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The Editor's Notebook

Easter Sunrise

By David Garick, Editor

The dawn breaks. In the east, the black sky fades to gray and purple, a warm glow of pink and yellow warms the horizon, light shines forth over the earth, and a new day is here. It happens every day. But on Easter morning, it takes on special beauty. On this day, it is more than the start of another day. It is the fulfillment of the promise that, whatever happens in our lives, we have hope and salvation through Christ.

It all starts with light. The book of Genesis tells us, “In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth and the earth was without form or shape, with darkness over the abyss and a mighty wind sweeping over the waters—Then God said: Let there be light, and there was light. God saw that the light was good.” Man was placed on earth to live in the light of God’s creation. But sin was also in the world, and man succumbed to it. And with sin came darkness. Not the natural darkness of night, but the cruel, cold darkness of separation from God and spiritual death.

But in spite of our sinful natures, God always loved mankind and each and every one of us. He did the only thing He could to bring us back to His perfect love. St. John explains: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be. What came to be through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.”

The Son of God chose to come among us as one of us. Fully God, yet also

fully human, He experienced the full range of humanity. He grew hungry and ate with us. He grew weary and rested among us. He felt joy, friendship, adulation, and love. He dealt with sorrow, loss, rejection, deceit, and pain. He shared in our humanity so that He could share with us his divinity. We did nothing to deserve any of this. Out of nothing but pure love, He showed us the way. In Matthew’s Gospel, we hear His words, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

But the darkness of sin still pervaded the earth. Christ had to go to that ultimate step of facing and overcoming the final darkness of death to make a way for all of us to join Him in everlasting love and glory. The day after His crucifixion was indeed a dark day – the ultimate darkness, as the very light of God was extinguished from the earth. What pain and desolation His disciples must have felt in that darkness.

But the next morning, the first Easter morning, that darkest of all nights was split by the most glorious of all dawns. Light overcame darkness; life overcame death. Christ was victorious over a sinful world and the door to paradise was opened for all eternity to those who love and follow Him.

Every Easter morning, we rejoice anew to the arrival of the light of eternal joy that is promised to each of us in His presence in heaven.

He is Risen! Alleluia!



COLUMBUS SEMINARIANS ADMITTED TO CANDIDACY FOR HOLY ORDERS



The liturgy of Evening Prayer marked a defining moment in the priestly formation of 11 seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Tuesday, March 27, when Bishop Leonard Blair of Toledo admitted them to candidacy for Holy Orders in St. Turibius Chapel. Three of the 11 — Sean Dooley, Cyrus Haddad, and Vincent Nguyen — are from the Diocese of Columbus. The Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders is celebrated when a seminarian has reached a maturity of purpose in his formation and has demonstrated the necessary qualifications for ordination. In the presence of the bishop, he publicly expresses his intention to complete his preparation for Holy Orders and his resolve to fully invest himself to that end, so that he will serve Christ and the Church faithfully. Pictured are (from left) Father James Wehner, STD, rector-president of the Josephinum, Nguyen, Bishop Blair, Haddad, and Dooley.

Photo by Josephinum seminarian Patrick Welsh



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My brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Easter often marks two realities, one religious and the other natural. For Christians, it is the most important feast day of the Church’s calendar, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus to new life. Since, however, it always occurs in the spring, Easter may mark the renewal of nature and the expectation of new growth as well. But this year, the weather surprised us by bringing spring, while yet the calendar told us it was still winter, so eager was nature for new life. Yet, years of experience tell us to be cautious about expectations concerning the weather. This year, I had to go to Rome to see snow.

Although the weather may not be certain, the Christian proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is. The annual celebration of Easter, whatever may happen around us, is the reaffirmation of this fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and those faithful to Christ will experience a like resurrection.

The celebration of Easter is the source of that Christian hope that, as Juliana of Norwich, a noted mystical writer, once wrote: “All shall be well; all manner of things shall be well.” This belief is not to be confused with natural optimism. It is a belief rooted in the assurance of the victory of Jesus over all things that could threaten human dignity, including even death itself. Proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus, Christians do not deny the reality of challenges or disappointments in this earthly life, but assert the belief that, in the end, Jesus will be the victor. So Christians live this life with purpose and hope, thanking God for the joys that we experience, praying His assistance in difficulties, knowing that human life can be renewed as all nature can be. In this belief, Christians can experience one of the greatest gifts that Jesus has bestowed, the gift of peace.


May the peace of the risen Lord be yours, today and always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
Bishop of Columbus



EIGHTH-GRADERS FROM LANCASTER ST. MARY SCHOOL PRESENT THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS


Photo courtesy St. Mary School



PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

3 Days



“It is finished.” My last three words state a simple fact, and my human spirit is delivered to my Father. At long last, the suffering is over. The agony, pain, humiliation, and rejection are now gone. Deliverance and salvation are here. Death must precede the Resurrection. But is the pain really over? My Resurrection will conquer sin and death forever. Salvation and eternal life are here for all, if they simply follow me. I do so love my brothers and sisters, and I know them all too well. The agony and suffering have not ended completely. Sin will always be there. The same people I love perfectly and infinitely will tell me so, and then turn their backs on me with sinful acts. The murder, wars, dishonesty, selfishness, injustice, and greed cause me great pain and sorrow, especially as a man. But hope springs eternal. I do know my people. I love them and they love me. I will never abandon them. None of my pain can surpass the overwhelming love in my Sacred Heart. My time in the tomb, and at the same time my presence in Heaven and Hell, will manifest the New Testament with my people. All souls are to be released from the bonds of Adam’s sin, and salvation is for eternity. No greater love can be shown than what I have just done.

It is now Saturday, and the ultimate joy I feel in anticipation of the Resurrection cannot be measured in human terms. My precious body lies waiting for the event that will change the world forever. Will it forever change the hearts and minds of my people? Yes, it will. It must! The whole reason for my being, and the specific reason for my Incarnation through the will of the Father and the life of the Holy Spirit, is the coming glory of the Resurrection. All the Scripture, all the parables, all the miracles, all the cures, and my example can now be manifested and understood. My disciples will be the first to believe. So many more will follow. Even though sin will remain in the world, it can no longer win. My way, my love, and my very Body and Blood will never be lost. The road is difficult for my people, but I will always be there. No one is alone. That is the promise and truth of the Resurrection. As your God and brother, I so look forward to walking alongside you on earth and embracing you one day in Heaven. My grace and love will forever lead more to me, as will be evidenced on so many Saturdays for centuries to come, when our brothers and sisters are joyously welcomed into our community of faith at the Easter Vigil.

It is sunrise on Easter Sunday! The Alleluias are deafening. The three days in the tomb were necessary for my people, so they will believe. My love and salvation now fill the world and all of humanity. Suffering and death can never again touch my glorified body. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, never to be separated, are truly one again. God’s mystery is beyond comprehension. God’s love is omnipresent. What joy there is in knowing that my people are now free to enter the paradise of Heaven for an eternity of new life. Our love must endure forever. People cannot carry on my infinite legacy without my love. I cannot help them if they do not love me in return. I will love, they will love, and this love will ultimately conquer all evil, and will never die. My Resurrection is the totality of everything for everyone. Remember, love one another as I have loved you. It is not finished; it is just the beginning.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese

Letter of intent signed



Columbus Bishop Ready High School senior Ashley Nitsch will be playing volleyball next year at Columbus State Community College. Shown at the signing of her letter of intent are (from left) Christine Nitsch, her mother; Ralph Locke, Ready athletic director; Christine; Celene Seamen, Ready principal; and Richard Nitsch, her father.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

Service Saturday

Catholic Social Services is sponsoring its sixth annual Service Saturday on May 19. Volunteers will help older adults and disabled individuals in Franklin County who need help with small home repairs, painting, yardwork, or other special projects.

Volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave. Coffee and doughnuts will be available, as well as box lunches, T-shirts, and supplies for the day, and there will be a short orientation and training session.

Anyone who knows of someone aged 60 or older or a disabled person of any age who lives in Franklin County and could benefit from the assistance provided by the volunteers is asked to contact Tara Cox at (614) 857-1238 or tc Cox@colscss.org by Thursday, April 19, with the following information: name, address including ZIP code, telephone number, and project idea. Make sure you discuss the event with the individual before making the referral.

Anyone interested in volunteering may call Stephanie Jursek at (614) 857-1216 or sjursek@colscss.org. The deadline is Monday, May 7. Those unable to volunteer who are interested in helping the program by purchasing supplies may send donations to Cox at Catholic Social Services, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus 43215.



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Group Visits Indiana Town Devastated by March Tornado

Parishioners of Plain City St. Joseph Church visited Henryville, Ind., at the southern edge of the state, on a recent Saturday. The group, members of the St. Martin de Porres Society at St. Joseph’s, delivered a vanload of pillows and bedding to the town of approximately 9,000 residents, located 22 miles north of Louisville, Ky. Following is an accounting of what they found, as submitted by Gloria Butler, mission director of the society.

“As we approached the town on Interstate 65, signs of damage were visible as far as one could see in every direction. Cars and trucks smashed like plastic toys, houses, barns, businesses, schools, and churches – nothing but enormous piles of rubble. Buildings slid hundreds of feet into the middle of farm fields. Huge trees uprooted, with bright daffodils, blooming upside down, hanging in midair, from the tree’s giant root balls.

“Just inside the edge of town, signs of hope began to appear. After reconfirming directions, because of confusion about some former landmarks that were all of a sudden gone, the group found its way to the center of town and to the parking lot of St. Francis Xavier Church. A comforting sign read ‘Catholic Relief Services,’ and fully activated disaster recovery teams of volunteers were everywhere! One group was emptying the church, which was moderately damaged. The rectory next door appeared to be a total loss. Trucks were being loaded with debris. More trucks arrived every few moments with supplies.

“Another group was preparing grilled chicken lunches for workers, even providing carryout service for cleanup workers in other parts of the town! At the center of all of this was the local priest, known simply as Father Steve. He was directing the salvage operations and answering questions from a steady stream of volunteers. Still, he took the time to stop and talk to visitors, even inviting us for lunch.

“He said he was overjoyed with the outpouring of help coming from so many places. Still, he said, the greatest joy was knowing that complete strangers were driving hundreds of miles to deliver much needed supplies that they could spare and share. He directed us to a nearby town, Jeffersonville, where we delivered the bedding to a huge warehouse a local business owner had donated for storage. Truckloads of items were arriving daily there as well, and families, who lost everything they owned, would soon be able to ‘shop’ to receive needed household things. In one area, there were rows and rows of TVs, new, in boxes. Toys were abundant, and household goods were being carefully labeled and stacked on pallets for distribution. Everyone working there was a volunteer.

“It was evident the town will be back! Stronger and better than ever, hopefully. The people, who lost so much in the fury of the tornado, are working together to make it happen. ‘Down, but not out,’ the warehouse volunteer matter-of-factly told us!

“A hard question to avoid, it is not our place to question or need to know ‘Why’? It is simply for us to believe ‘Thy will be done on earth.’ As we looked at the swath, the path the tornado took, the first thought was ‘How does one begin to fix this?’



Jim Butler (left) and Jim Bradley, members of Plain City St. Joseph Church and its St. Martin de Porres Society, deliver bedding to tornado victims in Indiana. Photo/St. Joseph Church

“The answer, as the clouds parted and the beautiful, bright yellow sun cast its warm rays over the area, was easy to find. One begins with a prayer of thanksgiving for all who were spared, for strength, for the goodness of each other and for the will to pick up the pieces, with the Lord’s help, one stick at a time, and move forward.

“As we drove away, the scene forever embedded in our heads, we saw another side of the church. The entire side, made up of rows of stained-glass windows, was undamaged except for one window. What was left of it indicated it was the Blessed Mother, with infant Jesus on her lap. Gone for a brief moment, to be restored, but certain to come back, even stronger and more beautiful than before.”

FATHER GIDEON TO LEAD PILGRIMAGES TO ITALY AND IRELAND

Father Peter Gideon of Lancaster St. Mark Church has announced plans for two pilgrimages during the next two years.

On Nov. 5, he will lead a group on an 11-day tour of the shrines of Italy. The cost for that trip is \$2,999 per person, double occupancy. Next year, on March 4, Father Gideon will take pilgrims on an “Irish splendors” tour lasting eight days. Its cost will be \$2,599.

Two information sessions are planned for the trips. The first is at 6 p.m. Tuesday April 10, at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church, 1325 Gallia St. The second is at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Lancaster St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St. Father Gideon also may be contacted directly at (740) 654-2874.



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EASTER SUNDAY

Sing Alleluias, for today we celebrate Christ's resurrection and the fulfillment of the promise that we, too, will rise from the dead on that last day. While there are so many things we

could say about Easter Sunday, there is an alternative prayer for today's "Office of Readings," from *The Liturgy of the Hours*, which speaks to us here at the Office for Divine Worship about today:



**God our Father, creator of all,
today is the day of Easter joy.
This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to those
who had begun to lose hope
and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold:
that first he must die, and then he would rise
and ascend into his Father's glorious presence.
May the risen Lord
breathe on our minds and open our eyes
that we may know him in the breaking of bread,
and follow him in his risen life.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

Today, Easter Sunday, and all Sundays are days for our jubilation, thanks, and praise for this gift of salvation won for us by God's only Son.

Join with our brothers and sisters in the celebration of the Eucharist where we "know him in the breaking of bread."

RAPE VICTIMS AND PREGNANCY;
MARRIED PRIESTS



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Many years ago, when I was attending a Catholic high school, I remember being told that a woman who has been the victim of a rape should call the police and ask to be taken immediately to a hospital, and that the hospital would then prevent the possibility of a forced pregnancy. Was that against church teaching? (Timonium, Md.)

A. Sexual assault is a violent crime. A woman victimized by rape should be treated with the utmost compassion by a hospital equipped to meet her physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs.

That hospital should counsel the woman in dealing with the trauma of the attack.

It should cooperate with law enforcement in gathering evidence and should guard against venereal disease.

Since the sperm is, in the case of rape, an unjust aggressor, the hospital may endeavor, by every moral means, to prevent fertilization and pregnancy.

The "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services" published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops set forth for Catholic hospitals what sort of medical treatment is morally permissible.

The document says, "If, after appropriate testing, there is no evidence that conception has occurred already, (the woman) may be treated with medications

that would prevent ovulation, sperm capacitation or fertilization." (No. 36)

Immediately, though, comes the caution that no treatments may be used "that have as their purpose or direct effect the removal, destruction or interference with the implantation of a fertilized ovum."

The sexually assaulted person should be advised of the ethical restrictions that prevent a Catholic hospital from using abortifacient procedures.

The consistent and strong belief of the church is that, however tragic the circumstances that created a particular pregnancy, this "can never justify the deliberate killing of an innocent human being." (Blessed Pope John Paul II's encyclical letter *Evangelium Vitae*, No. 58)

Q. Every week, it seems, we hear about the difficulties created in the church by the shortage of priests. So my question is this: Are we doing anything about it? That is to say, are we using any new and different techniques to attract young men to the seminary? And, oh yes, one more question: Is there some particular number, a magic threshold, that we need to drop below in order for the Holy Father to consider allowing parish priests to be married? (Queensbury, N.Y.)

A. On the "magic threshold," there is none. This reflects that the discipline of celibacy in the Latin Church did not take root in a formulaic

ratio of priests to people.

The practice of celibacy, which has been common for about 1,500 years (and the rule of celibacy, for 1,000), grew out of a conviction that a priest could devote more time and energy to his flock if he were freed from the immediate concerns of providing for the needs of his own family.

As to the shortage of priests, there is some good news. For the academic year 2010-2011 (the last for which figures are available) Catholic seminary enrollment in post-baccalaureate studies had risen in our nation by four percent from the previous year.

That welcome jump was probably helped by new recruiting tools your question asks about: websites that profile the lives of priests and seminarians, billboards, television commercials, etc.

Many dioceses have discernment groups that meet monthly for men thinking of the seminary, some of them older individuals considering a "second career."

In my own diocese, our bishop periodically hosts a pasta dinner, to which priests are invited to bring one or two young men they consider well-suited to the priesthood.

At these dinners, each priest who attends (and the bishop as well) speaks of what attracted him to the priesthood and what his experience has been.

Perhaps, if the recent upward tick should hold, these creative methods are making a mark.

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

Bishop Frederick Campbell's homily at the funeral Mass for Father Charles Griffin
in Chillicothe St. Peter Church on Friday, March 16:

"What does Athens have to do with Jerusalem?" Tertullian famously asked. One might ask as well, 'What does the Gospel account of the presentation of the Lord in the Temple have to do with the funeral of a faithful priest?'

"The answer to the second question is the one that the Church Fathers gave to Tertullian's question: 'Quite a lot.' And it is more than St. Paul's assertion that every word of sacred Scripture provides instruction for believers.

"When our Lord appeared before John at the Jordan for baptism, the Baptist protested, 'I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?' Jesus simply answered, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting to fulfill all righteousness.'

"Thus, submission to the demands of the Mosaic law and the human condition began at the very moment of Jesus' birth and infancy, when Mary and Joseph brought the child to the Temple to fulfill the commandment to ransom the firstborn in memory of the Passover of the Israelites from slavery to freedom, from death to life.

"This submission to the law by the son of God reveals a surprising depth and purpose in following the commandments. In our own time, the word 'law' conjures up a sense of restriction and unwarranted control of our creative impulses, but as Jesus both followed the law and fulfilled it, he revealed its inner freedom and its promise of deliverance from darkness and confusion.

"The Apostle James was to echo the words of Jesus when he admonished

his readers to follow the commandments: 'So speak,' he says, 'and so act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom.' And in accepting human death, Jesus triumphantly revealed new life.

"Isn't this why we celebrate the funeral of one among us who has died? We assert the power of the resurrection of Christ in those who St. Paul says were 'buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.'

"We bring the body of our brother, Father Charles Griffin, to the place where he faithfully celebrated Mass, our very participation in the death and resurrection of the Lord, and we offer this sacrifice for Father Griffin's good and for our consolation.

"In the Gospel scene of the presentation of the Lord, there appears the figure of Simeon, described as righteous and devout and waiting for the coming of the Messiah. He believed that if he but followed the path of righteousness defined in the law given on Sinai, he would see the consolation and deliverance for which he longed. His desire was granted, and he knew that his life had been fulfilled. He had seen the light and the glory of God.

"In a sense, I see a reflection of Simeon in the life of Father Griffin. His devoted commitment to following the righteousness of the Christian life and the responsibilities of his priestly ministry was a proclamation of the great Christian hope that in living the commandments of Christ,

he would see the light of new life and stand before the glory of God.

"This commitment was not only to those disciplines so necessary to promote the priestly life, but also to those corporal and spiritual works of mercy that shape the Christian vocation. I am especially reminded of his work in visiting prisoners in a local correctional facility – certainly a challenging ministry, but one filled with spiritual results, perhaps not immediately perceived, but, in the grace of God, bearing real fruit.

"I think of his capacity for friendship and his concern for vocations to the priesthood. His commitment to the rich, traditional devotional life of the Catholic faith gratified me, especially in a time when so much of it has been neglected.

"In all of his notes to me, Father Griffin always included a holy card, and, of course, a copy of the picture taken on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination, as if I would forget what he looked like. And it was a picture that I especially cherished because of that extraordinary smile of his, which I never really knew whether it meant simple joy or a little touch of mischief.

"We can share many memories of Father Griffin, but we need to avoid attempting a complete biography and be content to leave the final judgment to a loving, merciful, and transforming God. We fervently pray that our heavenly Father will receive our brother into his house forever, for this is the end of the journey of faith that Father Griffin undertook in his baptism.

"Our abiding hope is that the Christ

whom we already know present to us in word and sacrament will reveal himself fully and grant us peace, light, and consolation.

"We are here today not only to offer our prayers for Father Griffin's intentions and for those of his family and many friends, but also to proclaim our faith in the power of the resurrection of Christ. Even though we suffer natural infirmity and death, we know that this is not the end of the story.

"We understand what Job meant when he cried out, 'Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! Oh, that with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock forever! For I know that my redeemer lives ... and after my skin has thus been destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God.'

"For this reason, we call a funeral a celebration. The root of that word does not connote a party, but, rather derives from the Latin word *celebrit*, meaning 'let it be written large.' Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and those faithful to him will share a like resurrection.

"As we now prepare to enter into the holy Eucharist, we remember the words of Simeon, prayed by every priest at the end of the day: 'Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples – a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for your people Israel.'

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen."

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HIS CATHOLIC FAMILY,
THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND HIS
PASTOR LED HIM TO HIS VOCATION



Msgr. Anthony Frecker

by Tim Puet

Msgr. Anthony Frecker says his doubts about being called to the priesthood ultimately led him to recognize his vocation.

“I attended St. Nicholas Elementary School and Rosecrans High School in Zanesville, where I was taught by the Manitowoc Franciscan sisters,” he said. “They thought I would make a good priest and used to say to me, ‘You haven’t chosen God, but he has chosen you.’ How do you know? I’d ask them. It didn’t make sense to me. I kept thinking I could choose to be a plumber, or an electrician, or a doctor, or a lawyer, or something else.

“Then one day it dawned on me that no one else I knew was asking these kind of questions and challenging the sisters, and that maybe because I kept questioning them, there might actually be a call from God there. So I decided to enter the seminary and see what it led to, and never regretted it.”

“Next to having a strong Catholic family, the Catholic school system had the greatest influence in my life,” he said. “My greatest individual influence was Msgr. (Frank) Meagher,” an associate pastor at St. Nicholas Church while Msgr. Frecker was growing up in the Zanesville parish. “He took a great interest in the students at St. Nicholas and Rosecrans. He became friends with my family and was a real role model.”

Magr. Frecker, 66, the youngest of three brothers, was born in Crooksville. His family moved to Zanesville when he was five years old. After graduating from Rosecrans, he attended St. Charles Seminary in Columbus and Mount St. Mary Seminary of the West in Norwood. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Clarence Elwell on May 27, 1972.

“Those were very exciting days, because of the new vision of the Second Vatican Council and how it resulted in the Church re-entering into dialogue with the world,” he said. “It was a time of great change for the Church, but at the same time, the culture was beginning to change and take on more of the secular nature it has today. A lot of Catholics mistakenly blame the council for the attitudes that society has assimilated through the culture of today, and that’s unfortunate.”

It was a time when John XXIII was pope and John Kennedy was president, and both were considered heroes. “History has judged them differently since then. John XXIII remains greatly admired, while things have come out about JFK’s personal life that may have made people look at him differently had they known at the time, but I’ve always admired both men for their vision. King Arthur and Don Quixote have been my fictional heroes for the same reason,” Msgr. Frecker said.

His first assignment was for two months at Marion St. Mary Church, followed by four years at Chillicothe St. Peter with a teaching assignment at Chillicothe Bishop Flaget High School, then four years teaching at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Catholic High School and residing at the now-closed Midvale St. Paul Church and New Philadelphia Sacred Heart.

“Looking back, I enjoyed teaching more than I realized at the time because it gave me a platform to continue to digest what I had learned and come up with my own personal understanding of the Church’s theology,” Msgr. Frecker said. “After eight years mainly as a teacher, I began thinking maybe I’d better

start spending more time with adults and gaining pastoral experience. I saw there was an opening at the church in Zaleski and asked the priests’ personnel board to assign me there.”

He became pastor of Zaleski St. Sylvester in 1980 and stayed there for three years. “It was wonderful to experience the cycle of the liturgical year in a parish community,” he said.

“I really came to love that whole liturgical side of the Church. I was very involved with two communities – the 80 or so Catholic families in the parish and the 400 families in the town. I joined the volunteer fire department and had plenty of opportunities to pursue hunting, a major hobby of mine at the time.” He later gave up hunting because he came to find it troubling to kill animals in that way.

He said he was duck hunting one day when he got a phone call from Bishop James Griffin that changed his life. “Bishop Griffin asked me first if I was sitting down. Then he asked me to be pastor at Ss. Augustine & Gabriel in Columbus,” he said. “I had a lot of misgivings about it because with my rural Appalachian background, I wasn’t sure if I could be a good pastor of an inner-city parish.

“I asked Bishop Griffin for some time to think it over and called Msgr. Meagher. I probably talked to him for an hour and poured out my concerns, and he just listened. When I was done, he just said, ‘You know what you have to do.’ Then I called the bishop back and accepted.

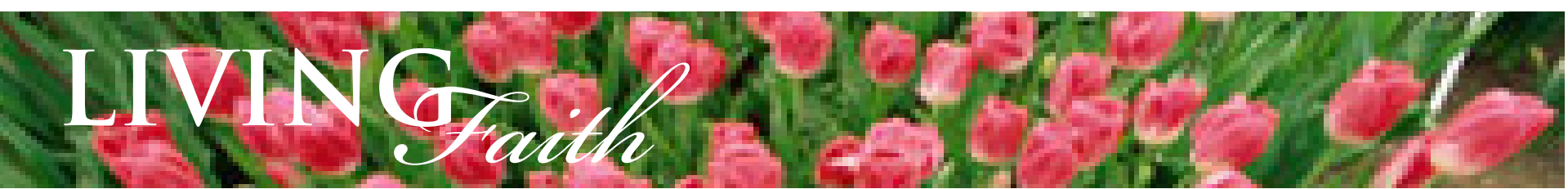
“That’s the best advice I ever got from a priest. The next five years in Columbus were some of the happiest of my life. The people there took me under their wing and taught me what I didn’t know about their culture. My experience there made me a much better priest. I never asked the personnel board for another assignment, just saying I would go wherever I was needed.”

During Msgr. Frecker’s time at Ss. Augustine & Gabriel, he and the pastors of other churches in and near downtown Columbus formed the Bishop’s Committee on Center City Affairs, and he served as diocesan evangelization director. He was transferred to Columbus St. Elizabeth in 1988 for a year, then was pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary for 11 years and at nearby Waverly St. Mary for the final two of those years.

In 2000, he became founding pastor of the parish in Canal Winchester named for the pope he most admires, John XXIII. “This is my 12th year here, and this is the parish I hope to retire from,” he said. “Being able to start a parish and see it grow, and to introduce the ideas of collaborative ministry in the spirit of John XXIII and Vatican II has given me tremendous satisfaction,” he said.

“That kind of spirit is so important to the life of the Church today. If I were to give any advice to my successor here and to priests in general, it would be to avoid the temptation to set yourself too far apart from the people, lest it lead to an attitude of clericalism and triumphalism. Try always to stay in close relation to your people as their servant leader.

“Personally, I hope I’ve served as a priest in a way that people can say ‘He may have had a lot of faults, but underneath it all, he was a good fellow, and although he was hot-wired sometimes, he could be a lot of fun.’”



BEING BREAD



GRACE IN THE MOMENT

Mary van Balen

“Are you going to make some this year?” my sister asked as she looked at hot cross buns sitting off to the right in the restaurant’s generous display of pastries and muffins. She was referring to my annual baking of dozens of the Easter treats and giving them away to family, friends, and neighbors. I didn’t bake any last year. We were beginning to clean out our parents’ home, readying it for sale. I didn’t have the heart.

“I hope so,” I replied, not able to make the commitment. Dad died in September. A contract on the house is pending and I am keeping my first Lent in a new flat. I do hope so. Baking and sharing hot cross buns is as good for my spirit as I hope receiving them is for others. Besides, the world is hungry for more than bread, and the small, raisin-filled rolls sealed with a white icing cross dripping over their shiny domes carry more than sweetness and calories. They are packed with promise and the baker’s humble efforts to participate in the Easter Mystery: to be bread.

In her book, “Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis,” Lauren Winner tells of a similar experience. After coming home from church on Sunday afternoons, she baked muffins and loaves of bread, and, wanting to feed others as she had been fed at Mass, she left them on doorsteps around town.

It is a priest’s heart. It is God’s heart. It is the heart of Jesus living in each one of us that sees hunger and wants to feed it, that sees need and wants to meet it, that sees suffering and wants to stop it.

Jesus showed us that heart when he bent down and washed the feet of his followers as they gathered for their last meal together. I guess it took such unexpected action to jolt them into recognition of just what being one of Jesus’ disciples meant. Just in case they missed the point, Jesus untied the apron around his waist and explained, “Do you realize what I have done for you? ... I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.”

We can all be a bit thick-headed, so, at supper, Jesus repeated his instructions: “This is my body that is for you ...” This was Jesus giving himself away again, to feed hungry souls that didn’t even know for sure what they were craving.

News these past couple of weeks has given us some idea of what our world craves, whether it knows it or not. Our country needs to recognize the racism that still rots its soul. Listening to a black mother admonishing her son not to run with anything in his hand, to always say “Yes, sir” and “Yes, ma’am” when confronted by authority, wrenched my heart. White mothers may say

By Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC

Most people would find it difficult to get through a day without reading or hearing about some violent or painful situation. It can be about people being beaten or killed for protesting an unjust situation in their nations, or about the threat of nuclear bombs being used by an unstable ruler. There are stories about homes and lives being destroyed by natural disasters, or of a company which has to lay off many of its employees because of the poor economy. A friend’s only child is killed, or a brother gets a brain tumor in the prime of his life. We all could probably give many other examples.

Often, people wonder why there is so much needless suffering and why a merciful God does not intervene, especially in a case such as the one involving the

innocent victims who were recently gunned down by an American soldier in Afghanistan.

Our faith in the resurrection means that we believe God brings good out of suffering and evil, and that the way to conquer sin is by love. This, of course, is not a popular stance in today’s environment, where there is so much hatred and violence in our world, and, sadly, sometimes in our homes.

As we wrap up this season of Lent and celebrate the feast of Easter, it may be good to reflect on our own attitudes. Do we feel justified in wanting to punish hatred with more violence? What are our thoughts about the death penalty (which is what Jesus died under)? Do we ever pray for the conversion of our enemies, even cruel dictators and terrorists? Sometimes it can be easier to for-

give people “out there,” rather than those who have hurt us personally.

We must be willing to go deeper and discover the roots of evil, and then use love to conquer it. On the Feast of Easter, we celebrate that we believe and proclaim that, as in the case of Jesus, God can and does bring good out of suffering and that his life conquered sin and evil.

Just imagine what our lives would be like if every Christian in the world would really live the commandment of love. There would be much less war, hatred, and violence. People would ask for and offer forgiveness. No one would be hungry because people would share with one another. The only news to report would be good news.

As Christians who believe in the resurrection, we must strive to be models of

similar things, but they don’t do it because they fear for their son’s lives. An admiral in “civvies” recounts being stopped and frisked for “... walking while black,” as he describes it. Our country craves justice and compassion.

Innocents slaughtered in Syria perplex world leaders and sicken our stomachs. Nuclear weapons, let out of the box during World War II, continue their nefarious spread. Refusal to engage in genuine dialogue sabotages meaningful elections. Exclusion of women’s voices and experiences from public debate skews conclusions.

We are hungry for the Holy One. Nothing else is enough. When Jesus walked the earth in his day, which was just as warmongering and wounded as our own, he showed us what we needed.

He showed us how to be bread for the hungry, how to be justice for the persecuted, how to be peace in the face of violence. Patiently, he spoke to those who gathered with him around the table – men and women. (I can’t imagine a big dinner being prepared by fishermen and tax collectors. Women and children helping to stir pots and carry plates had to be there.) It was as simple as baking hot cross buns or loaves of bread and leaving them around town, and as difficult.

Do for others as I have done for you. It is as simple as washing each other’s feet, and as difficult. It leads to the cross. It leads to resurrection.

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love and hope. Our good works during Lent must continue throughout the rest of the year. We have a mission to make Christ known by our love. We must express our belief that, even in this gloomy, dark time, God will not abandon us—just as he did not abandon his son, Jesus. Each of us is called to go out to all the people in our own little world and proclaim this good news.

And if current events sometimes make it hard for you to believe that God is still present in all of this, ask God to deepen your faith and to help you to remember times when he brought you out of difficulties in your life or the life of someone you know. Easter tells us that God never leaves us in our pain, and often brings good out of evil. Happy Easter season.

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HE IS RISEN

BY TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

“Easter morning brings us news that is ancient yet ever new: Christ is risen!”

Those were the words which began Pope Benedict’ XVI’s 2011 Easter message *Urbi et Orbi* (to the City and to the World). He continued, “The echo of this event, which issued forth from Jerusalem 20 centuries ago, continues to resound in the Church, deep in whose heart lives the vibrant faith of Mary, Mother of Jesus, the faith of Mary Magdalene and the other women who first discovered the empty tomb, and the faith of Peter and the other Apostles.”

Such a message of joy demands the worthy setting provided in the Easter Vigil service, which is filled with more drama, symbolism, and beauty than any other celebration in the liturgy.

Today, the Easter Vigil service takes place on the evening of Holy Saturday, a time which is convenient for most Catholics and helps ensure that a large crowd is in attendance. However, that wasn’t the case for the first half of the 20th century and for many years before that.

Until Pope Pius XII made several changes in the liturgical norms for Easter, the Vigil service took place on the early morning of Holy Saturday. For many years at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, it began at 6:30 a.m., with relatively few people attending.

Pius XII in 1951 permitted the service to take place in the evening. Four years later, he made what were described as the biggest changes in the Holy Week liturgy since the 16th century, creating the current Holy Week calendar. One of those changes shifted the time of the Vigil service to any time between sunset and midnight.

The service opens in back or outside of the church building, where all lights have been extinguished. The priest enkindles a new fire, symbolizing Christ overcoming the darkness of sin and death. The Paschal candle is then blessed, given markings which include the four digits of the current year, and lit.

The candle is brought to the front of the church by a procession during which the priest stops three times to chant “Light of Christ,” with the congregation responding “Thanks be to God.”

Everyone in attendance has been given

a small candle upon entering the church building. Those candles are lit individually from the original light of the Paschal candle, filling the church with the smaller candles’ soft glow. Once the Paschal candle is placed in the sanctuary, the church lights are turned on and the individual candles extinguished.

Next comes the chanting of the *Exsultet*, a hymn of exultation telling of man’s sin and God’s mercy and love. It begins “Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God’s throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!” and continues in the same vein.

The service of light is followed by a Liturgy of the Word, which consists when fully done of seven Old Testament readings, including the creation account from Genesis and the story from Exodus of the first Passover, plus a reading from the Epistle to the Romans and Mark’s Gospel account of the Resurrection.

After the final reading, the *Gloria* is sung, marking the first time organ music has been played since the *Gloria* of Holy Thursday, and all the bells in the church are rung.

When the Liturgy of the Word concludes, the water of the baptismal font is blessed and new members are received into the Church.

Catechumens, who have not been baptized, are baptized and confirmed. Those who already have been baptized as Catholics or in other Christian traditions come into full communion with the church by receiving Confirmation. Catechumens and candidates alike receive the Eucharist for the first time later in the service, during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

All present renew their baptismal vows at the end of the rites of initiation, and the rest of the service proceeds as usual.

The Vigil service marks the beginning of a festive season of 50 days, which concludes with Pentecost.

All this is to remind us that, as Pope Benedict said in his 2011 Easter message, “The risen Christ is journeying ahead of us towards the new heavens and the new earth, in which we shall all finally live as one family, as sons of the same Father. He is with us until the end of time. Let us walk behind him, in this wounded world, singing ‘Alleluia!’”



WHAT DID HE SEE?

BY FATHER PAUL NOBLE

In the reading from the Gospel of John used for Easter Sunday morning, we find that as Peter and “the disciple whom Jesus loved” approached the empty tomb of Jesus, the “other disciple” saw and believed. This statement begs the question: “What did he see?” What did he see that caused him to believe, and what did he believe? The quickest and simplest answers are: “He saw an empty tomb and he believed that Jesus rose from the dead.” But celebrating the wondrous feast of Easter begs for more of an explanation than offered by the quickest and simplest answers.

Who is this “other disciple?” Who is this “disciple whom Jesus loved?” The traditional understanding is that this “other disciple” is the author of the Gospel of John, the disciple “John” himself, brother of James, son of Zebedee. But the ambiguous wording invites us to place ourselves in the context of the gospel and to assume the identity of the “other disciple.” I am now the other disciple. I am now the disciple whom Jesus loved. And

the question becomes: “What did I see? And do I believe?”

Many of us spend a significant part of our faith lives searching for that sign that compels us to believe in Jesus. If we found an empty tomb, would we believe? Would that be enough of a sign? Some of us might find ourselves hungering for a little more compelling evidence before we leap to the conclusion: Jesus lives.

It is important to keep in mind that when the idea of “sight” or “seeing” is used in Sacred Scripture, the idea carries with it more than the physical act of seeing an object. And this is especially true in the Gospel of John. The idea of “seeing” carries with it the faith dynamic of “believing.” So when the blind man cries out to Jesus, asking Jesus to heal him, he is asking Jesus to heal him not only of his physical lack of sight, but also his lack of faith. So, when the disciple whom Jesus loved looks, he looks not only with his eyes, but with his faith, and he believes. He wants to believe, he wants to see, and he does.

For those of us tempted to conclude that those disciples “back then” had an easier time believing because they had all of those signs, this gospel challenges that conclusion. Is an empty tomb enough for us? Do we believe because of what he saw, or do we believe because he believed? And maybe the bigger question is: “Do we really want to believe?”

Not believing gives us a certain license to doubt, and thereby to live not as a disciple firmly convinced, but as a disciple “still searching.” A disciple “still searching” has less expectation placed on him by the demands of faith. The believing disciple is committed to making the teachings of the teacher come alive for others. Do we want the teachings of Jesus Christ to come alive in us for others? Because of what the “other disciple” saw, because of his faith, others came to believe. And this is the Easter obligation for each of us: Because of our faith, we invite others to believe. Jesus lives! Happy Easter!

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TEN FRIARS WILL STUDY AND WORK IN COLUMBUS

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Ten members of the Franciscan Brothers Minor of Fort Wayne, Ind., will be coming to Columbus to work and study, with some of them residing in the former convent at Columbus St. James the Less Church. Father David Mary Engo, FFM, minister general of the Franciscan congregation, hopes the friars will begin living there by the end of May.

Father Engo said 10 friars will be living in Columbus, with five studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum and five stationed at St. James the Less, where they will be practicing a life of prayer, penance, poverty, evangelization, and ministering to the poor and to members of the parish.

In the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, the friars will be living an austere life, using few modern conveniences, will not use or accept money except for what their rule describes as “absolute rare occasions,” and will beg for their food.

“We will be going door to door to homes and restaurants in the area asking for food, and will accept anything dropped off for us,” Father Engo said. “We will be wearing our brown robes and usually will

be barefoot or wearing sandals, except when the weather makes shoes necessary, so we will be easy to spot. We’ve become familiar sights around our neighborhood in Fort Wayne.

“Whenever we have excess food, we give it to the poor, and if the poor come to us, we give them what’s on our shelves. Many times, that’s left us with empty cabinets, but somehow, the Lord has always provided what we needed. We trust him and he gives back a thousandfold.”

In following the Rule of St. Francis, the friars eat simple meals, do not eat between meals, and abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. They do not have a dishwasher, microwave, or other kitchen electronic device, a washing machine or a dryer, a television, power tools, fax or photocopying machines, or cell phones. All washing is done by hand.

They can use computers at a public library, but do not have a computer within their friary, and can borrow a laptop “on rare occasions.” They have a telephone, which is kept in a common room to receive calls, and place outgoing calls through use of a phone card.

Walking is their main method of transportation, followed by

hitching or accepting rides, use of public transportation with begged tickets, and borrowing a vehicle “in manifest necessity or infirmity.” Similar guidelines of poverty and simplicity are followed in all other aspects of their lives.

Father Engo founded the congregation in Harrisburg, Pa., in 2009. It was relocated to Fort Wayne the following year, when former Harrisburg Bishop Kevin Rhoades was appointed bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese.

Father Engo said Bishop Rhoades was instrumental in the congregation’s decision to come to Columbus. He said he and the bishop had studied several seminaries throughout the nation as possible sites for friars to study, “and it became clear after spending a week at the Josephinum that it was the place that would best allow the friars to live the Franciscan life most fully off campus.”

That meant there would be need for a place to house the friars. At about the same time the Franciscans were visiting the Josephinum, Father Scott Kramer, CPpS, pastor at St. James the Less, called Father James Wehner, STD, rector-president of the college, to inform him that the parish’s formerconventwasavailablefor possible use by the Josephinum. Once Father Engo learned of this from Father Wehner, who will become rector-president of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans in July, the housing situationwasset tled.

“The parish has been very accommodating to our needs,” Father Engo said. “Because our lifestyle is so simple, those needs were very few. It was more a case of taking things out rather than putting them in.”

Father Engo is the only priest among his 22-member congregation. The rest of its members are ordained Franciscan brothers who take the traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, plus a

fourth vow of total consecration to Mary. Their Columbus friary will be the first they have established outside of Fort Wayne. Father Engo said he has been asked to establish the friars’ presence in several dioceses, but the congregation has not grown large enough to allow him to do so until now. He will remain in Fort Wayne and make monthly visits to the friars in Columbus.

Father Engo, 44, has been a friar for 25 years, spending the last 15 years as a priest. He said Bishop Rhoades and his own Capuchin Franciscan provincial superior encouraged him to start a new congregation after he expressed a desire to live in strict observance of the rule which St. Francis wrote in 1223 for the order which bears his name.

“Studying the documents of the Second Vatican Council and seeing how they called for a return to the traditions of the Church led me to ask for permission to start the congregation, which combines the life of the early Capuchins with the vision of evangelization expressed by Vatican II, (and popes) John Paul II and Benedict XVI,” he said.

In Fort Wayne, they conduct weekly catechism classes

for children and adults and a weekly youth group session for students aged 11 to 18. They also sponsor a summer camp, pray every week in front of an abortion provider, conduct First Saturday devotions, train servers, have formed a children’s choir, and have a lay associates group known as the Confraternity of Penitents. They anticipate doing similar work in Columbus.

They are associated with a group of sisters, the Franciscan Sisters Minor, who already had been established in Fort Wayne and are the only cloistered community in their diocese. The brothers originally were housed in a church that had been closed for seven years before their arrival, but have moved to a former convent and have renovated their former home to allow the sisters to live there.

Although they don’t own a computer, the friars do have a website that’s maintained for them. The site is www.franciscanbrothersminor.com. They may be contacted by email at FranciscanBrothersMinor@hotmail.com or by standard mail at Franciscan Brothers Minor, Our Lady of the Angels Friary, 2610 New Haven Ave., Fort Wayne IN 46803.

GIRLS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FORMING AT ST. ANDREW

Columbus St. Andrew Church is planning a new leadership program for sixth- through ninth-grade girls this fall.

A new chapter of LeadersNow International will be forming at the church during the 2012-2013 school year, and is open to all sixth- through ninth-grade girls in the Diocese of Columbus.

LeadersNow International is a nonprofit organization with chapters throughout the United States. Its mission is to promote the dignity and integrity

of young women.

Through fun and engaging meetings and activities, young women will be challenged to discern their gifts and talents, develop a healthy self-image, use fashion to their advantage, grow in character, and develop leadership skills, a spirit of service and much more!

For more information, contact Theresa Buoni at (614) 560-3335 or Rosemary Finneran at (614) 738-4233 or visit the LeadersNow International website, www.leadersnow.org.

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Youth Luncheon with Sr. Mary Michael, OP

The Serra Club of North Columbus will conduct its annual life awareness youth luncheon for diocesan high school and eighth-grade girls on Tuesday, May 1, in the Jessing Center of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St. Sister Mary Michael, OP, principal of Worthington St. Michael School, will speak on the topic “How Can I Repay the Lord?” and will answer questions about choosing the vocation to which God is calling each of us.

Students may register to come to the event with their high school’s campus minister or principal. There is no charge. Eighth-grade girls from parishes in the northwest Columbus area are invited, with the approval of their school. Home-schooled and public school students are welcome and may register by calling Rosemary Finneran at (614) 738-4233. The event will begin at 11:45 a.m. and end at 1:15 p.m. A 30-minute tour of the Josephinum will be available after the talk for those who wish to participate.

Sister Mary Michael is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, a Roman Catholic community of women religious based in Ann Arbor, Mich. The community was founded 15 years ago in the Dominican tradition to



spread the witness of religious life, in accord with Blessed Pope John Paul II’s vision for a new evangelization. In the fall of 2011, Sister Mary Michael joined three other sisters to begin the first year of the community’s mission at St. Michael Church and School.

The Serra Club of North Columbus began the life awareness youth luncheons in 2000 for boys in diocesan high schools. Two years later, members decided to sponsor an additional luncheon for girls. Sister Joseph Andrew, vocation director for the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, was the first speaker to address the girls.

For the past 12 years, the luncheons have featured priests from the Diocese of Columbus and priests and sisters of religious orders stationed in the diocese and elsewhere, speaking on the topic of vocations. It is the hope of Serra Club members that these talks will inspire the students to seriously think about and discern the purpose for which God has created them and called them to fulfill in their lives. This might mean a call to the priesthood or religious life. Serrans invite readers to join them in praying for an increase in vocations for laborers for God’s vineyard.

New class at DeSales for body, mind, and spirit

A physical education class offered at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School takes the school’s mission statement – “preparing the mind, body, and spirit of each student” – to another level.

Last year, teacher Karen Scott, a 22-year veteran of the science department, approached the school’s



administration with a proposed new option for physical education classes. The new class, Yoga for Fitness and Wellness for Girls, is in its second semester and making a big impact on its students.

“Yoga puts me in a peaceful state,” said DeSales senior Jessica Pezzott. “I can be having a stressful day, go to yoga, and it all seems to melt away. I know just going to yoga does not make all your problems go away, but it gives you time to think about a better way to solve them.” Classmate Ruth Keysor agrees, “Yoga allows you to reflect on life ... outside of high school,” she said.

“In this age of always being connected online, our teens need the opportunity to connect within.” Scott said. “I designed the Yoga for Fitness and Wellness class to give teen girls the opportunity to stretch, strengthen, revitalize, and nourish their mind, body, and spirit. Both active and restorative postures are used, in addition to projects that enable the young ladies to connect deeper, or inquire within, as to who they are.”

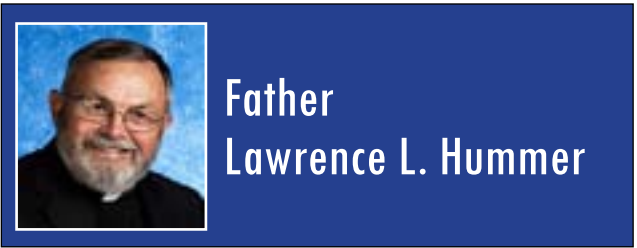
Scott has been practicing yoga since 2003 and began teaching in 2008. She received her registered yoga teacher 200-hour certification through Yogafit and Yoga Alliance in 2011. Last year, she brought her skills to DeSales High School by leading its Yoga Club, which meets every Thursday after school. One class each semester in Yoga for Fitness and Wellness is scheduled for the 2012-13 school year.



Members of the Franciscan Brothers Minor in procession on the day of their founding in 2009
Photo courtesy Franciscan Brothers Minor

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Cycle B)

Gospels differ on details, but agree on essential



Acts 10:34a,37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7

Peter’s speech in the house of Cornelius represents the first major outreach to the Gentile world by Peter in Acts.

Cornelius was a Roman centurion who had come to embrace the Judaism of his day, or at least many of the practices of Judaism, including almsgiving and prayer. Caesarea Maritima was a coastal city from which Roman ships would come and go.

This whole Cornelius story follows the Acts account of the conversion of Saul (Paul), who will ultimately be called the apostle to the Gentiles.

Commentators note that it was God who directed Cornelius’ conversion from beginning to end, beginning with the vision given to Cornelius and ending with Peter’s visit to Cornelius’ house. Thus, Peter becomes the first of the apostles to begin the outreach to the Gentile world.

Peter presents a brief summary of the early Christian preaching about Jesus, beginning in Galilee after John’s arrest, when Jesus of Nazareth “went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil.” Peter says “they” put him to death, implying that he meant “the Jews,” which reflected the thinking of many Christians in the New Testament period.

Peter here does not mention either Pontius Pilate or the Romans, leaving the blame to fall on “the Jews.” Acts also does this in 2:36; 3:15; 4:10, and 5:30, among other places.

As we know from the Johannine literature (especially the Gospel), we need to be aware of that attitude and avoid trying to place blame for the death of Jesus, in spite of certain New Testament passages,

TV Mass to be presented on Zanesville station

Beginning Sunday, April 15, the Diocese of Columbus’ Sunday TV Mass will be presented on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, from 7 to 7:30 a.m.

The diocesan Communications Office has sponsored weekly telecasts of the Sunday Mass throughout the diocese since the 1950s, providing Mass to those who may be unable to participate with their local parish communities.

Area cable viewers should check their local systems for WHIZ’s cable channel listing.

like these from Acts.

Even our overwhelming joy at what we celebrate and believe in at Easter should never blind us to the abuse that has been piled on Jews through the centuries because of ignorance of the Scriptures.

This early preaching included mention of Jesus’ resurrection by the hand of God, and the command that Peter and the others “who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead” should preach to the people that “everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

In the Colossians reading, Paul’s focus is on the upward calling in Christ that calls us to focus on “what is above and not of what is on earth.” Paul joins together the idea of death and resurrection in the Christian’s life, where we die to self in order to live with Christ. Finally, anticipating Christ’s return in glory at the end, Paul then says we will then appear with him in glory.

The Corinthians reading uses the imagery of unleavened bread, which was always used at Passover. (Note that Passover this year was April 7.) However, Paul notes that as Christ the paschal lamb has been sacrificed, we too should empty ourselves of the yeast of malice and wickedness, and celebrate the feast with “the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

The Gospel from Mark is taken from the Easter Vigil. Many who preach will use the Easter Gospel from John. In Mark, Mary Magdalene goes to the grave with Mary, the mother of James and Salome, to anoint the body of Jesus, which had been quickly placed in the tomb after his death.

In John, only Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb. John does not mention any reason for her coming to the tomb. She discovers the empty tomb “while it was still dark,” whereas Mark says the sun was already up. They agree that it was the first day of the week, which we now call “Sunday.”

In John, Mary Magdalene does not enter the tomb, but runs away to tell Peter and the beloved disciple about what she found. In Mark, all three women enter the tomb, and they find a young man dressed in white sitting there, who tells them not to fear. Instead, they are to go and tell his disciples and Peter that he will go before them into Galilee again.

In John, Peter and the beloved disciple rush to the tomb to see for themselves what Mary Magdalene has told them. They both enter the tomb, but find only the burial cloth. This leads the unnamed disciple to see and believe.

This brief comparison shows the wide diversity in accounts of the post-resurrection period. No two Gospels are alike in this regard. Diversity in the reporting of these events in the New Testament was regarded as an asset. All agree, however, that he is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

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The Weekday Bible Readings

- MONDAY
Acts 2:14,22-33
Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Matthew 28:8-15
- TUESDAY
Acts 2:36-41
Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22
John 20:11-18
- WEDNESDAY
Acts 3:1-10
Psalm 105:1-4,6-9
Luke 24:13-35
- THURSDAY
Acts 3:11-26
Psalm 8:2a,5-9
Luke 24:35-48
- FRIDAY
Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 118:1-2,4,22-27a
John 21:14
- SATURDAY
Acts 4:13-21
Psalm 118:1,14-15,16ab-21
Mark 16:9-15

- DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 8, 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.

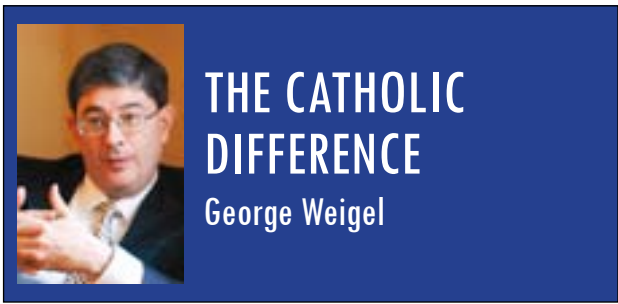
- DAILY MASS
8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207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

Cardinal Dolan and the new evangelization

The irrepressibly effervescent personality of Cardinal Timothy Dolan may tempt some to think of the archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as the latest in a line of glad-handing Irish-American prelates, long on blarney and short on depth. Succumbing to that temptation would be a very serious mistake. For Cardinal Dolan is a man of formidable intelligence, a historian trained in the school

of the late John Tracy Ellis, dean of the classic historians of Catholicism in the United States.

That historian’s-eye view of the contemporary scene and its antecedents in the immediate past, linked to a deep insight into the meaning of Vatican II and the pontificates of John Paul II and Benedict XVI, produced a remarkable speech to the College of Cardinals on Feb. 17, the day before Dolan received his red hat. Like



everything else Cardinal Dolan does, his speech that day was delivered with brio, and it was that bubbling energy that got most of the press attention. Yet Dolan’s key proposal—that the Church is entering a new

phase of its history—was a bold one, and may set the terms of discussion for the Church of the future:

“As John Paul II taught in *Redemptoris Missio*, the Church does not ‘have a mission,’ as if ‘mission’ were one of many things the Church does.

“No, the Church *is* a mission, and each us of who names Jesus as Lord and Savior should measure ourselves by our mission-effectiveness. Over the 50 years since the convocation of the Council, we have seen the Church pass through the last stages of the Counter-Reformation and rediscover itself as a missionary enterprise. In some venues, this has meant a new discovery of the Gospel. In once-catechized lands, it has meant a re-evangelization that sets out from the shallow waters of institutional maintenance, and as John Paul II instructed us in *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, puts out ‘into the deep for a catch.’ In many of the countries

represented in this college, the ambient public culture once transmitted the Gospel, but does so no more. In those circumstances, the proclamation of the Gospel—the deliberate invitation to enter into friendship with the Lord Jesus—must be at the very center of the Catholic life of all of our people. But in all circumstances, the Second Vatican Council and the two great popes who have given it an authoritative interpretation are calling us to call our people to think of themselves as missionaries and evangelists.”

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the convocation of Vatican II, which will be marked on Oct. 11, the Church should remember that Blessed John XXIII wanted the Second Vatican Council to be a new Pentecost: a moment to re-experience the freshness of the Gospel and the burning desire to share the Good News that animated the first Christians. Blessed John Paul II, a man of the Council, called the Church to a similar encounter with the fire of the Holy Spirit: he led the Church through the Pentecostal experience of the Great Jubilee of 2000 so that we might come to know ourselves

again as a Church in mission, a Church for mission. By inviting us into friendship with Jesus Christ, who is always our contemporary, Benedict XVI, another man of the Council, has given that mission a personal and holy face: the face of the Lord, who reveals to us both the countenance of the Merciful Father and the truth about our humanity.

The Second Vatican Council, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI have invited us to Galilee, that we might go out from there to the ends of the earth, bringing the Gospel of God’s passionate love for humanity to a world yearning for truth. Cardinal Dolan’s address to the college of cardinals was an extended and moving reminder that everyone in the Church must ask for the grace and strength to accept that invitation to Galilee: to be the witnesses to Christ that all of us were baptized to be.

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MOTORCYCLE BLESSING

Last spring, Deacon Earl McCurry of Columbus Holy Family Church went to The Gardens at Gantz Farm in Grove City to bless the riders and motorcycles of the Finally Free Motorcycle Club.

This year, the church, located at 584 W. Broad St., will have a “blessing of

the bikes” at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28. After the motorcycles are blessed, they will run to the A.D. Farrow Motorcycle Sales location in Delaware County for a cookout.


For more information, contact Deacon McCurry at (740) 360-5328 or Jack Gookin at (614) 351-8643.



6TH ANNUAL RECTOR’S DINNER

Monday, April 23, 2012
6:00 p.m.

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Titular Archbishop of Ulpiana
Chancellor of the Josephinum

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Pray for our dead

ARDIZZONE, Anna S., 87, April 1
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

BLANKENSHIP, Rita L., 94, March 27
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

BONNER, Mary L., 81, March 30
Holy Cross Church, Columbus

BURNS, Elizabeth L., 83, April 1
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

CARTER, Mary A., 89, March 31
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

FAIR, Jack W., 68, March 31
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

FITZPATRICK, Glenda E. “Lynn,” 63, March 13
St. Mary Church, Delaware

FLORE, Richard A., 85, March 27
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

FOLEY, Charles R., 65, March 26
St. Christopher Church, Columbus

GOREY, Diane P., 73, March 29
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

HAMLIN, William C., 85, March 31
St. Philip Church, Columbus

HAWKINS, Agnes C., 81, March 23
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

KIRBY, Carolyn M., 74, March 19
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

MARCHIO, Ann L., 96, of Grove City, March 26
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet, Ill.

MILLER, Diana L. “Dee,” 58, April 1
St. Mary Church, Marion

MITCHELL, Elizabeth A., 87, March 30
St. Paul Church, Westerville

NEFF, Tiffany M., 25, of Columbus, March 25
Holy Angels Church, Chagrin Falls

PARTYKA, Shirley A., 78, March 25
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

PETTIT, Mary E. “Betty,” 87, March 30
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

PODOLSKI, Grace B., 81, April 1
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

ROBINSON, Sandra S., 66, March 29
Holy Family Church, Columbus

SESTITO, Wilsie E., 80, March 28
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

STOCKER, Edwin M., 71, April 2
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

WELKER, Sandie, 67, March 26
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

WILLIAMS, Frederick C., 79, March 19
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

Christ Child Society of Columbus Annual Layette Fund Drive

In 1884, Mary Virginia Merrick began the Christ Child Society with a gift of baby clothes, handmade by herself, to a mother in need and her baby. This layette was the design for the Christ Child Society layette of today. Every year, more than 10,000 layettes are distributed as a result of this first simple act of charity. The layette is the first step in the “Challenging Poverty One Child at a Time” initiative for the child, for the family, and for the community. The layette service project is shared by all chapters of the society.

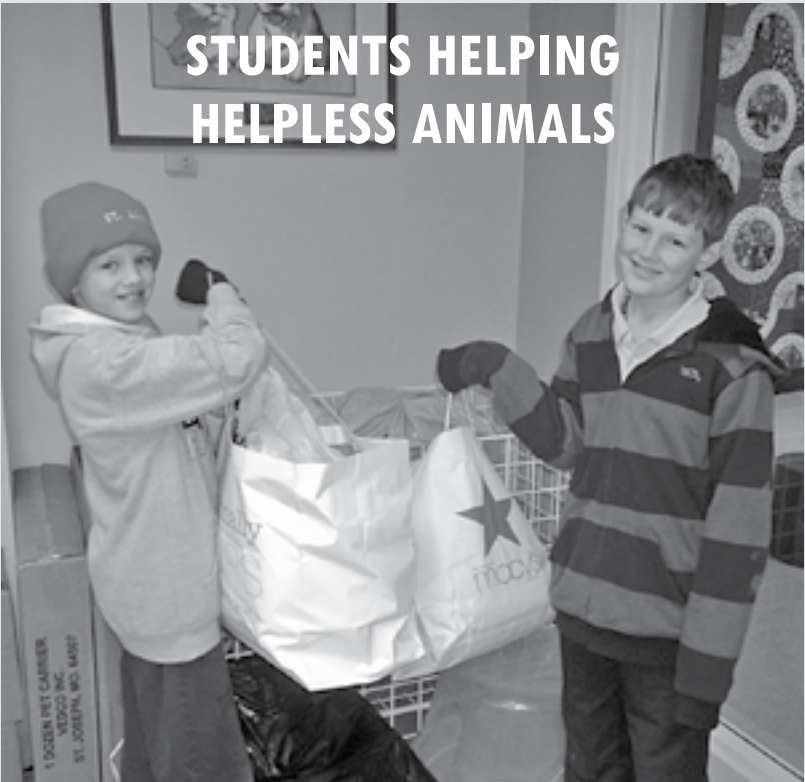
The Columbus Chapter of the Christ Child Society assembles a gift package of baby care items such as blankets, diapers, clothing, toiletry items, and child care information. Volunteers purchase items for the layettes, package and bundle the items. Members sew receiving blankets that are included in the layette package. The layettes are distributed by Christ Child volunteers to hospitals and social service agencies in Franklin, Madison, Pickaway, and Union counties.

Mother’s Day will again be the focus

of the annual layette fund drive. Last year, the Columbus chapter distributed approximately 1,400 layettes throughout central Ohio. These layettes not only help clothe newborn infants, but also give their families the assurance that the community cares about them.

Though the focus of the layette fund is centered on Mother’s Day, layettes may be purchased at any time during the year for any special occasion, either remembering or honoring someone who is special to the giver. The person being honored will receive an announcement of the gift. If the honoree is deceased, the giver may indicate a family member to be notified. An individual card with either the full or first name of the person being honored will be enclosed in the layette.

To order a layette, send a check for \$35 and the name of the person being honored to Layette Fund Chair, Christ Child Society of Columbus, Post Office Box 340091, Columbus, OH 43234-0091, or visit the society’s website: www.christchildsoctietycolumbus.org.



STUDENTS HELPING HELPLESS ANIMALS
Columbus St. Agatha School students recently collected gently used towels and delivered them to the Capital Area Humane Society. Pictured are St. Agatha students (from left) Troy Stemen and Luke Stemen

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APRIL

5, THURSDAY

Bishop Campbell Celebrates Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus.
Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. 614-224-1295

6, FRIDAY

Walking Stations of the Cross in Downtown Columbus
8 to 11 a.m., starting at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. annual Walking Stations of the Cross. a four-mile walk stopping at 14 sites around downtown Columbus to commemorate Jesus' crucifixion and reflect on various social issues. 614-241-2540
Community Cross Walk at St. Edward
10:45 a.m., St. Edward Church, 785 Newark Road, Granville. Community Cross Walk, a 1.3-mile silent procession from church to Denison University's Swasey Chapel, with students carrying a wooden cross, led by a drummer, and passages from the Gospel of Mark read at five stops. 740-587-3254

Bishop Campbell Presides at Good Friday Liturgy
Noon, St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus.
Bishop Frederick Campbell presides at Good Friday liturgy. 614-224-1295

'Seven Last Words' at Holy Family
12:30 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Colum-

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, 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 information, call Deacon Steve DeMers at 614-224-6530 or 800-511-0584.

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bus. A meditation on Archbishop Fulton Sheen's description of the seven last words of Christ, accompanied by church's Latin Choir, preceded by Stations of the Cross at noon. 614-221-4323
Marian Stations at Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes
3 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville. The Stations of the Cross, as seen through the Blessed Mother's eyes. 937-644-6020
Divine Mercy Chaplet Singing at Chillicothe St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., Chillicothe. Singing of Chaplet of Divine Mercy opens novena. 740-774-4172

Living Stations of the Cross at St. Luke

8:30 p.m., St. Luke Church, 307 S. Market St., Danville. Living Stations of the Cross, presented by young people of the parish. 740-599-6362
Tenebrae Services at Several Parishes
Tenebrae services, designed to recreate the sense of betrayal, abandonment, and agony related to Good Friday, are scheduled at several parishes. Times and sites are: 7:30 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus; 8 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus; Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus, and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville.

6-14, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Divine Mercy Novena at Blessed Sacrament
2:30 p.m., Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Blessed Sacrament Church, 394 E. Main St., Newark. Praying of Divine Mercy novena. 740-345-4290

7, SATURDAY

Wilderness Outreach 'Carry the Cross' Hike
8 a.m., Clearcreek Metro Park, off U.S. 33 near the Fairfield-Hocking county border. Wilderness Outreach sponsors 12-mile "Carry the Cross" hike for men, carrying a 10-foot timber cross through park. Participants may participate in all or part of the hike and should bring a day pack with two or three liters of water and rain gear if appropriate. 614-679-6761

Easter Food Basket Blessings at Holy Family, St. Pius X
1 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus, and St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Blessing of Easter food baskets.
Bishop Campbell Presides at Cathedral Vigil Service
8:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell is celebrant for Easter Vigil service. 614-224-1295

7-14, SATURDAY-SATURDAY

Divine Mercy Chaplet Recital at Chillicothe St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., Chillicothe. Daily recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 740-774-4172

8, SUNDAY

Bishop Campbell Celebrates Easter Morning Mass
10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Easter Mass. 614-224-1295

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

9, MONDAY

Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics affiliated with Alcoholics Anony-

mous. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass and full meeting after Mass. 614-406-2939

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, (Christ the King Church campus), Columbus. 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings. 614-459-2766

10, TUESDAY

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

'EnCourage' Support Group Mass and Meeting
6 p.m. Mass, followed by 7 p.m. meeting of a new Columbus-area Catholic organization providing solace, support, and counsel for parents and relatives of those with a same-sex attraction. 614-372-5249

11, WEDNESDAY

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. 614-416-1910

11-12, WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Open House at Mater Dei Academy
8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mater Dei Academy, 3695 Elm St., Whitehall. Open house for prospective kindergarten through eighth-grade students and their parents at private, independent school with a curriculum based on Catholic teaching. 614-231-1984

12, 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

14, 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
NFP Information Session at Columbus St. Patrick
10 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Information session for Natural Family Planning. Pre-registration required: \$10. 614-309-4347
Marion Citizens for Life Modesty Fashion Show
11 a.m., Cornerstone Alliance Church, 2010 Marion-Marysville Road, Marion. Marion Citizens for Life sponsors modesty fashion show and luncheon, featuring Rachel Lee Carter, former Mrs. North Carolina. 740-389-3608

15, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "The Church and Public Policy" with Larry Keough, associate director of education, Catholic Conference of Ohio. 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

Cathedral Organ Recital
3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Craig Cramer, University of Notre Dame organ professor, presents the sixth of six recitals featuring the complete organ works of Dieterich Buxtehude. 614-241-2526
Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

16, MONDAY

Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Thomas
7 p.m., St. Thomas Church, 2692 E. 5th Ave., Columbus. Meeting of Charismatic Prayer Group. 614-832-9525

Marian Prayer Group

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435

17, 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 Columbus meeting. Reservations required.
Mount Carmel East Hospital 40th Anniversary
Noon, Mount Carmel East Hospital, 6001 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass and blesses hospital on its 40th anniversary.
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, sponsored by church's respect life committee.
Diocesan Honor Choir Concert at St. Matthew
6:30 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Annual Diocesan Schools Honor Choir concert of sacred song, performed by choral groups from 10 grade schools, five high schools, and Ohio Dominican University. Free will offering for Holy Family Soup Kitchen. 614-367-9736

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

19, 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
Spring Preview at DeSales
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Spring preview open house for fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-grade students and their families. Pre-registered families qualify for \$500 tuition grant drawing. Must be present to win. RSVP at www.StFrancisDeSalesHS.org/future-students.

20, FRIDAY

Grandparents Day Mass at Ready with Bishop Campbell
10 a.m., Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass for students and their grandparents. 614-276-5263

20-21, FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Life in the Spirit Seminar at St. John Neumann
St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Life in the Spirit seminar with Sister Mary Rose Bratlien and Sister Rita Clare of the Diocese of Steubenville and Father David Sizemore. 614-571-5702



THEATER

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

The Columbus Bishop Watterson High School performing arts department is proud to present “Little Shop of Horrors,” on Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21 and 26 and 27, and Saturday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the school theatre, 99 E. Cooke Road. Tickets are \$12. Starring as Audrey will be Alaina Roc-

ci (understudy: Caitlin McNaughton), with Alec Brown as Seymour (understudy: Andy Simmons). Ike Hajinazarian will play the role of Mr. Mushnik, Michael Caruso will play Orin, Joseph Meeks will be the voice of Audrey II, and the puppeteers for Audrey II will be Lorien Salyer and Colin O’Brien. Sharon Fry will play Chiffon, sopho-

more Belle Brown will be Crystal, and Lorin Sagona will play Ronnette. Filling the roles of street urchins will be Maddie Rasor, Maddie Cumbo, and Caitlin McNaughton. Rounding out the cast will be Frankie Isabelle (Customer), Molly Bee (Mrs. Luce), Aidan Roach (Skip Snip), Andy Simmons (Patrick Martin), and Leslie

Blind (Mrs. Bernstein). For more information, call the school at (614) 268-8671. In the photo: Alec Brown stars as Seymour and Alaina Rocci as Audrey in Columbus Bishop Watterson High School’s spring musical, “Little Shop of Horrors” Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

CONCERT

The Diocese of Columbus Catholic Schools Honor Choir concert will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at Gahanna St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road. This is the fifth year for the program, which invites students from all of our diocesan schools to participate in a one-day choir event under the direction of clinician Sheila Cafmeyer. This year, the event includes 10 grade schools, five high schools, and Ohio Dominican University, with nearly 300 singers expected. Individual selections will be performed by the high school choirs and the ODU chorus, while the young-



er singers will combine to sing a half-dozen songs they have prepared under the guidance of their music teachers. Sacred music of all styles, from Renaissance to classical and Gospel to contemporary, will be

performed during this celebration of song in an effort to demonstrate the schools’ unity and their Catholic heritage through music. A free will offering will be collected for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen.

Holy Week Around The World



Pope Benedict XVI watches from the obelisk in St. Peter’s Square as the Palm Sunday procession makes its way to altar for Mass at the Vatican on April 1 CNS photo/Paul Haring



Christian pilgrims carry palm branches during the traditional Palm Sunday procession on the Mount of Olives overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem on April 1. Also known as Passion Sunday, this first day of Holy Week commemorates Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem before his crucifixion CNS photo/Debbie Hill



People take part in an outdoor Stations of the Cross procession in Havana. Cuba’s government, after a request from Pope Benedict XVI, declared Good Friday 2012 a national holiday CNS photo/Reuters



A girl holds a candle during a Palm Sunday service at the Melkite Catholic cathedral in Damascus, Syria, on April 1 CNS photo/Khaled al Hariri, Reuters

LEGATUS: AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST IN BUSINESS

BY TIM PUET

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The demands faced by top-level executives every day as they try to keep their businesses financially healthy in an era of economic uncertainty may make it difficult for them to maintain their spiritual health.

An organization known as Legatus helps meet the spiritual needs of Catholic business leaders in Columbus and about 70 other cities nationwide by connecting Catholicism and commerce.

Legatus offers a unique support network of Catholics who influence the marketplace and, through that influence, have the ability to affect the lives and workplaces of many other people.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the organization's founding by Tom Monaghan, known mainly as the man who started Domino's Pizza and the former owner of the Detroit Tigers. Monaghan also has played a significant role in founding several other Catholic organizations, including Ave Maria University in Florida and Ave Maria Radio in Michigan.

He said the idea for Legatus came to him "like a lightning bolt" after a meeting with Pope John Paul II in 1987. He was involved at the time with an organization of young business leaders and felt that adding the dimension of faith to the enthusiasm he took from that group could make a significant impact for good on the business world.

Monaghan started the first Legatus chapter in his hometown of Ann Arbor, Mich. Then came a chapter in Toledo. After 25 years, Legatus has spread to 28 states, Canada, Ireland, and Poland, with a membership of about 4,000 people.

The word *legatus* is Latin for "ambassador." The group's members are called to be ambassadors for Christ in business



Board members of the Columbus chapter of Legatus, a national organization which promotes spiritual growth among Catholic business leaders, are (from left) Chuck Wilson, Mary Ann Jepsen, Mark Lowry, Loren Brown, John Goffre, Tom Caldwell, Mike D'Andrea, Marian Schuda, and Joe Finneran
CT photo by Tim Puet

and spread the faith through good example, good deeds, and high ethical standards.

By design, it's not a large organization. Its membership is limited to practicing Catholics who are responsible for the full operation of a qualifying corporation or division. Qualifying companies generally have at least 10 employees, \$1 million in annual payroll and \$5 million in annual sales, or \$100 million in assets in the case of financial services companies.

"There is some flexibility to those numbers, especially for people under 40," said Kevin Lowry, president of the Columbus chapter of Legatus and chief operating officer of the Coming Home Network, which assists Protestants, particularly clergy, who are considering joining the Catholic Church.

The Columbus chapter of Legatus meets once a month, primarily at the Athletic Club of Columbus or the Scioto Country Club. Meetings also include an annual summer social at the home of a member, and an annual retreat. Eight chapter members took part this year in the organization's national conference in Naples, Fla., at which the group received two awards.

Lowry said the chapter currently has 46 members – 23 executives and their spouses. "Whenever a member is admitted, his or her spouse automatically is admitted as a full member," Lowry said. "This recognizes the importance of marriage and also serves as a great 'date night' once a month.

"It helps Catholic business leaders to grow in faith and to recognize the mission of collegial service that is their responsibility in that role. Legatus was founded to bring Catholic principles to the marketplace because Tom Monaghan saw the business world as being in the forefront of the New Evangelization of popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI," Lowry said.

"It's also a safe place for business people – somewhere they can go and focus on something besides the problems that face them in the office. We have a very strict rule which forbids anyone from soliciting for business here. It's something the members really appreciate because they're constantly hearing pitches for assistance in one way or another."

Lowry was recruited to join Legatus by Chuck Wilson, who also is active in the annual Columbus Catholic Men's Con-

ference and the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club. Wilson, the retired president of Wilson Floors in Columbus, was one of those who founded the local Legatus chapter in 2007.

"I believe very strongly in the Legatus mission of studying, living, and spreading the faith," he said. "God offers the opportunity to those of us in the position of management today to experience true conversion and transformation and be mobilized to bring Christ to vendors, customers, and the community."

"Tom Monaghan was anxious to have a Columbus chapter of Legatus because, being from Detroit, he considers Columbus part of his home region," said Dr. Marian Schuda, medical director of patient services at Riverside Methodist Hospital. "It took three or four years to get the chapter started, mostly because we needed a certain number of couples to form the chapter and Columbus has a relatively low number of Catholics in high-level executive positions.

"From the very start, I've really enjoyed my involvement with the organization because it's a perfect way to promote the faith," she said. "The goals of Legatus involve evangeliza-

tion and education, and I've learned a great deal about the faith through the high-quality speakers that come to our meetings. Even though this is a relatively small chapter, it has been honored twice by the national organization for its speakers program."

Legatus meetings typically start with Mass and the opportunity to pray the rosary and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Afterward, members and their spouses have a chance to have dinner and socialize and hear presentations from thought-provoking speakers such as Msgr. Christopher Schreck, vice president of the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Msgr. Schreck spoke at the March meeting of the Columbus chapter of Legatus about the subject of stewardship in the letters of St. Paul. He said Paul consistently sent a message that "all baptized Christians are stewards of the mysteries of God" and described stewardship as "a trust, a responsibility, something that demands an ability to give an accounting."

"The first requirement of stewardship is being trustworthy," Msgr. Schreck said. "Each of us is called to accountability and transparency for our own conduct, just like the steward."

Speakers scheduled for future chapter meetings include Lowry; Jayd Hendricks, government relations director for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; Catholic journalist Patrick Novacosky; Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, vice postulator for the sainthood cause of Archbishop Fulton Sheen; Tom Peterson, founder of Catholics Come Home; and Bishop Frederick Campbell.

For more information on Legatus, go to its website, www.legatus.org, or contact Lowry at Kevin@lowry.me or Wilson at (614) 425-6538.