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*Protecting God's Children*



## The Editor's Notebook

## For Our Children

By David Garick, Editor

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and that is the focus of this week's *Catholic Times*. How sad it is that we need to talk about this. Of all the failings of mankind, the harming of our children is the most inexplicable. For most of us, the very notion of doing anything that would harm a child is abhorrent. Yet, it happens. Nearly a million American children suffer abuse from physical or sexual assault or neglect each year.

This tragedy is preventable. We need to come to grips with the notion that what for us is unthinkable is occurring daily, often involving people we would least expect. We in the Catholic Church have learned – painfully – that abusers can be anywhere and that each of us has a role to play in protecting our children.

We know where Our Lord stands on the subject of child abuse. When the disciples asked Him who was greatest in the kingdom of heaven, he had a child brought into their midst and instructed them that if they wished to aspire to heaven, they should emulate the humility and simple faith of that child. But he went on to caution, “But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea” (Matthew 18:6). We

all have a responsibility to be alert to the reality of abuse and to take measures to prevent it.

The abuse crisis in the Church has been a wake-up call. In this issue of *Catholic Times*, you will get a good look at the extensive measures that have been taken in our parishes and schools to prevent abuse. These efforts can serve as models for public schools, youth recreation programs, and even families as we attack this problem in the whole of society. Pay attention to the warning signs and tips contained in the story that begins on Page 10. If you have not attended a “Protecting God's Children” training session, sign up for one through your parish. I promise you it will open your eyes.

Childhood is a wonderful gift. We all had that gift during our early years, and most of us enjoyed it without abuse. Our Lord calls on each of us to help protect that gift for succeeding generations. We are not only called to not be abusers ourselves, but to actively guard against the abuse of any of the children in our community. Just as the Good Shepherd stands guard against the wolves that would prey on his lambs, so must we be ever vigilant over the children entrusted to us.



## CATHOLICS URGED TO RESIST UNJUST LAWS, JOIN IN ‘FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM’

By NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN  
Catholic News Service

American Catholics must resist unjust laws “as a duty of citizenship and an obligation of faith,” a committee of the U.S. bishops said in a new statement on religious liberty.

Titled “Our First, Most Cherished Liberty,” the 12-page statement by the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty also calls for “a fortnight for freedom” from June 21, the vigil of the feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, to July 4, Independence Day.

“This special period of prayer, study, catechesis and public action would emphasize both our Christian and American heritage of liberty,” the committee said. “Dioceses and parishes around the country could choose a date in that period for special events that would constitute a great national campaign of teaching and witness for religious liberty.”

Made public on April 12, the document was approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ administrative committee during its March meeting, for publication as a committee statement.

The ad hoc committee opened its statement with several “concrete examples” of recent threats to religious liberty, saying “this is not a theological or legal dispute without real-world consequences.”

Cited first was the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ mandate that most health plans must include contraception, sterilization, and some abortion-inducing drugs free of charge, even if the employer is morally opposed to such services.

“In an unprecedented way, the federal government will both force religious institutions to facilitate and fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching and purport to define which religious institutions are ‘religious enough’ to merit protection of

their religious liberty,” the statement said. “These features of the ‘preventive services’ mandate amount to an unjust law.”

Among other examples of “religious liberty under attack,” the bishops listed:

- Immigration laws in Alabama and other states that “forbid what the government deems ‘harboring’ of undocumented immigrants – and what the church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to those immigrants.”

- An attempt by the Connecticut Legislature in 2009 to restructure Catholic parishes.

- Discrimination against Christian students on college campuses.

- Government actions in Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the state of Illinois that have “driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services” because the agencies would not place children with same-sex or unmarried heterosexual couples.

- A New York City rule that bars small church congregations from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, while allowing such rentals by nonreligious groups.

- Changes in federal contracts for human trafficking grants that require Catholic agencies “to refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.”

The statement quotes the Founding Fathers and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to bolster its arguments.

Rev. King, writing from jail in Birmingham, Ala., in 1963, described an unjust law as one “that is out of harmony with the moral law” and said he agreed with St. Augustine that “an unjust law is no law at all.”

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## Father Foley, founder of the Cristo Rey Network, visits Columbus



Father John Foley, SJ, will be visiting Columbus this coming week to share his experiences as president of the first Cristo Rey High School and founder of the National Cristo Rey Network. Father Foley is coming to Columbus to support the 2013 opening of Cristo Rey Columbus High School, which will be the 26th college preparatory high school in the Cristo Rey Network. Referring to the Cristo Rey project as a “beacon of hope,” Father Foley was the central figure in creating this new, unique model for urban education.

An open-house-style reception for Father Foley will take place at the parish life center of Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25. This reception is free and open to the public. Father Foley will offer his insights on education issues generally and the Cristo Rey movement specifically. To register for this event, please visit [www.cristoreycolumbus.org](http://www.cristoreycolumbus.org) and search under “Upcoming Events.”

Father Foley, a Chicago native, entered the Society of Jesus in 1954. He earned a bach-

elor of arts degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati and holds master's degrees in arts and education from Loyola University in Chicago. From 1961 to 1995, he worked in Peru, primarily in education. He served as president of two Jesuit K-12 schools.

Father Foley returned to Chicago in 1995 to collaborate in establishing the first Cristo Rey High School. He became president of the school in 1996 and served for eight years. He

helped write the national standards for Cristo Rey schools, manages the central team that oversees the launching of each new school, and is the spiritual leader of this growing network of innovative Catholic high schools.

Cristo Rey schools serve solely students from low-income families and are open to students of all faiths. These schools combine a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum with a unique professional work-study program that allows students to work five days a month in professional settings such as law firms, hospitals, banks, media, accounting firms, and insurance companies. This work pays the majority of the students' tuition. Additionally, the program engages the business community in education and makes college-preparatory education relevant to students.

In January 2005, Father Foley assumed the presidency of the Cristo Rey Network, of which he is currently executive chair. Today, he oversees an organization that helps ensure the quality and continuous improvement of each Cristo Rey school.

Father Foley has received honorary doctorates from Georgetown University, Marquette University, Fordham University, Loras College, the University of St. Francis, and Creighton University for his work with the Cristo Rey movement.

Father Foley was featured in an October 2004 “60 Minutes” segment on Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. The video may be viewed at [www.cristoreycolumbus.org](http://www.cristoreycolumbus.org). The National Catholic Education Association presented Father Foley with the Seton Award in 2007. He was featured in *Fast Company* in April 2006 and named in *Newsweek's* “Who's Next for 2007.” In 2009, President Bush awarded Father Foley the Presidential Citizens Medal, the second-highest honor for a civilian, for his commitment to helping his fellow citizens lead lives of integrity and achievement. On Jan. 25, 2012, he was honored by President Obama as a “Champion of Change” in a White House ceremony.

The Cristo Rey program has resulted in dramatic improvements in the educational achievements of urban stu-

dents with poor educational options. During the last few years, 98 percent of Cristo Rey seniors have graduated from high school, and all of those graduates have been accepted by at least one college or university.

Jim Foley, president of Cristo Rey Columbus, who is not related to Father Foley, said, “We are excited to have the driving force behind the Cristo Rey movement coming to Columbus to support our school. Based on his nationally recognized work, we now have a model for urban education with a proven track record to offer low-income families in Columbus.”

Today, there are 25 Cristo Rey schools nationwide. Cristo Rey Columbus High School will open in August of 2013 to incoming freshmen. It will add one class every year for the following three years.

*If you would like to learn more about the school or would like to donate or become a professional work-study partner, contact Jim Foley at [jimf@cristoreycolumbus.org](mailto:jimf@cristoreycolumbus.org) or visit the school's website at [www.cristoreycolumbus.org](http://www.cristoreycolumbus.org).*

## NOTRE DAME STUDENTS SHARE THE NEEDS OF SCIOTO COUNTY WITH THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

The Catholic Foundation staff and board of trustees took a two-hour bus trip to Portsmouth Notre Dame Junior-Senior High School on Thursday, March 22, and were warmly greeted by students, teachers, staff members from the Portsmouth Office of Catholic Social Services, and clergy from the area's churches.

The students of Notre Dame have been working on a project to build awareness of the needs of the area and presented members of The Catholic Foundation with a Power Point presentation of their efforts. The project began with 158 students raising money

and collecting food. The students went out into the streets and began to reach out by connecting a face to a need.

This project gave the students an opportunity to walk outside their comfort area and encouraged them to help. They saw, felt, and spoke to people in need. A Notre Dame senior was in tears as she said, “I never actually had gotten out of my car and looked before now. ... It has changed my life, and I now know I can change the life of someone else with the grace of God.” Another student said, “These people are just like us.”

The presentation was re-

ceived with an ovation. When the students were asked what their plans were after high school, almost all said they planned to attend a local college, then stay in Scioto County to make a difference, saying that education is the key to improving conditions in the area.

The area's two Catholic Social Services staff members discussed how they helped more than 5,000 families and served 682 children this past Christmas. “The needs are great and the fact that these students are putting a face on poverty is the first step,”

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From left, Libby Welsh, Hayden Schmidt, Emma Sand, Tori Harr, and Braeden Sparks conduct a Power Point presentation for members of The Catholic Foundation's staff and board of trustees. Photo courtesy The Catholic Foundation



Front Page photo:

A window inside St. Gerard Church in Buffalo, N.Y., depicts Jesus with children.

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Witnesses

Did you receive the Word of God last week with a renewed sense and understanding of trust? When it comes to trust in Jesus, there is no greater understanding we should have. Trust in our salvation by way of our Divine Savior is inseparable. We dare not simply rely upon fate, and we cannot just blindly trust without purpose. We believe in God, but we do not physically see Him as such. But we have great faith. We actually encounter God in His Word, in one another, and in the Eucharist. So we have great hope. We trust in God because we experience Him in small ways here on earth – yes, in the acts of love and kindness both given and received. And we have great love, the same love that is pure in our God, and one in which we will be forever immersed in Heaven. The love for and trust in God that we seek is the same that overwhelmed the apostles after the Resurrection and prepared them to receive the Holy Spirit. Their physical needs were met by the common generosity and sharing of the community of believers. Their spiritual needs required a major boost from the same Spirit that lighted the fire burning within them while Jesus walked with them. As Jesus appeared to His apostles after the Resurrection, their trust was affirmed, reignited, and made even stronger. We seek the same when we pray “Jesus, I trust in you.”

The Sunday readings throughout the 50-day Easter season remind us of how the apostles boldly transformed the world around them. We also hear of the multiple appearances Jesus made to His disciples. They needed to see Him, to touch Him, to talk with Him, to eat with Him, and to receive His Holy Spirit. The apostles were the first witnesses to the life of Jesus Christ, and, most important, to His Resurrection. Their witness was so much more than seeing with their eyes. They are witnesses for us because they not only saw and shared and wrote, but they bore witness by their very lives. These are the witnesses we strive to become. That is our great commission – to bear witness to our Faith in how we think, act, and live. Our three readings we will hear proclaimed this Sunday should inspire us along our journey. As good and faithful stewards, striving to bear witness with our use of our time, talent, and treasure, we follow the example provided in the Word of God. Each of these readings ends with a very specific piece of our motivation and reason as witnesses. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles ends with the sentence “Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.” We just went through this in Lent, and, hopefully, we were renewed. But we are sinners, and we will constantly need that same renewal. The grace of forgiveness helps us to be good witnesses of our Faith. The second reading from the first letter of St. John ends with the sentence “But whoever keeps His word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.” This is another simple and basic truth to help us to be faithful witnesses. With this kind of a promise, why is it so difficult to keep God’s Word? Our lives of bearing witness allow the love of God to be perfected in each of us.

Our practical challenge this week is found in the last sentence of the Gospel reading from Luke: “You are witnesses of these things.” This line was not meant only for the apostles. They saw and then became witnesses in how they lived their lives, even giving their lives in witness to Christianity. Can we do the same? Yes, we must. We are not expected or challenged to be martyrs. We are asked to do small and meaningful things that impact the lives of those around us. That is how we bear witness to our Faith. That is how we respond to the directive of Jesus Christ that we must be witnesses. Let us go and live as witnesses by our good and faithful stewardship.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese



**Columbus Bishop Hartley High School seniors (from left) Michelle Summers, Laura Schlagheck, and Karen Gilmore have been selected as National Merit Scholarship finalists. All finalists will be considered for National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34 million to be offered in 2012. Scholarship winners will be announced beginning this month**

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

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said CSS regional director Barbara McKenzie.

The Catholic Foundation has provided more than \$ 1.1 million in the past 12 years to the Scioto County area. Amy Parker, vice president of grants administration for the Foundation, said, “We exist to serve the needs of the people. We even provide free grant workshops, share current needs on our

website and work to unite parishes, schools, and ministries in need with those who can help.”

Some funds have been established to help the needs of the Scioto County community, and anyone can contribute to them. Contact The Catholic Foundation at [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org) or (614) 443-8893 to find out how you can help change the lives of others.



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## Local organizations of older adults can join webcasts on Maturing Spirituality

The Martin de Porres Center’s Institute for Maturing Spirituality is offering a series of four programs to be webcast to parishes and senior residences between April 30 and July 11 on topics of particular interest to adults in the second half of life.

The live webcasts will include a 30-minute presentation by a distinguished speaker, followed by small group discussion at each location, guided by a facilitator. During the discussion time, facilitators are encouraged to email, phone, or text questions to the speaker. The questions will be answered live in the last 20 minutes of the webcast. This format was conducted with great success in four parishes in 2010 and several senior residences in 2011.

The spring/summer series will include these four programs:

- Monday, April 30, 1 to 2:30 p.m., “Developing Resilience Through Spiritual Exercise in the Second Half of Life,” presented by Robert L. Weber, PhD, assistant clinical professor of psychology at Harvard Medical School.

- Wednesday, May 16, 2 to 3:30 p.m., “Care Partnering: A Holistic View of Caring Relationships,” presented by Jennifer Heston, MSW, assisted-living social worker, Westminster-Thurber Community, Columbus.

- Wednesday, June 6, 2 to 3:30 p.m., “Dedicated Suffering: A Spiritual Practice for Creating Meaning Out of Pain and Suffering,” presented by Jane M. Thibault, PhD, retired clinical gerontologist, School of Medicine, University of Louisville.

- Wednesday, July 11, 2 to 3:30 p.m., “Thomas Merton on Christian Spirituality,” presented by David J. Belcastro, MDiv, PhD, assistant dean, School of Humanities, Capital University.

To participate in the webcasts, an organization will need a laptop computer, an Internet connection in the meeting space, a digital projector to connect to the computer, a screen or blank wall for the projected image, and speakers attached to the laptop. The center will provide a link to the webcast a few days prior to the event. The center’s webcast coordinator will offer technological assistance for subscribers before the day of the webcast.

The intention of this initiative is to capitalize on new technologies to make excellent programming available to a large number of the faithful at an affordable cost, at sites that are accessible and comfortable for them. An organization may subscribe to the series of four programs for \$200, with online access to each program for 30 days after its webcast, for a total of \$300. With a series subscription, the organization may choose to purchase a DVD containing all four presentations for an additional \$75. A subscription form and more detailed information about each program are available on the center’s website at [www.martindeporrescenter.net](http://www.martindeporrescenter.net).

Individuals also are welcome to attend each program live at the center, where a free will donation will be accepted. For additional information contact the center’s director, Christina Butler, at (614) 416-1920.

## Spring Retreat for Women

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, are sponsoring a spring retreat for women from 8:15 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28, in Marian Hall of Worthington St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St.

The morning will include breakfast re-

freshments, Mass, presentations by the sisters, small-group discussion, time for reflection, the Rosary, and Adoration and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, contact Jennifer Mulligan at (614) 847-3848 or [jmulligan@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jmulligan@columbus.rr.com).

## Morning of Reflection

Women are invited to give the most precious gift of themselves and attend a morning of reflection from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 12, at the Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark.

The presenter will be Sister Janice Bachman, OP. There will be a brunch at 11 a.m. The cost is \$12.50 per person. For reservations, contact the center at (740) 928-4246 or e mail [info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org](mailto:info@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org).



## Nathanael Ohl Accepts Appointment to the United States Military Academy

Nathanael Ohl, a senior at Newark Catholic High School, has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He has a 4.0 grade-point average, is treasurer of the National Honor Society and a member of the Latin Club at his school, and has been an altar server at Granville St. Edward Church for nine years. He was a four-year varsity letter winner, two-time team captain, and two-time district placer in wrestling. He was state runner-up at 119 pounds in Greco-Roman wrestling in 2011 and was a member of an Ohio team that competed at a national wrestling tournament in Fargo, N.D. He also is a two-time varsity letter winner in golf. Photo courtesy JoEllen Ohl

## Healing Mass

The diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal will sponsor a special healing Mass, celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson, at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available during Mass

for people with serious illness.

Mass will be preceded by the rosary at 2:30 and praise and worship from 3 to 4. Trained prayer teams will be available during that time for those desiring personal prayer for healing of spiritual, emotional, or physical needs.





*A quick note from:*

THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

THE LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE 50 DAYS OF EASTER

More than any other season, Easter is a time of an explosion of flowers. Easter is not just a day. Easter, the great celebration of the risen Christ, is the first of 50 days and lasts through the power of the Holy Spirit giving birth to the Church



on Pentecost, the last day of the Easter season. The season is a celebration of joyful exultation as one feast day. Its first eight days, which make up the octave of Easter, highlight the wonders of initiation and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. The Easter season is full of the sounds of alleluias, while the warmth of the Easter fire on our faces keeps the Paschal Candle burning. The Word of God is woven deep within our hearts. The smells of chrism and lilies are imbedded in our memories. Add the refreshing waters of baptism, which have washed us into new life, to the taste of the finest bread and wine, which becomes the body and blood of our Lord to nourish our spiritual journey, and we, too, are resurrected in our faith.

Keep in mind the environment needs to be maintained for the 50 days of the Easter season. Your plans might require scaling back your order of flowers for Easter Sunday so that you can replenish them throughout the season. When using other forms of decoration, they need to be appropriate for the liturgical environment. Flowers in our liturgical space must be from natural resources and not artificial. Some resources that can be used are blossoms from parishioners' yards – forsythia one week, plum or apple the next week, pussy willows or pear blossom the next. The recourses may vary, depending on what natural plants come into bloom. Bundles of green winter wheat and other fresh grasses may be used to enhance the environ-

ment. Scrubs, bushes, and green plants may be planted in large, urn-shaped water-proof vessels that will give height and depth. Potted flowers will look better if they are clustered, rather than evenly spaced.

The decorations should not overwhelm the ambo or altar. The decorations are only to enhance the worship space, not to overpower the space or hinder the liturgical actions and movement. Decorations are elements that provide beauty and draw the assembly to focus on the elements that are important. The principal focus during the Easter season is the Paschal Candle. It should be of grand size, and nothing should compete with or diminish it. The Paschal Candle is lit for all liturgical rites during the 50 days and should be placed next to the ambo through the duration of the Easter season. It is a sign of the light of Christ and the Spirit's fire.

A special effort should be made to decorate sites such as the vestibules, entryways, and window sills so the assembly can enjoy the smells and beauty. Another area to pay attention to is the outdoors. This allows us to share the joy of the season with the neighboring community. The upkeep of flowers and other elements in the worship environment should be checked weekly. Anticipate each week the task of ordering or cutting replacements. The Easter season takes a lot of planning, because it is the greatest feast of the Church and it deserves our best and even more.

Learn from the earth after sleeping through the winter. It returns to life in these 50 days. Listen for alleluias in the whispers of the breeze, the humming songs of the birds, and the shouting of thunder storms. "He is risen."

Four Gospels mentioned in the Bible; watching Mass on TV



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
Catholic News Service

Q. As you are aware, the four Gospels in the Catholic Bible are based on the writings of saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But recently, as I was channel surfing, I came across a television program that spoke of the Gospels of Judas Iscariot, Peter the Apostle, and Mary Magdalene.

When I mentioned this to a couple of Catholic friends, they told me that there are in fact many different Gospels, in addition to the four we all know and the three referenced on television. If that is so, then why doesn't our Bible include all of the Gospels? (Camp Hill, Pa.)

A. From the earliest days of the church, and certainly from the midpoint of the second century, four and only four Gospels have generally been regarded by Christian authors as the official (or "canonical") Gospels and have thus found their way into the Bible; namely, the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

It is true that there are several dozen other documents (or fragments of documents) which are sometimes referred to as "Gospels," including the ones your question mentions.

Those, however, have never been widely regarded as authentic and contemporaneous accounts of the words and actions of Christ, and are commonly called "apocryphal" Gospels. The differences between canonical and apocryphal Gospels are notable.

The canonical Gospels were written, broadly speaking, during the apostolic period, while the apostles of Jesus or their immedi-

ate disciples were still alive. Those narratives were given nearly immediate acceptance by the Christian churches of the East and the West and were universally recognized as authentic.

In fact, around 140 AD, the author Tatian produced a harmonization of excerpts from the four canonically recognized Gospels. Accounts from the apocryphal Gospels, on the other hand, were used only sporadically by scattered groups and never gained wide acceptance. References to the apocryphal Gospels are found later on, around the end of the second century.

In addition, the canonical Gospels are fairly straightforward and largely consistent accounts of the life and sayings of Jesus, while the apocryphal ones are rife with stories of a legendary and unique nature. In trying to meet the demands of popular piety, they often conceive of events (e.g., "miracles" performed by Jesus while he was still a child) which the canonical Gospels mention not at all.

Some of the apocryphal Gospels are also clearly heretical and gnostic (purporting to relate some "secret teachings" of Jesus).

Q. I would like to know whether watching Mass on television fulfills one's obligation. My husband never goes to church, but he does watch Mass on TV every Sunday. I attend Mass regularly, although I have missed church recently because of my health. (Louisville, Ky.)

A. The simple answer to your question is "No."

Watching Mass on television does not fulfill one's Sunday obligation. Assuming that your husband is a Catholic and is in reasonable health, he is required to be at Mass in person. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, in section 2180, specifies that the Sunday obligation is satisfied by "assistance" at Mass, and every commentator I have read views that to mean attendance at a eucharistic celebration.

Such a reading would seem logical, since Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). The Eucharist has a community dimension which strengthens the faith of participants. It was with deliberate purpose that Jesus directed his memory to be kept alive by his disciples sharing in a meal.

Although taking holy Communion at Mass is not required to satisfy the Sunday obligation, it seems clear that those who participate most fully are the ones who receive back from the Lord the sacred food offered in sacrifice. That gift, of course, is not available to television viewers.

The televised Mass has great value for those whose illness or infirmity precludes them from being in church. It would be incorrect to say watching television fulfills their obligation. Simply put, there is no obligation for them. They are dispensed.

But shut-ins can derive real spiritual benefit from following the prayers and readings of the Mass on television. I would suggest that shut-ins can multiply that benefit by asking to be placed on their parish's Communion list so that a eucharistic minister will visit them regularly.

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

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LENTEN FILL UP FRIDAYS



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Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

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"An unjust law cannot be obeyed," the bishops' statement said. "In the face of an unjust law, an accommodation is not to be sought, especially by resorting to equivocal words and deceptive practices.

"If we face today the prospect of unjust laws, then Catholics in America, in solidarity with our fellow citizens, must have the courage not to obey them," it added. "No American desires this. No Catholic welcomes it. But if it should fall upon us, we must discharge it as a duty of citizenship and an obligation of faith."

The bishops also distinguished between conscientious objection and an unjust law.

"Conscientious objection permits some relief to those who object to a just law for reasons of conscience – prescription being the most well-known example," the committee said. "An unjust law is 'no law at all.' It cannot be obeyed, and therefore one does not seek relief from it, but rather its repeal."

The statement also raised the issue of religious freedom abroad and said "the age of martyrdom has not passed."

"Assassinations, bombings of churches, torching of orphanages -- these are only the most violent attacks Christians have suffered because of their faith in Jesus Christ," the bishops said. "It is our task to strengthen religious liberty at home, ... so that we might defend it more vigorously abroad."

The statement called on "American foreign policy, as well as the vast international network of Catholic agencies" to make "the promotion of religious liberty an ongoing and urgent priority."

The bishops assigned special responsibility for advancing religious freedom to several groups:

– Those who hold public office must "protect and defend those fundamental liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights," regardless of their political party.

– Leaders of Catholic hospitals, universities, and social service agencies "who may be forced to choose between the good works we do by faith, and fidelity to that faith itself" were encouraged to "hold firm, to stand fast and to insist upon what belongs to you by right as Catholics and Americans."

– Priests must offer "a catechesis on religious liberty suited to the souls in your care," a responsibility that is shared with "writers, producers, artists, publishers, filmmakers and bloggers employing all the means of communications."

In addition to the "fortnight for freedom" from June 21 to July 4, the bishops designated the Feast of Christ the King – Nov. 25 this year -- as "a day specifically employed by bishops and priests to preach about religious liberty, both here and abroad."





ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

# Lukewarm

By Loren Brown



During the recent St. Gabriel Radio spirit drive, there was a short segment on lukewarmness in regard to our faith. I was enjoying the sunny day with my car windows open as I made my way to Lancaster to visit Father Kessler and the folks of St. Bernadette Church. As I was casually listening to a conversation on the topic of being lukewarm, a quote from C.S. Lewis made me stop and consider how easily one can become lukewarm. Lewis said, “Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”

In many aspects of our life, we like to live lukewarm or somewhere in the middle – between left and right, between hot and cold, and between a lot and a little. For example, we like the accomplishment of making Sunday Mass on time and recharging our faithful batteries. We feel good and visit with a few friends after Mass, the family is happy in the car heading home, and we’re off to a quiet Sunday and a good start of the new week. It’s just right, in the middle, lukewarm! However, when it comes to our faith and our actions being in the middle, being lukewarm or thinking that things

are “good ” weakens us. After all, practicing our faith beyond lukewarm, to live as Jesus taught us, requires action on our part to be above being in the middle.

In my job, I am blessed that parishes, ministries, schools, and priests share with me the good effects happening, as well as the needs, throughout our 23-county diocese. The Catholic Foundation recognizes these needs within our diocese and through the faithful, and is able to offer financial support to so many worthy Catholic organizations. However, we can’t stop at just knowing and supporting many. We must strive to go beyond, and this requires action on our part.

Last month, our board of trustees and staff traveled to Notre Dame High School in Portsmouth and was given a glimpse into the real-life stories of needs in the Scioto County area – stories of families without a home, food, or shoes, and of children who go to school hungry and who are bullied. High school students presented us with a Power Point class project for which they went into the streets to meet the human face of those in need. The students taught themselves about the needs in their

community and made a profound statement to us: “This is our town and, through Christ, we are going beyond lukewarm in our generation.” We could feel their commitment to God’s call and were so impressed with them as the future of our Catholic faith.

As I reflect on that trip to Portsmouth, I ask myself “Am I being lukewarm in my actions?” So, then, the question remains, “As The Catholic Foundation, what are we together doing with our knowledge of these needs? How do we get the word out to the faithful that we are here to support and serve, to overcome lukewarmness?” We would love to hear from you, and together we will express that, as C.S. Lewis said, our faith is of infinite importance.

The Catholic Foundation provides a number of estate planning vehicles to make an impact in the lives of the Catholic community. Please join us in overcoming lukewarm. Visit us at [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org) or “like” us on Facebook.

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



## ST. JAMES THE LESS BASKETBALL TEAM UNBEATEN

The seventh-grade boys competitive basketball team from Columbus St. James the Less School has completed an unbeaten 24-game season which included diocesan league and tournament championships. Team members are (from left): first row, Joseph Arnold, Landon Schmeitzel, Shaylin Waugh, Ryan Peaks, and Conner O’Keefe; second row, Omar Vargas, Mikie Kaylor, Andre Hawkins-White, and coach Mike Kaylor

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## An Unquestioning, Joyful Offering

One of the greatest blessings of my job is that I have the opportunity to attend Mass on some mornings with the St. Matthew School children. I love hearing the homilies that our priests craft and preach specifically for the kids. I love the sound of their voices singing the hymns. I love seeing their faces as they receive the Eucharist. But by far my favorite part is the offertory procession, where a selected group of children bring the bread and the wine down the aisle to the priest. I’m frequently moved by this part of the Mass for its rich symbolism, with the procession representing our call to bring ALL that we are to the Lord, that we might unite our sacrifice to his sacrifice on the altar. But I’m particularly drawn to meditation as I see these children walk in procession with such giddiness and excitement to offer the gifts. Sometimes, they look shy and seem awkward, but most of the time, they walk feverishly towards the priest, with bright eyes filled with wonder at the GIFT of their participation in this offering.

I remember the same type of experience at Mass on Sundays as a child. My brothers and I would fight over who got to put my parents’ collection envelope in the basket as it was passed down our row. There was something so honorable and so intriguing about that simple gesture. We wanted to offer something. We wanted to be able to contribute. We wanted to be fully invested in this ritual. And as I was thinking about these two things, I was drawn to such deep reflection as I contrasted the heart of these children with my own.

Though I’m not sure they realize it, I think that children respond in these ways out of something greater than simply wanting a job or seeking recognition. I think children understand the value of abandonment. I think they know, even with their limited understanding, that they are participating in something profound. I think their reaction speaks to what is so deeply ingrained in each of

us--a desire to give ourselves fully to the Lord, a desire to offer what we have, what we bring, who we are, to the God who will transform that offering into something beautifully different. And I think that children have the ability to embrace this desire with unquestioning hearts and uncorrupted intentions. I don’t think there has ever been a child who, when placing a collection envelope in the basket, has pondered whether or not their parents gave enough money or questioned what that money would be used for. I don’t think there has ever been a child who has processed the bread and wine down the aisle questioning what would become of that gift.

And I long for my offering of self to be as unadulterated and untainted as this. I long for a heart that fearlessly offers all that I am to the Lord. I long to be a person who shamelessly brings my life to Christ, knowing that this offering is all he desires, is not beyond transformation, and is done for the benefit of my soul. Why, though, with this longing so deep that it hurts, do I so begrudgingly offer myself to the Lord? Why, after years of seeing that my abandonment leads to my fulfillment, do I still grasp so tightly to my own will? Why am I so questioning, so guarded, so ungenerous?

The answer is: I’m afraid. Mostly, I’m afraid what he will ask of me or what he will do with my offering of self. I’m afraid that if I offer my income to Christ, he will ask me to give up extravagance so as to live simply. I’m afraid that if I offer Jesus my future, I will have to give up the life that I have come to comfortably love so much. I’m afraid that if I offer him the areas of my life that need healed, I will have to actually face some of the demons from my past for him to restore me. I’m afraid that if I bring to him my brokenness, that he will ask me to courageously stop turning to the glamour of sin and turn repentantly and sacrificially back to him.

## Our Easter Miracle

By JUDY DICK

God’s infinite love surrounds us every day; however, we’re usually so immersed in our daily selves that we seldom notice His presence in our lives. But every once in a great while, God knocks us over the head with the preverbal two-by-four hoping for our attention. That is what happened this Easter 2012.

During Holy Week at Children’s Hospital, the doctors and nurses, (God’s earthly angels) had given sad news to a very loving mom and dad that their newborn little one had no chance of surviving. Little to no time was left for them to hold their little one in their arms - one more MRI would be done on Monday, giving the parents a final Easter weekend with their

daughter. The child would then be taken off the ventilator. The parents were being advised that there was no hope for their daughter.

Multiple prayers for the child were ascending to the Good Lord from his earthly family -- prayers by people who knew family members and by those who did not. One was for an Easter miracle, “Please, Lord! We live in a world that is filled with meanness and bitterness. We pray to you and we wonder ‘Do you hear us?’ I know we shouldn’t keep asking you for a sign ... but so many are praying for this child. Just let us know you hear our supplications.”

And in Children’s Hospital, on this past Easter Sunday, the little one’s vent came

undone! The child began breathing on her own. Her vitals were stable. She yawned, she stretched, and she opened her eyes. A regular crib was brought in. Her parents held their baby. However, by Monday evening, one week after her birth, the little girl was losing ground. Family members were called in. On Tuesday, the baby was back in a special bed.

On Wednesday, the parents were told that if she lived till Thursday, they could take her home and Hospice would be assisting them, as there was nothing more anyone could do for their daughter.

On Friday, God’s little one was now home, in her own crib, taking a bottle and swinging in her own swing watch-



The Great Surrender  
Megan Thompson

But it is in this fear that I must ask the question “When has he ever let me down? When has my offering of self ever not led to something greater and more glorious? When has giving up control ever led me to feel enslaved? When has my will ever been better than his will for me?” Sirach 2:10 says, “Study the generations long past and understand; has anyone hoped in the Lord and been disappointed? Has anyone called upon him and been rebuffed?” And I think we could continue this series of questions and ask “Has anyone ever emptied himself and not been filled by him? Has anyone ever offered herself and felt depleted or used? Have anyone ever abandoned themselves to Christ and found the love, mercy, peace, and joy he grants to be lacking?”

We know the answer to every one of these questions. But it’s the CHOOSING to acknowledge it that is hard. So, Jesus, we ask for grace to abandon ourselves to you. We ask for vision to see that your will for us is the way by which we are most satisfied, most fulfilled, and most loved, even if this way is trickled with suffering and sacrifice. May we firmly believe that “whatever happens to us through God’s will is always the best possible thing for us. God is not only good, very good, supremely good, but is only good. Therefore, his will is and must always be the best for us” (Father Bede Jarrett). In acknowledgment of this reality, we entrust ourselves to you--unreservedly, unquestionably, JOYFULLY.

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ing a mobile overhead. How long this child will stay with us, no one can say. Is her healing complete? One of the grandmothers remarked when she first saw her new grandchild that the baby was surrounded with love. At the time, she was referring to our human love; later, she knew it was the love of the Heavenly Father the love that He places in all of us, a love for us to share.

God heard the prayers for an Easter miracle. God heard all the prayers – and He let us know that He does hear us. Our miracle - another miracle for Easter Sunday!

Whatever else occurs is in His hands.

*Judy Dick is a parishioner at St. John Neumann Church in Sunbury.*



# PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN: A MORAL OBLIGATION

This April marks the 20th annual observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, proclaimed by Congress in 1983 so the nation would have a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and create ways to protect children.

The Catholic Church in the United States has joined in this effort, with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection compiling a number of resources for use this month and all year long.

The Diocese of Columbus Safe Environment Program helps this effort by making available information about the USCCB’s resources, answering inquiries about the diocese’s efforts to protect children, and providing Protecting God’s Children sessions.

Protecting God’s Children is a four-hour workshop administered by the National Catholic Risk Retention Group, commonly known as VIRTUS. It is required for all parish, school, and diocesan employees, including clergy and applicants for formation to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate, whether or not they have contact with young people in their jobs, and for every volunteer who works with diocesan or parish youth programs.

Its purpose is to teach people the signs of possible child abuse, how to address situations before they escalate, and how to report suspected abuse. It’s not intended as a punishment or an accusation against volunteers, but illustrates how adults must become part of the solution to stopping abuse.

Since 2002, nearly 40,000 people in the diocese have received such training and have undergone fingerprinting and a background check, which also is required as part of the certification of employees and volunteers throughout the diocese under the safe environment program. Nationwide, more than two million people have done the same during that period.

In the Diocese of Columbus, the program is directed by Regina E. Quinn, safe environment consultant, who is part of the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Her job is to coordinate programs mandated by the nation’s Catholic bishops in their 2002 *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

Quinn, who formerly was a prosecutor in the military and was in charge of investigating many child abuse cases, said the Protecting God’s Children program has expanded further into the community since the diocese hired her in 2009.

“Beginning in 2011, Bishop (Frederick) Campbell directed all diocesan Recreation Association officials to be compliant with the Safe Environment Program,” she said. “We have trained people with the COSI On Wheels program, which frequently visits Catholic schools.

“We’ve also had a number of Protecting God’s Children sessions with Capital University students who volunteer with the St. Vincent Family Center, and just completed a session for 18 Ohio Dominican University students who may



be doing student teaching in Catholic schools. All of this is part of our outreach to expand the program into the entire community, complying with the bishops’ mandate and at the same time making more people aware of the Catholic Church’s commitment to child protection.

“As we’ve been doing this, we’re finding that people’s awareness of possible child abuse situations or of things which might lead to abuse has increased exponentially. We’re

getting phone calls from people to discuss certain situations before a problem arises. Many parishes have appointed someone who acts as a coordinator and a contact person related to child safety issues.

“People also are becoming more aware of little things and becoming more proactive in child protection matters, taking measures such as replacing frosted glass with clear glass on classroom windows to make activities in those rooms more visible.”

Quinn said that the issue of bullying has been a growing concern in schools in recent years, with several schools in the diocese offering various anti-bullying programs. VIRTUS has a bullying prevention program which discusses the warning signs that someone is either a bully or a target and looks at appropriate responses. The program may be accessed by those already registered on the VIRTUS website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

“VIRTUS revised its sessions a couple of years ago to address online issues such as cyberbullying,” Quinn said. “If you have taken the Protecting God’s Children program but haven’t visited the VIRTUS site in a while, I encourage you to look at it and continue your training with the newest information.”

She said that in response to comments on evaluations of the Protecting God’s Children program, her office, in conjunction with the diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis, also has put together an eight-page handout listing resources related to child safety in a variety of media to encourage parents to talk to their children about the subject.

“People are recognizing that continuing education is an ongoing process. This has resulted in a much better understanding over time of what the safe environment program is trying to do,” she said.

The diocesan Office of Social Concerns also is involved in efforts to combat child abuse. Since 2000, it has conducted a training program called “Calming the Storm,” which is designed to render all types of family violence unacceptable by means of education, influence, and behavior change. The half-day program is available for individual parishes and focuses on what parishes can do to promote a healthy family atmosphere.

“It provides parish and diocesan staff with the tools they

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# ADVICE TO PARENTS

**Parenting is the most influential responsibility an adult undertakes in life. It is also the one job for which adults receive the least amount of training. Society expects parents to know what to do, to always take appropriate actions, and to behave daily in a manner that provides a wonderful role model for their children. However, society does not provide parents the tools and skills they need to live up to these expectations.**

**The National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc., provides parents with the following information to help protect children from sexual abuse. It was prepared for the group’s Protecting God’s Children program, which is required for all employees and volunteers in the Diocese of Columbus who deal with children.**

The first step to protecting children from sexual abuse is educating parents about the nature of the problem. Awareness about child sexual abuse, what it is, and who commits it, opens the door to some simple steps parents can take to protect children.

No one has more at stake or a more vested interest in protecting children than the people who gave them life. Awareness, education, and responsible parenting give a child the best tools for his or her defense, and the child may be more likely to tell an adult if something happens.

The first of two centerpiece videos, “A Time to Protect God’s Children,” presents an accurate, clear, and effective introduction to the subject of child sexual abuse. Awareness usually gives rise to the question “What can I do?” The second video, “A Plan to Protect God’s Children,” trains adults to recognize some of the primary symptoms of child sexual abuse and what to do if a child reports abuse.

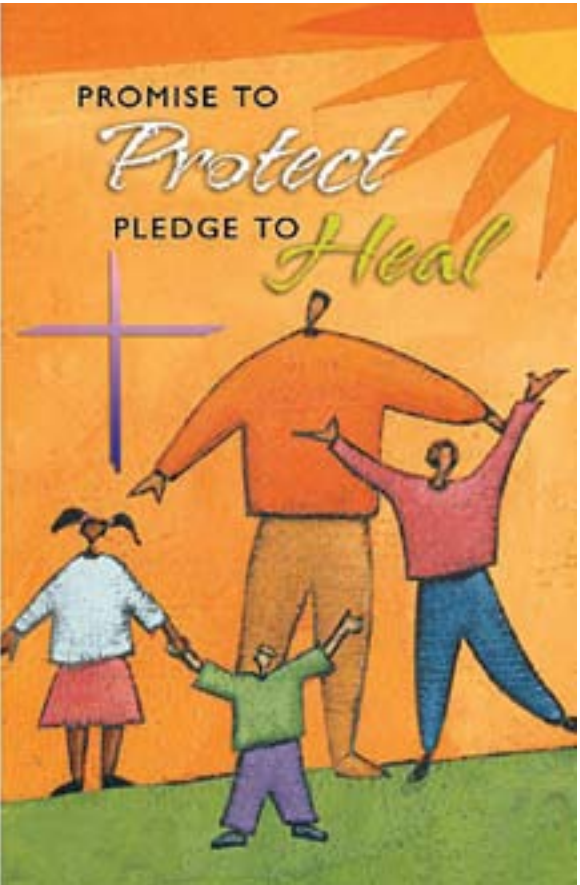
Parents need practical advice. Parents bear the primary responsibility for the safety and well-being of their children. Here are some practical actions that parents can take to help protect their children from sexual abuse:

(1) By virtue of their physical size, adults have power over children, and that increases a child’s vulnerability. For example, parents and other authority figures teach children to “obey adults.” When children hear this message, they may interpret it to mean that all adults have the authority to tell all children what to do, all the time. If this is a child’s interpretation, then the message has created additional vulnerability for the child. Yet some simple, common-sense steps can help minimize a child’s vulnerability. For example:

Do NOT insist that children hug or kiss relatives or friends. Let children express affection on their own terms.

Let children know that their feelings are important to you. Intervene if you notice that your child is uncomfortable doing something that another adult asks him or her to do.

Let the child know that you will protect him or her from this discomfort. That doesn’t necessarily mean that you should let children off the hook when it comes to doing their chores or



cleaning up a mess they’ve made.

(2) Learn to recognize and take advantage of teachable moments with children. Be willing to openly discuss sensitive issues. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following age-appropriate conversations with children:

From ages 18 months to 3 years: begin teaching children the proper names for all body parts.

Ages 3 to 5: teach children about private body parts and how to say “No” to anyone who touches them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. Give them direct answers to questions about sex.

Ages 5 to 8: talk about good touches and bad touches, and safety away from home.

Ages 8 to 12: focus on personal safety issues.

Ages 13 to 18: discuss issues such as rape, date rape, HIV, other sexually transmitted diseases, and unintended pregnancy. There also are professionals in the community who can provide assistance with forming age-appropriate responses to children’s questions and concerns. Remember, regardless of the child’s age, take advantage of teachable moments.

(3) Games are a great way to reinforce the lessons you teach your children about safety issues. For example, children are always asking parents “What if?” Using this same game, parents can raise their own concerns and encourage their children to think and make decisions relying on the lessons they have learned.

(4) Teach children to say “Stop it” to instructions that might encourage them to do things that they really do not want to do. Reinforce the rule that children should say “Stop it” to requests or demands that make them uncomfortable, even if they think they should obey. A discussion of these rules can teach a child that there are some times when it is OK to go along with the instructions. Everything hinges on context.

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# DIOCESE COMPLIES WITH CHARTER FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops adopted a charter and norms for the protection of children and young people in June 2002. Every year since then, each diocese in the nation has undergone a yearly audit of its compliance to programs designed to prevent child sex abuse, and in each of those years, the Diocese of Columbus has been found to be complaint with the charter in all respects.

“The auditing and child protection processes we conduct allow us to show that the promises made by our Holy Father and the nation’s bishops in response to the devastating reports in 2002 related to sexual abuse by priests in the United States have been kept,” said Deacon Tom Berg Jr., diocesan vice chancellor, who coordinates efforts to comply with the charter.

“The scandals of 2002 were extremely painful for the Church, but the most important thing is that we learned a great deal from them and are moving forward in ensuring the protection of children and the compassionate treatment of victims of abuse.”

The annual audits are on a three-year cycle, with the diocese auditing itself in two of the three years and on-site audits conducted in the third year by StoneBridge Business Partners of Rochester, N.Y.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops hired StoneBridge as the auditing organization for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, replacing the Boston-based Gavin Group, which had been conducting the audits since 2002. The most recent on-site audit for the Diocese of Columbus took place in 2010, with the next one scheduled next year.

“We’ve received great cooperation from nearly every diocese in the country on the audits,” said James Marasco, director of StoneBridge.

“They’ve put an awful lot of time, resources, and money into their efforts to ensure compliance with the charter on a daily basis. It is our hope that with our help, the Catholic Church in the United States may continue to restore the trust of the faithful and heal the wounds caused by abuse.”

The diocese audits individual parishes on

the same three-year cycle. Those audits are conducted by either Deacon Berg or Regina Quinn, diocesan safe environment coordinator.

“The purpose of these audits is not to play a game of ‘Gotcha,’ but to find out what each parish and school are doing and what kind of help they need,” Deacon Berg said. “The worst thing that can happen to a parish or school because of an audit is that we find some problems occasionally and work with the parishes to resolve the matters, but for the most part, parishes are doing very well.”

All diocesan policies and procedures related to sexual abuse of minors are reviewed by a board which meets once a year.

In addition, the board is called together when an allegation is made against a clergy member. It advises the bishop about the credibility of the allegation so he can make a fully informed decision in response.

Most board members are laypeople not employed by the diocese. Attorney John Kulewicz is chairman. The other members are Mitchell Brown, Columbus public safety director; Dominic Cavello, principal of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School; Dr. Paula Compton of the Ohio Board of Regents; Linda Day-Mackessy of the YMCA of Central Ohio; Dr. Juanita Murawski of the Ohio State University Medical Center; Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director; Mrs. Mary Ginn Ryan; and Dr. Kathleen Wodarczyk, a Westerville pediatrician.

The charter and norms adopted 10 years ago by the nation’s bishops are a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. They serve as particular law for the Church in the United States and include guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.

These documents also include measures for making prompt and effective response to allegations, cooperating with civil authorities, disciplining offenders, and creating a safe environment for children and young people.

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## Holy Spirit's Lent Project

**Fourth-graders at Columbus Holy Spirit School show items their class collected for senior citizens and victims of domestic violence, in cooperation with Catholic Social Services and the parish social concerns committee, as part of a schoolwide project for Lent. The items included coffeemakers, toasters, dishes and silverware, bedding and pillows, cleaning supplies, and much more**

Photo courtesy Holy Spirit School

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need for identification, appropriate intervention, and prevention of family violence,” said its coordinator, Erin Cordle. “Strong, healthy, safe families are the backbone of our society. I am so pleased at our efforts as Church to support families by making violence in the home unacceptable.”

The diocese’s Office of Marriage and Family Life, directed by Stephanie Jenemann, is promoting a pledge of nonviolence which includes versions for the family, the school, and the classroom. Each version is based on the goals of respecting self and others; communicating better; listening; forgiving; respecting nature; playing creatively; and being courageous.

Those who take the pledge promise to check themselves once a month for a year on how they are

following those ideals. Each school in the diocese has been sent a copy of the pledge, which originated with the national organization Parents for Peace and Justice, and has been asked to consider adopting it as part of the curriculum.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect is occurring, there are several ways to report it. In cases of a clear and immediate emergency, dial 911. In non-emergency situations, contact the law enforcement agency or public children services agency (PCSA) in the county where the child and his or her parent, guardian, or custodian reside or where the incident occurred.

**To find the phone number and location of the PCSA, go to <http://jfs.ohio.gov/County/cntydir.stm>**

**The diocesan safe environment program’s website, [www.cdeducation.org/oym/safe/add.htm](http://www.cdeducation.org/oym/safe/add.htm), also**

### **lists children services agencies by county.**

Information needed in making a report includes the name and address of the child you suspect is being abused or neglected; the age of the child; the name and address of the parents or caretakers; the name of the suspected abuser and the address, if available, and the reason abuse or neglect is suspected.

People reporting such suspicions can do so anonymously, if they prefer. Names of people providing information will not be given to a suspected abuser.

“If you don’t have all this information but think abuse or neglect is occurring, report what you know,” Quinn said. “Law enforcement and children services agencies will determine if there is enough information to investigate.”

### ADVICE, continued from Page 11

Parents must teach their children to discern between appropriate and inappropriate requests.

For example, it is appropriate to follow the instruction to “be nice,” as long as the instruction is within an appropriate context, such as “Be nice and don’t throw things at the other children.” But tell children it’s OK to disobey this request if, for example, someone says “Be nice and take off your clothes.”

(5) Know where children spend their time. Get to know the adults who show up at the various locations in the community where children gather and where they play together. Be wary of any adult who seems more interested in creating a relationship with a child than with other adults. Pay attention when an adult seems to single out a particular child for a relationship or for special attention. Warning signs include treats, gifts, vacations or other special favors offered only to one specific child.

(6) Make unannounced visits to the child’s nursery, babysitter, day care center, or school. When choosing a nursery, day care center, or school, make sure that there are no areas where children play or work that are “off limits” to parents. Taking these actions raises awareness among caregivers and reinforces the responsibility they have for the safety of the children in their charge.

(7) Find out if the child’s school or church religious education programs include a sex abuse prevention curriculum. If not, volunteer to be on a committee to establish such a program. Work with teachers to review available programs and make recommendations to school administrators. Talk with other parents about supporting the addition of child sexual abuse prevention material to existing child safety programs.

Do NOT allow a child to go alone on “vacation” with any adult other than the child’s parent.

Do NOT allow a child to spend the night alone with any adult other than the child’s parent or another safe adult.

Except in the case of a serious emergency, do NOT allow a child to travel alone, even for a very short distance, with any adult other than the child’s parent or another safe adult. You should also prohibit children from accepting expensive gifts from an adult, particularly if one child is singled out for special attention.

Parents can make an important difference. However, without a supporting organization to help bring together a community’s resources, experts, and commitment, parents are limited in their ability to impact community-wide child abuse prevention.

The church can join with parents to build a society where children are no longer at risk of being sexually abused, where those who have been victimized can find the resources and courage to heal, and where all people live together in loving, supportive relationships.

### CHARTER, continued from Page 11

All audited dioceses have codes of conduct spelling out what is acceptable behavior. These codes serve to let people know what behaviors are and are not accepted, as well as what behavior can be expected.

All dioceses have victim assistance coordinators, assuring victims that they will be heard. In the Diocese of Columbus, Msgr. Stephan J. Moloney fulfills this role and can be contacted at the Chancery Office, (614) 224-2251.

The diocese will provide appropriate, just, and pastoral care for anyone who has suffered the crime of sexual abuse of a minor at the hands of diocesan clergy or church employees or volunteers. It will report any and all allegations of abuse reported to it to the appropriate authorities and will cooperate fully

with the authorities.

Anyone who wishes to report such an allegation or needs pastoral or clinical care to begin or continue the process of healing from such abuse should call Msgr. Moloney,

Regardless of when the abuse occurred, a cleric against whom there is an established or admitted act of child sexual abuse is permanently removed from ministry. There is no statute of limitations for removing a cleric who has sexually abused a minor from public ministry in the Catholic Church.

Dioceses report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor to the civil authorities. The charter and norms require that all dioceses be open and transparent with civil authorities regarding any and all

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cases of sexual abuse. Parishes affected by abuse are informed openly, honestly, and compassionately of allegations and efforts for healing and reconciliation are undertaken.

Bishops communicate with each other on a regular basis to ensure a cleric who committed an act of sexual abuse is not transferred to another diocese. To ensure open communication between religious orders and bishops, a representative from the Conference of Major Superiors of Men serves on the U.S. bishops’ Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Recognizing the importance of ongoing formation, bishops are committing time and resources to continued formation programs of chastity, celibacy, and human formation for clerics.

Msgr. Moloney, diocesan vicar general and pastor of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, has been victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Columbus since the bishops’ charter created the position in 2002. He said he views the position mainly as a pastoral role.

“A person who has been abused by someone in the Church has tremendous emotional and spiritual needs. I meet with them and let them tell me what has happened to them,” he said.

“If they are making new allegations, these have to be responded to. We report them to the proper legal authorities and begin an investigation of our own. If it involves someone still serving in active ministry, we have to investigate the person being accused and place him on leave while the investigation continues.

“Many of the people I have dealt with have reported abuse by people who are no longer in the ministry, are deceased,

or are additional victims of known abusers removed from the ministry. The important thing is to make sure people receive the assistance they need.

“Usually, this involves some type of therapy or counseling. The diocese will refer them to a qualified counselor, or they may have a counselor or therapist of their own choice. The diocese covers the cost of their treatment for as long as it may be needed.

“We also discuss with these individuals their other needs. Sometimes they have financial difficulties and we offer assistance there as well.

“The diocese will continue to do everything possible to reach out and assist those who have been harmed in the past.”

Msgr. Moloney said that in 2011, the diocese assisted 17 abuse victims. He said the diocese spent \$68,803.78 last year on therapy for victims and \$74,087.70 on additional support for them, as well as \$16,897.08 on child protection efforts.

Since 2002, five priests in the Diocese of Columbus have been removed from ministry because of credible allegations against them. No such allegations were made against any current diocesan priest this past year. The only allegations which surfaced in the past year had to do with deceased priests or those already removed from ministry, Msgr. Moloney said.

The victim assistance program prints an announcement four times each year in the *Catholic Times* to remind people of its services. It has a confidential, 24-hour toll-free telephone number — 1-866-448-0217 — dedicated exclusively to its use. The program also may be contacted by email at [helpisavailable@colsdio.org](mailto:helpisavailable@colsdio.org).

## Scouting Awards Workshops

The diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting has scheduled “jump start” workshops to help Boy and Girl Scouts get started on meeting requirements for 11 Scouting-related Catholic religious awards, so they can get all or most of the necessary work completed during the summer.

The workshops will be from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Knights of Columbus Co-shocton Council 994’s hall, 250 S. 11th St., and at the same time Wednesday, May 9, in the activity center of Plain City St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St. A workshop also will take place in Columbus at a site and time to be determined.

Tables will be set up with counselors for each of the awards, who will provide an overview, along with

tips on getting the most out of each program. As time allows, participants will be able to begin working on all or part of one or more activity requirements.

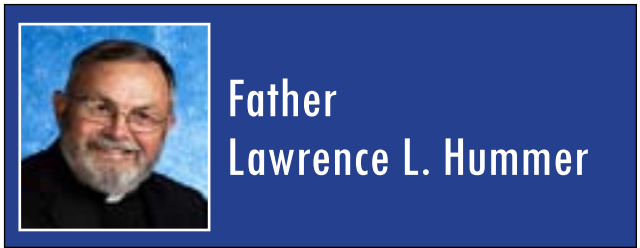
Information will be available on the following awards: for Girl Scouts: Family of God, I Live My Faith, Marian Medal, and Spirit of Life; for Cub Scouts: Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei; for Boy Scouts: Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII; and for all young people and adults: Rosary Patch, Pope John Paul I Patch, and Footsteps of American Saints patches.

For more details on the religious emblem programs, go to [www.cdeducation.org/oym/scouts.htm](http://www.cdeducation.org/oym/scouts.htm). Information on the emblems or on the workshops also is available from Chuck Lamb at (614) 882-7806 or [chucklamb007@aol.com](mailto:chucklamb007@aol.com).



Third Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)

# Discovery of the risen Christ brings repentance



Acts 3:13-15,17-19  
1 John 2:1-5a  
Luke 24:35-48

In the Acts reading, Peter makes the ancestral God (“the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers”) responsible for glorifying “his servant Jesus.” Peter blames all the people, who had gathered around after he had healed a cripple in the name of Jesus (Acts 3:1-9), for handing Jesus over to Pilate and for denying him before Pilate. “You ... asked that a murderer be released to you” (Luke 23:13-20) refers to the Barabbas incident. Peter calls them “brothers” while blaming them for denying “the Holy and Righteous One.”

Peter then acknowledges that they had acted out of ignorance, along with “their” leaders: “The author of life you put to death.” He concludes by urging them to repent and be converted, “that your sins may be wiped away.” Peter says that these residents of Jerusalem and their leaders acted out of

ignorance, but, ignorance notwithstanding, God allowed his Christ to suffer, as the prophets beforehand had announced. Their ignorance then ought to lead to repentance and forgiveness now.

Their ignorance was of his messianic identity, as well as of his divine origins and nature. Only Luke offers such an explanation, as when Jesus prays from the cross: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing (Luke 23:34).” There, he could have meant the Roman soldiers who were executing him, or the chief priests, the others. In Acts 13:27, Paul says “the inhabitants of Jerusalem and their leaders failed to recognize him,” but those also are Luke’s words as the author of Acts. So generally, the attribution of ignorance on the part of the Jews is a theme of Luke.

The rest of the New Testament is not so kind on the issue of Jewish guilt in the death of Jesus. It is especially brutal and widespread in the writings attributed to John, which Christian readers need to be aware of when reading these parts of the New Testament. By the time the New Testament was written, its writers were no longer interested in “ecumenical” sensitivity. But for the sake of Christ, we need to be.

Peter first reaches out to the Jews of Jerusalem (He calls them “Fellow Israelites” at the beginning of the speech in 3:12) to offer them the chance to repent and be converted. Repentance and conversion that lead to the forgiveness of sins are the appropriate responses to discovery of the risen Christ in every age.

In the Gospel, Jesus greeted the assembled disciples in peace. Many of them were hesitant to believe it was Jesus, who offered his hands and feet as proof that it was him. His desire to eat was one more proof, because he always enjoyed eating somebody else’s food. But it was not until he “opened their minds” to understand the Scriptures that they came to believe. Thus, we pray always that Christ open our minds to understand the Scriptures.

As with the Acts reading, so here the discovery of Jesus as the risen Christ leads to preaching the forgiveness of sins in his name “to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” That is precisely what Peter was doing in Acts, and the basis for it was this ending in Luke. If nothing else, Luke was a careful writer, balancing the Gospel and everything in it with Acts and everything in it.

The words from 1 John remind us how starkly he writes. One cannot say “I know Christ” but not keep his commandments. That one is a liar. Whoever keeps the word of Jesus is sure to see the love of God perfected in him.

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## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
Acts 6:8-15  
Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30  
John 6:22-29

TUESDAY  
Acts 7:51-8:1a  
Psalm 31:3cd-4,6ab,7b,8a,17,21ab  
John 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY  
1 Peter 5:5b-14  
Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-20  
Mark 16:15-20

THURSDAY  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20  
John 6:44-51

FRIDAY  
Acts 9:1-20  
Psalm 117:1-2  
John 6:52-59

SATURDAY  
Acts 9:31-42  
Psalm 116:12-17  
John 6:60-69

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 22, 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 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ’s and WWHO’s cable channel listings.  
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 Week III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

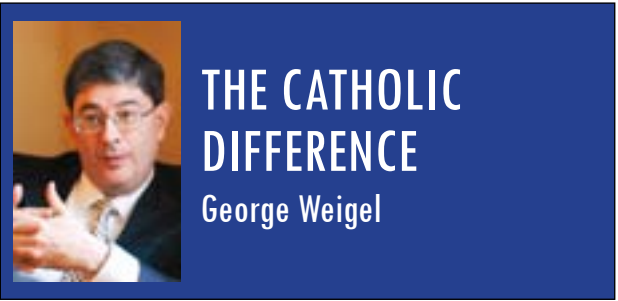
# Philip II, China and the Great Catholic What-If

History being linear, “What if...?” is an unanswerable question—but always a fascinating one. What if George Washington had failed in New York in the early days of the American revolution and the rebellion had been crushed? What if Lee had heeded Longstreet, won Gettysburg, and then taken Washington, thus ending the Civil War and achieving Confederate independence? What if Charles Lindbergh had been the Republican candidate in 1940 and had defeated FDR? What if *Bush* vs. *Gore* had been decided differently in 2000?

“What if ...?” questions involve more than politics, of course. What if the apostles had turned right rather than left on leaving the Holy Land, so that Christianity was first “inculturated” in a civilization (India) lacking the Greek principle of non-contradiction: Could the Church have developed a doctrinal architecture if Christianity had first been planted in a culture where something could both “be” and “not be”?

Then there is the great “What if ...?” involving Christianity and China, of which I’ve only become aware, thanks to a November 2011 lecture by the distinguished historian Hugh Thomas, published in the March 2012 issue of the British journal *Standpoint*.

Lord Thomas said a combination of Spanish conquistadors and missionaries, led by a remarkable character named Lopez de Legazpi, proposed to use the new Spanish colony of the Philippines as the launch pad for a Spanish and Christian takeover of China—an ambition they styled *la empresa de China*, “the China Project.” The “project” fired the imaginations of Legazpi’s successors, who pressed the Spanish monarch, Philip II, for permission to bring



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George Weigel

China under Spanish control. Philip, whom Hugh Thomas styles “the Great Procrastinator,” dithered, being preoccupied with rebellion in the Spanish Netherlands, and eventually cooled to the idea.

True to the original Ignatian charism, the fires of evangelical (and political) ambition were rekindled by a Jesuit, Alonso Sanchez, who went to China in 1582 and returned to the Philippines determined to revive *la empresa de China*. It would not be a walkover, Father Sanchez conceded. But he thought 8,000 men and 12 galleons could do the job.

And what a job it would be. For Sanchez and his supporters imagined a China filled with Christian universities and monasteries as well as Spanish forts, a China in which the Spaniards would intermarry with Chinese women (“serious, honest, retiring ... and usually of great grace, beauty, and discretion”) to form a new mestizo race that would be thoroughly Catholic, and from whose numbers the Gospel would then come (along with Spanish hegemony, of course) to India, Southeast Asia, Borneo, the Moluccas, and Sumatra.

Yet the Great Procrastinator in the Escorial continued

to procrastinate, and the defeat of the Invincible Armada by Howard and Drake in 1588 gave Philip II even more reason to dither about schemes of conquest and conversion in the Far East. Eventually, as Lord Thomas concludes, “nothing was done.” The plan was never rejected. Philip II simply let it die of inattention, as consummate bureaucrats know how to do.

But what if Philip had forged ahead—and succeeded? In the 1990 encyclical *Redemptoris Missio* (The Mission of the Redeemer), John Paul II, noting that the great failure of Christian mission in the first two millennia had been in east Asia, urged that the mission *ad gentes* (the mission to the nations) be focused on Asia in the third millennium. But what if China had been evangelized in the 17th century and had subsequently developed a vibrant form of Catholicism that blended the best of European and Chinese talents and personalities? Might the mission *ad gentes*, in the third millennium, be one in which this Euro-Asian Catholicism re-evangelized the religiously arid societies of old Europe? Might we be speculating about a Chinese pope, not as something fantastic, but as something obvious?

Hugh Thomas is old-fashioned enough to lament a lost religious, cultural, and geopolitical opportunity: “Christianity did not, alas, become the dominant religion of China, as it had become in New Spain.” “What if it had?” merits a moment’s speculation.

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## DREW HARIG OF PLAIN CITY EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK



Drew Harig, 14, a freshman at Jonathan Alder High School and a member of Plain City St. Joseph Church, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts. Drew, a member of Plain City Troop 90, was formally presented the Eagle Scout award at a court of honor on Saturday, March 31. His Eagle Scout project involved filling 54 backpacks with school supplies and distributing them to Monroe and Plain City elementary schools, Canaan Middle School, and Jonathan Alder Junior High School. He planned the project, raised funds, and directed assembly of the filled backpacks. Drew joins his brother Kyle as an Eagle Scout.

## Annual Red Mass

The annual Red Mass for attorneys and all those engaged in the justice professions will take place at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. Bishop Frederick Campbell will be principal celebrant and Msgr. Stephan Moloney, diocesan vicar general, will be the homilist.

The Thomas More Society, a group of Catholic legal professionals, sponsors the Red Mass, which brings colleagues together in prayer under the guidance of the Holy Spirit for strength and recommitment to the highest principles of the legal and justice professions for the good of all people.

This is probably the only occasion when those gathered have the opportunity to witness all three branches of government together at prayer. The Mass focuses on members of the judicial branch, but representatives of the legislative and executive branches also are in attendance. Members of all faith traditions are invited.

The Red Mass, named for the vestments worn by the clergy to reflect the liturgical color for the Holy Spirit, is a European tradition which was introduced into the United States in 1928 and today is celebrated throughout the nation. Presidents, Supreme Court justices, and representatives and senators from Congress are among the distinguished guests who have participated in this tradition.



Nearly 250 people attended the premiere of “The Heart of the Passion: The Way to Calvary,” a dramatic presentation of the Passion story as told by its participants, on Palm Sunday, April 1, at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church. The crowd exceeded expectations, leading to plans to repeat the production next year. Among those in featured roles were Joe Bigler (Jesus), Char Forrest (Jewish woman), Joanna Haney (Mary Magdalene), Lori Cardamone (Veronica), Ron Forrest (John), Cheyl Shroyer (the Blessed Mother), Gabe Shroyer and Ben Shroyer (Roman soldiers), and Patrick Shroyer (centurion). Photo courtesy Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church



# Pray for our dead

## Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski

Funeral Mass for Ohio National Guard Capt. Nicholas J. Rozanski, 36, who died Wednesday, April 4, in combat in Afghanistan, was held Wednesday, April 18, at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church. Burial was at Dublin Cemetery.

Rozanski and two other Ohio National Guard soldiers died when a suicide bomber detonated explosives in a park near the northern Afghanistan city of Maimanah. Ten others in the park were killed. Four Ohio National Guard soldiers and one Washington National Guard soldier were wounded in the attack.

The soldiers were delivering equipment to allow radio stations and others to receive American-led coalition broadcasts, said Col. James Perry, commander of the Guard’s 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. They belonged to a smaller unit within the 37th – the 1st Battalion of the 148th Infantry Regiment.

“Unfortunately, this incident had to occur to remind us that we are in a war zone, that we do have to keep our guard up,” Perry said. “The brigade will never forget” the three soldiers killed in the blast, he added.

“It was a very deep cut in our forces emotionally,” said the Guard’s adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenhurst, who was in Afghanistan at the time and escorted the three soldiers’ remains back to the United States. Gov. John Kasich ordered flags at state facilities in Franklin County to be flown at half staff on Monday, April 9, in their honor. “I’m saddened by the tragic loss of these soldiers, and my family extends our prayers and deepest condolences to their families, friends, and fellow Guard members,” he said.

About 2,500 members of the brigade from Ohio and several hundred more from Michigan were deployed late last year to Afghanistan with a primary mission of helping to train that nation’s security forces. It was the largest Ohio National Guard deployment since World War II.

Rozanski’s wife, Jennifer, said he had a long family history in the military. His youngest brother, Alex, was a member of the Columbus-based Lima



Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment when it lost 23 members in 2005. His father, Jan, is a former Dublin mayor and served in the Army in the late 1960s.

His mother, Pamela Mitchell, said he cared about the soldiers he commanded and went out of his way to make their parents feel comfortable about the troops’ safety.

He graduated in 1994 from Dublin High School, where he played soccer, and received a bachelor of arts degree in communications in 1999 from The Ohio State University. He joined the Guard in 2003 and had been deployed to Kosovo in 2004 and to Kuwait and Iraq in 2007.

In his civilian life, he worked for the Defense Logistics Agency at Defense Supply Center Columbus. He coached youth soccer for nearly 15 years for Ohio FC and the Eagles Soccer Club, and was an avid runner who had completed three marathons.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Jan and Jan Rozanski; his mother, Pamela Mitchell; his wife, Jennifer (Schiller); daughters, Emma and Anna; brothers, Keith (Christy) and Alex (Melissa); and stepbrother, Brent (Kelsey) Walton.

BRITTAN, James B., formerly of Columbus, April 16  
St. William the Abbot Church, Seaford, N.Y.

COVENEY, Anne R., 80, April 10  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

DeLOZIER, Florence, 82, April 10  
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

EVERSON, Elizabeth A., 77, April 10  
St. Matthew Church, Columbus

FRITSCH, Dionna M., 40, April 12  
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

HEAD, Walter C., 88, March 31  
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

HILDEBRAND, Verna M., 86, March 31  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

LAPCZYNSKI, Il Cho “Ann,” 73, April 9  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

LUBY, Carol A., 69, April 7  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

NELSON, Charles, 84, April 14  
St. Philip Church, Columbus

PARKER, Craig M., 50, April 9  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

REHL, Isabel, 85, April 14  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

SELBY, Donna M., 83, April 11  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

WILL, Joan W., April 9  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

YUHAS, Mardelle “Marty,” 83, April 15  
St. Mary Church, Delaware

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**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](http://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, OSF, and Sister Rita Claire Yoches, OSF, of the Diocese of Steubenville, and Father David Sizemore. **614-571-5702**

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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**‘Little Shop of Horrors’ at Bishop Watterson**  
7:30 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School's spring musical, "Little Shop of Horrors." **614-268-8671**

**20-22, FRIDAY-SUNDAY**  
**‘Hairspray’ at Ohio Dominican**  
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Matesich Theater, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Ohio Dominican University Panther Players present the musical "Hairspray."

**21, SATURDAY**  
**Scouting International Awareness Program**  
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (8:30 to 11 a.m. for grades one to five), Holy Resurrection Melkite Catholic Church, 4611 Glenmawr Ave., Columbus. Annual international awareness program sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for all diocesan youths and adults. **614-882-7806**

**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**

**21-22, SATURDAY-SUNDAY**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Veneration at St. Elizabeth**  
6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Private veneration of image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**22, SUNDAY**  
**Easter Egg Hunt at Cathedral**  
11:40 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Parish Mothers Group sponsors Easter egg hunt and other children's activities. **614-224-1295**

**Kevin Mullin Run-Walk at Hartley**  
1 p.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. Eleventh annual Kevin Mullen 5,000-meter run/walk benefiting brain tumor research and awareness. **740-756-7987**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Veneration at St. James the Less**  
2 to 3:30 p.m., St. James the Less Church, 1652 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus. Private veneration of image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. by bilingual public prayer service with hymns, prayers, rosary, and litany.

**St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans**  
2 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Rosary and ongoing formation followed by social time, general meeting, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors.

Dave Orsborn, OFS **614-282-4676**

**St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans**  
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social.

Elizabeth Bowen, OFS **614-276-1953**

**Healing Mass at St. Elizabeth**  
4 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Healing Mass celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson, sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, with Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Preceded by rosary at 2:30 and praise and worship at 3. **614-237-7080**

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

**23, MONDAY**  
**Papal Nuncio Speaks at Josephinum Rector’s Dinner**

6 p.m., Walter Student Commons, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Pontifical College Josephinum's sixth annual rector's dinner, with Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States and the Josephinum's chancellor, as speaker. **614-985-2234**

**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**

**NFP Information Session at Delaware St. Mary**  
7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Information session for Natural Family Planning. **740-362-6644**

**24, 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**

**25, WEDNESDAY**  
**Jump Start Workshop for Scouts at Coshocton**  
6:30 to 8 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 250 S. 11th St., Coshocton. Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting jump start workshop for Cub, Boy, and Girl Scouts interested in getting an early start in fulfilling requirements for one or more Catholic religious emblems. **614-882-7806**

**26, THURSDAY**  
**St. Catherine of Siena Celebration at Ohio Dominican**  
6 p.m., Ohio Dominican University, Columbus. Annual St. Catherine of Siena celebration sponsored by Center for Dominican Studies. Begins with Vespers in Sansbury Hall chapel, followed at 7 in Colonial Room by talk on "Catherine of Siena: Transformed for Service to Humanity" by Patricia Walter, professor at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

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

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

**26-28, THURSDAY-SATURDAY**  
**Live-In at Josephinum**  
Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Live-in weekend for male high school juniors and seniors and college students. **614-985-2244**

**‘Little Shop of Horrors’ at Bishop Watterson**  
7:30 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School's spring musical, "Little Shop of Horrors." **614-268-8671**

**‘Kindergarten’ at Hartley**  
7:30 p.m., Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. School drama department presents "All I Really Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten." **614-237-5421**

**26-29, THURSDAY-SUNDAY**  
**‘Godspell’ at St. Charles**  
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School drama department production of "Godspell." **614-252-6714**

**27, FRIDAY**  
**JOIN BiblioBenefit at St. Andrew**  
7 to 10 p.m., Nugent Hall, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. BiblioBenefit VIII sponsored by Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, with "Highland Fling" theme. Reservation deadline April 20. **614-241-2530**

**27-28, FRIDAY-SATURDAY**  
**DCCW Silent Retreat at St. Therese’s**  
St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual silent retreat sponsored by Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Theme: "Be Still and Know that I Am God," directed by Sister Louis Mary, OP.

**‘Hairspray’ at Ohio Dominican**  
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Matesich Theater, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Ohio Dominican University Panther Players present the musical "Hairspray."

**28, SATURDAY**  
**Women’s Retreat Morning at St. Michael**  
8:15 a.m. to noon, Marian Hall, St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington. Women's spring morning retreat with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Includes Mass, presentations, small-group discussion, reflection, Rosary, and Adoration and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **614-847-3848**

**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**

**Motorcycle Blessing at Holy Family**  
10 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Deacon Earl McCurry blesses motorcycles, followed by ride to A.D. Farrow Co. motorcycle dealership in Delaware County for a cookout. **740-360-5328**

**DeSales Dinner Auction and Casino Night**  
6 p.m., Alumni Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Casino Royale dinner auction and casino night. Purchase tickets by going to [www.StFrancisDeSalesHS.org](http://www.StFrancisDeSalesHS.org) and going to "SupportDeSales" tab and "Casino Royale" page.

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

**Bishop Watterson Scholarship Fund Men’s Night**  
6 p.m., Nugent Hall, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Men's Night to benefit Msgr. Kenneth Grimes Scholarship Fund of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School. Reception begins at 4:30. Tickets \$100 each. **614-268-8671**

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

**30, MONDAY**  
**Webcast for Older Adults at de Porres Center**  
1 to 2:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. 30-minute webcast on "Developing Resilience Through Spiritual Exercise in the Second Half of Life" with Robert L. Weber, assistant clinical professor of psychology at Harvard Medical School, followed by local discussion. Sponsored by center's Institute for Maturing Spirituality. **614-416-1920**





## MUSICAL

The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School drama department is proud to announce its spring musical production, “Godspell,” which will be presented Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 26, 27, and 28, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 29, at 3 and 8 p.m. in the campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St. Adult tickets are \$10 each and student tickets are \$5 each. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at (614) 252-6714 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The production features Peter Vilardi (left) as John the Baptist/Judas and Danny Turek as Jesus. Arguably the most popular show presented at St. Charles, “Godspell” has been produced seven times since 1973, and each production has been unique and enlightening.

“Godspell” was conceived and originally directed by John Michael Tebelak and offers music and new lyrics by



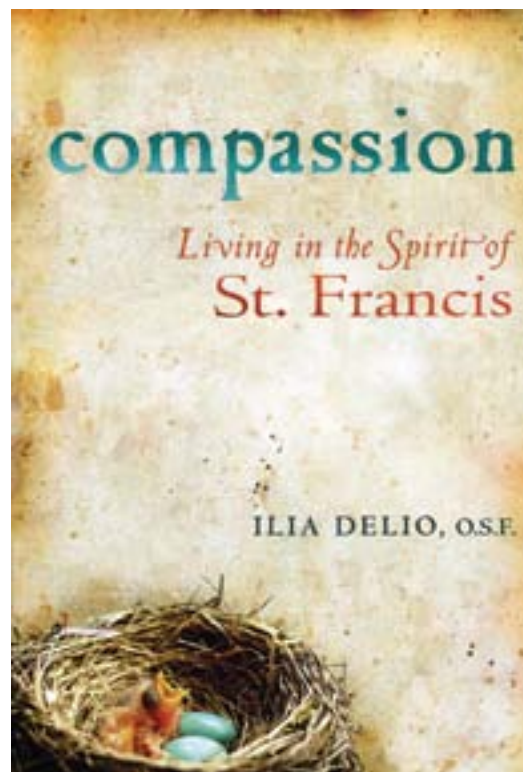
Stephen Schwartz. One of the biggest off-Broadway and Broadway successes of all time, it is based primarily on the Gospel According to St. Matthew. Featuring a sparkling, seminal score by Stephen Schwartz, “Godspell” boasts a string of recognizable songs, led by the international hit “Day By Day.” The show opened on May 17, 1971, off-Broadway and transferred to Broadway in 1976. It ran for 2,124 performances off-Broadway and 527 on Broadway.



“Godspell” has entertained audiences the world over for decades. A London production, which opened in 1971, ran for nearly three years. In the last four years of its New York run, there were 25 companies performing “Godspell” around the world, with eight resident companies and three touring companies. The legendary 1972-73 Toronto production featured Victor Garber, Eugene Levy, Andrea Martin, Gilda Radner, Dave Thomas, and Martin Short.

Paul Schaffer served as musical director. A film version was released in 1973, set in modern New York City. “Godspell” permeated pop culture when its song “Day By Day” reached No. 13 on the Billboard Top 100.

The first Broadway revival starring Hunter Parrish began performances on Oct. 13, 2011, at the Circle in the Square Theater and officially opened on Nov. 7, 2011. It continues to run on Broadway.



## BOOK REVIEW

By Sister Mona Castelazo, CSJ /Catholic News Service

In “Compassion: Living in the Spirit of St. Francis,” Sister Ilia Delio, OSF, shows that in spite of the valuable contributions of technology, we may be in danger of a “globalized superficiality.” Being inundated with information of every kind precludes our living at a deeper level from which compassion flows.

Sister Ilia says we tend to see machines as role models, rather than tools, and could become isolated, spending more time at computers than with others or with nature.

When the differences are blurred between real experiences and computer simulations, we strengthen the ego, attempting to control or create the real, rather than surrendering to a greater purpose, which would lead to self-transformation. Technology lends itself to individual control, the

author states, obscuring our dependence on the earth, others, and God.

Operating through the “god mode” in video games and feeding on endless information can lead to separateness, self-indulgence, and narcissism. Rather than being a dynamic expression of God, the universe begins to resemble a huge machine.

Without play and contact with nature, both children and adults stifle their imagination, diminishing their power to dream, create and live spontaneously. The world is then one of controlled information split off from energy and matter.

Artificial media enable us to “share without (fear of) rejection,” to manipulate and eventually to become “disembodied super minds,” the author says. We then lose touch with the real

human person “longing for wholeness in union with another.” Sister Ilia says our greatest poverty is to feel comfortable through being safe and alone in isolation.

The book points out that the virtue of poverty, as shown by St. Francis, is to be empty, open to receive the gifts of God. In contrast, the effect of the separation possible through technology is to control and possess, to advance ourselves through appropriating the goods of the world.

The book suggests that since our basic belief is in Incarnation, the way to find God is to “look inside where God lives.” The divine presence in an embodied world calls for a conscious choice on our part to spend time with the mundane and ordinary as Francis did, who saw “brothers and sisters” even in the elements of nature.

## NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Children dressed in traditional Bavarian garb greet Pope Benedict XVI during the pontiff's 85th birthday celebrations in the Clementine Hall at the Vatican on April 16.

CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters



People hold candles during a prayer vigil on April 10 in front of Brazil's Supreme Court in Brasilia in an attempt to influence ministers to vote against the legalization of abortion. Despite the thousands protesting, the court voted to legalize the abortion of fetuses without brains or those with malformed brains.

CNS photo/Ueslei Marcelino



Catholic nuns walk in a eucharistic procession following a special Mass and prayers for the protection of religious liberty and life in the neighborhood surrounding St. Constance Church in Chicago on March 29. The U.S. bishops, in an April 12 document, again urged Catholics to pray, study, and take public action in light of recent government rules and laws they say threaten religious liberty in the U.S.

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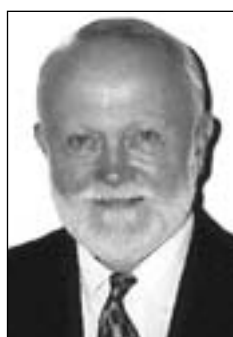
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### **St. Joseph Cemetery**

**614-491-2751**

6440 S. High St./ Rt. 23 S.  
Lockbourne, Ohio 43137

### **Mt. Calvary Cemetery**

**614-491-2751**

518 Mt. Calvary Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

### **Resurrection Cemetery**

**614-888-1805**

9571 N. High St./Rt. 23 N.  
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

### **Holy Cross Cemetery**

**740-927-4442**

11539 National Rd. SW/Rt. 40 E.  
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

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