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**SHINING 'THE LIGHT' OF CHRIST'
BEHIND PRISON WALLS**

The Editor's Notebook

Prisoner of Sin

By David Garick, Editor

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. (Isaiah 61:1)

This week, *Catholic Times* ventures behind bars to view the work of prison ministry going on in the Diocese of Columbus. The men and women who benefit from this very special ministry are out of our sight. They are locked away from us because of their actions against society. They have sinned and separated themselves from God, and the world has set them aside. But Christ reaches out to them and offers them healing and salvation. Through the good works of prison ministry, we reach out to these separated brothers and sisters and help them find the beginnings of true freedom while still physically confined. For many of these inmates, there is a realization that, through Christ, their past sins can be forgiven and their lives can take on new meaning. There is hope for the future.

Inmates of state correctional facilities are not the only ones who are imprisoned by sin. All of us are afflicted by sin and fall short of the glory of God. We may not violate the laws of the state of Ohio and face imprisonment, but we violate the laws of God and we are separated from God. That separation is also a prison. Spiritually, we are unable to enjoy the lives God has intended for us.

St. Paul tells us, “We know that the

law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold into slavery to sin. What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I concur that the law is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh. The willing is ready at hand, but doing the good is not. For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want.”

We all need to be freed from the prison of our sins. The Church provides us with that release. Christ said of us, “I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” He gave us the sacrament of reconciliation, through which he takes away our sins and frees us to live in accord with God’s will. St. Isidore of Seville wrote, “Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy. Believe it firmly. Do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God. Hope and have confidence in confession.”

During Lent, we are called to examine our consciences and root out the sin that is shackling us. Through penance and absolution, we, too, can be freed from our spiritual prisons. Through the Eucharist, we can become unified with Christ and one another to live the abundant life that God wills for each of us both here on Earth and eternally in heaven.



FATHER CHARLES R. GRIFFIN
PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 12, 2012

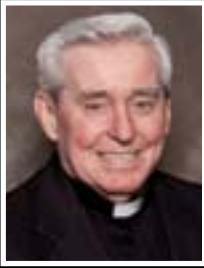
Funeral Mass for Father Charles R. Griffin, 83, who died Monday, March 12, will be held Friday, March 16, at 11 a.m. at Chillicothe St. Peter Church, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as principal celebrant and homilist and Bishop James Griffin concelebrating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lockbourne. Calling hours at the church will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 15, and 9 a.m. until the funeral Mass on Friday.

He was born Dec. 28, 1928, in Columbus to John and Marie (Fleming) Griffin. He graduated from Columbus Holy Name School and St. Charles Preparatory School and received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from St. Charles Seminary in 1952. He received a master of divinity degree from St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pa., in 1956.

He was ordained by Bishop Michael Ready in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on May 26, 1956. He served as assistant pastor at Coshocton Sacred Heart Church and Coshocton-area chaplain for the Catholic Committee on Scouting (1956-58), assistant pastor at Columbus Sacred Heart Church (1958-68), and a teacher at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School (1966-68). He was pastor at Zaleski St. Sylvester Church (1968-80) and ordinary confessor for the Franciscan Sisters of Charity at St. Paul Convent in Wellston (1968-69). In 1981, he became associate pastor at Chillicothe St. Peter, where he lived there until his death.

He also served as chaplain at the Chillicothe Correctional Institution from 1981 until his retirement in April 1, 1999. Following retirement, he continued to be a frequent visitor at the Ross Correctional Institution in Chillicothe and to the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration until the nuns moved from the St. Joseph Adoration Monastery in Portsmouth to Charlotte, N.C. He also frequently said Mass on weekends at Waverly St. Mary Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, John (Jack) and Robert. Survivors include sisters, Jeanne (Keating) and Joanne (Frank) Matey, and many nieces and nephews.



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Rev. Robert C. Penhallurick, from Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark, to Pastor, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard, effective March 20.
Rev. James H. Hatfield III, from Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Church, Dover, to Administrator Pro-tem, St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark, effective March 20.

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Father Homer Blubaugh at the entrance to the London Correctional Institution, which he visits every Wednesday to celebrate Mass and bring spiritual guidance to prisoners

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BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Bishop Frederick Campbell told those in attendance at the 2012 Diocesan Youth Rally that their great challenge is to find their specific place in God’s plan for all creation and to fulfill the individual mission set aside for each of them.

“We’re just here by the goodness of God and for a particular reason, and this is what I should like to leave with you – every one of us has been given life and placed at a particular location at a particular time in order to do a particular thing that God has called us to do, and our happiness and our fulfillment depends upon discerning what that thing is,” Bishop Campbell said to about 300 young people at Westerville St. Paul Church on Saturday, March 10.

The bishop began his talk by asking the youths to see themselves as “spiritual beings in a (human) body” and to look at themselves and ask “What are your eyes for? Your ears, your lips and tongue? What are you for?”

“If the eyes are for seeing, what do you see?” he asked. “The things we see ... have a very interesting way of planting themselves in our minds. ... What you’re hearing affects your minds. ... A word has power not just simply because we speak it, but because another hears it.”

“We are absolutely unique. There is no one who is our clone,” he said. “And so we pray to God that we fulfill that vocation ... and then we ask God ‘What is it that I am here to do?’

“It may not be anything large in the world’s estimation. It may be a simple word spoken at the right time. ... Words tell people who you are,” Bishop Campbell said. “Sometimes a very simple gesture will allow you to fulfill your vocation. ... As Jesus said, ‘Let the eyes see and the ears hear and your

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lips be the message that people need to hear.’ ... You’ve got to listen. Pray that God reveals to you what at every moment of your life He’s calling you to do, for if you miss that chance, it may never be repeated.”

“What you do in your body is going to express who you are as persons,” the bishop said. He asked the young people to recall the Confirmation homily he delivered to most of them, which concluded with the message to “Remember your dignity. Remember who you are. See it, hear it, speak it, and you will find enormous happiness and peace.”

Following his talk, the bishop invited the young people to question him. Several asked him to recall what his own youth was like and how he discerned his call to the priesthood. He told them his decision to become a priest did not come until after he had received master’s and doctoral degrees from the Ohio State University and spent nearly a decade as a teacher, including two years at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

After leaving Columbus, he spent several years teaching at California State University-San Bernardino, where his students included a group of Mexican sisters whom he helped obtain teaching certificates. He said that at the conclu-



Top left: Father Steve Ryan, SDB. Top right: Bishop Frederick Campbell has rally participants get up and stretch. Above: An adoration chapel at the rally. Right: Rally leaders perform a dance routine Saturday afternoon.

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sion of his work with them, they told him they had been praying for him to become a priest, and it was then that he began thinking about the possibility.

He was in his mid-30s at the time and said that it took him two more years to decide. He had concerns about being too old to be a priest, but within six months as a seminarian, he realized he had found his calling.

Asked for a favorite Scripture verse, he recalled the story of the blind beggar Bartimaeus in the Gospel of Mark and said he often thought of the beggar’s request, “I want to see.”

“Isn’t it remarkable that the first thing Bartimaeus saw when he was healed was the face of Jesus?” Bishop Campbell said. “Isn’t that what we should turn our eyes to as well?”

He noted that an expression heard frequently in the Psalms is “Lord, turn not your face from me.” “God never turns his face from us. We turn our eyes away from Him,” the bishop said. “So much of the process of conversion is slowly turning our eyes toward God, and we see God through the humanity of Jesus.”

The weekend began Saturday morning and concluded with Mass the next day. It included music, games and other

social activities, as well as workshops on relationships, stress, food, sacred silence, Latino spirituality, the Liturgy of the Hours, and the *Lectio Divina* method of prayer and Scripture study.

Father Steve Ryan, SDB, director of youth ministry for the Eastern Province of the Salesian Fathers, was the keynote speaker and addressed the youths at three general sessions, with his overall theme and that of the conference being “On Holy Ground.”

His Saturday afternoon talk, given just before Bishop Campbell spoke, talked about the roadblocks which keep people from a full relationship with Jesus.

Father Ryan illustrated the talk by taking a cross and placing a bag of potato chips, a television remote, a computer mouse, a wallet, car keys, a tube of suntan lotion, sunglasses, jewelry, a cell phone, clothes, and a can of beer on its arms. By the time he was finished, those items had hidden the image of the crucified Christ.

“What’s happening to Jesus?” Father Ryan asked. “You can’t see Him. We come to Jesus and say ‘I love You, but I want all this other stuff. Are we going

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Patrick

Did you become more motivated to stand up against evil in our world last week? Maybe you even got angry. I know that my anger remains. I feel helpless against the godless, self-serving, secular society in which we find ourselves. I feel guilty that we have allowed this to happen. What can I do? How can this change? Unfortunately, it has all become so political. These wretched phonies have taken it upon themselves to enter into every part of our lives and to tell us how to live. Our Faith and religious freedom are the “final frontier.” They seem committed to boldly go where few have dared to go before. As we said last week, we must pray and fast for change, especially during Lent. We must attend Mass and receive the Eucharist in great numbers. Thankfully, we have our bishops and Church legal experts who can tend to the pragmatic issues of fighting for our Catholic morals and values via the political and legal system. They also lead us in prayer and in strongly voicing our opposition to this evil. We are only as strong as our faith. Pray, fast, go to the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation, receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and do not back off from our solidarity as Catholic Christians.

St. Patrick is one of the best-known and favorite saints in the Church. His witness to his Faith and his God are truly legendary. He lived, preached, and bore witness to the mission of the Church in the fourth century. That does not make him very contemporary, but does it make him relevant? If we see the amount of attention his memory receives each March 17, we should conclude that he is still very relevant. Parades and an overabundance of green are fine ways to show our devotion, and to celebrate Irish heritage. But what of our current issues regarding our Faith, and the surging attacks on Catholicism? Could St. Patrick’s Day become a world-wide opportunity to show that we are all united as Catholics and will fight for our Faith and religious freedom? Could the focus and thrust of parades and celebrations, especially in the United States, be on our unwavering commitment to all human life and our morals and values? What if we all hoisted positive signage with a clear message, instead of beverages?

When a teenage Patrick was sold into slavery, he experienced many challenges. His faith and prayer eventually helped him to be liberated. Here is a portion of his “Confessio,” written during his captivity. Apply these words to the great challenges we face as Catholics today: “The love of God and His fear increased in me more and more, and faith grew in me, and the spirit was roused, so that in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers, and in the night nearly the same, so that while in the woods or on the mountain, even before the dawn, I was roused to prayer and felt no hurt from it, whether there was snow or ice or rain; nor was there any slothfulness in me, such as I see now, because the spirit was then fervent within me.”

Our practical challenge this week is to celebrate our Catholic Faith by showing how unashamed and unafraid we are to stand firm in our morals and values. Use the natural and spiritual motivation of the pure love that is Jesus Christ and celebrate life, love, and religious freedom in the true spirit of St. Patrick. Pray and live as he did, and we will slowly and deliberately change the hearts and minds of many, as good and faithful stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese



DeSales Mock Trial

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School recently was full of lawyers and witnesses who were trying to discern whether a student’s rights were violated when police used a warrantless search of cell phone records to track his movements.

It all was part of a fictional mock trial case from the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education, which mirrors an actual case making its way through the justice system. DeSales sent five teams to the Ohio mock trial district competition, with one of the five advancing to regional competition. Winning outstanding attorney awards were Jordan Noble, Nicolas Danner, Hershey Millner, and Jessica Johnson. Chosen as outstanding witnesses were Rob Shields, Andrea Martinez, and Nicolas Danner.

Photo: Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School students chosen as outstanding attorneys or witnesses in district Mock Trial competition were (from left): first row, Andrea Martinez, Jordan Noble, Jessica Johnson, and Hershey Millner; second row, Nicolas Danner and Rob Shields

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

Modesty Fashion Show

Marion Citizens for Life will sponsor a modesty fashion show and luncheon for women of all ages at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Cornerstone Alliance Church, 2010 Marion-Marysville Road. The featured speaker will be author and

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GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

Tricia Wessels' fourth-grade Ohio history class at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School had its annual U.S. geography bee during Catholic Schools Week. Students had to know the states and capitals and the location of each state, without looking at a map, starting in one state and traveling around the compass. Bee winners were (from left) Andrea Bergman, Braeden Craig, Grace Crosswell, Collin Dugas, and Sophia Cegledy

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SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS



The top three spellers in Columbus Holy Spirit School's 2012 spelling bee were (from left) Brenna Kilbarger, Stephen Cottrill, and Andrew Heinmiller

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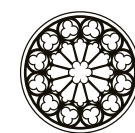


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LÆTARE SUNDAY, THE MIDPOINT OF LENT

When we read scriptures, we find the number 40 is used quite often. It occurs during the account of the great flood. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Moses went up Mount Sinai and spent 40 days before coming down the mountain with God's Commandments. The Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent for each cycle of the *Lectionary* is taken from the synoptic Gospels recounting Jesus' fasting and being tempted by the devil for 40 days in the wilderness. It seems only appropriate that our Lent is 40 days long.

This weekend, we celebrate *Lætare* Sunday. The name comes from the first word of the Latin Introit (*Lætare - Rejoice*) that begins the Mass for this Sunday. The vestments may be rose in color for this celebration. Even flowers may be used around the altar on this (and only this) Sunday of Lent. The music may also be more festive, and even the organ may be played without the assembly's voice.

It is often noted that *Lætare* Sunday is the midpoint of the Lenten season. *New or Old Math*, it's not the numeric midpoint of the season (we have celebrated three Sundays and 22 weekdays of Lent). However, it is the midpoint of the scripture lessons we are given in the Gospel passages selected for the weekday celebrations of the Mass through the Lenten season.

The Gospel readings used for the weekday Lenten Masses up to this time have come from the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). The Synop-



tic Gospel passages stress a call to conversion and discipleship. They speak of beginning anew, of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving; of conversion; of mutual forgiveness; of hardness of heart; of love of enemies; of absolute claims of justice and love over ritual and cult; of the call to holiness, and other passages that stress conversion and what it means to be a disciple.

The readings for the second half of the weekday Gospels for Lent, with the exception of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, are from the Gospel of John. These passages present the mystery of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for whom

John says that all who believe in him will have eternal life. These passages present Christ as the healer and life-giver and as the one who gives life through his confrontation with death and gathers into one all the children of God. All of these passages, whether heard at Mass or studied individually, help us understand our role as a disciple of Christ, and that through Christ, we have eternal life.

These lessons are important to our experience of the Lenten season. The Gospel passages from the first half of the season shape our understanding of discipleship. They are important as we reflect on how we live our faith. They are the measure that guides our reflection during this season. The Gospel passages that we are about to hear during this second half of the Lenten season focus our attention on the rewards offered by our life of discipleship.

Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Lunch

Teacher Rachel McVay and preschool student Connor Canei enjoy pancakes at Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School's annual Fat Tuesday pancake lunch. The Chris Cakes company visits the school each year on the day before Ash Wednesday. Families and staff get to "catch" their pancakes as they are flipped from the grill.

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The church and indulgences; Catholics practicing yoga

Q. I enjoy your simple explanations to questions you are asked. My question is this: What happened to gaining indulgences?

Years ago, we were encouraged to say certain prayers or to perform certain acts to help ourselves or the souls in purgatory, so that after death, we or they could be excused from some of the punishment due for our sins and be able to enter heaven more quickly.

Since I don't have any children who will request Masses for me after I die, I'd like to "earn some credits" now.

I don't hear much about indulgences anymore. Does the church still believe in them?

(Nearly identical questions from Lumberton, N.J., and Port Matilda, Pa.)

A. The doctrine on indulgences has been part of the church's teaching for at least the past 1,000 years.

The current *Code of Canon Law* devotes six separate canons to the topic, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks of indulgences in nine different paragraphs.

But the topic seemed to have faded from prominence until it was revived by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000, as part of the celebration of the church's third millennium, and again by Pope Benedict XVI to mark the year of St. Paul in 2009.

The rationale behind indulgences is that the church, as part of its authority from Jesus to "bind and loose," is empowered to use the merits gained by the sacrifice of Christ and the good works of holy men and women -- and then to apply those merits to reduce the time of purification necessary for some people before they enter heaven. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1478).

The description of an indulgence in your question is an accurate one. It involves "the remission before God of temporal punishment for sins whose guilt has already been forgiven," and "the faithful can gain partial or plenary indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead." (Canon Nos. 992, 994.)

According to the church's *Enchiridion* (manual) of



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

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Indulgences, a partial indulgence can be gained by such acts as: raising the mind in prayer and invoking the help of God; offering one's time or resources to help a person in need; sacrificing something pleasurable as a penance; or giving open witness to one's faith in front of others.

A plenary indulgence (the remission of all temporal punishment) is granted for such specific acts as: reading or listening to the Scriptures, or adoring Jesus present in the Eucharist -- either of these for at least half an hour; making the Stations of the Cross; or reciting the rosary in a church or in a family or community setting.

An indulgence can be gained only by those who are in the state of grace, and a plenary indulgence also requires receiving holy Communion, making a sacramental confession, and praying for the pope's intentions, as well as forsaking any attachment to sin.

Indulgences have had a checkered history in the church. The abuse of indulgences (granted for such things as contributing to building projects) led Martin Luther in 1517 to denounce the "selling" of indulgences, thus igniting the Protestant Reformation.

Misunderstandings continued as time went on. Many were puzzled when an indulgence of 300 days was attached to a certain prayer. They wondered what the remission of 300 days in purgatory could possibly mean in an eternity where time itself means nothing.

In fact, what it meant was that saying that particular prayer had merit equivalent to what a sinner in the early church gained from doing penance for 300 days.

This lack of clarity led Pope Paul VI in 1967 to modify the rules for indulgences and redefine partial indulgences, so that now there is no designation of

days or years.

Q. A fellow choir member does yoga. She is one of the most spiritual, peaceful, happy persons I have ever known. She suggested that I might want to try yoga because I have been having some really bad panic attacks.

But she also told me that yoga was against our religion, and that absolutely floored me.

It seems to me that as long as you are not "bowing" to someone else's god, the church should have no issue with yoga. Can you explain to me, in very simple terms, the Catholic position? (Egg Harbor City, N.J.)

A. The answer to your question "what does the Catholic Church think of yoga?" is: It depends.

Yoga is an Eastern physical and mental discipline with close ties to the Hindu religion. Obviously, if one were to study yoga seriously under a Hindu swami with a view toward adopting the philosophy and world view from which it was born (with its aspects of pantheism and reincarnation), that would run contrary to Christian beliefs.

But there are plenty of people today who use yoga simply to tone the limbs and soothe the stress of life, as a methodology (not a theology), to center one's being through breathing and movement, so as to attain inner quiet.

In 1989, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith delivered a letter to Catholic bishops titled "On Some Aspects of Christian Meditation."

In that letter, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) suggested, with regard to techniques of Eastern spirituality, that Catholics could "take from them what is useful so long as the Christian conception of prayer, its logic and requirements are never obscured."

He also noted, "Some use Eastern methods solely as a psycho-physical preparation for a truly Christian contemplation."

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



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Six Columbus Bishop Hartley High School athletes have signed letters of intent to compete at the collegiate level next year. Pictured are (from left) Deanna Mascia, soccer, Ohio Dominican University; Mary Prunte, field hockey and lacrosse, Robert Morris; Brent Wahle, soccer and football, Ohio Dominican; Lauren Hurley, volleyball, Northern Kentucky; and Justin Alexander, soccer, Ohio Dominican. Not pictured is Jessica Carpenter, who will swim for Bowling Green State University

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

March 24 Open House at Josephinum

Tours of the Pontifical College Josephinum at an open house on Saturday, March 24, will highlight its Gothic architecture, extensive woodwork, stained glass, terrazzo floors, intricate brickwork, and sacred art. Rare books and manuscripts from the Josephinum library will be exhibited.

Admission and parking are free. Tours will begin every half-hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will last for approximately 45 minutes. Reservations are encouraged, but not required.

The public also is invited to a lecture on “The Philosophical Question of Christ in St. Anselm, Dante, and Chesterton” with Caitlin Gilson, chairman of the college’s philosophy department, in the Jessing Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22. The lecture is part of the Josephinum’s series on “Priests, Poets, and Philosophers,” which provides

class credits to seminarians and also is open to anyone else interested in becoming more involved with the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Young men discerning a vocation and interested in seminary life are invited to a live-in program at the Josephinum from Thursday to Saturday, April 26 to 28. The college hosts such weekends twice a year for high school juniors, seniors, and college students. Those taking part will experience the college’s prayer life, academic classes, and communal worship, interact with seminarians, faculty, and staff, and hear introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program.

For information call the Josephinum at (614) 885-5585. Information on the live-in is available by contacting Father John Rozembajgier at (614) 985-2244.

Local clergy offering a host of pilgrimage opportunities in 2012

Area Catholics interested in making pilgrimages to Italy, Medjugorje, or Ireland can accompany several local priests and deacons to those holy sites this year.

ITALY

June 18-28 -- Father Charles Klinger will lead an “Italian Treasures” pilgrimage, with visits to Rome, Lucca, Florence, Venice, and Assisi.

For information, contact Polaris Traveler at (614) 371-7281

Sept. 8-16 -- Father William Hritsko will escort travelers to Rome, Tuscany, Florence, Assisi, and Venice. For details, contact Proximo Travel at (1-855) 842-8001.

Oct. 21-30 -- Father Justin Reis will take pilgrims to Rome and central Italy, including Siena, Florence, and the Tuscan countryside.

Contact Father Reis at (614) 889-2221, extension 113.

Oct. 29- Nov. 9 -- Deacon Felix Azzola will host a pilgrimage to Milan, Bergamo, Venice, Florence, Assisi, and Rome.

Contact Deacon Azzola at (740) 363-4641.

Nov. 5-15 -- Deacon Bob Ghiloni will lead his 20th pilgrimage to Italy, with stops in Rome, Venice, Florence,

Sienna, San Gimignano, Pisa, Loppia, Assisi, and Orvieto.

Contact Deacon Ghiloni at (740) 345-1122.

MEDJUGORJE

Oct. 29-Nov. 8 -- Father Adam Streitenberger will lead pilgrims to Bosnia-Herzegovina to the site of reports of apparitions of the Blessed Mother at Medjugorje.

Contact Cindy Lane (614) 361-1042.

IRELAND

June 11-22 -- Father Patrick Toner will lead a tour of Ireland and Northern Ireland, including St. Patrick’s grave in Downpatrick, Belfast, Derry, and Mass at the site of the Blessed Mother’s apparition at Knock.

For information, contact Father Toner at (614) 873-8850

Aug. 26-Sept. 2 -- A pilgrimage of a different sort will include the season-opening football game between Notre Dame and Navy at Dublin’s Aviva Stadium. On the spiritual side, the trip will include visits to Kylemore Abbey, Knock, Galway Cathedral, and St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

Contact Prime Tours at (1-877) 289-5554.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION HOSTS CONVERSATIONS ON CHARITY SERIES

The Catholic Foundation hosted the second in a series of four *Conversations on Charity* last week. The program topic was “*Catholic Schools Education: Focusing on our Future*.” More than 50 guests from the around the diocese were in attendance. Panelists included Daniel F. Curtin, retired executive director of the chief administrators of Catholic education at the National Catholic Educational Association; Bishop Frederick Campbell; Patrick Rossetti, retired educator and principal in the Diocese of Columbus; and Dr. Peter Cimbalic, president of Ohio Dominican University.

The speakers addressed national best practices and trends in Catholic school education, practical perspectives, and sustaining the continuum of Catholic school education. Bishop Campbell presented his thoughts on guiding principles for Catholic educa-

tion in our diocese. A lively question-and-answer session with the audience and panelists took place following the presentations. This event will be rebroadcast on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 on Saturday, March 17, at 11 a.m.

The Catholic Foundation will complete the *Conversations on Charity* series by hosting two additional events this spring, focusing on the topics of vocations and parish life.

The Catholic Foundation’s mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic diocesan foundations in the nation, distributing more than \$60 million in the diocese since 1985. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

LIVING Faith

The Beauty of Spiritual Direction

It was only a few years after I became Catholic that I started working for our parish office. I spent at least two years exclaiming in shock and delight about the many different “secret handshakes” of our Catholic faith.

My entry to the Catholic Church was preceded by my ego and my pride. I walked into each RCIA class, and even the vigil Mass, saying, “I don’t have to do this.” I refused to do any extra reading or research (and the Internet was not what it is now). If Father couldn’t answer my questions, then I’d know that the Catholic Church was a hoax.

I defined a “secret handshake” as anything that seemed to be just common knowledge to everyone except ... well, the rest of us. (namely, me, the new Catholic.)

One of the “secret handshakes” I discovered was spiritual direction.

I resisted it for a long time. For one thing, there was the discomfort (and the joy! The relief! The clean slate!) of Confession to get used to.

For another thing, who am I to need spiritual direction? At the time, I was a parish secretary and a wife. Period. I have since grown into my various



Finding Faith in Everyday Life

Sarah Reinhard

additional roles of mother and aunt, publications editor and ministry scheduler, chief bottle washer and diaper-changer, chauffeur and encouragement expert, writer and blogger.

Looking at the current list of my roles, I suddenly realize, with a clarity born of the computer screen in front of me, just why I needed spiritual direction back then when life was far simpler and much less colorful!

Life holds, for each of us, a wonderful tapestry of opportunity. It’s helpful to have someone who is firmly founded with God and on our side—but not necessarily in the midst of our personal chaos—to give us perspective.

My confessor doubles as my spiritual director. Over the years, some of the insights he’s tossed my way have floored me. He’s a priest I admire and love very

dearly, and maybe that’s why I’m able to take his advice and suggestions to heart.

I’ve recommended to many of my friends and family over the years that they consider spiritual direction as an indisputable part of their schedule. Without fail, they ask me, “Why?” or give me a look akin to what my seven-year-old gives me when I suggest cleaning her room would be a fruitful exercise.

Spiritual direction is the “secret handshake” that I believe is probably most underused by the average Catholic. After all, you’re just a normal person. You’re not Saint So-and-so, and you’re not in a religious community, and you’re not doing anything more important than just living your life.

WRONG!

The work we each do, in our witness to those in our everyday lives, should not be underestimated or downplayed. God put you where you are. God will give you the graces you need to do the important work he has in store for you. Why not take this opportunity during Lent to reflect on your own spiritual direction and find a director to guide you in your spiritual life?

Reinhard is a member of Plain City St. Joseph Church and writes from her home in central Ohio.

Lenten reflections from a Florida vacation

By Nancy Grilli

When the winter winds drive the central Ohio temperatures into the teens, my husband and I sometimes head to Florida and rent a condo for a few weeks. There, we ignore the ripped screen on the balcony door and the dripping faucet that plinks out a plea for a repair. After all, we are not there for work; we are there for pleasure. We loiter around the pool reading books and magazines, do a little shopping, take long walks on the beach, and occasionally coax the happy-hour clock forward when friends drop by. I am content to follow this beach routine for a couple of weeks, but then my restless spirit scouts for something more fulfilling than the ebb and flow of the tides.

This year, we noticed that the local Catholic community offered a Sunday afternoon concert, and we happily attended. This type of concert might not glean a sizeable audience in Columbus, but there in Leisureland, they squeezed into the benches like Buckeyes in the Horseshoe. Each of the four parish choirs in the Orlando Eastern Deanery filled the large sanctuary with an assembled chorus of voices to offer praise to God and shift our focus toward Lent.

As I contentedly listened to the unfolding program, my mind drifted back to earlier days when our family attended Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. We often sat near my cousin Joe and his family, and I always noticed that the first thing Joe did when he got himself settled in his seat was page through the songbook, stopping every little bit to scan a selection. Intrigued, I asked

him one Sunday why he did that. He responded with his signature laugh, explaining that he was looking up the songs listed on the song board to see if there were selections he enjoyed. I thought of Joe while I sat at that Florida church concert as one inspiring hymn followed the next. The congregation was invited to join in the opening “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” and the closing “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name.” If Joe had sat with us, I bet he would have been pleased with those and with the intervening choir offerings of modern inspirations and old standards, including a couple of Latin hymns.

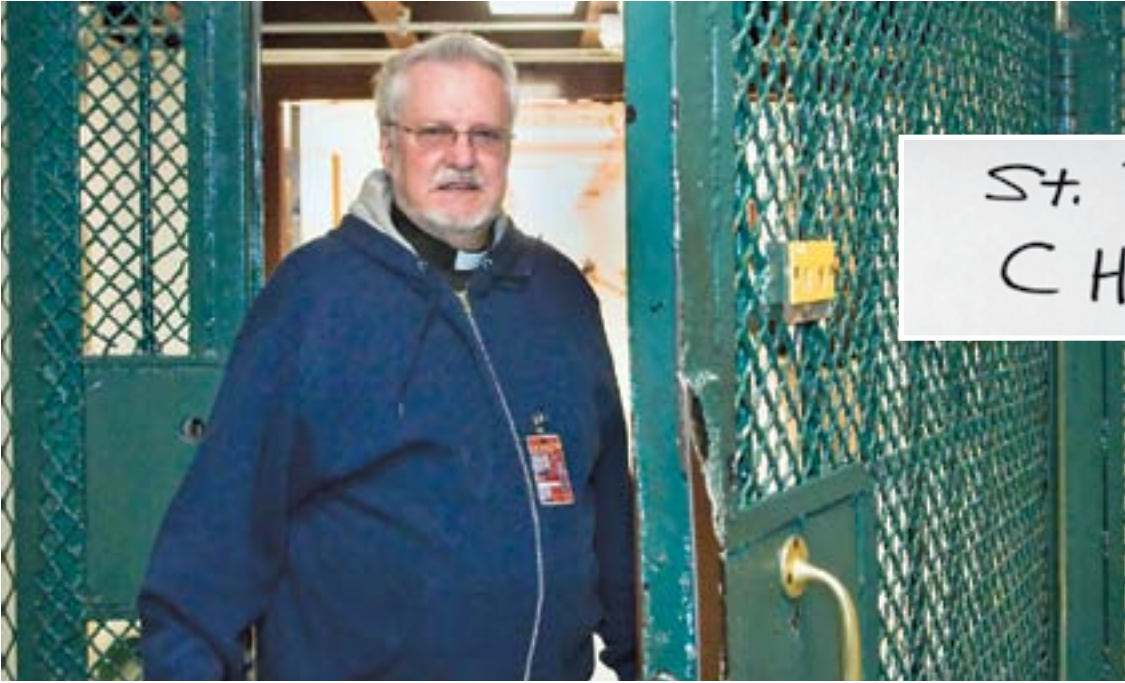
The slow tempo of the concert allowed me time to reflect on my life journey. Pleasure could be put aside for 40 days. It is a time for work. Like

the dripping faucet, there are things about myself I can no longer ignore, and, like the ripped screen, there are relationships that I need to mend. The lyrics reminded me of God’s great love for me and his call to pass that love on to my neighbor.

Just as Joe likes to flip through the pages to see what might be in store, I can figuratively flip through the pages of Lent, and I am encouraged. Today, I know that ahead, there is Eucharist on Holy Thursday and forgiveness on Good Friday. Today, I know what those first disciples of Jesus could never have imagined when they began to follow Him -- Easter will come and the opening hymn will be “Christ the Lord is Risen Today.”

Nancy Grilli is a member of Groveport St. Mary Church.

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Father Homer Blubaugh stands at the door where public access ends at the London Correctional Institution. A handmade sign marks the prison chapel, named for the “good thief” crucified with Jesus

Prisoners receive the Eucharist from Father Blubaugh at the London facility’s weekly Mass. Father Blubaugh visits the institution every Wednesday afternoon, and a group of Catholic laymen come on Sundays for a Bible study and a Scripture service. Prisoners also gather to recite the rosary on Tuesdays CT photos by Jack Kustron

PRISON MINISTRY BRINGS FREEDOM TO CONFINEMENT

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Think of the word “prison” and chances are the first image that comes to mind is of a rather dark, forbidding place where not much hope is likely to be found.

But for some prisoners, their incarceration becomes a means of salvation, with the light of Christ shining through that darkness to bring their souls freedom in the midst of their confinement.



Pete Snyder

One of those men is Pete Snyder, who is in the last few days of serving a two-year sentence at the London Correctional Institution in Madison County.

“When I came here, I was completely lost, depressed, sad, lonely,” Snyder said. “I’d pretty much given up on life. I knew I’d be here for a while and felt I didn’t have

a whole lot to live for. So since I was raised as a Catholic, I started going to Mass here and met Father Blu (Father Homer Blubaugh). I began to listen to him and then to talk to him. I found someone who was willing to listen, cared for me a lot, and was deeply worried about all of us prisoners.

“Father Blu’s normally here every Wednesday for Mass. Other Catholic gentlemen come here on Sundays, and I found them to be the same way. That meant a lot to me. After a while, my outlook on life began to become different, and it was really a wonderful change. I went to Mass every week and began saying the rosary. After a while, other prisoners would come to me and say they wanted to talk about God and the Catholic Church. That rosary opened a lot of doors.

“When I leave prison, I want to help kids who have no food, clothes, or housing,” Snyder said. “I’ve found through Father Blu and the other Catholic men who come here that one man can change one life, and I’d like to do the same. Years ago, I used to think that to change people’s lives, you had to have a lot of money. But I’ve learned differently through my experience here.”

Snyder’s story is one of many examples of the positive effects of prison ministry in the Diocese of Columbus. Another is that of James McKinney, who has served 22 months of a two-year sentence at LCI and recently received the Sacraments of Initiation as a Catholic.



James McKinney

“Before I got incarcerated, I was kind of lost,” he said. “I knew I was searching for something, but wasn’t sure what. I came from a Protestant family and was taught to steer away from Catholics, but had met some on the outside and thought they were good people.

“Then I came here and found a Catholic catechism in my (cell) block. I began reading that and became more familiar with the Church and began coming to Father Blu’s Mass,” he said. “The more I got involved, the more I felt the faith made sense. Father Blu would answer any question I have, so I began taking instructions with him one-on-one. Because I’m due to get out soon, he speeded up the process, and I was baptized on Feb. 1.

“Becoming a Catholic has strengthened my personal relationship with God and made me a better person. I think this was the thing I said I was searching for. I’m not sure what’s going to happen to me, but I know Jesus will be there with me where

ever I am.”

Michael Bess, who is in his seventh year at LCI and his 28th year as an inmate in the Ohio prison system, said, “Father Blu’s a big inspiration to all of us who come to Mass regularly. We know he’s someone who will talk to you, and we can level with him about what’s going on in our lives. It’s the same with Father Dean (Mathewson of Columbus St. Thomas Church), who also comes here. We love them, and they’re a real blessing to us.”

Bess is in charge of setting up the altar for the weekly Wednesday Mass celebrated by Father Blubaugh, priest moderator of Columbus St. Agnes and St. Aloysius churches. About 20 people come to the weekly Masses in a room set aside as a chapel, with the number usually larger for feasts such as Christmas and Easter. In addition, Catholic laymen from various parishes come on Sundays for a Bible study and Scripture service, and the rosary is recited on Tuesday evenings.

“We’re all like a family,” Bess said.



Michael Bess

“We inspire each other. When the ‘regulars’ don’t see one of us at Mass, we remind him that we haven’t seen him and we miss him.”

“Wearing blue (the color of inmates’ clothing), we’re all equal,” Snyder said. “I would never have thought it would be this way, but being in prison where we see each other all the time creates a great bond and a feeling of brotherhood among those of us who attend Mass regularly. No matter what you’re in for, we’re the same before God.”

That bond was obvious during the ritual of peace at the prison Mass on Wednesday, March 7. The 17 prisoners in attendance didn’t greet each other with the perfunctory handshakes often seen at this point, but took several minutes to exchange hearty handclaps, with everyone greeting Father Blubaugh, all the other inmates, prison officials present, and two visitors from the *Catholic Times*. Copies of the newspaper, along with *The Word Among Us* and other Catholic publications were taken back to their cells by many inmates after Mass.

One prisoner who is not a Catholic said the *Catholic Times* brought a remarkable change to his life. He is Robert Melchior, 63, who said he has spent 40 years in prison, first in California and then in Ohio, where he was sentenced to death in 1976 for killing a man in a robbery. He was on the state’s death row until the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Ohio’s death penalty unconstitutional in 1978.

Melchior became a Christian in



Robert Melchior

2006 and wrote of his conversion in June 2008 in the *Catholic Times*. In that story, he noted that he had a daughter he had seen only as an infant before he committed the crime which caused him to be sentenced to death.

He said he was estranged from his family, so it took several years for the newspaper story to make its way to a cousin in California. The cousin sent it to Melchior’s daughter, who lives in Arkansas.

“On the 12th of last month, my daughter called me, our first contact in 37 years,” Melchior said. “She told me my mother had died, which I hadn’t known, and that I’m a grandfather and have a granddaughter. My daughter said she had grown up hating me, but she also had become a Christian. Reading my testimony after getting it from my cousin changed her whole heart about me, and she forgave me. The Lord took my mother from me, but gave me my daughter back.”



Melchior said he has earned three college degrees while in prison. He goes before the state parole board in June for a hearing which could lead to his release and what he hopes will be a reunion with his daughter. He said he has been offered housing by a friend in an Ohio community if he is set free.

“Drugs made a mess of my life, and everybody gave up on me, but I’ve been able to help people through Jesus, who can do anything,” he said. “If I get out, I want to come back to prison, but this time to do prison ministry. I want to teach young kids and show them where drugs will take them, so they don’t make the mistakes I did. My father was the same type of man I became, and I want to break that curse.”

“Father Blu and the Catholic men who come here regularly provide a very powerful witness, and their work is deeply appreciated,” said Jeff Noble, deputy warden of LCI, the state’s oldest prison. Its roots go back to 1924, when it was founded as a farm to serve the former Ohio Penitentiary in downtown Columbus. The prison’s main building was completed in 1929.

The medium-security institution has two full-time chaplains – Tom Davis, a Methodist, and Steve Cahill, a Baptist minister – who have served as prison ministers for 24 and 22

years respectively and conduct regularly scheduled interfaith Protestant services and activities. In addition to having regular Catholic visitation, it is visited twice a week by an Islamic imam. In addition, representatives of other faiths occasionally ask to visit or come to the prison at the request of inmates.

Davis said about 200 of the prison’s 2,300 inmates are involved with spiritual activities on a weekly basis. “That may seem like a small percentage, yet when you look at surveys of the general public and see the percentage of people who say they go to church every week, it’s about the same,” he said.

He said plans are being made to set aside part of the facility as an interfaith “spiritual dormitory” for prisoners who are actively involved in various religions. Davis said it would include Christian, Islamic, Jewish, Native American, and Wiccan representatives and would be operated as a Horizon community. Horizon is a program designed to teach prisoners to be servant leaders and is an outgrowth of the Kairos prison ministry. It already has set up a community at the Marion Correctional Institution.

Kairos is an interfaith program that takes place twice a year in hundreds of prisons nationwide, including 17 in Ohio. It conducts weekends with

a format similar to Cursillo, Cum Christo, and other three-day renewal activities. Kairos weekends have taken place in the Diocese of Columbus since the mid-1990s. They involve groups of 42 inmates, cost about \$7,000, are put on by teams of 40 to 60 volunteers, and dispense 10,000 dozen home-baked cookies throughout the institution.

LCI had its first Kairos weekend last fall and has another one scheduled there for May 3 to 6. Other upcoming Kairos weekends are scheduled in April at state prisons for men in Lucasville and Nelsonville and at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville. Prisons in Chillicothe, Orient, and Marion also take part in the program.

Deacon Greg Eiden was assigned full-time to the Kairos program in the diocese in 1996. “I had been recruited to be a prison chaplain for several months, and I agreed to go with a couple of the deacons once just to get them off my back,” he said. “I enjoyed every moment, but went home and had no intention of going back. Then one of the deacons called in sick and I was asked to go back to the women’s prison in Marysville. The women there said they had been praying I’d come back, and that did it for me.”

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“Working with prisoners has brought me great satisfaction ever since,” Deacon Eiden said. “I know God already is with the inmates in the Kairos program, but my presence helps them find God within themselves.”

Deacon Gerard Tracy was involved in the first Kairos weekend at LCI and will be part of the one scheduled in May. He worked with the Cum Christo program for many years and began to be part of Kairos weekends at the Marion prison about eight years ago.

“You see the Holy Spirit work right in front of your eyes at a Kairos weekend,” he said. “You see some of these hardened guys break down and say it’s the first time they ever cried. Watching the way these guys react has brought me much closer to God.”

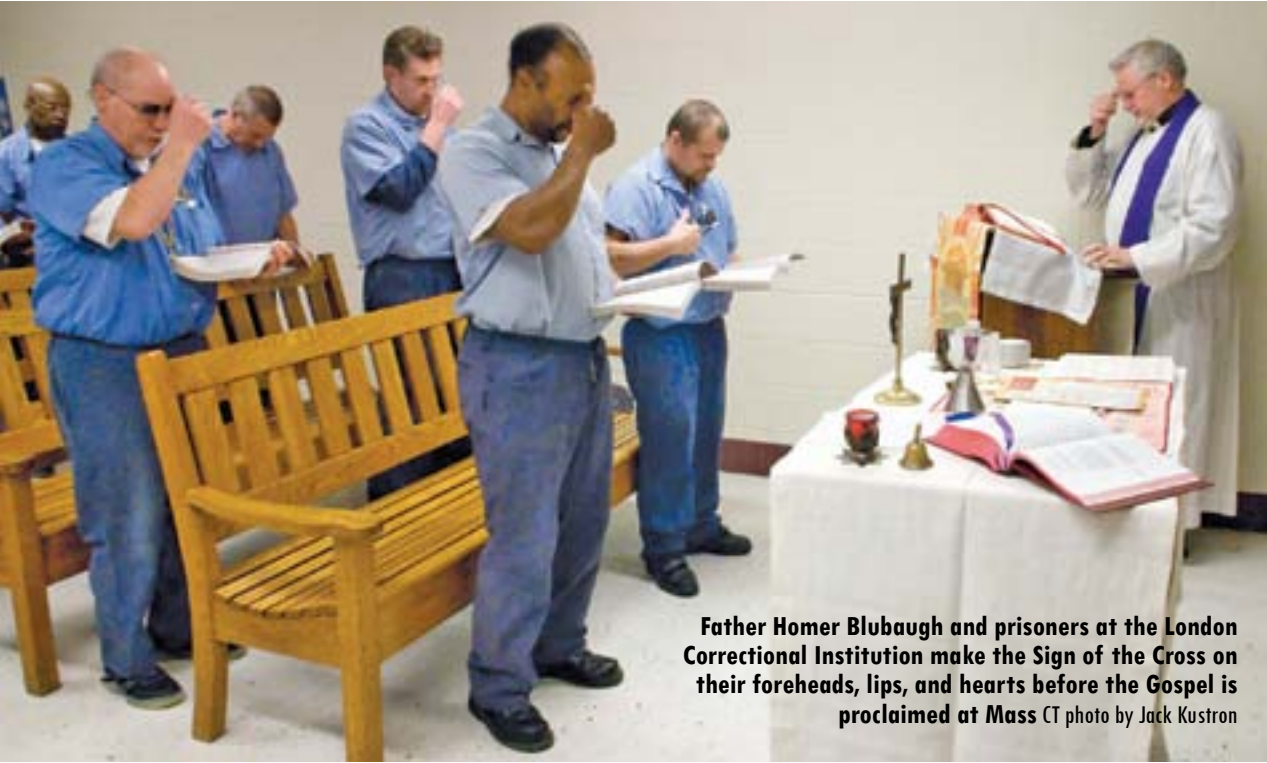
Kairos draws volunteers from parishes throughout the diocese and from several other Christian denominations. In addition, some diocesan parishes have individual prison ministries, with one of the largest being that of Columbus St. Cecilia Church.

St. Cecilia has been working since 1997 with inmates at the Corrections Reception Center in Orient, where prisoners become adjusted to life in the state penal system before being sent to the facilities where they will serve most of their sentence. St. Cecilia parishioner Scott Campbell said about a dozen men from his parish go to the prison each Saturday, in rotating groups of three, for Bible studies, discussion of basic church teachings, and witnessing.

“We want to give prisoners hope at a time when they don’t know what their future is going to be, other than it will involve being part of the prison system for a period of time,” he said. “It’s been shown that inmates who get involved with faith-based programs in prison are less likely to be incarcerated again. We want to show them they have the chance to take a negative situation and turn it into a positive one.

“Probably our biggest challenge at Orient is that it’s a place where most prisoners stay maybe a month or two before moving on, so it’s rare to be working with the same group of men for very long.”

Campbell said he would like to form a Catholic-



Father Homer Blubaugh and prisoners at the London Correctional Institution make the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads, lips, and hearts before the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass CT photo by Jack Kustron

based re-entry program to help prisoners on their release from jail, but has been unable to do so, mainly because he’s been unable to find the funding to make it work. Activities involved in such a program would include job training, housing, and training in readjusting to life outside prison.

Father Blubaugh began visiting the London prison five years ago at the request of Bishop Frederick Campbell, replacing Father Patrick Toner, pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church. “The inmates are more approachable and open than I at first thought they would be,” he said. “I’ve found those who come to Mass regularly do it because they have a real hunger and thirst for the faith.

“After Mass, I’m happy to spend as long a time with them as they want. One thing I’ve found is that whenever someone wants to talk to me, I’d better see him right now, since he might not be here next week because he’s been transferred or paroled.

“The hardest part for many is dealing with whatever their family situation is. It’s difficult to stay in touch, and many of the younger guys get divorced. There are other cases where an inmate’s children don’t understand what’s happened to their father because they’ve been told he’s going away, without being told why. It’s not difficult to have family visitation here, so I encourage anyone with a family member in prison to visit often.”

Other diocesan priests involved with prison ministry include Father Lawrence Hummer, Father William A. Metzger, Father Joseph Trapp, and Father Patrick Toner.

Father Toner, pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church, has been in prison ministry for 20 years. He visits the women’s prison in Marysville every week and also has served at prisons in Lucasville and London. He said about 80 women attend Mass at the Marysville prison each week.

“I’m drawing far more women at Marysville than I did men at London or Lucasville,” he said. “Perhaps it’s because women tend to be a little bit more religiously oriented or inclined in that direction.

“I find that inmates are the most appreciative group of people I work with. Their response to whatever I have to offer is always encouraging. Most pastors would love to have 15 people at a Bible study. I expect at least that and sometimes have to limit the size of the group. This makes prison ministry something I always look forward to. Even on Christmas, when Mass comes at the end of a long day and it’s my fifth Christmas Mass, it’s always crowded, and seeing the women’s enthusiasm for hearing the Gospel energizes me.”



**ST. ANDREW
SCHOOL NEWSPAPER
FOR FUND RAISER**

Sixth-grade students at Columbus St. Andrew School recently created a school newspaper. Each student wrote a story for the paper. The students sold the newspaper to the student body to raise money for the American Cancer Society in honor of Sandra Frazier, Spanish teacher at the school, who is a cancer survivor. She is training for the Cap City half-marathon with the DeterminiNation training team. Sales of the St. Andrew Gazette raised \$269 to help her fund raising efforts, which to date have exceeded \$1,000

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to be able to see Jesus? The problem with America is you can’t have enough Jesus if you have too much junk.”

“Do you really want a relationship with Jesus?” Father Ryan asked, using a skit showing the faith of the Roman official Jairus and of the woman who knew she could be healed by merely touching Jesus’ cloak to provide examples of strong faith.

Another skit conveyed the message “Don’t split Jesus from real life” by showing a young man being visited and transformed by Jesus, but telling him “You wait here” and, through his

choices, nailing Christ to a cross of the youth’s own making.

The final roadblock discussed by Father Ryan was pride, “a sense of exaggerated self-preoccupation ... worrying so much about me that I forget about Him.” He said this type of behavior prevents honest communication in daily life, marriage, business, and even the priesthood, because it reverses what should be the order of importance in relationships.

“Pride makes that order you, others, and Jesus, when it should be Jesus, others, and you – J-O-Y,” he said.

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Columbus Bishop Watterson High School seniors (from left) Maggie Wilson, Peter Fiala, and Mary Brahos have been selected as National Merit Scholarship finalists for their academic ability and potential for success in college studies. More than 15,000 finalists, selected because of their scholastic record and their scores on the 2010 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, are in the running for about 8,400 merit scholarships worth more than \$34 million. Scholarship winners will be announced beginning in April

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Cycle B)

God’s repeated attempts to save his people



2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

The link between the Second Chronicles reading and the Gospel reading must lie in the repeated attempts God has made to save the people (from themselves). Their repeated sins eventually provoked God’s anger. This led to Israel’s enemies carrying out divine punishment for sins until finally, the walls of the city of Jerusalem were torn down and the city was laid waste.

The survivors were either scattered or taken captive in Babylon. Finally, Cyrus, the Persian king, granted them reprieve and set them free to return to Jerusalem and repair its walls and rebuild its Temple. All of this the Lord had done.

This reflects a consistent theology throughout I and II Chronicles (which are one book in Hebrew Bibles) of divine retribution for those who do evil and of divine reward for those who do good.

The theology of the author reflects the attitude of a Jewish writer late in the Persian period (perhaps 350 BC?) of Jewish history, who was living in Judah after Cyrus had freed the exiles who had gone into exile in Babylonia in 586 BC.

The section for our Sunday reading is from the end of the book, and, in fact, ends the arrangement of the Old Testament literature in Hebrew Bibles.

Because Christians cling tightly to the idea that Jesus fulfills the prophets, we arrange the Old Testament literature in such a way the prophets come last and provide the lead-in to the New Testament. Thus,

for Jews, these are the last words of their Bible: “May the Lord his God be with him and let him go up.”

This was probably added at a later time, derived from Ezra 1:3, which are the same words. But it helps to end Chronicles on an up note.

Anyone who approaches Jerusalem must always “go up,” because it sits atop Mount Zion and one can only get there by going up. Thus, Jews today still joke that to leave Jerusalem is to take a step down, meaning nothing is greater than the city of Jerusalem, because that’s where the Lord is, in the Temple. But history has seen the destruction of that Temple by the Romans, so that only the “wailing wall” is left.

Nonetheless, the hope of “going up” can be taken in many ways, and it remains a hopeful thought and is a perfect way to end their sacred writings.

The Gospel from John involves the night visit of Nicodemus, a Pharisee, who comes to Jesus seeking explanations for some of his teaching. That Nicodemus came at night suggests that he was coming out of the darkness of ignorance into the light which Jesus brings to the world, in the symbolism used so often in John’s Gospel.

This section is a continuation of that discussion, with Jesus pointing to an incident from Numbers 21:9 which, in origin, seems to be magic, but which John uses to be a sign of what is going to happen to Jesus.

John sees him “lifted up” in at least two ways. Clearly, the lifting up on the cross is one way, but John also has in mind the lifting up in glory in the resurrection and the ascension to the Father.

The well-known John 3:16 (“For God so loved the world that He sent his only-begotten son ...”) speaks of God’s love for the world in giving the Son, in language both of sacrifice and of grace. And the Son did not come into the world to condemn it, but to save it. This is an invitation to Nicodemus, and to us, to choose the light of the Son to guide our way.

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary, can be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

The Weekday Bible Readings	
MONDAY	2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Psalm 89:2-5,27,29 Romans 4:13,16-18,22 Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a or Luke 2:41-51a
TUESDAY	Ezekiel 47:1-9,12 Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 John 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY	Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18 John 5:17-30
THURSDAY	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106:19-23 John 5:31-47
FRIDAY	Wisdom 2:1a,12-22 Psalm 34:17-21,23 John 7:1-2,10,25-30
SATURDAY	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 7:2-3,9b-12 John 7:40-53

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2012

SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable system for WWHO’s cable channel listing.
Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378) (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).
Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

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

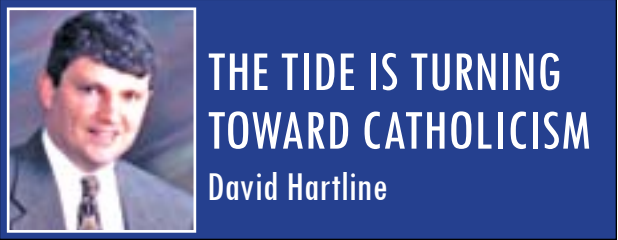
We pray Week IV, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Lent is More Than Half Over

We are more than halfway through Lent, and now is the time to assess our growth in the Faith. In some ways, Lent is like spiritual training and exercise as we prepare for Christ’s death and resurrection. The best “thank you” gift we can give Christ is the seriousness in which we grow in our faith and service to others. However, all too often, we get caught up in the daily grind and our routines. What better time than Lent to assess whether our daily grind and routines are really so necessary.

Often when perusing the Internet to check on the latest news, sports, and weather, I get diverted into other subjects, which isn’t in and of itself wrong, just a diversion that often wastes time. For example, while writing this column, I took a break to check on some of my favorite religious news websites. Somehow, I got sidetracked and found myself reading an interview discussing a favorite rock band from the ’80s and the rankings of their most popular albums. Now, I knew this, anyway, and what some other fan thought about particular album *x* rather than particular album *y* is really immaterial, since it is only their opinion, which shouldn’t have any impact on my opinion. There you go: a few minutes that I will never get back and could have been spent doing something more productive or spiritually enriching. A lesson learned.

Yet, this is the weapon of the dark side, keeping us in the dark and away from something spiritually



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

rewarding. Thankfully, because of Lent, we should be more cognizant of what we are doing, and thus avoiding things which do no one any good.

There are many Lenten programs that promote better use of our time. The 40 Days for Life movement has certainly brought to the forefront issues of human life that we are all aware of, yet become more aware of during Lent. Another movement is the “giving up Facebook for Lent” movement, which asks the faithful to take the time they would usually use for Facebook and divert it to prayer, scriptural, and spiritual reflection. Many people are amazed as to how much time they spend on Facebook.

We all know family and friends who are immensely talented in some area, yet they frivolously waste their time on something that, to us, seems so inconsequential. Perhaps now is the time for us to ponder the areas of our lives in which we also frivolously waste our time. In addition to time, how much money do we waste on

bad habits? Perhaps we could figure out the cost of that and give it to those who really need it this Lent.

I can still hear the voice of my eighth-grade teacher at Marion St. Mary School, Sister Mary Gregory, exhorting someone in the class who found money in the floor to put it in the mission bank which was in the front of the classroom. Sister reasoned that since no one knew whose money it was, they wouldn’t miss it, while the poor would be grateful for their charity. It made sense then and now.

Perhaps now is the time to ponder how we can help some Catholic charity or any charitable agency with some of the fruits of our labor. God knows the government takes our money, and God only knows where it goes and what it actually does. At least with some charitable group, there is the hope that someone who needs it will get a good portion of what we gave.

After we elect people to public office, the responsibility is theirs, and they will answer accordingly for what they did or didn’t do. However, this Lent, we can start by putting our own house in order so that we can be a beacon to others in showing Christ’s light to a world that desperately needs to see it.

Hartline is the author of *The Tide is Turning Toward Catholicism* and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

Teacher Appreciation Day



Columbus St. Cecilia School first-grade teacher Breanne Murrell was overwhelmed when students surprised her as part of teacher appreciation day for Catholic Schools Week. Parents came in during the day and took over classrooms so school staff members could eat together. The students made thank-you cards for the teachers and brought them African violets. Murrell, a first-year teacher, has 34 students and a part-time aide

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ALBERT, Olive V., 97, March 1
OurLadyofMountCarmelChurch,BuckeyeLake

ALLEN, Bettie L., 87, March 5
Holy Family Church, Columbus

ARNETT, Elizabeth A., 70, March 5
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

AUGUSTINE, Guido, 81, March 7
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

BENDER, Mary C., 90, March 7
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

BERCHAK, Kenneth W., 71, March 11
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

COLBURN, Jeffrey A., 50, formerly of Colum-
bus, March 7
St. Wendelin Church, Fostoria

ELDER, Mary L., 88, March 8
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

ERSEK, Mary O., 84, March 9
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

FISHER, George M. Jr., 86, March 7
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

FLYNN, John W., 82, March 11
St. Paul Church, Westerville

FRANK, John "Fritz," 76, March 7
Pope John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester

GIFFEN, Catherine M., 93, March 6
St. Leonard Church, Heath

HAMMOND, Roy V., 86, March 8
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

HIETTER, Charles J. "Joe," 81, formerly of
Columbus, March 6
Sacred Heart Church, Bellevue, Wash.

KELLER, Barbara A. "Sally," 90, March 9
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

LESKO, Dorothy A., 86, March 10
St. Mary Church, Groveport

MALONEY, Kevin G., 58, March 10
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

MANTER, Louise M., 92, March 8
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

MARTIN, Terri L., 52, March 2
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove
City

McKEE, Terri L., 53, March 5
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

McPEAK, Viola H., 89, formerly of Columbus,
March 10
St. Jerome Church, Plantation, Fla.

O'SHEA, Kathleen, 69, March 7
St. Mary Church, Marion

PETERSON, Mary M., 97, Feb. 27
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

TAYNOR, Michael E., 50, March 9
St. Mary Church, Chillicothe

WILSON, Geraldine R., 86, March 13
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

YEGHER, Joseph A., 94, March 6
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

Sister Mary Grace Burg, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Grace Burg, SNDdeN, 86, who died Satur- day, March 10, will be held Monday, March 19, in the St. Julie Chapel at the Mount Notre Dame Convent in Cin- cinnati. Burial will be in the convent cemetery.

She was born in 1925 in Dayton to the late Frank and Grace (Horst) Burg, and was a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur for 66 years.

She was a classroom teacher for 35 years in Ohio schools. In Columbus, she taught at St. Joseph Academy from

1953-56 and 1958-60, Bishop Hartley High School from 1960-64 and 1967- 84, and Southern Ohio College from 1987-88. She also taught in Hamilton, Dayton, and Cincinnati.

After leaving the classroom, she served in several staff roles at her order's provincial headquarters in Cincinnati. She spent the last three years of her life in community service and in the congregation's ministry of prayer.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

DeSales Mothers Club Luncheon

The Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Mothers Club will present its eighth annual mother-daughter luncheon, with a theme of "Imagine, Believe, Achieve," from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. The cost is \$22 per person and includes lunch, dessert, and beverages.

Matt Ryan of WNCI radio will be master of ceremonies, with Monica Day of WCMH-TV as guest speaker. Senior scholarships will be awarded, there will be door prizes, and baskets will be raffled off.

For questions or additional informa- tion, contact Tracey Moody at tracey- moody@att.net or (614) 402-5165.

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Sister Ruth Suedkamp, SNDdeN

Funeral Mass for Sister Ruth Sued- kamp, SNDdeN, 94, who died Friday, March 9, was held Wednesday, March 14, in the St. Julie Chapel at the Mount Notre Dame Convent in Cincinnati. Burial was in the convent cemetery.

She was born July 29, 1917, in Ham- ilton to Henry and Julie (Forstmeyer) Suedkamp. She took the name Sister Mary Cyril when she entered the Sis- ters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1937. She professed her first vows in 1939 and her final vows on Aug. 31, 1944.

She was a teacher from 1941-45 and 1953-56 at Columbus St. Joseph

Academy and from 1959-78 at Co- lumbus Bishop Hartley High School and also taught at schools in Dayton and Chicago. In 1980, she enrolled at The Ohio State University as a stu- dent of pharmacology. From 1981-94, she was assistant pharmacist at the Mount Notre Dame Health Center. She retired in 1994 to part-time com- munity service and prayer.

She was preceded in death by her parents and seven brothers and sisters. Survivors include one sister, Marie (Bud) Eichhold, and many nieces and nephews.

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All fund-raising events (festivals, ba- zaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more informa- tion, call Deacon Steve DeMers at 614-224-6530 or 800-511-0584.

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Continuous, sidewalk in front of Complete Healthcare for Women, 5888 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. 40 Days for Life Lenten vigil at abortion clinic. 614-445-8508

15, THURSDAY
20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. 614-406-9516
Bishop Ready Band Concert
7 p.m., Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. Music in Our Schools Month band concert, featuring Ready students and members of feeder schools fifth- through eighth-grade bands. 614-276-5263

16, FRIDAY
Job Fair at Westerville St. Paul
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Activities Center, St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Job fair sponsored by Stewardship Employment Ministry. Contact tnnansm@gmail.com.

16-18, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Charismatic Retreat at St. Therese's
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Men's and women's retreat sponsored by diocesan Catho- lic Charismatic Renewal, directed by Father Clifton Bish- op Jr. of Bethlehem, Pa. Theme: "Heavenly Movie Trailer," based on Revelation 22:7. 614-237-7080

17, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654
Feast of St. Patrick Mass at Holy Cross
9:30 a.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick. 614-224-9522
Catholic Foundation Program on Utica Shale Boom
10 a.m. to noon, St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover. Catholic Foundation seminar to discuss the Utica shale boom, with attorneys from Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease of Columbus. 330-364-6661
NFP Information Session at St. Matthew
10 a.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Information session for Natu- ral Family Planning. Pre-registration required. \$10. 614-309-4347

Focolare Chiara Lubich Memorial Mass
11 a.m., St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Colum- bus. Memorial Mass to commemorate the life of Chiara Lubich, founder of the Focolare movement, sponsored by Ohio Focolare. Reception to follow at 7086 Cypress Drive, Westerville. 614-895-0764

18, SUNDAY
St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grand- view Ave., Columbus. "Read Aloud: The Confessions of St. Patrick." 614-488-9971
Praise Mass at Seton Parish
11:15 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Praise Mass with contemporary music by parish's small musical groups. 614-833-0482
St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
2 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Rosary and ongoing formation followed by social time, general meeting, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. Dave Orsborn, SFO 614-282-4676

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

19, MONDAY
Bishop Campbell Visits St. Mary Magdalene School
10:30 a.m., St. Mary Magdalene School, 2940 Parkside Road, Columbus. Visit by Bishop Frederick Campbell. Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Thomas
7 p.m., St. Thomas Church, 2692 E. 5th Ave., Co- lumbus. Meeting of Charismatic Prayer Group. 614-832-9525

20, TUESDAY
Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting at Josephinum
11:30 a.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Colum- bus meeting and election of officers, with Father Peter Gideon, pastor of Lancaster St. Mark Church, speaking. Reservations required.
Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, spon- sored by church's respect life committee.
ODU Information Session on TESOL Masters Program
6:30 to 8 p.m., Room 274, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. In- formation session on master of arts degree program for teaching English as a second language. 614-251-4725
'Catholicism' Series at St. Pius X
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Video of "The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit," Part 8 of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series, followed by discussion. 614-866-2859

Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark
7 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. 740-653-4919

Discovery Night at Bishop Ready
7 p.m., Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Co- lumbus. Discovery Night, featuring question-and-answer session with administrators and students for parents and guardians of students in fifth to eighth grades. 614-276-5263

22, THURSDAY
20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. 614-406-9516
'Courage' Support Group Meeting
7:30 p.m., A Catholic organization providing support for individuals with same-sex attractions. 614-436-8676
Mary Louise
Philosophy Lecture at Josephinum
7:30 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Public lecture on "The Philo- sophical Question of Christ in St. Anselm, Dante, and Chesterton" with Josephinum philosophy chair Caitlin Gibson. 614-885-5585

23-24, FRIDAY-SATURDAY
DeSales Presents 'Anything Goes'
7 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Co- lumbus. School drama department presents Cole Porter's "Anything Goes." 614-267-6822



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School will present the Cole Porter musical “Anything Goes” at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24 and 30 and 31.

The action of “Anything Goes” takes place aboard the SS American, a luxury liner sailing from New York to England in the 1930s. Once on board, the audience is introduced to a cast of colorful characters who are sure to keep them entertained.

Billy Crocker, played by James Walsh, is a self-proclaimed “broken-down broker” from Wall Street who finds himself stowed away on ship hiding from his irascible boss, Elisha J. Whitney, played by Joe Chagnon. Billy runs into an old flame, Hope Harcourt, played by Emily Iwaskiewicz who is sailing along with her mother, played by Ashley Putnam, and her fiancée, Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, portrayed by Daniel Kelly, to England to be married. Billy sets out to win Hope back from Sir Evelyn and to stay clear of his boss throughout the journey.

Kevin Walsh portrays Moonface Martin, also known as Public Enemy No. 13, a less than notorious gangster, and his moll, Bonnie, is played by Ali Paquette. Moonface dodges FBI agents by disguising himself as a minister, causing a case of mistaken identity as the ship sails. He is erroneously taken for Bishop Henry T. Dobson, played by Ian Saunders, who is traveling with



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two Chinese converts, being played by Eric Meyers and Rocco Iacoboni.

The final passengers to embark on the journey are Reno Sweeney, played by Katie Myers, and her 4 Angels, portrayed by Hershey Millner, Kerri Moore, Danielle Perri, and Meghan Springer. Reno, a former evangelist turned night club singer, and her back-

up singing and dancing Angels offer many lively routines that will have audiences tapping in the aisles.

Tickets are being sold during school lunch periods and will be available at the door throughout the run of the show. All seats are reserved.

Tickets are \$10.

Photo on left: James Walsh (as Billy Crocker, left), Katie Myers (as Reno Sweeney), and Kevin Walsh (as Moonface Martin) affirm their alliance in a song called “Friendship”

Photo on top: Ali Paquette (as Bonnie) with a group of women doing the “Heaven Hop”

“Calligraphy: It’s Not Just for Bibles Any More”



Calligraphic creations by Sandy Schaad and Carol Kimball Sunday, March 18 to Monday, April 30 Martin de Porres Center

The Calligraphy Guild of Columbus is well represented by the two professional lettering artists, Carol Kimball and Sandra Schaad, exhibiting their creations at the Martin de Porres Center, March 18-April 30, in a show titled, “Calligraphy: It’s Not Just for Bibles Anymore.” All are invited to attend the opening reception with the artists on Sunday, March 18, 2:00-4:00 PM, at the Center, 2330 Airport Road, Columbus 43219.

Carol Kimball has been expressing her talent through letters since 1978, honing her skills by studying with the top lettering artists from the United States and Europe. She was involved in the formation of the Calligraphy Guild of Columbus 31 years ago, serving as president five times. Sandra Schaad has been in love with letters since third grade, when nuns had her trace and cut letters from paper to be used on bulletin boards. That love blossomed into a Bachelor of Fine Arts from The Ohio State University and international travel to pursue studies with world renowned calligraphers. Kimball and Schaad served as co-directors of “Celebration”, the 23rd international Lettering Conference in 2003.

After the opening reception, gallery hours will be by appointment only. Please call 614-416-1910 to schedule a visit to the exhibit.

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Pope Benedict XVI shakes hands with Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury, leader of the Anglican Communion, during a private audience at the Vatican on March 10.
CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters



Women run from the scene of a bombing at St. Finbar Catholic Church in the Rayfield suburb of the Nigerian city of Jos on March 11. The bomb detonated as worshippers attended the final Mass of the day, killing at least 10 people at the church in Jos, a city where thousands have died in the last decade in religious and ethnic violence.
CNS photo/Reuters



Cardinal Jaime Ortega Alamino of Havana speaks to people on March 7 after a Stations of the Cross procession during preparations for Pope Benedict XVI's upcoming visit to the city. The pope will visit Cuba from March 26-28.
CNS photo/stringer via Reuters

COME JOIN THE HIGHLAND FLING-BIBLIOBENEFIT VIII

On Friday, April 27, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN) will present BiblioBenefit VIII, "The Highland Fling," at the parish hall of Columbus St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road. The Fling will honor St. Margaret of Scotland, a queen who was known for her great charity to the poor. Following the example of St. Margaret and many other saints, JOIN works to help anyone in need who qualifies for assistance.

For needs from birth to death, JOIN is here to offer true Christian charity when an emergency interferes with clients' ability to live in human dignity. The economic problems of recent years have caused a tremendous increase in the needs of central Ohioans. JOIN is serving an average of 100 families daily. "Come JOIN the Highland Fling" will raise funds which directly help families and individuals to become self-sufficient and lead the lives for which God created them.

The annual tradition of BiblioBenefit entertainment by diocesan clergy,



religious, and volunteers will be presented in Scottish song, dance, and humor. A unique silent auction and "Nessie's Book Nook" will entice thrifty guests to splurge a little and help in JOIN's mission. A buffet will feature Scottish and American dishes, and the "St. Andrew's 19th Hole" will offer the evening's signature drink, a "Scotch Bishop."

Reservations are required and may be made by check for \$50 per person to JOIN/BiblioBenefit VIII. Send by Friday, April 20, to JOIN/BiblioBenefit, in care of Alice Heller, 578 E. Main St., Columbus OH 43215. No credit cards will be accepted for reservations or at the event. For information, call Norma Johanni at (614) 451-2863

St. Margaret of Scotland, patroness of BiblioBenefit VIII, was born in 1045. After her father's death, when England was conquered by the Normans, Margaret and her mother left for the continent, but were driven ashore in Scotland during a storm at sea. King Malcolm III took them under his protection and eventually married Margaret.

As queen, Margaret's influence was significant in the cause of religion and piety. In addition to her charitable work for the poor, she was influential in a synod which reformed the regulation of the Lenten fast and observance of Easter Communion. Margaret was canonized by Pope Innocent IV in 1250.

Photo: "Come JOIN the Highland Fling" committee members prepare to welcome guests on April 27 at St. Andrew Parish Hall. They are (from left): back row, Rise Casteel, Jeane Zettler, Alice Heller with "Andrew the Westie" dog, Norma Johanni, Liana Saas, Sister Sharen Baldy, SCN; front row, Christine Hanf, Jean Finn, Ruth Beckman, Teresa Montavon



DeSales students in regional art show

The visual arts department at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School had five pieces selected for the regional Governor's Art Show. Student artists pictured are (from left): first row, Mara Ludwig (painting) and Megan Wanner (ceramics); second row, Becca Dowling-Fitzpatrick (painting), Kyra Hess (painting), and Yakimia Smith (painting)

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