. Ruth averaged over 12 points and four assists per game.

The three seniors also had a hand in Ready playing lockdown defense throughout the season. The Silver Knights held opponents to an average of 40 points per game.

"We worked on defense in practice, and I think in the CCL in general if you're not playing tough defense you're not going to win," Ruth said. "Every game we weren't going to be shooting our best, and that's when you have to rely on defense. If we have good, solid defense, you know you can win."

"And a lot of times defense translates to really good offense," Schaffer added. "And so our defense is what really got us going."

Up until the state semifinal, that kind of defensive tenacity helped Ready advance. In the regional final on March 11 at Ohio University, the Silver Knights trailed Fairfield Union at halftime but rallied in the second half and allowed just two points in the fourth quarter for a 43-33 victory.

"We set big goals at the beginning of the season," Schaffer said. "As we got farther and farther along and being one of the only undefeated teams left in the state, we knew we had a target on our backs, but we welcomed it with open arms because we knew we were going to get a lot of teams' best games against us, so it prepared us to make a deep run in the tournament."

"There's a ton of teams that would have traded places with us to be in our situation. We loved it. It pushed us and made us better."

The seniors agreed without hesitation that the success of this team hinged in large part on camaraderie.

"I've been a part of really, really good teams," Schaffer said. "But those good teams haven't had the chemistry like we had. And that just shows how long we've been together and how much we respect



Bishop Ready senior Charlie Russell elevates underneath the basket against Akron Buchtel. Russell scored a team-leading 19 points.

each other.

"And that respect just bleeds over to the other teammates and really makes us one big unit."

Schaffer pointed to a disappointing loss to Columbus Africentric last year in a Division III district final as the launching pad for this season's run. Ready moved up to Division II before the start of the 2022-23 school year because of the Ohio High School Athletic Association's competitive balance formula.

"We were obviously sad after that game, and then that sadness turned to motivation," Schaffer said. "And then we all got in the gym really early last summer and started putting the work in at workouts, and we started thinking this year could be really something special."

During practices the past four years, the seniors could see hanging above the court on the east end of Joe Lang Gymnasium a banner honoring Ready's two state basketball championships. They looked up at it often and imagined what it would be like to add to it.

"Luke's mom does the (score)book, and before every game she gave us a fist bump and just said 'states,'" Schaffer said. "We've been going to Ready games since we were in fifth grade and just always looked up at those two banners and dreamed about being able to put one up here because it's a special thing."

The dream didn't become a reality, but the seniors left their mark on the program and created memories to last a lifetime.

Ruth said, "I've never been on a team like this."



Bishop Ready senior Luke Ruth eyes the basket on the way to contributing 12 points in the Silver Knights' disappointing 60-50 loss to Akron Buchtel in a Division II state semifinal on Friday, March 17. Photos courtesy John Hulkenberg



Bishop Ready coach Tony Bisutti anxiously watches the Silver Knights try to keep pace with athletic Akron Buchtel in the state semifinals. Bisutti guided the team to a 28-0 record entering last Friday's game.



Seniors (from left) Kaleb Schaffer, Charlie Russell and Luke Ruth formed the heart and soul of Bishop Ready's team this season. The three friends have played together since the third grade.

Watterson's Lombardo achieves milestone as basketball coach

Like most high school coaches, Vince Lombardo would prefer that the story not be about him.

Coaches will tell you that it's the players who win games and deserve all the credit. They'd rather talk about their guys or girls and deflect any praise a team receives to them, but a milestone is a milestone, and 500 victories ranks as one of those for a high school coach.

Longtime Columbus Bishop Watterson boys basketball coach Vince Lombardo reached that plateau this month in the Division II district tournament.

With a 56-29 victory over London on March 1, Lombardo collected his 500th win as a high school head coach at Watterson and the now-closed Marion Catholic.

"I tried to downplay the whole thing," the modest Lombardo said. "But it just didn't work out."

The Eagles went on to win the district title for the second time in three years, beating River Valley 62-54 on March 4 at Central Crossing High School for Lombardo's 501st win, before bowing out of the tournament with a 57-45 loss to Dayton Chaminade-Julienne in a regional final on March 9 at Vandalia Butler High School to finish the 2022-23 season with a 17-10 overall record.

In 39 years as a head coach, Lombardo has compiled a 501-413 record while coaching at diocesan Catholic high schools, including 425 victories (71 of those in postseason tournament play) at Watterson, where he serves as dean of men and a health and physical education teacher.

"I've not talked about 500 wins because I've not won any of them," Lombardo said. "It's been the players that have been out there for me. And I also like to remind people I've got over 400 losses. So, it's been a lot of ballgames."

The 63-year-old Lombardo has spent all but one year of his teaching and coaching career in Catholic schools. The 1978 Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduate became the varsity boys basketball coach at Marion Catholic High School in 1984 and in nine seasons there compiled a 76-120 overall record.

In 1993, he left for Bishop Watterson, which he has called home since then. His impact has proved transformative on a program that had experienced limited success before he arrived.

Lombardo has stacked up a long list of accomplishments at Watterson, starting with a Division II state championship in 2013, a return to the state final the following year, nine district and two regional titles, 15 district- and four regional-final appearances and nine Central Catholic League (CCL) championships.

Individual awards speak to the respect that Lombardo receives from his peers. Twice he has won Central District Coach of the Year honors, in 1999 and 2021, and District 10 coach of the year recognition, in 2000 and 2013. In 2021, he was named to the Bishop



Bishop Watterson coach Vince Lombardo joined the 500-win club this season in Ohio high school boys basketball, leading the Eagles to a Division II district championship.

Photo courtesy John Hulkenberg

Watterson Athletics Hall of Fame.

"When I was just starting out as the coach and teacher, I didn't envision any of this," he said. "I've been very, very fortunate and blessed in terms of the basketball coaching."

"I had some great years at Marian Catholic, not necessarily big-winning years but certainly a great start for me to learn as a teacher and coach, and then very fortunate that Watterson has been a great, great fit for me and a great place for my family. So that's all worked out very well."

Lombardo's family has grown up around Watterson. He and wife Cathy, also a longtime diocesan educator, raised five children who all graduated from Watterson. One of their sons, Jack, is now a member of his father's coaching staff.

"Something that's been extremely special is that my family has really embraced the basketball part of our lives," he said. "My wife has been amazing in terms of her support and willingness to put up with the coaching life."

"My family and siblings and parents have been great supporters along the way and of the Eagles the last 30 years."

With the kind of success that Lombardo has achieved as a coach, he said he has been presented opportunities to go elsewhere and most likely make more money, but he and his wife have remained dedicated to Catholic education.

"There have been some occasions where I've looked at some other things," he said. "I think that just the whole Catholic school experience, especially with my kids coming through Catholic schools, has

just been very positive for us," he said.

"It's just been a very comfortable place for me—to be able to incorporate the faith component into my teaching and coaching has been important, and I'm thankful that that has worked out as well as it has."

"I think for us as teachers, coaches, parents, hopefully the example that we set is the most important thing, even more so than what we say, to make that part of the whole teaching and coaching experience. Being able to tie all that together and to have it as part of what I'm doing for a career is a great thing."

Ask assistant coaches, school administrators, players, former players or opposing coaches about Lombardo, and they speak of him with nothing but respect for how he built his program—the old-fashioned way with discipline, hard work and defense. No one would argue that the Reynoldsburg native has maximized the talent available through the years.

"Vince was a great role model for us as high school students," said Andy Winters, a former player and 2009 Watterson graduate. "He's a man of faith. He's a family guy. He was very team-first and willing to do what was needed, whether that was as a coach or a role model or a friend at times."

"He's such a good man that when he coaches you there was a trust that he was always going to do what's right for you. He showed us how to be a good man and father, and those were important things that we picked up on probably not knowing at the time that they were great life lessons."

Winters used that example when

he embarked on a college playing and coaching career. He earned All-American honors as a point guard at Ohio Wesleyan University and then move into the coaching ranks with stops at Ohio Dominican and Capital universities before landing the men's basketball head coaching job in 2019 at Division III Otterbein University, where his brother, Matt, is on his staff as an assistant.

"The biggest thing I took away from Vince was he always seemed to get the most out of his players because they're willing to learn, listen and be coached," Andy Winters said. "They're extremely selfless and do whatever is needed for the team. He has an uncanny ability to find ways to win with teams that have great kids but probably aren't as talented as other teams."

Winters played on a team in 2009, his senior year, that won a district title before falling in the regional and denying Lombardo his first trip to the state final four, which he reached four years later in 2013 with a Division II championship.

"I know now as a coach how hard it is to win," Winters said. "So, I even have more respect for what he's doing."

Lombardo has coached long enough that he has difficulty singling out memorable players and seasons.

In addition to his teams that made back-to-back appearances in the state championship game, he recalled his third season, in 1995-96, when, he said, "Some of the things that we were trying to put in place in our program really started to come together." Watterson finished with a 19-5 overall record that season, winning a CCL title and reaching a district final.

He also pointed to the 2011-12 season, his son's senior year as a player for the Eagles, that preceded the state championship year.

"There have been a number of teams I have had great young men play for me," Lombardo said. "The talent level has been varied, but we've always had some great guys to work with."

That includes this year's team, which won nine of its last 12 games with an experienced group of seven seniors that included several players (Pete Mangold, Cole Rhett, Owen Samenuk, Seven Scott) who played on a district championship team in 2021 as sophomores.

"Since we got off to a slow start, we played pretty good, consistent basketball," he said. "Our league was very good this year, and our non-league schedule was very challenging."

After a little time to regroup, Lombardo will move forward toward another season. At least for now, he has no thoughts of stepping away from the bench.

"I'd like to keep going as long as I'm capable and as long as I'm healthy enough to do it," he said, "and as long as I feel like I'm still really making a contribution to the young men that I'm working with."

Five CCL wrestlers win state championships

Three Central Catholic League (CCL) teams showed the strength of their wrestling programs that has been building for the past few years with noteworthy efforts in the 2023 Ohio high school state championship meet.

Columbus St. Francis DeSales, Bishop Watterson and Bishop Hartley finished among the top six in the Division II team standings, and five wrestlers from those schools won individual titles on Sunday, March 12 in the Schottenstein Center at Ohio State University.

“It was awesome to see,” DeSales coach Collin Palmer said. “A lot of these kids have been training together for quite some time now and they’ve spread out to different high schools in the CCL, but it’s cool seeing them all at the top of the podium at the end of the year.”

Led by 215-pound champion Max Shulaw, DeSales took second, its highest finish since 1985, in the Division II team standings with 120.5 points, trailing only powerhouse St. Paris Graham, which won its 22nd consecutive state title, with 157 points.

“We’re pretty excited,” said Palmer, the state Division II coach of the year. “We had a program of four kids four years ago and turned it into what it is today with seven state placers and a team runner-up finish. So we’re definitely moving in the right direction.”

Watterson, paced by two individual champions, took fourth with 81.5 points, and Hartley, with one state champ, wound up sixth with 65.5 points.

Those three teams accounted for 25% of the finalists in the Division II championship matches.

“I think this is the beginning of Watterson’s dynasty and also the beginning of a CCL dynasty,” Watterson coach Felix Catheline said.

Shulaw was as dominant as any wrestler in the entire meet with four pins to cap an undefeated season with a 51-0 record. The junior’s falls came in 37 seconds, 3:01 and 1:03 before he pinned Elijah Llewellyn of Wintersville Indian Creek in 3:41 in the final.

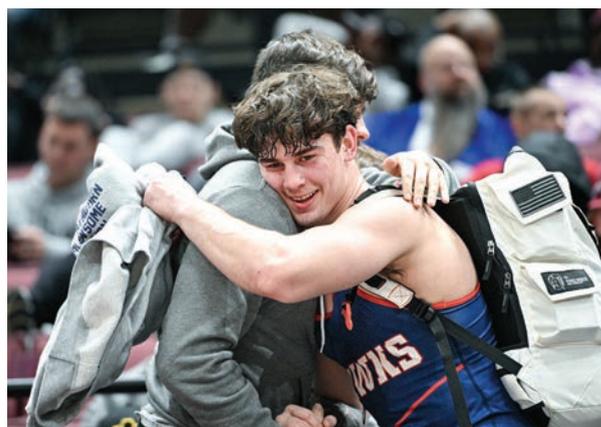
“He’s just a complete phenom as an athlete as far as work ethic,” Palmer said. “He’s just completely in a different category when it comes to how hard he works. And he’s a true leader in every aspect of life – great grades, an ambassador for the school, great football player, obviously unbelievable wrestler. Just a kid that is few and far between.”

Teammate David McClelland (44-6), a senior, won his second consecutive title, defeating St. Paris Graham’s Hayden Hughes 5-0 in the final at 138 pounds. McClelland won a championship at 132 pounds last year.

Shulaw’s younger brother, Lincoln, reached the final at 175 pounds before losing to Hartley’s Dylan Newsome 6-3 in a hard-fought, all-CCL final. Newsome, who will wrestle at Oklahoma next season, reached the top of the podium



DeSales junior Max Shulaw celebrates after pinning his way to a Division II state wrestling championship at 215 pounds.



Hartley senior Dylan Newsome gets a hug after claiming a coveted state championship at 175 pounds, beating DeSales' Lincoln Shulaw in the final.

um after finishing second at 170 in 2021 and third at 615 last year.

“The difference between being a state champ and not being a state champ is just so small,” Hartley coach Kevin Petrella said. “He could have been a multiple-time champion and finally getting it done was just really exciting for him.”

DeSales’ other place-winners among its seven qualifiers were Owen Eagan (31-8), fourth at 157; Aiden Rush (39-12), fifth at 144; Zack Lopez (34-8), fifth at 150; and Andrew Barford (39-10), fifth at 165.

Watterson’s four wrestlers came away with two state championships.

“It was a fantastic weekend,” Catheline said. “We were really, really happy with the outcome and especially the way the guys wrestled.”

“Our guys had a phenomenal year, and what’s even more exciting is that it’s just the beginning. I think this is going to be something that stretches over potentially the next eight to 10 years, and we’re pretty pumped about it.”

Sophomore Mitchell Younger (29-2) won his second state title in a row, beating Lance Overmyer of Clyde 11-6 in the 144-pound final, and freshman Joe Curry (34-2) won his first with a 4-2 decision over Noah Moreland of Vandalia Butler in the 120-pound title match.

“Mitchell’s an amazing kid and amaz-



DeSales 138-pound senior David McClelland shows his emotion after winning his second consecutive state title.



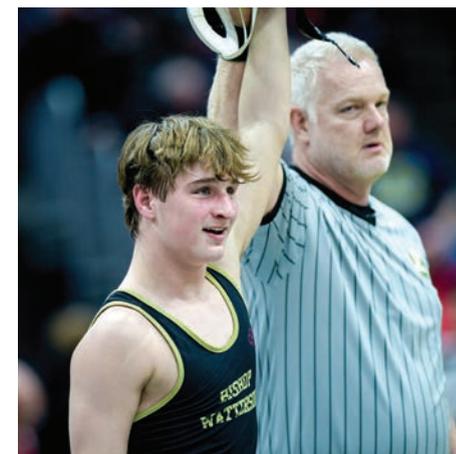
Watterson 138-pound sophomore Mitchell Younger has won back-to-back state titles. Photos courtesy John Hulkenberg



DeSales wrestler Lincoln Shulaw points to the heavens before his match against Hartley’s Dylan Newsome.

wrestler, and I think he’s a special talent,” Catheline said. “Going into the season, we knew there’d be some people that were targeting him because he’s the defending state champion.”

Curry gave an indication of what lay ahead when he won a district title leading up to the state meet, where he decided top-ranked Colt Ryan of St. Paris Graham in the semifinals before winning a rematch in the championship match with



Watterson freshman Joe Curry is all smiles after winning the Division II final at 120 pounds.

Moreland, his opponent in a district final. “So, we felt good throughout the season and what he was building toward, and it was kind of an exclamation point for us for him,” Catheline said.

The Eagles’ other two qualifiers placed in the top four in their weight classes.

Sophomore Neal Krysty (35-3) edged Blake Bartos of Medina Buckeye 4-3 in the third-place match at 106 after losing

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to Bartos by the same score in a quarter-final bout. Freshman James Lindsay (29-5) battled back from a loss in his opening match to claim fourth at 132 pounds.

Three of Hartley's five qualifiers placed in the top three.

In addition to the title for Newsome (43-3) at 175 pounds, sophomore Aiden King (22-1) claimed second place at 126 pounds, losing by fall in the final to Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary's Bryce Skinner, a defending state champion, after pinning his first three opponents.

Junior Cooper Rathburn (32-7) came back from a quarterfinal loss to DeSales' McClelland to win four matches in a row for third place at 138 pounds.

"It was a little disappointing for Cooper

because he wanted to beat him," Petrella said, "but I was really proud of him. Sometimes it's really hard, especially when you have your eyes on trying to wrestle in the state finals or win a state championship, to take a loss earlier in the tournament and wrestle back and take third."

King had suffered a broken leg several months before the season but returned to go undefeated until the state final, and Rathburn and Newsome both battled knee injuries.

"Maybe it's a little disappointing for Aiden and Cooper because they wanted to do a little bit better," Petrella said, "but when you step away for a second and just look back, every year we keep doing a little bit better than we had previously."

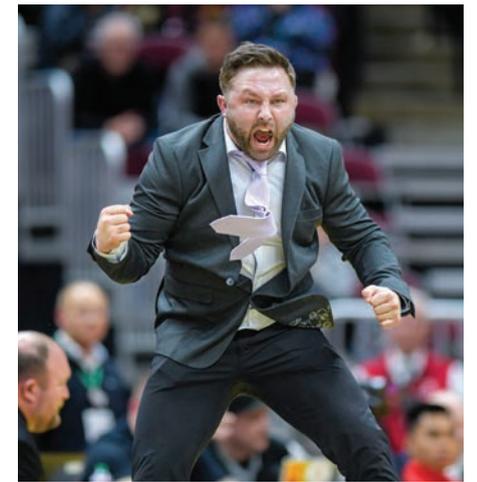
"We had a lot of firsts this year with five state qualifiers, three state placers in the same year, first-time state champ, first time top 10."

Hartley 285-pounder Isaac Asiedu won a first-round match and 190-pound teammate Eyan Jackson was one of the Hawks' five qualifiers.

In Division III, Newark Catholic tied for 31st with 19 points.

The Green Wave's three qualifiers finished in the top eight in their weight classes.

Heavyweight Griffin Halenar (39-8) reached the semifinal round before losing and ultimately placed sixth. Brian Luft (22-5) won three of his five matches to take seventh at 132 and Brendan Sheehan (46-5) rebounded from an opening loss to wind up eighth at 165.



DeSales coach Collin Palmer celebrates Max Shulaw's win by fall in a Division II state championship match at 215 pounds.

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Church to show silent film with organ accompaniment

The silent film *The King of Kings* will return to Columbus Holy Family Church on Saturday, April 1 after 11 years.

The classic film tells the story of Jesus Christ's life, focusing on the weeks leading up to His crucifixion and death.

Doors to the church will open at 7 p.m., and the evening will begin with a brief introduction on the history of silent films. The movie will start at approximately 7:30.

The organ music for the film will be performed by Shawn Kenney, director of music at Holy Family. His last performance with *The King of Kings* at Holy Family was 11 years ago to the day, April 1, 2012.

Kenney has since accompanied *The King of Kings* at other venues in the Columbus area, including Greenlawn Park. He last performed at Columbus St. Mary Church in the German Village neighborhood four years ago.

Kenney said he is bringing the film back to Holy Family to support four Catholic organizations.

"It is a fundraiser to raise awareness of the organizations and to give back and support the parish," he said.

Kenney is donating the screen, the projector, the movie and his time for the performance.

A \$10 donation is suggested for those who attend.

Kenney said the money raised will support the Confraternity of Christian Mothers at Holy Family, which was founded in 1887, 10 years after the parish was founded, and works to support the parish through prayer and the purchasing of needed items; the Knights of Columbus



chapter at the parish; the Bridgettine Sisters; and Holy Family Church.

Four tables will be set up at the back of the church, one for each organization. Upon entering, attendees can donate at one of the tables.

Kenney said the church hopes for \$4,000 in donations.

Select seats will be available in the choir loft.

"It is \$50 to sit in the choir loft, which people need to register for because there are only 20 seats," Kenney said. "The best way to RSVP for seats in the loft is to send an email to holyfamilycolumbus@gmail.com."

The ability to perform the score for silent films is something of a lost art. As few as a dozen organists worldwide can perform music for silent films, Kenney said.

"My job is to make the audience forget they are watching a silent film and help them be fully immersed in the story," he said.

The King of Kings, which debuted in 1927, is nearly three hours long. However, Kenney will perform the condensed organ score, which was released the following year in 1928. His performance of the condensed version will last about one hour and 40 minutes and include a 15-minute intermission.

Kenney was given a copy of the score by Clark Wilson, the organ conservator and resident organist at the Ohio Theatre in Columbus.

Kenney will perform the score on Holy Family's Schantz pipe organ, which was manufactured at The Schantz Organ Company in Orrville, Ohio.

"This is one of the first movies ever to experiment with Technicolor at the end of the film after Jesus' crucifixion," he said.

The film features snippets from 36 Christian hymns, including "Be Thou My Vision," which is played when Jesus cures a blind boy, and "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," played when Jesus walks out of the tomb.

"It is a great way to start Holy Week," Kenney said.

The performance will take place on the eve of Palm Sunday to commence the most sacred week of the liturgical year.

"It's a fitting time because many of the events in Jesus' life that Catholics meditate on during Holy Week are depicted in the film," he said.

The film might also be more suitable for viewers who are sensitive to graphic content. Unlike other films portraying Jesus' death, such as Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*, Kenney said, there is no gore in *The King of Kings*, and viewers will know graphic acts are taking place only through shadows in the film.

"Many people have never watched a silent film, especially accompanied by a live pipe organ, so this will be a totally new experience," he said. "If nothing else, it is educational, and there are very few silent films left."

"(The audience) will find themselves moved by what they witness on the screen while inspired by the beautiful music they hear. For all, it will be an opportunity to return to the time of Jesus, reflect on the Passion and crucifixion and escape the present moment for a little while."

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ocesan level prepare him to help the diocese take full advantage of the incredible momentum that the Holy Spirit has initiated in our community."

De La Torre and his wife, Amy, have been married for more than 26 years and have 15 children: Miguel, 23; Gabriella, 21; Maria, 17; Gianna, 8; and 11 souls in heaven.

"My wife, Amy, and I are blessed with the opportunity to 'come home' to the state of Ohio and call Columbus home," De La Torre said. "Amy was born and raised in Youngstown, our oldest was born in Warren and our three oldest children currently attend Franciscan University."

The diocese's priorities for evangelization were outlined in the Evangelization Planning Process that began under Bishop Robert Brennan and are supported by Bishop Fernandes.

One of the initiatives of the Evangelization Planning Process is the parish missionary disciple formation toolkit. Father Streitenberger will continue to support Elizabeth Christy, the associate director of missionary disciple formation for the Columbus diocese, to refine this toolkit for the work of formation in diocesan parishes.

"Dr. De La Torre will be integral in the process of advancing the evangelization strategic plan that Father Adam Streitenberger was so pivotal in creating with several community leaders from our diverse 23-county landscape," Schlater said.

The Evangelization Planning Process looked at promoting evangelization in parish life, in Catholic schools

and at 25 universities through lay apostolates and innovative approaches to evangelizing young adults.

Father Streitenberger will continue this promotion throughout the diocese in these areas to forward the New Evangelization, which includes the implementation of Bishop Fernandes' vision for the Newman Center.

"Father Adam is an outstanding evangelist, as can be seen by his excellent work with students at the St. Thomas More Newman Center," Bishop Fernandes said. "There he will intensify his efforts and continue to cast a vision for sharing the Good News in the Diocese of Columbus."

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Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

Christ wants us to choose life

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

"Life is difficult." That is the opening line of a book that became a best-seller for decades and started a career for one of our cultural heroes – Dr. M. Scott Peck.

Many others have followed in offering advice that is realistic and common sense, but no one else has had such a clear and straightforward first statement.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent offers us a set of readings that tell us more about life. Acknowledging the greatest enemy we face, death itself, the Scriptures present us with an opportunity to encounter the God of life.

Ezekiel the prophet proclaims that the people of God will be freed from their graves to continue their journey with God. Paul promises "the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you."

Jesus identifies Himself as "the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." He promises a reward to all who believe in Him.

In the latter days of His own earthly journey, He sets in motion the forces that seek to bring Him to the final confrontation with death with a great sense of irony by raising Lazarus from death to continue his own earthly life.

We are told by John that those who were against Jesus who heard about this *Passion (Palm) Sunday Year A*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

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



event did not respond with faith, but instead chose to plot the death of Lazarus as well as Jesus. (See John 12:10-11.) Even returning to life is difficult!

Jesus confronts death right where it appears to have won: at the tomb of the beloved friend who has died. He cries out to the dead man: "Lazarus, come out!" When he sees the wrappings of death that still cling to Lazarus, Jesus said to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go."

Later, there is a dinner party at the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Jesus' final meal with His friends before the events of Holy Week. They rejoice, but those who miss the promise and the meaning of all that has happened continue to work to end His ministry permanently.

Much of Scripture offers clear choices. We are invited to choose life. This choice does not mean that we will not have struggles. On the contrary, our earthly journey becomes even more difficult when we set our sights on the true goal. Any who are caught up in the intrigues of the world as their ultimate goal will fail to see what we see. Faith gives us a new way to understand all that we experience.

The Paschal Mystery, the truth about Jesus as the One Who leads us to life through suffering and death, can be received only by faith in the One Who sent Jesus to be among us. When we respond to the diffi-

Jesus' final days are fulfillment of Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of the Lord according to Matthew opens the celebration of Holy Week this year. We hear first about preparations for the Palm Sunday procession.

Jesus' disciples arrange for the entrance to the holy city of Jerusalem by procuring a donkey for Him to ride on. Matthew reminds us that these actions are in fulfillment of the prophets of old. In this moment, they highlight the humble kingship of the Lord.

Matthew offers a unique perspective with details a bit different from the other Gospels. It is helpful to attend to these to enter the mind and heart of the community for which Matthew wrote his Gospel.

As the crowds sing Hosanna, Matthew tells us that they hail Jesus as "Son of David." (Mark's "many" cry out a blessing on "the Kingdom of our father David" and Luke's "multitude" adds the title "King"

to the first expression of blessing the one "who comes in the name of the Lord.")

As we begin the Liturgy of Holy Week, we are with the crowd acknowledging fulfillment of prophecies and promises made by the God of Israel to His people. The proclamation of the Passion and our communal participation in it as most parishes celebrate Palm Sunday Mass, assigning the congregation the role of the crowd, draw us into the text.

Episode by episode, Matthew presents the unfolding of Jesus' final days with an eye to fulfillment of Scripture and a clear announcement of Who Jesus is. Judas takes counsel with the chief priests and is paid 30 pieces of silver, the price of a slave, for his betrayal.

At the Passover meal, Jesus predicts the betrayal. One by one, the disciples ask, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" Judas says: "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" "The Master" is acknowledged, but Judas does not submit to His Lordship.

After the meal, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Matthew records Jesus' prayer, calling God "My Father" (Mark uses "Abba"

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MONDAY
Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62
Psalm 23:1-6
John 8:1-11

TUESDAY
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 102:2-3,16-21
John 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY
Daniel 3:14-20,91-92-95
Daniel 3:52-56 (Ps)
John 8:31-42

The Weekday Bible Readings

THURSDAY
Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105:4-9
John 8:51-59

FRIDAY
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 18:2-7
John 10:31-42

SATURDAY
Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Ps)
John 11:45-56

4/3-4/8
MONDAY
Isaiah 42:1-7
Psalm 27:1-3,13-14
John 12:1-11

TUESDAY
Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 171:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17
John 13:21-22,31,33-34

WEDNESDAY
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

HOLY THURSDAY
Exodus 12:1-8,11-14
Psalm 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25
Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

HOLY SATURDAY
Old Testament
Vigil readings - 3 to 7 sets
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Matthew 28:1-10

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION Mass Schedule: Weeks of March 12 and March 19, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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may be fulfilled." When the assembly of priests condemns and mocks Jesus, they address Him with the title that they are rejecting, "Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"

Matthew alone recounts the fate of Judas and the use of his 30 pieces of silver, paying for the potter's field know as the Field of Blood. It is all to fulfill what the prophets said and did.

Pilate's wife sends a message to her husband even as he sits in judgment: "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." Pilate again names Jesus with the rejected title: "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" (This is a change from Mark's "King of the Jews.") Pilate's washing of hands to distance himself from the judgment is reported only in Matthew.

On the cross, the charge states clearly: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." The two crucified with Him and many others mock Jesus, giving Him other titles: "Son

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LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

Catholic medicine will be conference theme

“Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society” will be the theme of a conference for health care professionals on Saturday, April 22 in the Jessing Center of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus.

The event is being sponsored by the Diocese of Columbus, the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio.

It will feature seven presentations, including one on “Christian Anthropology as a Foundation for Ethical Medicine” by Dr. Ashley Fernandes, associate director of the Ohio State University Medical School’s Center for Bioethics, and Dr. Roland Millare, a theology professor at the University of St. Thomas in Houston and vice president for curriculum of the foundation.

The event will help fulfill continuing education requirements for medical professionals and will equip them to practice the highest ethical and medical standards of their profession. Clergy, religious, students and the general public are also welcome.

The cost for the conference is \$85 for the general public, with varying rates for medical professionals. For registration and continuing education information, contact Ellen Clements at (832) 779-1070 or go to <https://forlifeandfamily.org/converging-roads>.

Conference to focus on Shroud of Turin

A conference on the Shroud of Turin, Eucharistic miracles and how they prove the resurrection of Jesus will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at Columbus St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road.

Jeffrey Skurka, who has spent 20 years studying the shroud, will explain why he believes it is real and is proof of the resurrection. The conference also will explore the history of Eucharistic miracles, including instances where hosts have turned into human flesh and blood.

The shroud is, according to some, a 13th-century forgery. For others, it is the cloth that covered Jesus after He died.

The conference will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There is a suggested offering of \$15 per person. For more information, go to www.stcatharine.com/risen-revealed.

Mattingly Settlement plans retreat

Father Stephen Hayes, OP, of Columbus St. Patrick Priory, will be the speaker at a Holy Week retreat from Monday to Wednesday, April 3 to 5 at Mattingly Settlement St. Mary Church, 6280 St. Mary Road, off Creamery Road near State Route 60.

Father Hayes’ topic will be “The Passion of the Lord: From Mortal Being to Eternal Glory.” The event also will be livestreamed on the St. Mary Mattingly Settlement channel on YouTube and Facebook.

Aquinas alumni resume gatherings

The Columbus Aquinas College High School Alumni Association will resume its monthly luncheons on Monday, April 3 at the TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, 1210 S. James Road.

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St. John Neumann sponsors diaper drive

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, is sponsoring a diaper drive on Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26 to benefit Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County.

Disposable diapers of all sizes (Pampers and Huggies, not Luvs) will be collected, as well as mini crib sheets and bassinet sheets.

Items may be placed in the bin on the cloister walkway. They also may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the north door of the faith and family center.

For more information, contact jjkutys@gmail.com.

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of God,” “the King of Israel.” Matthew’s penchant for putting the truth on the lips of mockers affirms once more Jesus’ identity: “He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

Following the death of Jesus, Matthew alone speaks of a series of signs that point to Easter: “The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many.”

In Matthew’s view, these signs served to draw

out the affirmation of incipient faith from the bystanders: “The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, ‘Truly, this was the Son of God!’”

Having walked through the Passion with Matthew, we are ready to be plunged into the Easter Triduum. May our participation serve to renew our faith in the Son of God, the King of Israel, the Christ Who offers us the fulfillment of all we have hoped for from God our Father.

Words of Wisdom
by Pat Battaglia, aka Dr. Fun

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Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

BREHM, Gloria A. (Kessler), 96, March 13
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

BRENON, Alva J. "Jean" (Roloson), 95,
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Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

BURKART, Dr. Richard E., 91, March 13
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

BURNS, William D. "Dave," 89, March 11
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

CAHILL, Donald J., 95, March 6
Holy Family Church, Columbus

CALDERON, Richard, 94, Feb. 24
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

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St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

COX, Hugh Edward, 88, March 7
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

DEL ROSARIO (Smith), Margaret J., 76,
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St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

ENGLISH, Larry L., 83, March 7
St. Paul Church, Westerville

FIELDS, Roger D., 81, March 2
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

FINK, Marianne, 78, March 8
Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton

FRASHER, Roderick, 76, March 6
St. Paul Church, Westerville

HUBER, Mary A., 83, March 3
St. Peter Church, Columbus

JENNISON, Elizabeth R. (Reuscher), 66, March 14
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

KAMINOSKI, Margaret M. (Twarogowski),
89, Jan. 26
St. Joseph Church, Plain City

KOLLER, Teresa (Buyko), 74, March 11
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

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St. Paul Church, Westerville

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Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel, Pataskala

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Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

MULLIN, John P., 86, Feb. 27
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

OMAN, Ann M. (Zastocki), 47, March 3
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

PLATZ, Betty (Evans), 84, March 13
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

RIEDEL, Timothy A., 62, March 7
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

ROLLINS, Judith M., 82, Feb. 25
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

SARNA, Helen (Gaudreau), 88, March 3
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

SCHUELER, Robert "Don" Jr., 81, March 1
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

SMITH, Sally V., 83, March 11
St. Leonard Church, Heath

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

SWEET, Mary Lou, 93, Feb. 17
Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton

THIBAUT, Russell A., 91, Feb. 26
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

TORNES, Anna V. (Terhaar), 87, March 8
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

WALKER, Lawrence D., 74, March 9
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

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Other meetings will be on May 1, June 5, Aug. 7, Sept. 11 and Oct. 2 at the restaurant except for the September meeting, which will be in the Walter Student Commons at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus.

For more information, contact association president Louis Nobile Jr. at (614) 451-4477 or (614) 313-5889.

Luncheon club to meet April 14

Shawn Kenney, director of the Museum of Catholic Art and History in Columbus, will speak at the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting following the 11:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, April 14, in Patrick Hall of Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

The meeting was delayed from the usual first Friday of the month because April 7 is Good Friday.

Kenney has been part of the museum for most of the time since its establishment in 1998 in the former Columbus Holy Family School. It now is in The Catholic Foundation's building at 257 E. Broad St., the site of the original Wendy's restaurant.

Free parking will be available in the Columbus State Community College Grant Avenue parking lot (25-S), across the street from the church. No reservations are necessary. A \$12 donation for the lunch and meeting is suggested.

The club's next meeting will be on Friday, May 5, when Father Ty Tomson, pastor of Lancaster St. Bernadette and Bremen St. Mary churches, will speak on the Latin Mass.

Contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com if you are interested in sponsoring a future luncheon.

Sister M. Colette Rhoney, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister M. Colette Rhoney, OSF, 91, who died Monday, March 6, was celebrated Saturday, March 11 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was at the sisters' cemetery.

She was born Elizabeth Rhoney on June 22, 1931 in Niagara Falls, New York to the late D. Vincent and Gertrude (Braas) Rhoney. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1958 from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York and a Master of Science degree in education from Niagara University in 1970.

She entered the congregation of the Stella Niagara Franciscans on Sept. 4, 1949 and professed her vows on Aug. 18, 1952.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Columbus Holy Rosary School (1957-1960). She also taught at schools in New York and New Jersey and the St. Francis International School in Rome. She served her congregation in the 1970s as interprovincial novitiate team director, novice director for Holy Name Province and director of initial formation. Beginning in 1975, she served as a spiritual director and retreat director until becoming a resident of the Stella Niagara Health Center in 2017.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers James, Paul, Vincent and Michael. Survivors include a sister, Mary Alice (William) Wonsiewski, and many nieces and nephews.



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Book focuses on prayers for children

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

A former teacher at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School (OLPH) has published a children's book with Ascension Press.

Melissa Kirking, who lives in Texas, is the author of *Jesus + Me: Talking with My Greatest Friend*. She said the book is a product of her heart's work, and it began when a seed was planted there while teaching at OLPH in the 1990s.

Msgr. Romano Ciotola, the pastor of OLPH Church at the time, asked teachers to bring their students to First Friday Adoration.

"You want me to do what?" Kirking said, recalling her initial reaction to the prospect of bringing her 32 first-grade students to an hour of Adoration.

However, she said the experience proved to be life changing for her and became something she and the students looked forward to every month.

"After that first one, I was like, 'This is amazing, this is beautiful, this is what our children need,'" Kirking said. "All of the sudden that light went on, and Jesus planted this seed. ... This is what Jesus is calling me to do."

Kirking left after two years at OLPH when her husband finished his master's program at Ohio State University, and they moved home.

"At that point, I came home, back to Texas, on fire to do something," she said.

For the next 27 years following her call to bring children to Adoration, Kirking wrote down ideas she received from the Lord in prayer. The ideas came to fruition in her book.

"I took what I did at OLPH and that love of bringing children to the Eucharistic Lord because that's where they belong, that's where they grow and that's where they make that friendship with Him deeper," she said.

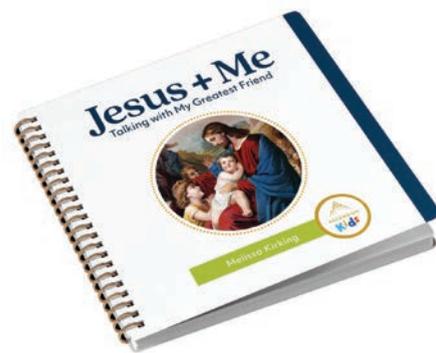
Kirking currently serves as the coordinator of children's Adoration at her parish outside of Austin, and she runs the website GuidedChildrensAdoration.com, which she created for parents, teachers and catechists.

"Our call is to bring children to Adoration and guide them," she said. "With any new skill, children need guidance. You think of an adult who walks into Adoration – they have a book or their rosary. ... We need to do it in a way that is age appropriate and calls the children and tugs on their heart."

Kirking said her book was also largely inspired by Pope St. John Paul II's quote that Jesus is the "Divine Friend," from his 1979 Corpus Christi Sunday homily.

"In order to have that divine friendship with Jesus, we talk to Him outside of Mass, too," Kirking said.

For this reason, children can use *Jesus + Me* at home, while sitting outside or in church before Mass in addition to being



used in an Adoration chapel, she said.

The book is designed for children ages 7 to 10. Kirking said it can also be used by those younger than 7 with guidance.

Jesus + Me aims to "describe to the children how Jesus talks so that they understand that, no, they (might) not hear Him in that audible voice they're used to hearing their parents or their friends talk to them, but there's other ways that Jesus talks. He talks in the stillness, Scripture, silence, a feeling or sometimes through other people."

Kirking said she assured children in her book that Jesus will never tell them to do something wrong or anything that goes against Scripture, so that children are not misled when learning to hear His voice.

Jesus + Me: Talking with My Greatest Friend is divided into four types of prayer: praise, contrition, thanksgiving and petition. To make the types of prayer relatable for children, Kirking categorized contrition as "being sorry" and petition as "asking Jesus."

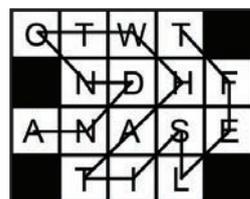
Each category includes 20 prayers – ones children are comfortable with, ones that might stretch them and introduce them to a new way of talking with Jesus and some that have a bonus activity. She said she hopes that children will bring their prayer life into their daily life.

The book includes various prayer activities and prayer experiences that offer children different ways to pray.

"My vision with the book ... the goal would be to pick one of each prayer style and go through it," Kirking said. "They may not get to all four prayer experiences, and that is OK, too."

The prayer experiences are numbered, so children can pick whichever one appeals to them on a given day.

Kirking said she incorporated prayers of contrition so children's "hearts stay closer and connected to Jesus" and "if (children) are thinking about being sorry on a more frequent basis, then they're



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less likely to get too far" off track before needing to turn back around.

With prayers of contrition, Kirking said she wants children to know the depth of God's mercy and love. She does not want children to be afraid or feel that God cannot forgive them.

The prayers of praise, she said, are not as easy or common for children. She likens praising Jesus to "giving compliments to friends on earth" and encourages children to give compliments to Jesus as well.

Each category in the book includes quotations from popes, the Scriptures and saints.

"There's also – I like to call it – imaginative prayer where the kids can close their eyes," Kirking said.

She included imaginative experiences such as thinking about a candle shining in the dark or an amazing sunset or the feeling of a warm blanket to draw connections to physical experiences that children will understand.

"Prayers like that will then connect later on in life, or maybe the next day when they see beautiful sunsets and (think), 'Oh, that's like Jesus,' and bring them back," Kirking said.

At the end of the book, there is a call to Adoration.

"The book could be used in any situation, but with my heart's love and my

heart's work we put the call to Adoration in so ... families who already go to Adoration have a resource (and) families that maybe use it at home or at church see the call to Adoration, and that might put the desire in their heart to take their children to Adoration, as well, and experience it in that way," she said.

Kirking said *Jesus + Me* pairs nicely with the National Eucharistic Revival, which is taking place in the United States from 2022 to 2025.

"In this revival we're wanting to create Eucharistic splendor again," she said. "With having the call to Adoration in here, it definitely gives the children an opportunity to go to Adoration and experience a meaningful time with Him and develop that relationship with Him, which then makes their desire to come to Mass stronger and their desire to pray outside (of Mass) with Him."

Kirking said children have different interests, personalities and strengths, and so some will connect with certain prayer activities in the book more than others. She hopes the result of the book will be the same.

"I just want children to come and know our Eucharistic Lord," she said.

Jesus + Me: Talking with My Greatest Friend is available for purchase on the Ascension Press website, www.ascensionpress.com.



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Guadalupe Youth Summit focuses on finding identity

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

The fourth annual Guadalupe Youth Summit held at Ohio Dominican University (ODU) on March 9 brought together more than 300 Latino high school students from throughout the diocese.

Students were present from Columbus Bishop Hartley, Bishop Ready, Cristo Rey Columbus, St. Charles Preparatory, St. Francis DeSales and 13 other high schools.

Father David Schalk, the diocesan vicar for Hispanic ministry, served as the emcee. Bishop Earl Fernandes was joined by seven diocesan priests to celebrate Mass, and three orders of religious sisters were present.

The day began with interactive games, time for praise and worship and Latin American music performed by Father David Arroyo and Father Victor Cano, Theatine Fathers serving at Columbus Christ the King and St. Thomas the Apostle churches.

The theme for the summit was “María se levantó y partió sin demora,” meaning “Mary got up and went in haste.” The theme is from Luke 1:39, when the Blessed Virgin departs to the hill country after the Annunciation to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

The theme was a call to action.

“All eyes are on you,” Father Schalk said in his opening remarks. “You are the future leaders of the Catholic Church. You are critical.”

Father Schalk addressed challenges facing Latino youth. He said many wrestle with their identity, causing turmoil and confusion.

“You can be 100% Hispanic and 100% American,” Father Schalk said.

The keynote speaker was Mari Pablo, an international speaker and graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville. Pablo travels across the United States and Latin America speaking about the heart of Christ and the beauty of the Catholic faith in Spanish and English, according to her website.

She encouraged the students to “make a decision to have a relationship with God early on.”

Pablo offered four ways for students to emulate the Blessed Virgin’s example in the Visitation: know, listen, follow and give thanks.

Pablo said that the Blessed Virgin knew her identity and acted upon it, which can be seen in her response at the Annunciation and her actions in the Visitation.

“We see Mary’s openness to listen and follow,” she said. “Mary needed to know who she was and that she was worthy.”

Pablo asked the students to think of positive and negative attributes about themselves. She said it might be easier to think of negatives, but it is important



More than 350 students attended the Guadalupe Youth Summit on Thursday, March 9 at Ohio Dominican University. *CT photos by Ken Snow*



Cristo Rey Columbus High School sophomore Randy Lugo Guzman prays.



Father David Arroyo, CR, (left) and Father Victor Cano, CR, lead praise and worship.



Mari Pablo (left) and Dr. Edgar Mendieta talk to the students.



Concelebrating the Mass during the Guadalupe Youth Summit with Bishop Earl Fernandes (center) were (from left) Father David Arroyo, CR of Columbus Christ the King Church; Father Eduardo Velazquez, MSP of Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr and St. Agnes churches; Father Antonio Carvalho of Columbus Holy Name, Parroquia Santa Cruz and the Brazilian Catholic community; Father Victor Cano, CR of Christ the King; Father David Schalk of Christ the King and Columbus St. Thomas the Apostle churches; and Father Kyle Tennant of Columbus St. Cecilia Church and chaplain at Columbus Bishop Ready High School.

to recognize who they are in God’s eyes.

“I had to recognize who I am and what I’m worth,” Pablo said referring to the negative words that were spoken to her, which she thought defined her.

She said that many Latino young adults identify as Catholic because their parents are Catholic. She encouraged the students, in discovering their identity, to focus on their God-given gifts and

talents.

“St. Juan Diego did not feel worthy,” Pablo said, reflecting on his visions of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico in 1531. “But you don’t need to earn your worth.”

Pablo said that part of coming to know an identity and acting upon it is through being vulnerable and showing mercy.

“We think vulnerability is weakness,”

she said. “We have three desires: to be seen, known and loved.”

There was a small-group breakout session for students to have a discussion with their peers. The students then returned to the ODU theater for a message from the diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, Dr. Adam Dufault.

“The reason that we at the Office of

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Catholic Schools do this is because of you,” Dufault said.

He referenced Pope Francis’ exhortation *Christus Vivit* (Christ Is Alive), which calls young Christians and all people of God to seek a youthful newness of life in Christ. Dufault said he wants students to have the courage and the confidence to say “yes” to the Lord all the time.

A bilingual Mass celebrated by Bishop Fernandes followed Dufault’s address.

“Part of the reason you are here is because you are leaders,” Bishop Fernandes said in his homily.

The daily Gospel reading was the story of Lazarus and the rich man from Luke.

The bishop said the rich man saw Lazarus’ sores but did nothing to alleviate his suffering. The man was given the world’s advantages but “blew the opportunity to show mercy and charity.”

“To each of us, we need to look in our hearts and ask, ‘Am I indifferent to another person’s suffering?’” Bishop Fernandes said.

He told the students that they are called to greater things than the rich man in the Gospel.

“You are called to something greater than the rich man ... not mediocrity – the greatness of heaven,” the bishop said. “This is the measure of our greatness: whether we have loved.”



Rita Diaz, a junior at Cristo Rey Columbus High School, asks a question after Father David Schalk handed her the microphone.

He encouraged the students to follow Christ’s example.

“Jesus at Calvary was stripped of everything,” Bishop Fernandes said. “In His poverty He saved the whole world. Let us ask Jesus to rise to the greatness to which He calls us – to be witnesses to His love.”

For the first time at the Guadalupe summit, a career resource fair was open to students during lunch hour. Eighteen agencies, companies and universities were represented.

In the afternoon, students returned to the ODU’s theater for a question-and-answer panel discussion with Pablo and Dr. Edgar Mendieta. Mendieta is a Catholic Hispanic orthodontist whose practice,



Missionary Servants of the Word stand in front of their booth in the career resource fair. *CT photos by Ken Snow*

Global Smiles Orthodontics, is located in the Valleyview neighborhood on Columbus’ west side and serves the city’s Latino population.

Mendieta is originally from Los Angeles. His family immigrated to California from Mexico in the 1960s. Mendieta said he will mentor any Hispanic Latino student interested in becoming an orthodontist at no cost. He said that he hopes a student will knock on his office door one day and offer to take over his practice.

Pablo and Mendieta said they both experienced challenges when leaving their cultural “hub.” Mendieta struggled to adjust to life as a student at the Univer-

sity of California at Los Angeles, while Pablo experienced challenges leaving her home in Miami, Florida to attend Franciscan University.

Pablo, who is of Dominican descent, said she was mistaken for a nun when she told her college peers that she was Dominican, and she was asked, “Where is your habit?”

Pablo said her peers did not understand her background or what it meant to be Latino.

Asked whether he saw himself as American or Mexican, Mendieta told the students that “what is important is (their) character.”

One thing Mendieta said helped him adjust to challenges with identity was changing his perspective.

“I changed my perspective from being a ‘victim’ to a ‘victor,’” he said.

Students asked what Pablo and Mendieta believe will make the next generation of Hispanic Latinos great. Pablo said it is “the capacity (they) have to be better than this generation.”

Near the end of the day, Miriam Garcia, an accounting clerk at St. Charles Preparatory School, read students the letter “Dear Young, Hispanic/Latino Catholics...” by Stephanie Espinoza. The letter asks that the youth use their gifts and talents and be leaders in the Catholic faith.

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